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## REGENTS and RCT Examination Schedule

### Thursday, June 14th

9 A.M.

English Regents Part I

1 P.M.

Global History Regents

### Friday, June 15th

9 A.M.

English Regents Part II

Living Enviro Regents

1 P.M.

Writing RCT

Seq Math II

Math A

### Monday, June 18th

9 A.M.

Intro to Occ

1 P.M.

Health Occ

### Tuesday, June 19th

9 A.M.

Global Studies RCT

US History Regents

1 P.M.

Reading RCT

Seq Math I

### Wednesday, June 20th

9 A.M.

Math RCT

Seq Math III

1 P.M.

Science RCT

Physics Regents

### Thursday, June 21st

9 A.M.

US History RCT

Chemistry Regents

All Academy, ELL and Resource Room students begin all afternoon exams at 12:00 noon.

**Make sure to bring sharpened pencils and two pens to all exams.**

## School Leadership Team Update



On May 18, a School Leadership Team meeting was held. During this meeting, a video entitled "Tools for Schools" was shown. It featured Social Studies teacher, Steven Juliano. The documentary was shown on Channels 13 and 21. The group also watched another video, "Schools 2001," which was featured on Channel 25. It focused on Maxwell's Cosmetology Department and the integration of technology into the Cosmetology program, through Ms. Overton's Related Technology class. The video showed how students meet in the computer room, and using various sites on the internet, create businesses such as nail salons, spas or beauty salons, and then learn to manage them. The students also use an Imaging program which can alter the hairstyle, color and length of

a customer's hair, so that the customer can decide how she wants it done.

Finally, Ms. Rose Alloca of United Way led a workshop. She distributed handouts and led a discussion of many topics related to home and school. Communication between home and school was voted as the most important to the group, and Ms. Alloca said that should be the goal of the school. Ms. Alloca will return to lead another workshop.

Dr. Morris also announced that the Community School Reform Demonstration grant has been approved, and we are awaiting word from the Superintendent. Finally, Mr. Jim Ceribello mentioned that Angel Santana won an art award from the YMCA Art Show.

## Science News

By Ms. Bodha

Seven students, all from Ms. Bodha's Science Research class, successfully completed the "Experience in Scientific Research" program at St. Joseph's College this school year. The students are Pamela Jagdeo, Belinda Reddick, Indrawattie Sukhu, Marlon DeSouza, Ijed Bulgin, Alex Marte, and Jennifer Reyes.

In addition, the Select Program in Science and Engineering at City College wishes to acknowledge the following students for excelling in their prestigious pre-college program for the academic year 2001. The students are Jennifer Reyes, Erica Ortiz, Jairo Santana, and Carlene Tucker.



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Ask Maxine!**

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"Maxine" will consult with the  
experts and respond to you in  
the next issue of

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**Jaime's  
Column**

*by Jaime Boynton*

Okay Maxwell, this is my last column as editor of The Maxwell Inquirers. This year has been very good to me as an editor. I learned many new lessons from writing this column every month. I would like to thank Ms. Sang for giving me the opportunity to become the editor, Mrs. Koch for putting me and the other writers on tight deadlines, Mrs. Prager, Ms. Bodha, Ms. Scriven, Mrs. Lutin, Dr. Morris, Mrs. Caminiti, Avery Johnson, Guy Jacques, the Teckies (you know who you are), Cornelia Estream, Elizabeth DeJesus, Vanessa Manigault, Fran Kelson, Leonela Perez and "Maxine". If you wrote for The Maxwell Inquirers, and I forgot your name, it was purely accidental.



Before writing for The Maxwell Inquirers, I thought that as a writer you could "talk" about anything in the newspaper. While playing my part as editor, that theory quickly proved to be wrong. I noticed that teenagers get bored very quickly, and that if you don't have a story that they could relate to they lose interest. So as a teen, I thought about things that I like to read. I wrote about certain topics that I know interest a lot of teenagers. I wrote about overprotective parents and Valentine's Day. Those issues were among the most popular. I even received a response mailed to the school about one of the topics. I was very happy to get the feedback that I was getting because it let me know that I was entertaining the students as well as the faculty. That was the job I was planning to do when I first started writing. I hope that I can continue writing when I leave Maxwell.

