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**Wednesday:
Lunar New
Year(No School)**

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**Thursday: New
Semester
Begins**

**Thursday
(AfterSchool):
Black Student Union**

Happy Tuesday, BHSEC Bronx! This week is the last week of January, marking the start of a new semester. We hope you are feeling energized and ready to start this new semester strong. Please note that this coming Wednesday, January 29th, is the Lunar New Year. Happy Lunar New Year to students and families who are celebrating! Let's see what this week has in store for us.

What's Happening This Week?

This is the last week of January! As the month wraps up, here are some things to note:

Black Student Union: With February right around the corner, our students in the Black Student Union (BSU) are preparing to host events in honor of Black History Month! The team is working hard to ensure that these celebrations are both fun and educational.

Lunar New Year: This Wednesday, January 29th, marks the Lunar New Year and the beginning of the Year of the Wood Snake. The Wood Snake is related to wisdom, intuition, and transformation, which makes this year a time for growth and prosperity. In honor of this momentous occasion, there is a 15-day festival called the 'Spring Festival,' which concludes with the Lantern Festival on February 12th. In Chinese culture, individuals celebrating this joyful season will wear red, green, and gold—colors that are said to symbolize luck and health. In addition, families often ring in the New Year by enjoying foods like dumplings, spring rolls, and rice cakes, and attending parades that feature special lion and dragon dances.

We wish a happy and prosperous Lunar New Year to all who celebrate! Let's embrace the energy of growth and prosperity as we move forward into this new semester. If you would like to learn more about the Chinese New Year, be sure to check out the forthcoming issue of the Early Bard.

Arctic Chill Grips the Whole Country

This past week was freezing. Like "my-face-is-about-to-fall-off" kind of cold. The streets were dangerously icy, the air was whipping our faces, and we all started wondering why we even bother going outside.

Believe it or not, this wild weather is really due to global warming. Yes, we know it sounds backward...how could global warming be the cause of colder weather? When the planet heats up it disrupts weather patterns, causing freezing temperatures and crazy storms. So while we're out here shivering waiting for the bus, it's a reminder that global warming isn't all about polar bears. It's about us too. We have to take care of our planet now before it's too late to reverse the damage that's been done.



Black Student Union

A message from the BSU:

"The objective of the Black Student Union (BSU) at Bard Bronx is to foster a supportive and inclusive environment for Black students. We aim to create a space where members can share and celebrate the Black experience, engage in meaningful conversations, and cultivate a sense of community. Through organized events, educational initiatives, and peer support, we seek to empower Black students, promote cultural awareness for all students, and contribute to a peaceful and positive school atmosphere.

During our weekly meetings, we participate in a variety of different activities like game nights and Jeopardy, and using art as a medium to reflect on deeper questions about identity and self-discovery. This semester, we plan to host a 'Family Feud' aimed to create engaging, inclusive experiences that bring our school community together in a fun survey-style way, for the title of Family Feud Champions."

If you're interested in getting involved, reach out to Khloe Wilkerson or drop by the organization's weekly meeting!

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**“Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new”-
Albert Einstein**

Regents Week 'Highs' and 'Lows'

Regents week at Bard Bronx brought a mix of stress and relief, depending on who you asked. For the students that had to take the Regents, it was a week of late-night cramming, bubbling in answer sheets, and trying to remember forgettable stuff you learned last year. “The Algebra Regents sucked. I was so tired since I took the test in the morning and got zero sleep because I was trying to lock in, but at least it’s over now,” said one sophomore.

But for those who didn't have any Regents to take, the week took on a totally different vibe. Many lucky students got to catch up on some well-needed rest after a chaotic finals week and to mentally prepare themselves for report cards. Whether you spent the week buried in textbooks or relaxing, everyone’s ready to move into the Spring semester. Congratulations to those who finished their Regents, and welcome back everybody!

RedNote and BlueSky: What’s the Deal?

Have you heard about the buzz on these new apps, Rednote and BlueSky? Since TikTok is facing a potential ban in the U.S., many users are flocking to RedNote, a platform that blends both TikTok’s feature of short videos with a Pinterest-style layout. It has everything from popular lifestyle content and product reviews and has attracted more than 700,00 new users in just two days. Since it’s a Chinese app, however, there might be challenges in the future as tensions rise between our countries. All in all though, The EarlyBard’s verdict is that it’s still worth looking into the hype.

Meanwhile, BlueSky is a privacy-focused alternative to X (formerly called Twitter). With 25 million users and features like customizable feeds, it prioritizes user control and avoids invasive advertising.

In our opinion, both apps are worth investigating. Which do you prefer? Submit your opinions, and we will incorporate the best ones into future issues. Let this debate begin!



A Final Note

As we wrap up the first semester, let’s take a moment to celebrate surviving some of the toughest parts of the winter: Regents week, freezing temperatures, and tons of work. Whether you crushed exams or enjoyed the extra sleep, we see and appreciate you. Let's keep working hard, stay focused, and maybe even turn in assignments on time. Here’s to a fresh start and making this new marking period better than the last! Have an amazing week, and as always keep Bardin’ on! If you have any questions or want to get involved, email us at: theearlybardbhsec@gmail.com

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