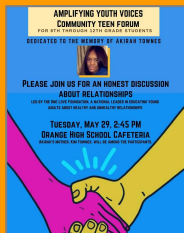




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- **Saturday, May 19, Music City Festival, 2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at The Hub, 35 Cleveland Street, featuring Sonic Explorations**
- **Tuesday, May 22, Heywood Avenue Spring Arts Festival and Concert, 6:00 p.m.**
- **Wednesday, May 23, Luna Stage Short Play High School Festival, 7:30 p.m. Luna Stage**
- **Thursday, May 24, Oakwood Avenue Community School Spring Arts Festival/Sonic Explorations, 5:30 p.m.**
- **Thursday, May 24, Jeans for Troops Dress Down Day Fundraiser: \$5 for staff and \$1 for students to wear jeans in support of the GI Go Fund**

2018 Orange Middle School Debate Championship

And The Cup Goes To ... Lincoln Elementary School

On May 12, after a morning of debate sessions with competing schools, Lincoln Avenue School won the *2018 Orange Middle School Debate Tournament*. The top debaters, Jakyra Moore and Tamara Aguetse, edged out the 2nd place finishers from Orange Prep Academy's team of Gerald Merisier and Nana Sapong. Both teams were well prepared by their coaches Maisha Jones (Lincoln) and Kathleen Daly (Orange Prep). The winning team received a championship cup to be engraved with their names and placed at the school until next year's championship is awarded. The debate tournament consisted of two prior contests. The first was won by Orange Preparatory Academy and the second by Lincoln Avenue School. Other competing schools included Forest Street, Oakwood Avenue Community, and Heywood Avenue.



Pictured: Teams debate during preliminary rounds.

All 26 debaters, their coaches, Terrence Brooks, Brian Canares, Kathleen Daly, Maisha Jones, Breanne Miqueli, and Rania Shair, as well as the tournament judges and administrators, specifically Kurt Mathews, Supervisor of English Language Arts are congratulated for a successful debate season.

"Former US Secretary of Education Arne Duncan has long proposed that competitive debate is not just one of the "great equalizers" for minority achievement and educational opportunity, but also a best practice to produce dynamic Americans proficient in the 4 "Cs" of 21st century skills—critical thinking, communication, collaboration, creativity, and also a 5th, civic awareness." (Benefits of Debate)

Ms. Karen Harris, Director of English Language Arts, is encouraged by the students and has committed that Orange will "continue to develop, promote, and grow our debate program."



Pictured: Final debate participants and debate champions with coach

10th Congressional Art Exhibit

On May 14, two Orange High School students received awards for their entries at the 10th Congressional District Art Competition reception. OHS junior Tiamani Delva was the second place winner in the mixed media category for her piece entitled "Shattered Me."

OHS senior Armalio Estime was the third place winner in the drawing category for his colored pencil illustration entitled "To What End."

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Also entered into the competition was a mixed media piece by Ashley Hercules called "Social Me."



Pictured: Second place winner in the mixed media category with piece "Shattered Me" and Mr. Nate Brown.



Pictured: third place winner in the drawing category with piece "To What End" and Ms. Donna Sinisgalli, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts.

Interim Superintendent Ronald C. Lee, who was present at the reception, congratulated the students for their work. Also there to applaud the students was Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts Donna Sinisgalli. Mr. Nathaniel Brown, art teacher for the students, facilitated their entry into the annual competition and joined them at the reception along with family and friends at the Newark Museum.



Pictured: OHS students and group photo of award winners.

Lincoln Avenue School Presents Literacy Showcase and Poetry Slam 2018

Lincoln Avenue School treated their families to an evening filled with a “Literacy Showcase” and “Poetry Slam.” The event drew a large crowd in the school’s gymnasium where families could view numerous poster board displays with writing samples, book reviews and other Languages Arts expression. They were treated to a light meal served buffet style and seated at tables adorned with centerpieces. The setting was perfect for the poetry slam with participants from Grades K to 7 reciting a variety of poems, including a rap version of Cat and the Hat. Emcees, Dakauri Pinckney, Melissa Hernandez, Emma Bien-Aime and Ava-Rae Calloway announced the list of poets during the evening of entertaining pros including “Ouch” by a young bandaged student roleplaying his falls and scrapes. Some of the pieces were original and presented with emotion.