I want to encourage **anyone** who thinks he or she is interested in writing for the school newspaper next year to do so. If you have something to say, say it. There will most likely be someone who feels the same way. We already made a decision about who will be the next Maxwell Inquirer's editor.

He is Maxwell's very own, sports reporter, Guy Jacques. Guy will be the editor for the 2001-2002 school term. I wish Guy the best during his term, and I hope he gets as much as I did from this position.

As the old editor, I just want to thank everyone that has ever been entertained by me because I had a good time writing to entertain everyone.

*Thank You*

**A Great Impact!**

*by Avery Johnson*

My name is Avery Johnson and my time at Maxwell is coming close to an end. Every teacher has had a great impact on my life and has been a wonderful mentor to me. However, before I leave I want to acknowledge one specific teacher who stands out in my mind always. This teacher is Mrs. Pierre.

Mrs. Pierre is a science teacher and one of the tenth grade deans. She has taught for twenty-three years. Mrs. Pierre has a Masters degree in Human Services from Lincoln University and another Masters in Education from Brooklyn College. She played the tenor saxophone and college basketball. She comes from a family of teachers. Her father is from Trinidad and her mother is from North Carolina.



I first had the pleasure of having her as a science tutor in the ninth grade. She has always believed in me. At times through my high school career I wanted to give up, but she stood by my side and helped to put me back on the right path. She constantly tells me that I can do anything I set myself out to do. When I told her that I was accepted to The Fashion Institute of Technology she was ecstatic. She speaks of me as if I were one of her own children.

I am very thankful to Mrs. Pierre because there were times when I felt there was no one that I could go and talk to but she always knew when there was a problem; she knows me that well. She has written beautiful recommendations for me for special programs and college. If I ever need help or advice I do not need

to hesitate to call on her. Mrs. Pierre will always have a special spot in my heart. Her love and encouragement have been and will always be greatly appreciated.

## The Fashion Trip

by Avery Johnson

On May 17, Mrs. Kaplan conducted a field trip to The Metropolitan Museum of Art and to Norma Kamali's boutique in Manhattan. The trip was a success. At the museum, a tour guide was assigned to the class. The students learned a lot about the styles of clothing, and fabrics of many different time periods. When the class visited Norma Kamali's boutique, her employees greeted us very graciously. After about five minutes, Norma Kamali came down and greeted the students; she also took the whole class on a tour around her store. The first four floors of the boutique consist of all of her clothing for sale. These garments ranged from bathing suits to evening wear to lingerie. The next floor was the sample room. This is the room where she takes different fabrics and comes up with different ideas and turns them into "works of art." The next floor was her photography studio, where she takes photos of models wearing her garments. The students found the trip to be lots of fun and very insightful.



## Speech Duds

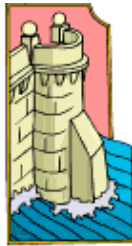
by Ms. Scriven

**Succeed in the World of Work with the word game!**

*Use:*  
**Almost everybody**

*Don't use:*  
**Most everybody**

*Let the voc-ed department assess your speaking skills.*



## Medieval Fair

By Avery Johnson

On Wednesday, May 30, Mrs. Goldberg conducted a Medieval Times Fair in her English 8 classes. The room was decorated with banners introducing each class to the fair. It was a wonderful affair. Students used their creativity and imaginations to recreate pieces of medieval times. There was an array of talent shown at this fair. Some students made castles, knights' armor, weaponry, and the typical styles of clothing. Some researched games played during that time, and last, but definitely not least, many brought food and drink made by following medieval recipes. The dishes ranged from main courses to desserts. The Medieval Fair has been celebrated at Maxwell for many years; we hope it will be celebrated for many years to come.



## Senior Stuff

by Mrs. Koch

Well seniors, here's the last bit of information about your yearbook and the last weeks of school.

Tuesday, June 12th will be **SENIOR DAY!** That morning at 7:30 a.m., the seniors will have the opportunity to preview the senior video. Ms. Adams and Ms. Koch will distribute yearbooks, senior jerseys and the autograph books. Videos can be ordered at that time at a cost of \$20 per tape and these will be given out at graduation or when report cards are distributed. Ms. Adams and Ms. Koch will be distributing senior items Tuesday, June 12th and Wednesday, June 13th from 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Please note that they cannot accept any past due monies at that time.

