



Christopher Rose Community Empowerment Campaign (CRCEC) C.A.M.E.R.A Community Newsletter

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LATEST NEWS

- This fall, CRCEC's College Advising initiative is providing ongoing seminars and 1-1 advice to high school students with extra tips to get ready for college and stay in charge of the application process. **The program starts Tuesday, September 28th at 6pm** at the Clarendon Branch of the Library (located at Nostrand-&-Farragut). See you there!
- CRCEC's Afterschool program will resume on **September 13th**. Please call us at (718)272-2363 for more information and to register.
- CRCEC's Annual Meet and Greet Event is planned for **November 13th at @3pm** to take place at Catherine McAuley High School at Brooklyn Ave. & Foster Ave., so mark your Calendar!

PARENTS: TIPS TO IMPROVE YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT BEYOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Often parents are very involved with their child's school at the elementary level but they assume they're not needed in older grades. This is a tragic misconception. A recent research study* finds that in many urban environments, the trends of a student's middle school grades strongly impacts their odds of graduating from high school. While this study provides solutions for educators with several concrete strategies for classroom interaction, it also stresses the importance of "strengthening the parent, student, teacher support triangle."

According to www.pta.org, the research is overwhelmingly clear that "when parents play a positive role in their children's education, they do better in school. They have better test scores and higher grades, enroll in higher level classes, attend school and pass their classes, develop better social skills, graduate from high school, attend college, and find productive work."

Here are some tips on ways to be actively involved in your child's education (from <http://www.pta.org/NationalStandardsParents.doc>):

- When school starts get a sense (from the teacher(s)/assistant principal) of what your child should know and be able to do by the end of the school year.
- Find out the best way to reach your child's teachers (phone, email, in person) and contact them regularly that way. Don't wait until your child is struggling or be satisfied if everything is going well. You want to catch new problems early.
- Make sure the teacher is aware of any stressful situations at home that may temporarily impact your child's focus.
- Work with the teacher to understand academic learning goals
- Make sure you understand any standardized tests and how you can help prepare your child for them.
- Create a safe and structured place for your child to read and study every night.
- Make sure your child gets enough rest. This includes the older students.

And take the Parent Involvement Pledge!! You'll find it on our website at www.crcec.org

* The policy brief, "Putting Middle Grades Students on the Graduation Path: A Policy and Practice Brief," by Robert Balfanz a principal research scientist at the Center for Social Organization of Schools at Johns Hopkins University in cooperation with the National Middle School Association
http://www.nmsa.org/portals/0/pdf/research/Research_from_the_Field/Executive_Summary_Balfanz.pdf



COMMUNITY TIP

Stay in tune with community issues and events. An easy way to get involved in local government is to attend Community Board meetings and Police Precinct Council meetings. Elected officials often attend and you can discuss your concerns with them directly. You can also participate in projects that affect our community and learn the best ways to get the solutions you need for your problems.

One result of steady attendance to your community meetings is that you learn which elected official is best for helping you with your own problems or goals.

Community Boards and Police Precinct Community Councils hold public meetings once each month from September to June and everyone in the community is encouraged to attend.

Meeting Times

Community Board 17 - 3rd Wednesday
Community Board 5 - 4th Wednesday

67th Precinct - 3rd Thursday
75th Precinct - 1st Wednesday



Check out <http://www.nyc.gov/html/cau/html/cb/directory.shtml> for other community board meeting times and for other police precinct community council meetings see <http://www.nyc.gov/html/nypd/html/home/precincts.shtml>.

YES WE CAN!

Fall College Fairs

(more information at www.crcec.org)

October 13 – Manhattan:	1-4pm	City College
October 14 – Brooklyn:	1-4pm	Medgar Evers College
October 15 – Bronx:	1-4pm	Lehman College
October 16 – Staten Island:	1-4pm	College of Staten Island
October 17 – Queens:	1-4pm	St. John's University

- November 13 Historically Black College Fair 11am-3pm
Riverbank State Park (679 Riverside Dr. at 145th St)
- TBA - Brooklyn Borough President College Fair - for more information call 718.802.3777



The 10th & 11th grade PSAT/NMSQT test will be on Sat. Oct 16. This is an important test for scholarships, SAT practice and college selection. When registering, select for colleges to contact you.

To take the PSAT, contact your high school counselor or principal. REMEMBER: If your school isn't offering the PSAT, you may request to take the test at another school in your area by contacting them. Some schools are able to host students from other schools.