Pictured: Scene from the Poetry Slam.



Pictured: Poster boards at the Literacy Showcase.



Pictured: Scene from the Poetry Slam.

Family Night at Scholars Academy

Submitted by Stephanie Desanges, Site Coordinator, Orange Preparatory Academy

On May 17, the Parent Academy held a Special Family Night program. The event was held at Scholars Academy and open to all students and families of Orange Public Schools. Families from various schools in the district attended a night of hands on activities and organic family engagement!

Stations included the **Paper Circuits, 3Doodler and Rubik's Cube**. Families worked together on learning what LED actually means and its purpose, followed by creating personal paper circuits. At the #Doodler station, parents helped their child with precision and practiced patience using the exciting 3D Doodler pen. Students created their names, houses, animals and even other fascinating creations from the pen alone.

The hit of the night was the Rubik's Cube station. All attendees including parents had the opportunity to work on the famous Rubik's cube challenge.

Ms. Machuca, principal of Scholars Academy and her staff personalized each section and were present for a quick demo lesson of the actual activity. While many parents were focused on completing the Rubik's Cube, students spent time teaching their parents and having fun at the different stations. At the end of the night both parent and student received a Rubik's Cube of their own.

Students used their skills from class, their imagination and even their creativity to work together and get through the stations. It was a night filled of fun and activities and programming for parents and students.



Pictured: Scenes from Family Night at Scholars Academy.



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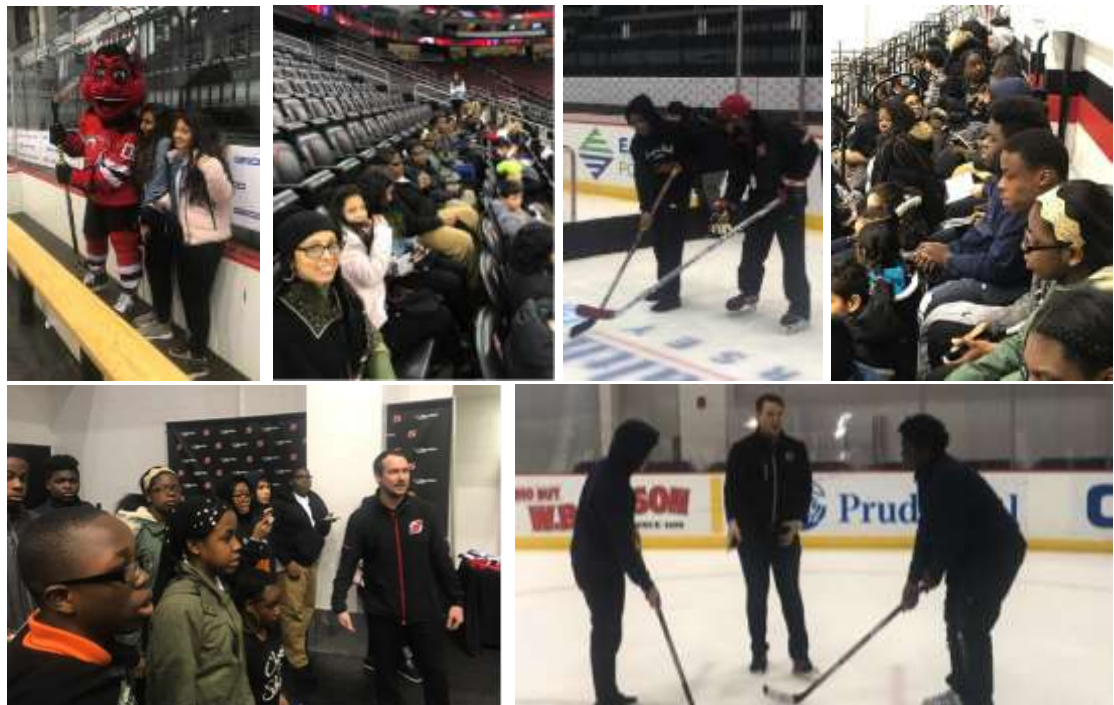
STEM Day at the Prudential Center

