

# Second Floor Scoop

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## STUDENTS



### Tentative Schedules

Tentative schedules for the spring semester will be distributed in OP on Wed., Dec. 15. Only requests for changes that were discussed with a guidance counselor between Dec. 15th and 20th will be addressed. After Mon., Dec. 20, there will be no future program changes for the second semester.

## TEACHERS



### A Clear Path

According to the School Safety Plan, every room occupied even part-time by students and/or staff must have a primary and alternate route to exit the building. In order to ensure safe passage out of the building, exits, corridors and stairways must be free of obstructions and combustible decorations, including furniture or equipment. Flammable materials in corridors should lie flat against display boards or doors and never strung across a corridor. These precautions are meant to protect staff and students from serious safety hazards.



### Class Wish

This site allows teachers to post individual items to a wishlist for their class. Donors can purchase and donate individual items through this website. This site is new, and we don't know how well it works or how quickly items are funded. Please send feedback to [ehealy3@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:ehealy3@schools.nyc.gov) if you use it.

<http://www.classwish.org/>



### No Classes During Regents Week

Please be aware that there are **no full instructional days** during Regents week (Jan. 25-Jan. 28). **Only** students who are registered for the Regents will come to school on these days.



### Strong Recommendation for Juniors

**Any junior who plans to take a double-period science class in senior year should register for Health for this upcoming second semester!**

Next year's schedule might not include this double-period science class if you do not have space within a ten-period day for all of the classes you wish to take, which include the required Lunch, Gym, and Health classes; thus, it is important for these juniors to register for Health now.



### Acceptable Program Changes

As we are following an annualized schedule, we would like students to continue to work with the same teachers for the entire school year; therefore, we need to minimize the number of schedule changes.

Acceptable reasons for a student to request a program change for the Spring Term follow:

**REASON 1:** There is a gap in the schedule that the student would like to fill (without changing anything else).

**REASON 2:** The student is scheduled for a class he or she previously passed.

**REASON 3:** The student is missing one of the academic subjects he or she needs to graduate.

**REASON 4:** The student is missing a studio class.

**REASON 5:** The student participates on a spring school team sport and does not have PT0 (Team Sports) on the schedule or the student needs to drop PT0 for the Spring Term.

**REASON 6:** The student needs lunch.

### Retraction

Please note that there was an error in last week's article, "June 2010 Studio Comprehensive Data." Students earned the following marks on the Music Comprehensive: 18% earned between 85 and 100, 64% received a grade between 65 and 84, and 18% earned a grade below 65%. All other analysis and accompanying pie charts were accurate.

If you have any questions regarding information on this page, please call Ms. van Keulen, AP of Data and Technology, at (212) 496-0700 X 2261.

## TEACHERS (CONTINUED)



### Holiday Displays

New York City is a diverse multi-cultural community. It is our responsibility as educators to foster mutual understanding and respect for the many beliefs and customs stemming from our community's religious, racial, ethnic, and cultural heritage. Therefore, we must be cognizant of and sensitive to the special significance of seasonal observances and religious holidays. At the same time, we must be mindful that the Constitution prohibits a school system from endorsing or promoting a particular religion or belief system.

Please remember these guidelines with respect to the display of cultural and holiday symbols:

The display of holiday symbol decorations with secular dimensions is permitted. Displays that depict images of deities, other religious figures, or religious texts are prohibited. Permitted symbols include, but are not limited to, Christmas trees, kinaras, dreidels, Menorahs, and the Star and Crescent.

Holiday displays must not appear to promote or celebrate any single religion or holiday. Therefore, any permitted symbol or decoration must be displayed simultaneously with other symbols or decorations reflecting different beliefs or customs.

All holiday displays should be temporary in nature.

The primary purpose of all displays should be to promote the goal of fostering understanding and respect for the rights of all individuals regarding their beliefs, values, and customs.