



AMERICAN STUDIES LADIES MAKE STRIDES IN 2009 By Matthew Berdeguez('10)

With this season of cross country coming to a close, and the City Champs Race this Saturday being the last race of the season, *Common Sense* wanted to find out just how well the girls were going to do.

When asked if she believes her team will perform better this year as opposed to last year, Ms. Wong responded, saying: "I think so, our teams are strong."

She continued that: "the frosh girls beat Bronx Science for the first time and our sophomore team is really good."

She also shared that "a lot of records being broken in Boroughs this year."

Some runners are less optimistic about their individual performance at the race.

Kimberly Haughton('11) shared that "this season hasn't been as good as I had wanted it to be, and that only adds to the pressure of this race."

However, when asked how she thinks she'll do at the race, Alejandra Figueroa('12) said "I have already dropped a minute this season, and I hope to drop one



The Flying Lady Senators stormed through their season.

more."

The goal of most runners on the Girls' Cross Country Team seems to be to get under 28 minutes on the 5k course.

"Our runners are better than they were last year."
- Julia Brown('10)

Isabelle Barany('11) said "If that would happen, I would be so excited."

Senior Julia Brown('10) also seems excited about the race.

Julia Brown('10) mentioned, "I think that we will do well this season at Boroughs, because our runners are better than they were last year, we will definitely see most of our runners get a P.R. (personal record)." Sara Brown('13), younger sister to Julia Brown('10), is so far the second best runner on the team, which is pretty amazing, being that this is her first year.

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Having a 26 minute 5k run, she had this to say: "I think our school will do as good as we did last year, if not better."

This season of cross country has definitely been a great one for the girls' cross country team. With their varsity and junior varsity obtaining lower times with each race, it seems possible that H.S.A.S. may come in to finish in a great place at the City Championships. ☞

HSAS BOWLING TEAM SETS HIGH

STANDARDS IN ONLY 2ND YEAR By A. Bell-Baltaci('12)

NEW YORK, NY— Not many people can admit that they take bowling seriously, but the HSAS bowling team, in its first year of competitive bowling and its second year overall, does, and without shame.

The team, directed by Coach David Iurato, who also coaches the debate team and teaches U.S. History, has only had two defeats and has totaled ten impressive victories, their only losses coming against division rival Bronx Science, a team just ahead of the Rolling Senators.

The team has made an impressive comeback from last year, a year in which they finished 3-3 in the developmental league. Now they are putting fear into the some of the best teams in the Bronx and claiming their rightful spot atop the Bronx 2 division (see PSAL.org for complete standings and schedules).

There are a lot of new faces on the team, and those hidden talents have proven to be key in the success of the team. There are a few mainstays, such as Charles Roberts('11) and A. Bell-Baltaci('12).

When asked about what he thought had changed about the team from last year to this one, Charles

shared that "we have a lot of new players that bowl very well; most of them are sophomores, meaning that our team will be pretty good for at least two years to come."

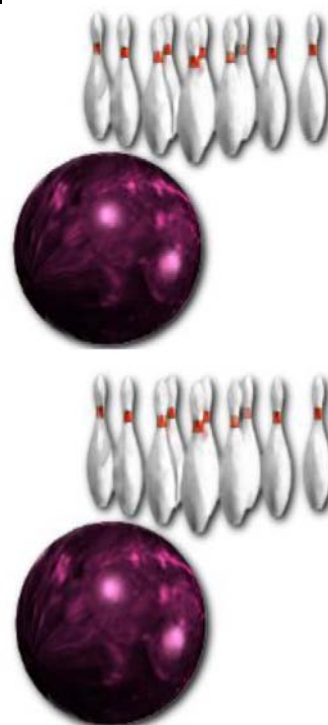
When told that there was a bowling team and asked if he wanted to join next year, Ilia Doulianinou('13) replied, "Yeah, I might join; it sounds fun and exciting."

Because of the team's success, many teammates have high expectations, including Keenan Thom('12) who is a big contributor to the B Team (which has as much of a role as the A Team in matches).

When asked of his opinion on how far the team would make it this year, he immediately exclaimed, "I think we're going to make it to the playoffs and we're going to win (the championship)." He then followed that up with an emphatic "da##-it."

The team has gotten so confident that I asked Coach Iurato if there was a chance that he would bowl in the C Game, but he considered, and said calmly, "let's not get ahead of ourselves."

Unfortunately, there are many great players who are departing after this season, such as Wei



Bronx II 2009-2010 Standings

School Name	Wins	Losses
Bronx HS Of Science	11	1
HS Of American Studies @ Lehman College	10	2
A. Philip Randolph Campus High School	8	4
Manhattan Center for Science & Math	6	6
Bronx school/Law, Govt & Justice	3	9
South Bronx	3	9
Taft Educational Campus	1	11

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School Name	Wins	Losses
Herbert H. Lehman	8	4
John F. Kennedy	8	4
Christopher Columbus HS	8	4
Dewitt Clinton	8	4
James Monroe Campus	5	7
Walton Campus	3	9
Alfred E. Smith Career and Tech. Education H. S.	2	10

Yang, Matt Forrest, Tim Wong, and Zachary Okin, who bowled a phenomenal game against MCSM.

Tim Wong('10), was probably the saddest and most passionate of the senior bowlers, and he made a heartfelt comment about the sport and our team:

"I'm going to be disappointed (about leaving) because I love everyone and this team has been my passion. I have never loved any club or sport more than this, and I have great prospects for you guys (the bowling team). Now it's time for you (the non-seniors) to leave your own legacies." ☞