**TUESDAY,  
JUNE 12th  
IS SENIOR DAY!**

## Teckies Go To The Animals

by Latavia Gray  
and Ana Espinal



On Wednesday May 23, 2001, the "teckies" went on a field trip to the Bronx Zoo. Our mission was using the digital cameras to shoot pictures of different animals. Since it was raining, it was somewhat difficult to take pictures while holding an umbrella so the cameras wouldn't get wet.

We were split up into two groups of six. One group was with Mr. Ceribello and the other group with Mrs. Koch. Then we parted and agreed to meet back with each other later on.

Mr. Ceribello was very familiar with the zoo so our group had an opportunity to see a lot of animals. We walked at an even pace to cover a huge part of the zoo. No matter what part of the zoo we were in, there were at least three different animals that we could take pictures of. When we walked by the sky ride, it looked like so much fun that we wanted to go on it. However, the tickets that we received were not the correct tickets to get on the ride. At first we got discouraged and were about to turn around, but this nice lady named Daisy who worked the sky ride gave us a break and let us ride with the tickets we had. The sky ride was fun and exciting. It took us to Wild Asia where we had even more kinds of animals to "shoot".

While taking the pictures, we also learned about the animals. We learned what and how they eat and what kind of environment they live in.

The different kinds of animals we saw were cheetahs, wild horses, elephants, monkeys, giraffes, zebras, vultures and other birds. We took really cool and exciting pictures of the animals including pictures shot from various angles. This trip was fun and exciting despite all of the rain and the smell of the animals. We have to say the best part of the trip was when we took Mrs. Koch's money and bought ourselves lunch.





## Dear Maxine...

### Dear Maxine,

I like two of my friend's friends. I like both of them, but she might like them. They want to be with me, but she is in the way. Help me! *Irresistible*

Dear Irresistible,

Two? First, you should settle on liking and being with only one of them. I am not sure if both of these people would be okay with you being with both of them. Second, you should discuss this with your friend and see how strong her feelings are. How does she feel about her friends and about you liking them? Then, considering her answer. You must decide what is most important to you, your friendship with this girl, or the chance of a romantic relationship with one of her friends.

### Dear Maxine,

I have this friend who is in love with this older man. She is a very shy person, and she actually runs or hides when she sees him. She needs help. What should I do to help her? *Helping Friend*

Dear Helping Friend,

The first thing you need to consider is how much older is "older"? If by older, you mean a couple of years, then you should try to get them into a situation

that is casual, among friends. In that way your friend can get to know this man. But if by older you mean many years older, then maybe it is better that your friend doesn't get to know him and her shyness may be coming from the fact that he is an adult and she is afraid they will not have much to talk about.



## Sports Summary

by Guy Jacques

In sports news, this year's seasonal games are just about ready to come to a close. There are many things this year to be reflected on, starting with the first volleyball game to the last meet of the track season. There have been ups and definitely downs, times of great joy and times of sadness. One of the best things, though, which we can truly be proud of, is the fact that no matter how bad things got (and believe me, things were bad) we've always remembered to keep our heads up, no matter what. And, that is truly something to be proud of.

One of the accomplishments that we should always remember from this year is the Girls' Basketball Team making the playoffs for the first time in Maxwell history. (But for the boys, it's a different story). The most important thing we should remember, now that the season is over, and since the weather is getting warm, is that it would be wise to start training and practicing for next year, especially for

the Boys' Basketball Team to avoid any unfortunate incidents.

And to reward our athletes for their individual accomplishments and for a season well done. Students were honored with trophies and a small feast in the lunchroom on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Griffenberg held a Sports Banquet for all those who participated in any of the school's extra curricular sports activities.

See you next year!

From your sports writer  
"STRETCH" the M.V.P All-STAR

## HEY JUNIORS!

Just a reminder that over the summer you will receive a post card to inform you of your yearbook portrait appointment. We are expecting the studio to be at the school the week of August 27th. In the event that you do not receive a post card, please call the school early that week to find out your appointment. If you miss your appointment, we advise that you come in immediately any other time that week (Monday - Thursday).

*Have a great summer!*

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR JUNE:

June 12th  
SENIOR DAY



June 13th  
LAST DAY OF CLASSES



June 14th - June 21st  
RCT and REGENTS Exams

June 26th  
GRADUATION



June 27th  
Distribution of Report Cards

June 28th  
Maxine goes on vacation



July 5th  
First day of Summer School

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