

# Second Floor Scoop

## EAGER TO EXCEL

### Spring 2008-09 Midterm Schedule:

Monday, April 6th	
8:30-9:50	Period 4
9:55-10:05	OP
10:10-11:30	Period 5
11:30-11:45	Break
11:45-1:05	Period 6
1:05-1:20	Break
1:20-2:40	Period 7

Tuesday, April 7th	
8:30-9:50	Period 2
9:55-10:05	OP
10:20-11:40	Period 8
11:55-1:15	Period 9
1:15-1:40	Lunch*: Optional
1:45-3:05	Period 0

\*Lunch: OPTIONAL  
 9th&10th Grades:  
 5th Floor Cafeteria  
 11th&12th Grades:  
 7th Floor Cafeteria  
**Monday, April 6:** The 5th Floor Cafeteria will be open at 2:40 for an optional Period 8 lunch.  
**Tuesday, April 7:** Students with no exam Period 0 should go home.  
**Wednesday, April 8:** Students with no exam period 11 should go home.

Wednesday, April 8th	
8:30-9:50	Period 1
10:05-11:25	Period 3
11:40-1:00	Period 10
1:00-1:25	Lunch*: Optional
1:30-2:50	Period 11

All Make-up Midterms: 5th Floor Cafeteria starting 11th Period on Monday, April 20th (all subjects)

## DEMONSTRATING ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

### The Acuity Predictive Examination

The Acuity Test will be administered to the following classes during the window of March 30-April 3: E4PH, E6, and ME22.

## FEBRUARY ATTENDANCE



### STUDENTS: Physically Present and Mentally Engaged

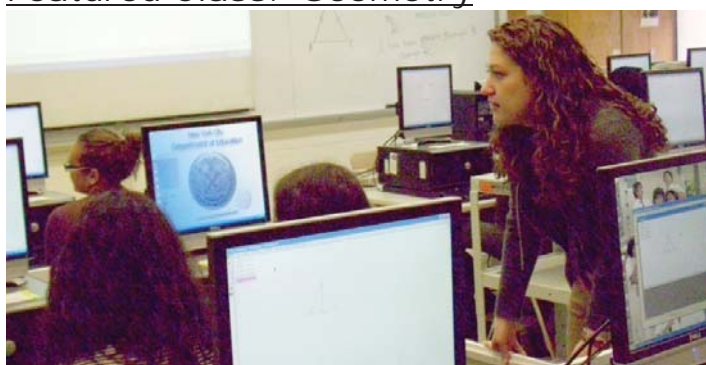
The data from February show an increase in unexcused absences. Students are reminded that attending every class on time daily is a prerequisite for success. We encourage teachers to speak with students about the importance of excellent attendance. More information will follow in a forthcoming Data for Decision Making article.

Month	2007-08	2008-09*
January	95.70%	93.9*%
February	95.20%	95%

The attendance rate for both January and February dropped compared to last year. This problem can be remedied, but it must be addressed now.

## CLASSROOM CORNER

### Featured Class: Geometry



Ms. Lawton uses technological tools such as Geometer's Sketchpad to teach her Geometry class.

## RENAISSANCE AND BAROQUE FESTIVAL

One student might enjoy the following on the day of the Festival:

**Entering LaGuardia: Music:** At different points an a capella group and an instrumental group will perform music from the Renaissance and Baroque periods.

**Period 2: English:** The teacher will ask students to take notes during a class discussion of Shakespeare's Sonnet 130, "My mistress' eyes are nothing like the sun." They will then work in pairs to write the first few lines of their own original sonnets.

**Period 3: Math:** Students will discuss the revolutionary ideas Rene Descartes presented in his work *Discourse on the Method of Rightly Conducting the Reason in the Search for Truth in the Sciences*. Here he crafted the basis of a new geometry: the analytic geometry or coordinate geometry, which is the study of geometry using principles of algebra.

**Period 4: Science:** Students will discuss the image to the left.



**Period 5: Italian:** The class will read aloud a passage from Machiavelli's *Il Principe*, discussing the text and how it relates to politics today.

**Period 6: Social Studies:** The teacher will talk about the Medici family, which at a certain point was the most wealthy family in Europe, influencing the region in everything from economics, banking, politics, religion, visual arts, architecture, and music.

**Period 8: Physical Education:** Students will learn to play badminton, a sport played during the Renaissance.

**Period 9: Art: Pen and Ink Illustration:** Students will learn about chiaroscuro, modeling in light and shadow, a method developed by Italian Renaissance artists. Also, they will explore compositional devices popular during the 1500's in Italy (by Ms. Amity).

## FROM PHONE NUMBERS TO PHYSICS REGENTS



### TEACHERS: Learn About ARIS, Daedalus, and AutoDesk!

Have you ever wanted to know the phone number of a student's parents? Did you need to know his or her schedule? Would you like to check a student's attendance records or review past academic performance? If you answered any of these questions in the affirmative, you will benefit from the CFI's presentation to the faculty on Monday, April 20. The topics will be ARIS (arisnyc.org), Daedalus (admin-laguardiahs.theschoolsystem.net), and AutoDesk.

## TECHNOLOGY INTERVISITATION



### TEACHERS: Take Advantage of Technology Intervisitations!

LaGuardia educators from several departments are eager to show you how they implement lesson plans that involve technology. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to learn from your colleagues from Tuesday, April 21 through Thursday, April 23.

If you have any questions regarding information on this page, please call Ms. van Keulen, AP of Data and Technology, at X3203 or Mr. Sommers, AP of Organization, at X3237.