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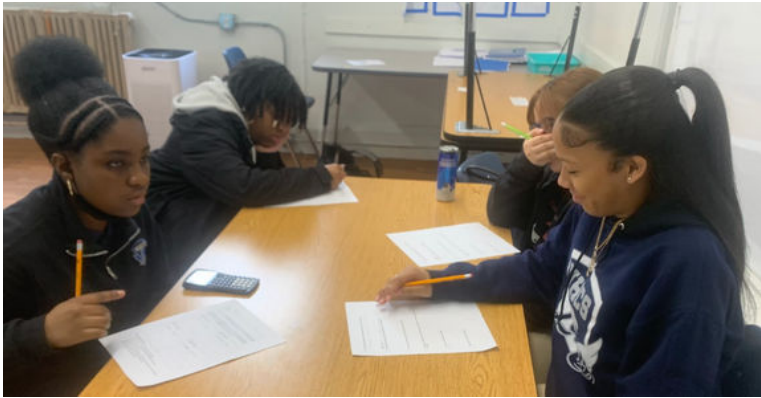
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NHCS Snow-Ballers

[How to run a Snowball Discussion](#)

This past month, Seth M-V and Anthony Piraino both ran a successful snowball discussion in their classrooms! While the snowball looked quite different in an ELA vs. Math classroom, the tool successfully engaged scholars in meaningful discourse.

9th graders rotate their work to build on their peer's work analyzing four different quadratic functions



8th graders build off one another's ideas to determine if Mr. Lindner's character is intentionally racist in their novel, *A Raisin in the Sun*

Ms. Tejada facilita una pecera

[Fishbowl - Edutopia](#)

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In Spanish for Spanish speakers, scholars circled up to discuss a heavy topic - violence against women in Latinoamerica. Scholars viewed some hard to swallow statistics on the subject and discussed their thoughts on the topic to prepare for their new novel, *El Túnel* by Ernesto Sabato. Did you know they'll be reading the entire novel in Spanish?!



9th grade ELA scholars do Shakespeare!

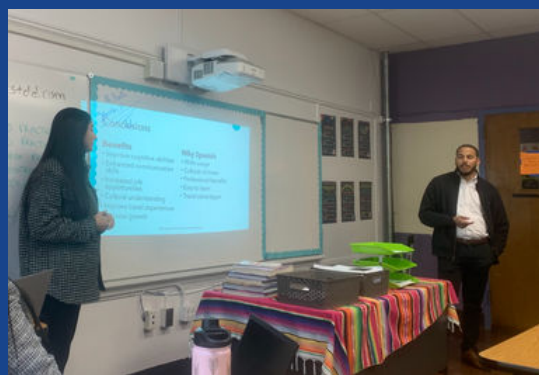
If you've seen any children wearing medieval garb or yielding medieval weapons, you have Laura Kanji to blame. Scholars are really engaging with *A Midsummer Night's Dream* this year thanks to Ms. Kanji's creative planning. Ask her about their Shakespearean insults!



Anthony Emmanuel knights Jayden Castaneda while acting out a scene from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

Ms. Badia brings guest speakers to Spanish II

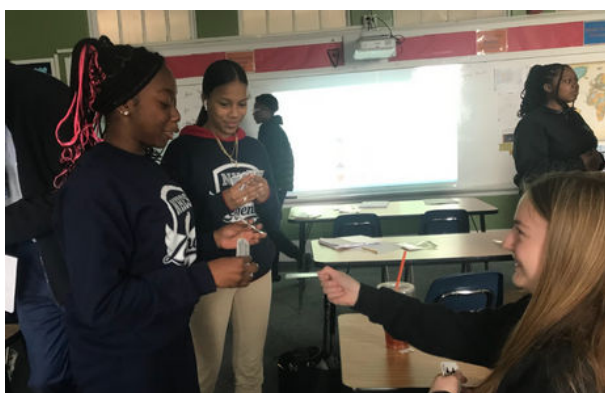
Last week, scholars were visited by two guest speakers who shared the importance of bilingualism in their personal and professional lives. Did you know that learning a second language can help offset Alzheimer's Disease?



But the best part of the presentation was in the last five minutes when scholars learned that the guests were in fact Ms. Badia's sister and her husband! As you can imagine, this blew their minds. (Teachers have families? And don't live at school?)



Emily gleefully passes along the Black Death, resulting in RaAnah's imminent death



9th grade historians simulate Bubonic Plague

Shout out to Mr. Donaghey for bringing history to life in his classroom this past week! On Tuesday, 9th graders passed cards around, navigating both the Feudal system while attempting to avoid the plague. The planning was no small feat, but the scholar engagement made it all worth it!

The Math Department is Multiplying!

On Wednesday, NHCS celebrating our three expecting math teachers in a surprise baby shower! Breda Marchbank, Valerie Monterrey, and Christian Santos are wonderful educators. If they give their future babies as much love and care as they do for our scholars, they will be the luckiest kids in the world!

Congratulations Breda, Valerie, and Christian - your NHCS family loves you so much!!



Educator Spotlight - Mohoniqua Pierre-Louis

For those of you who may not know, Ms. Pierre-Louis came to NHCS from an office manager position, without any teaching experience or background. A quick learner with a passion for science, Mohoniqua has grown immensely this year. Her ability to connect with students, while commanding their respect in the classroom goes far beyond the typical first year teacher. if you don't visit the 8th grade annex often, you should!

Mohoniqua joins the middle school team at an Open Sci Ed kickoff event. 6th, 7th, and 8th grade science teachers will be launching the new curriculum for the 23-24 school year!



8th grade scholars test an iteration of their catapults in an Engineering Design Challenge created by Ms. Pierre-Louis. [Click here for a video!](#)