

WEEKLY PAPER

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(After School):  
Strength Initiative**

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Super Smash Bros**

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**Friday(All-day):  
Valentines Day**

Happy Monday, BHSEC Bronx! Welcome back to another week filled with fun and exciting events, this includes working out with friends, being introduced to someone new, or just here to see the Master Chef's reply to our "End Skibidi" section of the previous weekly, you are in the right place. The Earlybard has the latest updates. Let's see what this week has in store for us!

## What's Happening This Week?

**Valentine's Day:** Valentine's Day, is the holiday of love, candy, and heart-shaped everything. But how did we get here? It began in ancient Rome during Lupercalia, which was a pagan fertility festival celebrated on February 15th, and now it's changed to 14th. The festival was held to honor Faunus, the Roman god of agriculture. Fast forward to the third century, and a rebellious priest named Saint Valentine decided to secretly marry lovers against Emperor Claudius II's orders. Spoiler: it doesn't end well for him (execution tends to ruin your love life).

By the Middle Ages, people like Geoffrey Chaucer started linking Valentine's Day to romance, and by the Victorian era, it was all about fancy love letters and frilly lace. Then, big businesses saw a money-making opportunity, and just like that chocolate, overpriced flowers, and hallmark cards took over. So this February fourteenth, whether you're celebrating with a partner, or just some half-priced candy on February fifteenth, Valentine's Day remains a testament to love, history, and the power of really good marketing.

A Message from the Founder of BHSEC Strength Initiative: "I am Jhosiah Estick, one of the founders of BSI, Adil Ahmed, and Mr. Orejuela. First, I'd like to say that BSI is more than a club—it's a community. Every Wednesday, we push each other past our limits and past muscular failure to achieve growth physically and mentally while maintaining a funny and friendly environment.

We often work on flexibility and power while still incorporating normal exercises. Our future goal is to build and maintain good health and strength habits. Our current goal is to stay active and maintain these health habits which might help us in sports or just in every aspect of life.

That's just what we can do with the resources we have available. We currently have a go fund with an end goal is \$5,500 we currently have \$140. If you can spread the word that would be great. You don't have to donate anything but just let others know. Thank you for choosing us for an interview have a great day and stay Bard S.T.R.O.N.G.

Link(Type in Web Address): <https://gofund.me/94b3ff6a>

when you both can't start a conversation...



"When you both can't start a conversation" drawn by Christian Cave (C.C.) & Paez (Sophomore Artists).

## Black History Month Spotlight

In art class for the past couple of days, students have been exploring Charles McGee's art techniques by weaving strips of patterns on black paper. This project introduced Optical Art and concepts like repetition, juxtaposition, dichotomy, and allowed the young artists to go into more depth of McGee's unique art style.

Charles McGee(1924-2021), a famous African American and Detroit-based artist, who has dedicated his life to uplifting his community through art during hard times. He is Through his murals, galleries, and mentorship, McGee transformed Detroit's infrastructure and inspired young artists to show how art can heal and unify communities in times of hardship.

Let McGee's legacy inspire us to become young artist who uses art to spread joy and resilience, especially during difficult times. Let's celebrate those people who have used their talents for others!

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Album Cover(Artist Carlos & many more!)



## Carlo's Newest Album Release

BHSEC community: I'm proud to announce that my eighth album, *You Are Outside In*, will be releasing on April 19th, as a pay-what-you-want download on Bandcamp. I'll also be releasing it on YouTube. The album is 1 hour and 51 minutes, and has 23 tracks. A few people from this school (Brycen Foster and Julien Spencer, both on electric guitar) feature on the album as well, alongside a cast of other collaborators. Thank you for your contributions!!!!

## BHSEC Bronx Spotlight

Albert, who works in our school building as a custodian, is an alumnus who lived and went to school in this very building that BHSEC Bronx is in right now. He lived in the building next to our school for about 20 years before he moved to live near Yankee Stadium!

When he was young, a custodian asked him to help out in the summer. However, due to a money issue, he was told to come back the next time. Albert took some time off to go to Puerto Rico to play baseball because he was on an international baseball team. When he came back, there were two people already hired, and Albert got a part-time position for 7 years. He shared that he has "been full-time for 23 years now."

Some of Albert's fondest memories as a student were the afterschool programs. He said there were "flag football, volleyball, basketball, and floor hockey." Albert also talked about how the neighborhood was rough but everyone looked out for each other. He said, "People would see me crossing the street and make sure I was safe and said hi. My family used to live across the street, but now it's just my cousin left."

Albert was kind enough to give advice to our students here: "Take advantage of the opportunities to learn. I give new students pep talks and try to help them feel comfortable. Meeting new students is one of the best parts of the job."

Albert's "only regret is not making it into the big leagues." Albert has been the custodian for many years, and we wanted to spotlight his hard work and get to know him as a person. If you see Albert, make sure to say hi!

## Super Smash Bros: Battle for Glory!

Interested in gaming? Guess what? On February 12th, Smart Scholars are hosting a Super Smash Bros Tournament. It's in Rm 111(a lucky number so hopefully it gives you luck to win that gift card prize!). Snacks will be provided so you won't be left starved. It's first come first serve so go to Room 115 to sign up before I do(I mean it). It will be an amazing experience to interact get to know your peers and have fun! So see you guys at the battlefield at 3:35 PM!



## A Final Note

Love is in the air with Valentine's Day, Black History month and Carlos's new album all in the spotlight. And as for Dr.Harte, his aura farming knows no bounds. He may have clapped back, but rest assured, a comeback is in the works. 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](mailto:theearlybardbhsec@gmail.com)

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