Submitted by: Ms. Tera Phipps, OPA Technology Coordinator, and Mr. Glenn Gamble, OPA, Business Educator



Twenty Orange Preparatory Academy (OPA) students, including Girls Who Code (**pictured left**) participated in the EVERFI / NJ Devils STEM Day at the Prudential Center in March. Students had the opportunity to watch the Devils practice and participate in events on the ice in the Devils Practice Ice House. Ice events included “The Shot,” where students had the opportunity to take a shot in the goal and understand how different surfaces perfect puck movement; “The Puck” where students had an opportunity to drop the puck on a faceoff between two Devils Team

Members on ice; and “The Pass” where students learned how to use the boards to their advantage with a bank pass and how to calculate angles. Students also competed with another school while learning about the different pieces of equipment. They realized how heavy and difficult the gear can be as they dressed a classmate against the timer. Finally, students learned the role of the Ice Technician and how the Zamboni ice scrubber works.



Pictured: Scenes from STEM Day at the Prudential Center.

STEM Day at the Prudential Center was fun for all, and gave students the opportunity to network with top executives from the NJ Devils and Washington, DC based sponsor, EVERFI.

EVERFI partners with organizations, institutions, and educators to revolutionize the way education is developed and delivered—using today's technology to connect learning to the real world and equip communities with the skills they need for success in the 21st century.
<https://everfi.com>

OACS Students Become Globe Trekkers

Submitted by Linda Lloyd, Technology Coordinator, Oakwood Avenue Community School



The third graders at Oakwood Avenue Community School visited the Volcanoes of Guatemala on camera via *The GeoShow*. *The GeoShow* is a virtual field trip that is an interactive, geography based experience that students benefit from. In total, Oakwood's students in Grades 1-5 have traveled to Brooklyn, NY, Kitty Hawk, NC, Mexico, Guatemala, Thailand, Asia, and Africa, via *The GeoShow*.



Pictured: Students participating in the GeoShow.

The GeoShow, hosted by Brandon Hall is engaging and interactive. He has two or three classes participate on camera, in various ways, as Oakwood's third graders did on the last show of the season. Students can take a GEOquiz using Kahoot, an on-line game-based learning platform, and the students also can participate by sending questions to the Q&A or Chat box where Mr. Hall answers them.

FYI

Orange Page Turners

The 2017-2018 Orange Page Turners Reading challenge is over! Although we did not make it to 2 million pages read, we did collaboratively record **1,753,627** pages. Over 500,000 pages more than last year! So there is still much to celebrate. All are invited to the **ELA Block Party** to be held at **Lincoln Avenue School on June 1, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** to find out who won the title "Most Well Read" in various categories and which schools won the top prizes!

The theme is "STORY CON." Come as your favorite storybook character and get free tickets to exchange for food, prizes and activities. See flyer below.

Luna Stage Short Play Festival High School Night



The Orange Preparatory Academy drama department is very excited to have two high school playwrights featured in Luna Stage's First Annual Short Play Festival! On Wednesday, May 23, at 7:30 PM, 9th

graders, Joel Smith and Fabiola Conserve, will have their short plays performed by professional actors and actresses as part of the festivities. The event is free, however, reservations are recommended by using this link:

https://lunastage.secure.force.com/ticket/#sections_a032A0000N9nFFQAZ.

"We are all so very proud of Joel and Fabiola, and I know they would love for you to see their hard work come alive under the bright lights of Luna Stage," says Mr. Mike Seidel, drama teacher at OPA.

See flyer below.

Amplifying Youth Voices



As a follow-up to the district's Teen Summit, Orange Preparatory Academy and Orange High School students are invited to attend the "Amplifying Youth Voices Community Forum" for 8th through 12th grade students. The forum will be held at Orange High School's cafeteria on Tuesday, May 29 at 2:45. The organization "One Love" will direct the session that will discuss healthy relationships. This Forum will be dedicated to the memory of Akirah Townes. See flyer below.

