

# The James Baldwin School

# Newsletter

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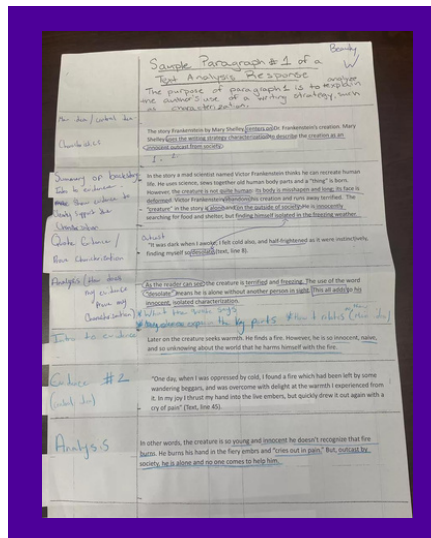


## Rigorous Course Work - Contemporary to Classics

It is our mission to provide a philosophical and practical education for all students, an education that features creativity and inquiry, encourages habitual reading and productivity, as well as self-reflection and original thought. We fulfill this mission by offering a variety of courses from the study of classics to the engagement with contemporary justice movements. Below JBS students write about their learning and reflect on the uniqueness of JBS classes.

### College Ready Writing - Beauty

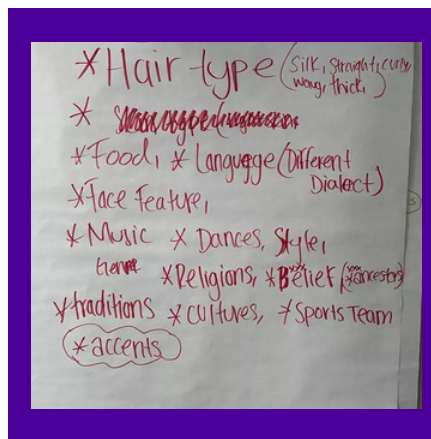
I can read and annotate in a focused and strategic manner in order to deepen my comprehension. In this class we read excerpts from stories and learn how to recognize characterization. We also read to comprehend and we are learning how to write well structured analysis and essays. This JBS course is unique because in this class we are learning how to write, articulate and comprehend and not just write for stamina.



Beauty W - Text analysis of Mary Shelley's Frankenstein

### Which Way Forward - Mariam

I can analyze what factors might motivate people to commit racially-motivated acts of violence. I'm able to focus on race itself and what it does. I comprehend how race is a mentality that was created and picked up by other people. This JBS course is unique because it's a sensitive topic that is being discussed thoroughly.



Mariam C - Student generated poster about cultural differences between races and ethnicities.

## High Attendance

Attendance in every class, every day, is a predictor of student success. The students below have above 85% attendance this semester. This standard is higher than most schools because the percentage reflects every class (up to 5 periods per day!) and includes arriving on time to class. **Congratulate them on their Respect for the Intellect!**

- Sherlyn H - 99.4%
- Katy W - 97.3%
- Omar K - 96.6%
- Marc-Joel A - 96.2%
- David R - 92.3%
- Jean-Marcel L - 92.2%
- Kashay C - 90.4%
- Mariath Z - 89.0%
- Hayli T - 88.0%
- Anthony P - 87.9%
- Mouhamed D - 87.3%
- Mmah K - 86.9%
- Maria N - 86.0%



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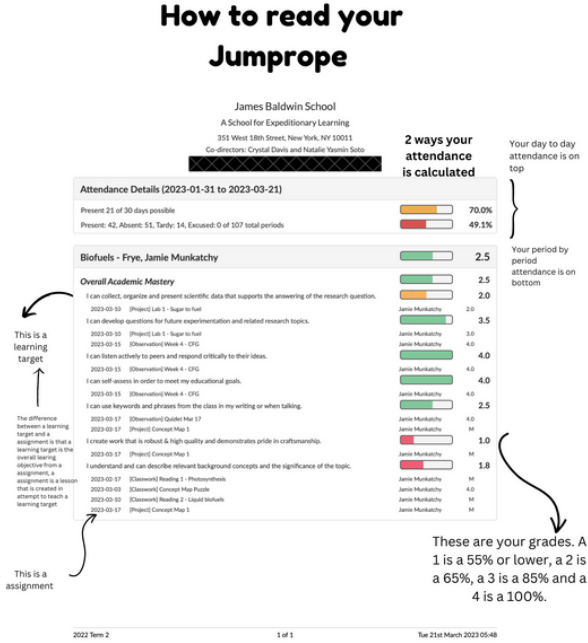
**“The purpose of education...is to create in a person the ability to look at the world for himself, to make his own decisions...” - James Baldwin**

**How to read a JumpRope report**

JumpRope can provide students and families with information about what a student knows and can do. Each class has learning targets. These targets are what a student is attempting to learn. Teachers provide multiple assignments for each learning target. The assignment is how the students shows what they know and can do. Make sure you look at JumpRope every week with your student.

JBS created family accounts in March 2023. An invitation was sent to a family email address provided during the intake process. If you didn't receive or can't find the invitation email, please email Jamie at [jmunkatchy@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:jmunkatchy@schools.nyc.gov) to get an account.

[www.jumpro.pe](http://www.jumpro.pe)



Green Team, a paid internship at JBS, created a series of infographics about JumpRope reports. This graphic was created by Beauty W in Canva.

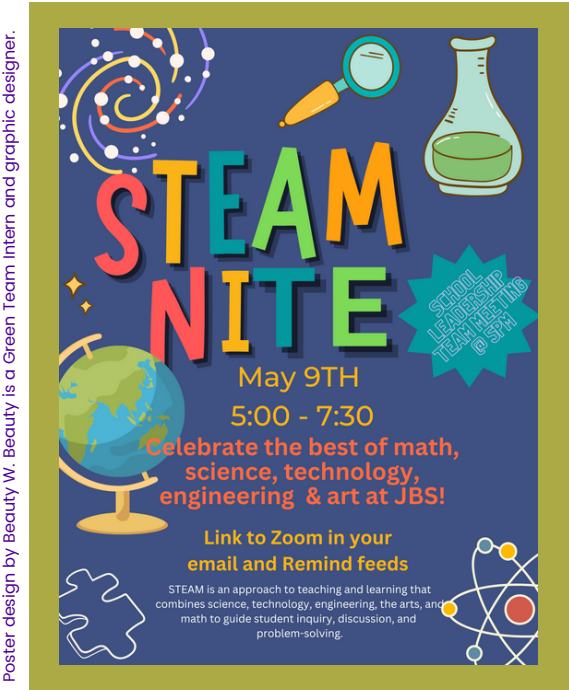
**JBS STEAM Nite - May 9**

JBS's 8th Annual STEAM Nite is May 9th. The event is a celebration of learning. Luisander, a STEAM Nite presenter, has this to say about engineering, *"My engineering interests are in musical engineering. I personally go to studios to record my music and I would like to be able to record my music for myself, as well as to be able to record music for others. This allows me to make separate pathways for different businesses."*




The evening will be held virtually via a Zoom Meeting. Please check your email and Remind threads for the Zoom meeting link.

**Upcoming Dates**

- 5/2 - Professional Pathways Career Fair
- 5/5 - Progress Check #2
- 5/5 - Prom, Sunset Terrace @ Chelsea Piers
- 5/8 - Mock ELA Regent
- 5/9 - STEAM Nite
- 5/15 - NYSESLAT begins
- 5/23 - Climate Art Exhibition at the High Line
- 5/29 - Memorial Day, School Closed.



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