

Save the Date!

Asian American Awareness Day: Celebrating Our Diverse AAPI Community Wednesday, March 31, 2021 - B, Flex, D, E, F, G Blocks

The Asian Student Organization and the AAPI Staff Affinity Group are hosting Asian American Awareness Day, a series of webinars that advocates for and celebrates the diverse Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) community. The program will feature AAPI guest speakers who will share their personal and professional experiences as well as discuss important issues of our community.

Please sign up your classes using this link <https://forms.gle/2GCyvhVNTVT95AU8>
A link to the webinar will be available closer to the event.

The B block presentation is for all school staff. It is more important than ever for educators to build cultural and racial competencies—including working with AAPI students, a group that represents a wide range of cultures and experiences. The sharp and alarming rise in anti-Asian racism and violence over this past year serves to highlight the pressing need for educators to understand how to support AAPI youth in our schools.

Block	Guest Speaker	Description
B block 9:55 -10:30 This presentation is for staff during asynchronous time.	Dr. Josephine Kim a clinical psychologist and lecturer at Harvard's GSE, who focuses on AAPI youth mental health issues	Take this opportunity to build your cultural and racial competencies, focusing on how to support the diverse AAPI youth in our schools. Find out how trusted adults can engage the AAPI students (and other marginalized young people who may feel invisible or "othered") to feel cared for and supported.
Flex block 11:15 - 12:05	Jason Wang - NSHS Class of 2000 and former NSHS music teacher, Master Chef finalist and international celebrity chef on Taiwan's CookKing show	Have fun learning how Mr. Wang uses his culture and Taiwanese identity to connect to the world through cooking in a proud and loving way. ASO zoom link https://newton-k12-ma-us.zoom.us/j/97861086661?pwd=RUNkLzIVeFIMcFl6cXVOcjEwSzFmZz09 Meeting ID: 978 6108 6661

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D block 12:40 -1:15	Dr. Ashish Jha - Dean of Brown University School of Public Health, COVID-19 expert, NSHS parent	Dr. Jha's expertise is in high demand during this pandemic. Learn how his life journey has taken him from growing up in India to becoming a public health expert in the United States.
E block 1:20 – 1:55	Amy Mah Sangiolo - attorney, former at-large City Councilor for the City of Newton, NSHS parent Sam Hyun - Chairperson Massachusetts Asian American Commission, NSHS Class of 2010	Hear perspectives from Ms. Sangiolo and Mr. Hyun, two MA leaders engaged in public service. They'll discuss their experiences in local politics and social justice work in the context of the current climate of anti-Asian racism and violence. Be inspired to use your voice to build a more just community.
F block 2:00 – 2:35	Cast members from <i>Allegiance</i> , George Takei's Broadway musical on Japanese American internment (colleagues of Ms. Perkinson!)	Meet cast members from the Boston SpeakEasy Stage Company production of <i>Allegiance</i> and hear about their personal stories as Asian American actors.
G block 2:40 – 3:15	Bren Bataclan - artist and author (He created the mural next to the lecture hall and is the husband of Mr. Parlin!)	Come learn about Mr. Bataclan's experience as a Filipino American artist and about his recently released graphic memoir <i>Fe</i> , that gives insight into the relationship between immigrant parents and their children.