Upcoming Stories

- The Geography Bee at Park Avenue School determined district champions for Grades 5 – 8 on May 16
- Lunch and Learn at the STEM Academy of the Oranges that featured industry experts networking with STEM Academy students
- Orange High School's Senior Prom Toast Off on May 17
- Heywood Avenue School Art Display during the month of May at the Board of Education
- April 9 Board Meeting hosted by Heywood Avenue School, with Student of the Month, Parent of the Month, Teacher Recognition, National Honor Society Scholarship winner, and other special presentations

May 2018

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | 1  <i>May Day</i> | 2 Heywood Board Lobby Art Show, 6-7PM, Orange Board of Ed | 3 | 4 Special Board Meeting - 2018-2019 Budget Review, 6PM Lincoln Ave. School | 5  |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 Monthly Board Meeting, 7PM Orange Prep Academy | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13  Happy Mother's Day | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 12:30PM Dismissal for Students – Staff PD | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 Heywood Avenue Spring Arts Festival 6:00-7:30PM | 23 Orange Prep – Playwright Festival, 7:30PM at Luna Stage | 24 Oakwood Avenue Spring Arts Festival/Sonic Explorations 5:30-7:30PM Jeans for Troops Day Fundraiser | 25 | 26 OHS and Orange Prep – Memorial Day Parade, 12PM, Morris Plains |
| 27 Marching Band – African American Heritage Parade, Newark | 28  Memorial Day | 29 | 30 Cleveland Street Spring Arts Festival 5:30-7:30PM at Central Auditorium | 31 Orange High and Orange Prep Dance Show, 6:00-8:00PM | | |

SEE IMPORTANT FLYERS BELOW
SEE CHARTWELLS - NUTRISLICE POSTING
CHECK THE DISTRICT WEBSITE CALENDAR FOR CONCERTS AND ACTIVITIES.

MUSIC CITY FESTIVAL

MAY 19TH
2PM-8PM
AT THE HUUB
35 CLEVELAND ST.
ORANGE, NJ

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Major Keys

Carl Brister

Queen Mother Imakhu

Paul Lombardo

Mia

Juliana Carr

Sonic Explorations

Avalon

Sykez

Slide Hampton

Asad

OPA Jazz Band

Big Head Baby

Blues Band

Juice Da Vinci

Real Music

John and Jay

AND MORE!



For more information or questions
contact: music.city.orange.nj@gmail.com
or visit www.universityoforange.org

The background of the poster is a light blue color with a pattern of stylized orange and yellow flowers and green leaves. Scattered throughout the background are various musical notes in different colors (red, blue, green, yellow, pink).

**HEYWOOD AVENUE SCHOOL PRESENTS THEIR ANNUAL
SPRING CONCERT:**

“POPPIN’ INTO SPRING!”

Featuring Dance, Vocal, and Instrumental Ensembles

DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 22, 2018

PLACE: HEYWOOD AVENUE SCHOOL

TIME: 6:00 PM

Faith Alcantara, Principal

Free Admission! Everyone Welcome!

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LUNA STAGE
THEATRE COMPANY

Short Play Festival High School Night!

THIS YEAR FOR THE FIRST TIME, WE ARE DEVOTING AN ENTIRE EVENING TO PLAYS BY HIGH SCHOOL PLAYWRIGHTS.

COME CHECK OUT WHAT THESE YOUNG TALENTS HAVE TO SAY!

