



# Eagle's Nest



HIGH POINT SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## Another New Vocational Option On-Campus!

HPS of Bergen County isn't just about educating our students for today, we place tremendous emphasis on preparing them with tools and skills that will brighten their tomorrows. That's why we're immensely proud to announce the successful launch over the summer of our new cosmetology program—the latest offering in our lineup of vocational training electives we now offer on-campus. Licensed cosmetologist Joshua Guzman is working with our students in a custom-outfitted space designed expressly for the purpose to instruct them in multiple aspects of health, beauty, and wellness, including standards of professionalism, tools of the trade, sanitation and hygiene, and, of course, hairstyling and makeup application. Each session and skill builds on the one before it, and Guzman sees no end in sight to the functions and lessons he can impart to his eager trainees. "The students are gaining practical knowledge and hands-on experience," he said. "But, just as importantly, they are gaining self-confidence and self-esteem. I like to set the tone that everybody respects everybody and we can have fun while still learning." What lies ahead for this program? Guzman is thinking nails and skin care. For our students, it's another productive option to pursue when planning their futures.



## Hispanic Heritage Month

We take Hispanic Heritage Month pretty seriously around here, given all the colorful imagery, meaningful symbolism, incredible tastes, and rich cultural traditions it celebrates. So September 15 to October 15 put Hispanic heritage in the spotlight all across our campus, where classroom doors were individually decorated (not surprisingly, Ms. Fitzsimmons's class was first to the finish yet again!) and everyone received their very own school-made custom T-shirt to observe the event. Additionally, each class picked a different country to study and explore, then experienced the foods and beverages of that culture at a

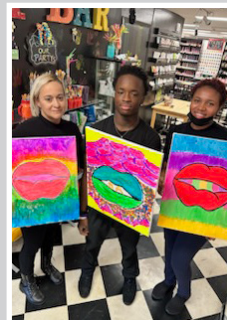


specifically chosen restaurant. Here, Mr. Lee and Ms. Tineo are shown dining on a veritable feast with their students at the Colombia Bakery Factory in Lodi.



## SEL Glows!

At High Point, we're always looking for ways to boost the fun in our educational approaches, and our SEL (social and emotional learning) curriculum is no exception. This fall, all our classes are being treated to a visit to Sunshine Pottery in Englewood, where they're being led through a therapeutic painting activity that incorporates all five components of SEL and allows them to simultaneously practice their public social skills and community awareness. The students chose to paint a mouth to artistically express that "their voice matters," vibrantly and beautifully in glow-in-the-dark colors. Needless to say, it's been an enlightening experience in more ways than one!



*Coming in Early December!*





# The Fall in Pictures

CEO Lunch



Edison Museum

