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## Who is Spider-Man?

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Who is Spider-Man? That has been the question on every New Yorker’s mind since the webbed wonder showed up in our city a few months ago. Whoever he is, one thing is for sure: he has been busy. In one of the first reported appearances of the wallcrawler, he saved this very school from the green Goblin creature that was recently confirmed to be disgraced former Oscorp CEO Norman Osborn, father of our very own Harry Osborn. While Osborn appeared to be incoherent in his original attack here at Midtown, later reports during conflicts with Spider-Man confirmed that he is at least capable of speech in his altered state. Spider-Man has also been involved in the revelation that Wilson Fisk is criminal mob overlord, The Kingpin. Originally thought to be strictly local, the webbed wonder has been spotted in recent superhuman skirmishes around the country. In Washington D.C, Spider-Man was involved in a clash between the Ultimates and a cabal of superhuman villains which included Dr. Otto Octavius (Doctor Octopus), Flint Marko (The Sandman), Max Dillon, and humiliated former reality star Sergei Kravinoff. Reports are murky on Spider-Man’s exact involvement in the situation, but the super-criminals were apprehended by Spider-Man and the Ultimates after Harry Osborn was seen speaking to his



Photograph by Peter Parker

Spider-Man leaping to Midtown High’s defense during the Goblin Attack,

father. Prior to the D.C event, Spider-Man was also locked in combat with Doctor Octopus in Hollywood on the set of the upcoming film: Spider-Man: The Movie. Not much is known about who Spider-Man is, but what he stands for is clear to see for anyone with a pair of eyes and a func-

tioning brain. He’s our friendly neighborhood Spider-Man, he’s here to fight so that the Norman Osborns of the world stops stepping on the rest of us to achieve their megalomaniacal goals.

## Bio Teacher Wins Award

Guest Correspondant: Peter Parker

Dr. Raymond Warren – along with his brother, Professor of Biology at Empire State University Miles Warren – has won the Nathaniel Richards Award for Scientific Advancement for their research in cell mitosis. Their research has made organ duplication and cloning much more possible than ever before. Before we know it, we can use this technology to clone healthy cells to heal up any damage from traumatic events or even birth defects. In endangered species we can use cloning in order to ensure that the species can continue to exist and thrive. While there are ethical conundrums we need to explore and solve, the possibilities to help and save lives with this technology are endless. First, we would need to pass a set of laws that dictates the ethics of cloning and permissions needed to clone people with consent and whether or not we should clone the dead, no matter how helpful it could be. Do we want to have remixes of past presidential administrations? Should we resurrect John Lennon to reform the Beatles? What about resurrecting those who chose to end their own lives? Do we have a right to resurrect them just because we miss them? A lot of ethical dilemmas to solve before this can be put into full effect.

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## A Month Later: The Death of Gwen Stacy