WEDNESDAY • MAY 23 • 7:30PM

SPACE AND TIME

by Lauren Cyrus
Middlesex County Vocational
and Technical School

HOUSE PARTY

by Joel Smith
Orange Preparatory Academy

SHAKESPEARE'S MISTAKE

by Jillian Russell
West Orange High School

SLUSH

by Olivia Ridley
West Orange High School

THIS LIFE AIN'T EASY

by Fabiola Conserve
Orange Preparatory Academy

EGYPTIAN LOVERS

by Justin Peters
West Orange High School

RHYME TIME

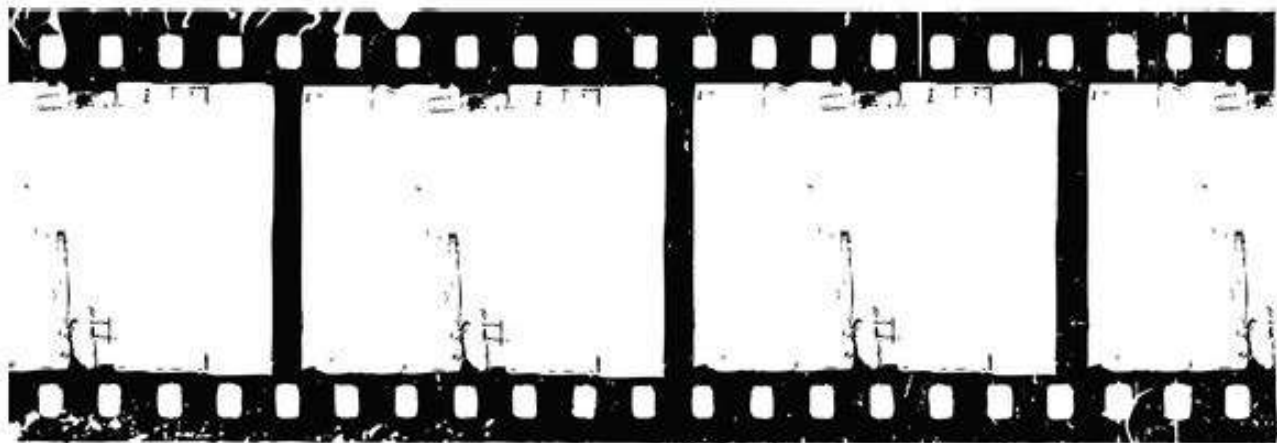
by Kaiya Milan Clarke
West Orange High School

Admission is free, but reservations are recommended.

[CLICK HERE](#) to reserve your seats or visit Lunastage.org.

The event will be followed by a talkback with the playwrights.

555 VALLEY ROAD, WEST ORANGE, NJ 07052 | 973.395.5551 | LUNASTAGE.ORG

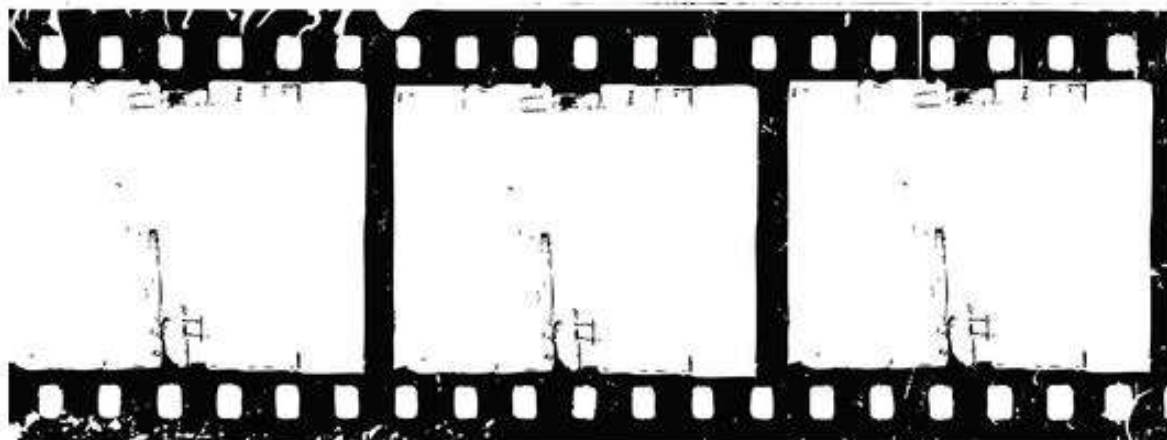


Media Lab at Orange Adult School **Video Production, Editing & Audio**

Learn how to make your own videos, use imovie, and produce audio for your projects. Class offered in English and Haitian Creole. Open to all skill levels.

Led by Marco Dorce with guest teacher Cesar Presa.

