



Bronx Academy of Letters
Advisory Board Newsletter
December 1, 2006

News Items from Bronx Academy of Letters for November 15 – December 1

- **The Class of 2007**

- **Congratulations are in order! The first Bronx Academy of Letters student to be accepted to college is Raymond Garcia. Raymond will attend Johnson & Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island to pursue studies in hotel management. This is a proud moment for the whole Bronx Letters Family—BAL Seniors are college bound!**
- **Victoria Crispin and Jessica Steinberg oversaw very successful college visits to New Paltz University and Tufts University.**
- **The first graduating class of the Bronx Academy of Letters will graduate on June 25, 2007. The Class of 2007 will receive their diplomas and hear a message from Senator Bill Bradley.**

- **BAL Student Programs**

- **The Bronx Letters Drama Club will be performing *The Laramie Project* this winter. Laurie Sales is working with Shannon Oatey to lead the drama club in its rehearsals. Laurie is also working with ninth grade literature classes once a week to integrate drama into the curriculum.**
- **On Wednesday, November 29:**
 - **DreamYard begins visual arts collaborations, including a photography and film club.**
 - **Moot Court begins.**
 - **Regents Exam review courses begin.**
- **A Thanksgiving meal was served at the school on November 22, 2006. The student council hosted a program featuring the new Bronx Letters Choir in their debut performance. The student services staff presented the meal prepared by students and staff. This Thanksgiving meal was the best yet!**
- **The Writers' Forums have been hugely successful this semester. The final Forum for 2006 will take place on Wednesday, December 13. This outstanding program will resume in the next semester.**

- **The Yearbook Committee has begun research for the 2006-2007 BAL Yearbook.**
- **The BAL basketball teams begin their season competition this week. Come out to cheer on the Ravens at a home game!**
 - **Varsity Boys play on the following evenings in December at home at 6:00 p.m.:**
 - **12/5, 12/12, 12/15**
 - **Varsity Girls play on the following evenings in December at home at 6:00 p.m.:**
 - **12/8, 12/20**
- **BAL Teachers and Parents**
 - **The BAL Advisory Board will host a Staff Appreciation Event on November 29, 2007. The Education Committee hopes you will all attend and make plans with your advisory partner to get together with your advisory in the upcoming weeks.**

Letters Calendar

November:

- 29 – Wednesday Teacher appreciation dinner
- 30 – Thursday Writers' Forum

December:

- 1 – Friday End Second Marking Period, PA meeting/workshop
- 3 – Saturday Saturday school
- 4 – Monday Staff meeting
- 5 – Tuesday Grade scans due
- 7 – Thursday Principals visit from the Urban Assembly
- 8 – Friday Portfolio afternoon
- 12 – Tuesday Parent contacts due
- 13 – Wednesday Writers' Forum
- 14 – Thursday Field trip
- 15 – Friday Student holiday party
- 16 – Saturday Saturday school
- 18 – Monday Staff meeting
- 20 – Wednesday Staff holiday party
- 25-1 – Mon-Mon HOLIDAY: Winter recess