The Students of Midtown High School

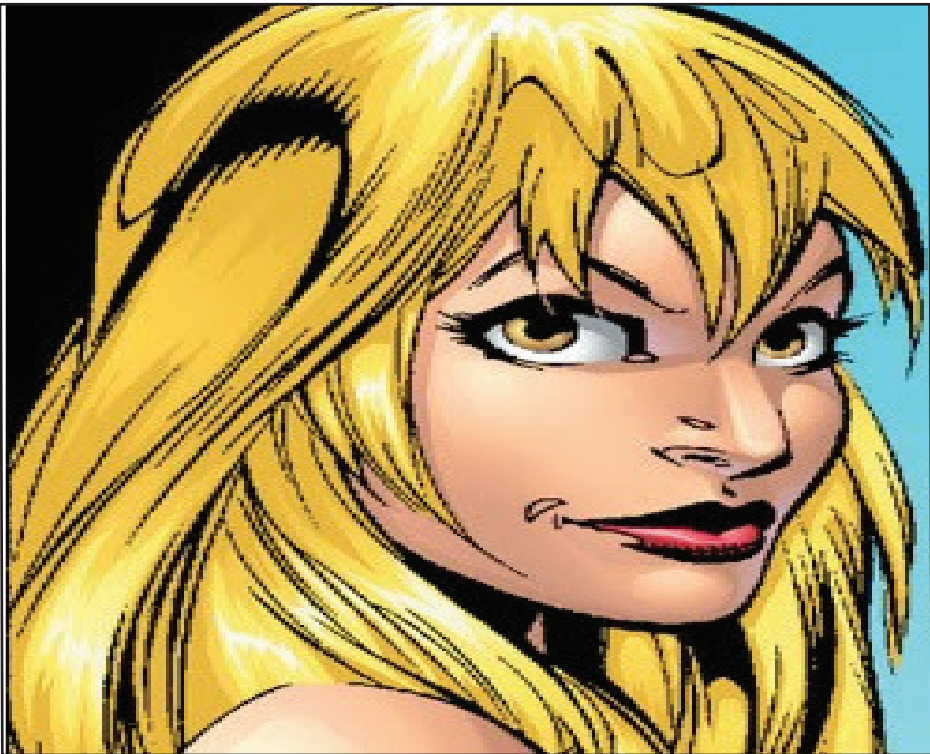
It has been a month since the death of recent transfer student Gwendolyn “Gwen” Stacy. She was murdered in Forest Hills in a bizarre confrontation between resident superhero, Spider-Man, and a creature that has only been described as “red goop but semi-sentient”. Gwen Stacy’s father, NYPD Captain George Stacy, was murdered two months ago in Atlanta attempting to stop a Spider-Man imposter from harming a young child. Although with us for a short amount of time here at Midtown High, Gwen Stacy made a substantial impact on the student population. Join us as Midtown Mustangs reflect on our departed classmate.

“She was just the best. While she stayed with us, my aunt said it was the first time our place felt alive since the death of my uncle. I grew up an only child and this was the closest thing to a sibling I’ve ever had. We all miss her.”- Peter Parker, Herald Photographer

“People think that because she pulled a knife on my boy when we first met, I have beef with her. Not true, I really dug Stacy, man. She was so cool.”-Flash Thompson, Mustang QB

“In the beginning, there was some animosity but by the end, we were real good friends. The best.”-Mary Jane Watson, Herald Reporter

“She pulled a knife on me when we first met, but in the end, we all bonded. That’s the magic of Midtown High, what other school in the city can say we have both a superhero and the son of a supervillain on the student roster?”- Kenny ‘Kong’ McFarlane



Photograph by Peter Parker

Beloved Midtown High transfer student Gwen Stacy.

## Is Having a Superhero on Campus Worth it?

Op-Ed by Jessica Jones

One would think having a resident superhero on call sounds amazing, but the truth is, it is not. Since Spider-Man swung onto the scene months ago, the number of catastrophic events that has occurred at Midtown High and the surrounding area of Forest Hill has increased exponentially. Goblins, mechanical rhinos, mad scientists with mechanical appendages, goo monsters and even more mishaps have run amok in this area in the time Spider-Man has been active.

It’s the worst kept secret that Spider-Man is a student among us, that when he takes off his mask and spandex, he is with us – in our midst – enjoying the mundanity of life as he takes a respite from the action-packed insanity that is sure to come with his life. In his first interview after his battle with Doctor Octopus, Spider-Man states the reason he wears a mask; to protect his loved ones from the repercussion of the life he leads. And yet, his school somehow finds itself under almost monthly attacks by psychopaths seeking to challenge the superhero. His friends and classmates are in constant peril

from animal themed whackos. (It really is surprising the number of animal-themed villains he faces.) Gwen Stacy died because a goo monster was prowling around Forest Hills looking for somebody, and I’m willing to bet it wasn’t wheatcake-making senior citizens.

Look, I’m not knocking all the good Spider-Man has done here at the school, in the neighborhood and throughout the city. He’s probably saved our lives a thousand times over at this point, and hopefully he’ll do it a thousand times over again. We are just asking him for to be more careful, for our sake and the sake of his local loved ones. And it’s hard to deny that on some level, he is a point of pride for us. While the Ultimates and the Fantastic Four are off saving the Earth and the Universe, Spider-Man is our guy. He is our Friendly Neighborhood Spider-Man.

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