

# THE VOICE OF MANHATTAN HUNTER SCIENCE HIGH SCHOOL

News, Opinions, Entertainment, Fashion and More from MSHSHS

## WELCOME TO HUNTER!

*Special Summer Edition brought to you by the staff of the Voice, the MSHSHS journalism club*

Congratulations and welcome! You have succeeded in finishing middle school, and are now on your way to endure four more years of academic achievements and growth. Going from an environment that you have known for the past two years or so to a new one might make you extremely nervous. But, don't worry — the journalism staff is here to provide you with valuable information to facilitate your transition from middle school to Manhattan Hunter Science High School. In this special edition we have provided for you information on extracurricular activities, events, fashion tips, and most importantly advice from our tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students. I hope you enjoy our special edition of *The Voice* of MSHSHS.—*Diana Bailon, Editor in Chief*



**Student Government 2007, hard at work during their lunch period. Elections are held in the fall. Consider running for 9th grade representative!**

*-Picture taken by: Eddie Diaz, Top managing editor*

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## Lessons Learned: A Senior Talks About The Social Side of High School

*By Imari Camargo-Sealy*

High School is known to be the best four years of most people's lives. So far, my last three years of High School have just been one lesson learned after another. I came to MSHSHS in December of my freshman year after I transferred from another school. At the time of my decision to transfer I thought that my high school years were going to be great. Looking back, I wished that I would have known a little bit more.

As you may already know the school is small, so that means gossip travels fast. If you are as outgoing as I am you will take what I am about to tell you as some advice. For one if you are the type of person who tends to attract a lot of people then you must try and pick friends that are genuinely pure at heart. The wrong friends can make your years at High School a rollercoaster. I had to learn that the hard way.

Another thing you want to know is that being "popular" is not really that important. Our school has so many different groups that there is no real "popular" crew. So just be yourself and you'll find someone to hang out with in no time. Now during your four years at Manhattan Hunter Science you might just have the same teacher more than once, not because you failed the class or something but because some teachers like to switch it up sometimes. So here's a heads up, make sure that you try to have a good relationship with all of your teachers because you never know when they might be your teacher again.

Most of all just remember that if you do everything that you are supposed to do via your grades, high school will be fun. It all depends on what you make of it.

# EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES AND ADVICE

## Clubs

As we all know, different people have different interests. Now matter what you like, Manhattan Hunter Science High School has many extracurricular activities you can be part of, and there are some new ones coming this fall. If you're interested in writing, for example, why not join the journalism club? It is a good way to improve your writing, and a way to help your fellow classmates stay informed. (Of course, we're showing conflict of interest!) If none of these clubs catch your attention, don't worry. If you are interested in starting your own club, just grab some classmates and get going!

### Spotlight on Club Members

**Environmental Club**– Oujie Wu, Senior

This club is a great way to gain community service hours by helping to protect our environment through recycling. Going to environmental symposiums helped us to understand how to make the world greener and healthier.

**Ski/Snowboard Club**– Andres Torres, Senior

The Snowboard and ski club was fun since we got to go to Hunter Mountain and spend quality time with our friends by learning the art of snow sports. I learned how to snowboard even though it hurt when I would slip. I just got up and kept trying because if at first you don't succeed, try and try again.



The MHSHS Journalism Club pose outside the set of Good Morning America. As a member of a club, you will have the opportunity to meet new people, and get real life experience. The journalism club was able to see how hosts Diane Sawyer and Robin Roberts put in hard work to produce the show.

### Some of Our Clubs

- Journalism Club
- Historical Film Society
- Volunteer Club
- Gay Straight Alliance
- Astronomy Club
- Yearbook Club
- Student Government Club
- Environmental Club
- Drama Club

- Ski/Snowboard Club
- Traveling Club
- Nursing Club
- HOPE Club
- Prom Committee
- Video Game Club
- Chorus
- MLK Sports

## Tenth Grade Advice for Freshman Year

Some advice from those who have just been through it.

