

Brooklyn Chinatown Offers Delicious Options

By Annie Wong '19

Everyone knows about Manhattan's Chinatown, one of the most popular places in New York City, but there is an additional neighborhood that has similar Chinese restaurants and shops. Known as Brooklyn Chinatown, or simply "8th Avenue" by locals and frequent visitors, the neighborhood runs from 42nd to 68th Street in Sunset Park.

Brooklyn Chinatown was started in 1986 when the first Chinese-American grocery store, Winley Supermarket, opened on the corner of 8th Avenue and 56th Street. More and more Asian people moved into this area. Among them were Chinese immigrants and previous residents of Manhattan's Chinatown.

Jason Zhu, a college student living near the neighborhood, said, "It's always so busy and hectic here. There's never a quiet moment."

Brooklyn Chinatown is full of Chinese restaurants, shops, and attractions. It's no surprise that it's almost always busy and crowded. It is also directly connected to Manhattan's Chinatown via the D, N, and R trains, making it easier for people to travel between the two Chinatowns.

Similar to other Chinese neighborhoods, 8th Avenue has a large amount of Chinese bakeries, such as Gaoming Bakery, Dragon Bay Bakery, and Xinfu Bakery. These bakeries serve lots of breads, buns, and beverages that are normal in Chinese bakeries.

Additionally, there are many restaurants in Brooklyn Chinatown. For example, "99 Favor Taste" - an all-you-can-eat buffet featuring Chinese hot pot and Korean BBQ - is a popular Asian restaurant located between 7th and 8th Avenue on 61st Street.



"8th Avenue" is known as Brooklyn Chinatown.

"Although the food can be expensive, 99 Favor is usually my first choice when I come here," Daisy Chen '19 said. "I come here on special occasions with my friends and family."

Many students come to Brooklyn Chinatown to eat with their friends or family. Like many typical Chinese neighborhoods, there are many Dim Sum places where you can go to drink tea and relax. Despite being a Chinese neighborhood, there are more than just Chinese restaurants. There are restaurants that serve authentic Vietnamese, Malaysian, and Thai cuisine.

Jeanelle Louie '19 said, "I usually eat at Snow & Cream. The desserts are amazing."

The storefront has "Snow & Cream" as its name but it is actually two restaurants: PokéBowl Station, which sells Pokébowls, and Snow & Cream, which sells desserts varying from egg waffles to Thai rolled ice cream. It is located between 61st and 62nd Street on 7th Avenue.

There are also plenty of bubble tea shops that are popular amongst students, such as Vivi's, Kung Fu Tea, Coco, and Tbaar.

Brooklyn Chinatown is not only a center for authentic Asian foods, but it is also a workplace for many. There are no high rise buildings or skyscrapers, unlike Manhattan's Chinatown, and space is limited. However there are businesses that are located above many of the stores. There are also street vendors that sell things varying from fruit to accessories.

To explore Brooklyn Chinatown, take the N train to the "8 Ave" stop, just past Sunset Park.

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Art Club Encourages Creativity

By Mohigul Nasimova '19

Quickly every student hurried in to grab a seat. As one was putting on headphones with a pencil in one hand, another was deep in concentration with their artwork. A sound of faint music was heard from every corner. Joyous laughter from a group of friends. Chatter among students. This is the typical Art Club meeting.

Signing up for the club doesn't require any presentation of artwork or special capabilities. The purpose of the club is to encourage one's creativity, and so signing up for the club is as easy as showing up and doing what you love.

The club meetings take place on Tuesdays, period 10, in room 345. The club provides the students with supplies to further establish their artwork, such as oil paints and pastels. Students are completely free in this club to pick their own form of art to focus on.

The club provides more benefits for the students than just receiving credits. The Vice President of the club, Jessie Chen '19, said, "It's a hobby to fill in time, and I can also work on it to pursue a career."

Chen has been in the club for three years and yet still continues to engage in its activities. Students with artistic abilities can further establish their life through the time provided in this club. Chen uses the time in the club to work on his own form of art. In fact, he has been trying to improve on his fantasy characters and backgrounds in his journal, and he has seen great results.

Kelvin Shi '19 was also a member of art club in his freshman year. "Art Club can help expose you to different styles," he said. "Its friendly and creative vibe makes it easy to engage in conversations and make acquaintances."

Shi was able to work on small works and use the spare time to catch up on different assignments. He added that most of the art he created included doodles and small sketches.

When joining any club, priority can become an issue. Time management has been challenging to many students. Joining any kind of club requires dedication and time.

Although it may consume time, it provides time for the student "to escape from life," said Sevara Mallaboeva '19. Mallaboeva said her life was quite stressful with the AP and regular classes, and art provides a diversion for her.

Mallaboeva has had an interest in art for a while and got to express her artistic qualities through her current work, portraits of renowned people.

Art club isn't just a group of artistic students but "a place where self expression is encouraged and where your differences will be embraced and appreciated by those around you," said Vicky Yang '18, the President of the club.

Every club provides its members with a certain goal in mind, and the Art Club tries to "create a comfortable environment where students are able to explore different mediums of art and art form while expressing themselves in their work," added Yang.

The club has opened a Facebook page for its members. It assures the dates and rooms to meet every week. This allows for students to be more engaged in the events of the club, as well as expanding the club to even more people than the attending members.

The page also allows the Art Club members to post their artwork or share special upcoming events. This creates more socialization in the club as well as motivation from peers.

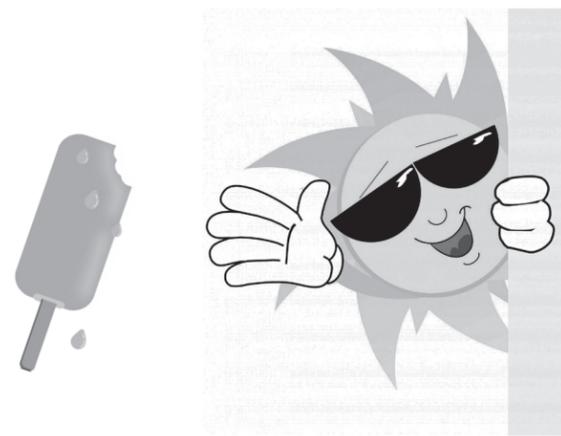
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