Email universityoforange@gmail.com to register or drop-in.



Thursdays, May 10 - May 31 at 6:15pm
Rosa Parks Community School, #314
369 Main St, City of Orange, NJ 07050

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AMPLIFYING YOUTH VOICES

COMMUNITY TEEN FORUM

FOR 8TH THROUGH 12TH GRADE STUDENTS

DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF AKIRAH TOWNES



PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN HONEST DISCUSSION ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS

LED BY THE ONE LOVE FOUNDATION, A NATIONAL LEADER IN EDUCATING YOUNG
ADULTS ABOUT HEALTHY AND UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS

TUESDAY, MAY 29, 2:45 PM

ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

AKIRAH'S MOTHER, KIM TOWNES, WILL BE AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS.



Orange Preparatory Academy Presents

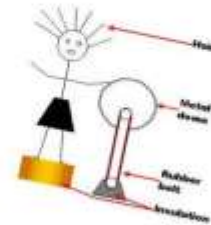
A Night Of

STEM

&

Community

Health
& Wellness



Join us for an exciting evening of hands-on interactive **STEM** activities designed for students as we discover, explore, and enjoy the marvelous world of **S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering and **M**ath. Discussions will focus on what Community Health and Wellness means, how this relates to you, and the issues that matter most.

Bring the family and let's have a **STEM**-tastic time.

Date: Wednesday, May 30, 2018

Time: 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Place: 1st Floor and Orange Preparatory Academy Auditorium

Exhibits and Engagements begin 4:30 PM – 1st Floor

Liberty Science Center Interactive Show begin 6:00 PM – Auditorium

Healthy Snacks Will Be Served

STORY-CON

The Orange Public Schools
English Language Arts Department
Annual
Literacy Block Party

June 1st
4:30-7:00

Hosted at
Lincoln Avenue
School



Come as your favorite character and get free tickets

HEALTHY  RANGE
Celebration!
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JUNE 4TH
5:30PM - 8:00PM

The HUUB
35 Cleveland Street

ORANGE BOARD OF EDUCATION
STAFF RETIREMENT and RECOGNITION PARTY
FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2018

4:00 PM-7:00 PM
Bella Italia Ristorante
535 Central Avenue, Orange, NJ 07050

HONORING ALL 2017-2018 RETIREES
&
TWENTY-FIVE YEAR EMPLOYEES

\$35.00 Per Person

RETIREES TO DATE

Rosa Parks

Susan Cutungo * Louise O'Shea * Madeline M. Williamson * Patricia Wolf

Cleveland Street

Lynda Jackson * Lynn Jacobs * Terrance Brooks

Heywood Avenue

Kathleen Hoehn * Drewsilla Thorne

Park Avenue

Michelle West * Gladys Amoakoh

Oakwood Avenue

Barbara Fernandez * Sheila Wilbert

Orange Preparatory Academy

Ronald Jones * Irene Mayson * Christina Tairu

Orange High School

Jamersina Andrew * Christina Friedberg * Cynthia Ruty

Human Resources

Belinda D. Smiley

Curriculum & Testing

Sandra R. Gray

TWENTY-FIVE YEAR EMPLOYEES TO DATE

Business Office - Adekunle James * Marion Atkins

CIAO - Erica Stewart

OPA - Linne Mondestin

STEM Academy - Faith Holmes

For tickets, contact Linda Siddiq (Ext. 5077)
Make check(s) payable to OBE Teacher Recognition Acct.



New Easy-to-Access School Menus

The way we access our school menus is changing in an exciting new way! Orange Township Schools, in partnership with Chartwells K12, is now using Nutrislice to publish the school menus to a new interactive website and a free smartphone app! Now our school community can access our menus anywhere, anytime!



Easy-to-use features include:

- ▶ More information about menu items, including a photo and description
- ▶ Filter for common food allergens like nuts, wheat and dairy
- ▶ A translation feature to translate your menus into a number of different languages
- ▶ Access to nutrition



The new site and mobile app is available in Google play and Apple store websites, feel free to direct any questions to Michelle Mercer Director of Dining (973-677-4050) ext. 5099.

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