

## New Gymatorium

What is new and blue and gold all over? The new gymatorium come January 1<sup>st</sup>. Bronx Prep Charter School will have work done on its gym/ auditorium during the winter break to give more space to the differing sports and activities that happen there.

Many have complained about the 12 year old gym that has never been remodeled. From curtains that don't close just right, to the fading colors on the wall, there is a disconnect with the school enthusiasm and spirit that is pushed by administrators. In an effort to make the gym feel as new as the recent Democracy Prep merger, it will undergo a makeover during the winter recess. There will be 100 feet of space added, the walls will be newly painted, the stage will be redone, and to boost overall spirit, there will even be a mascot added.

"I've been at this school since fifth grade," senior Angel Lopez recounted. "We've never had a mascot. All I know is that we're blue and gold, and we're the trailblazers." However, over the years, the blue and gold has faded to a dull blue and yellow in the gym, and many students do not even know what a trailblazer is. Angel, among many other students is excited to see the new gym/ auditorium upon return from break. Staff and faculty also expressed excitement to see what is in store for students- and them also. "I was surprised there was no mascot. I believe a mascot and a fresh paint will help the students be more excited for games, and will give this place an overall better feeling." English teacher Terrance Joseph expressed. Joseph has been teaching at Bronx Prep for ten years, and has gradually watched the gymatorium dwindle. This will also be an opportunity for him to remember the school he entered ten years ago, and excite his spirits also.