I understand that you will be nervous coming to a new school, seeing new people for the first time. I know it's hard going to high school and feeling the pressure to see if you're going to be popular or lonely. It was the same for me last year. All you really need to do though is be yourself. If you become a different person you will look bad. Take it slow and step by step. Remember, it's the same for everyone else.  
- William Salamay

The teachers are all caring and will be there for you whenever you need help. Go to the summer academy – it helps. Once you are here, never miss labs or you will spend your weekends doing them.  
-Candy Chen

Teachers here are friendly, so if you have any questions, don't be afraid to ask them. Secondly, the uniform: I know it's not an attractive thing but you will have to live with it if you don't want to get punished. Overall, this school is great if you follow the rules. You do get scanned every morning, so to get on time to your classes make sure you come early or you'll be stuck when the machines break.  
- Anthony Russev

## UNIFORM FASHION

# You Can Be In Uniform—And In Style

By: Leiry Santos, Maya Evans

Many students in Manhattan Hunter High School aren't aware that they can be in style and still wear their uniform. Fashion is very important. Being in a school where uniform is required, however, can make it very difficult to express who you are. Here's how you can show off your sense of style and still wear your uniform.

First of all you have to wear your white collar shirt since it is part of our uniform. Though we might not like it, others do. According to *Good Morning America's* fashion consultant, the white shirt is classic and goes with anything. It brightens up your face and goes with any season! Another thing you have to know is that though our uniform is black and white, it doesn't have to be that way all the time.

Accessorizing is a fine way to start off your uniform transformation. You can wear green hoop earrings and buy a green chic bag to go with your earrings. Colors like lime green; brown burgundy and earth tone colors are in style this year. "No bright colors in winter!" says Imari Camargo-Sealy, senior.

When you are shopping, look for anything but

black and white accessories. This improves the variety of colors that are used. "It is hard to show individuality when everyone looks the same," said Cassian Thompson, class of 2007. This is exactly why it is important to accessorize and stand out. Thompson also said, "If you have on your white and black that's all that mat-

ters."

Of course, there are certain fashion faux pas that should be addressed. First and foremost you should feel comfortable in school. Wearing high heels isn't

necessary: We are here to learn not to over-dress. "You are not in church nor are you a teacher," said Thompson. If you are going to wear heels for school, they should be comfortable and easy to walk in.

Accessorizing the school uniform can be fun and boost your creativity. Just because our school requires uniforms doesn't mean we cannot express our taste or style. Try it! But remember, we have a uniform policy, so we must wear it. If you don't and think you can get away with it, you're wrong. The dean lurks around in every hallway: she will find you.

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**Hunter students wear their black pants and white collar with style.**

**Senior Sharie Huang, right, Junior Tamika Roberts, left.**

## What To Look Forward To



**Something to look forward to this freshman year is the student vs. teacher basketball game.**

## MORE ADVICE

### Advice from Our Seniors

Though you may not see them too often (as they are taking classes at Hunter College) the class of 2008 has sage advice for you – Trust them. They've been through it all!

#### The Community

-This school is a nice place to learn and the experience is great. The teachers in the building are cool, and they will be there if you ever need help: You can trust them.

-Don't suck up, but be friendly to all teachers because you will want them to help you sometime in the future.

-Get to know your teachers really well. It will come in handy when you're failing.

-Everybody is friendly. It's easy to get around. The uniform is bad, but you get used to it.

-The upperclassmen have been here awhile. They are understanding and have gone through the same things as you so ask them for help. Get involved with school stuff, like clubs and after school programs.

-Chances are you will never learn the room numbers. It's ok. I didn't.

-When I started Hunter, I felt like it was the most horrible place. But as the year progressed I realized it was a great school. Hunter is extremely beneficial in the long run.

-Adjusting to the change from middle school to high school might be tough, but being in this close high school community helps.

#### The Workload

-Enjoy your freshman year – it gets harder. You want to develop good study skills, and you can always turn to your teachers for help.

-Please do not procrastinate. Please do your homework on time. I learned my lesson the hard way: a one way ticket to school in the burning heat of summer.

-Grades are extremely important. Don't even think of slacking.

-Don't lose focus! Read a lot.

-High school is not a game! I learned the hard way. Although I passed, I barely made it. Do the right thing and stay on top of the work.

-All three years (9th, 10th and 11th) are important to get into college. Colleges just don't look at your 11th grade year, so work hard!

#### Uniform and Security

-Come to school 15 minutes before the first bell rings because the security system is slow.

-You can always get away with wearing your uniform on top of a colored t-shirt.

-Always (I mean at ALL times) wear your uniform: You don't want to spend lunchtime in detention.

#### After school

-Start volunteering freshman year, and join clubs and teams. You'll enjoy it.

-Take advantage of SOS because the teachers are here to help.

-Join the play and musical.

### What To Look Forward To



Something to look forward to freshman year will be participating in the Indian wedding and feast held by the ninth grade English teachers.

WELCOME AND GOOD LUCK!!!