More: <http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/psat/reg.html>



For more college guidance information, including the best HS classes to take, register for our college advising program at info@crcec.org.

OCTOBER IS CRIME PREVENTION MONTH!

Working Together Online, Neighbors Create Safer Communities

In a small section of the Flatbush community neighbors have come together to create a community online where they can share ideas and observations.

Another section of the Flatbush community has done the same thing. This is also true of other neighborhoods in Brooklyn and indeed across the country. Park Slope, Bedford Stuyvesant, Crown Heights and Kensington are just a few other communities here in Brooklyn who have chosen to strengthen their community bonds online.



How does it work?

Many of these areas have used Yahoo Groups. A person or an organization will create the Yahoo Group and invite others to join. Anyone can subscribe by adding their email address to the list. Once you have subscribed, you and any other member of our Yahoo community can email everyone in the group by sending one email to one email address.

These groups are open forums for discussion. If you see a vagrant hanging out in the neighborhood and you want to ask if anyone knows where he came from, you can email your question to the group. If your regular plumber or locksmith is not available, you can ask if any of your neighbors have recommendations, and so on... These groups are yours to use.

CRCEC has built online communities for East Flatbush and East New York!

The groups are called East Flatbush Community Camera and ENY Community Camera. They are Yahoo Groups. Look for us at groups.yahoo.com or go to these web addresses and subscribe (using the link at the bottom of the page) to join:

E. Flatbush: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/eastflatbushcommunitycamera/>

East New York <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ENYcommunitycamera/>

To join the online community, just subscribe using your email address.



Did you know that the East Flatbush area has its own cable TV program? 'Brooklyn45' on BCAT (TimeWarner Ch. 34 and Cablevision Ch. 67) Thursdays at 9am and 8pm. It's a weekly half-hour show that discusses issues and events important to area residents.

The Brooklyn45 Cable program on BCAT provides scholarships to young people in our community so that they can become BCAT certified TV producers. The program also provides internships to college students. For more information, please contact the program (samtaitt@earthlink.net or 347-219-3987)

Prospect Park Figure Skating Club <http://www.prospectparkfigureskatingclub.org/> and Prospect Park Skating School 718-282-1226

Brooklyn Gymnastics Center - classes for children starting at age one. 718-232-6444
<http://brooklyngymnastics.com/main/programs.htm>

About CRCEC

CRCEC is a not-for-profit organization founded in July 2005 after the tragic death of Christopher Rose. Since then, CRCEC has strived to engage youth in activities that promote educational, social, economic and cultural enrichment.

Through CAMERA (Community Awareness and Mobilization Effort to Raise Awareness) we also seek to engage a broader range of community members to increase awareness and involvement in violence prevention to ensure that violence is reported and more importantly, deterred so that our communities will be safe for everyone.

Please log on to our website periodically for updates

www.crcec.org

or email us

info@crcec.org

phone: 718-272-2363

and look for us on Facebook, Twitter and MySpace

*If you see a crime and don't report it
 (by calling your precinct, 311 or 911),
 similar recurrences can't be prevented.*

Hip-Hop Teen Girls Conference

Sat., September 18, from 9am-2pm at Bedford-Stuyvesant Restoration Plaza (1368 Fulton St., btw. New York Ave. and Brooklyn Ave.) The event is free. Sponsored by DoubleDutch Magazine.



Boys and girls under 18 and interested in joining CRCEC's Youth Council, email info@crcec.org or call 718-272-2363

Important Contact Information

For concerns or questions about quality of life issues in our community contact your elected officials. (if you live in another area or you want to check your address, go to www.lwvnyc.org) or call 866.598.6971

East Flatbush

Congresswoman Yvette Clarke.... 718-287-1142
 State Senator Kevin Parker..... 718-629-6401
 State Assemblyman Nick Perry ... 718-385-3336
 Councilman Jumaane Williams ... 718-629-2900
 Community Board 17 718-467-3536

East New York

Congressman Ed Towns718-272-1175
 State Senator John Sampson.....718-649-7653
 State Assemblywoman Inez Barron..718-257-5824
 Councilman Charles Barron718-649-9495
 Community Board 5718-498-5711

CRCEC is always eager to work with volunteers. To volunteer, please call 718-272-2363 or email info@crcec.org

We are a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. Your monetary contributions are tax deductible. Donations may be sent to 772 Vermont Street, Brooklyn, NY 11207 or you can make an online donation by visiting www.crcec.org and clicking on "donate".