



HAUPPAUGE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY CLUB BRINGS THE HOLIDAY FUN ON THEIR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL VISITS

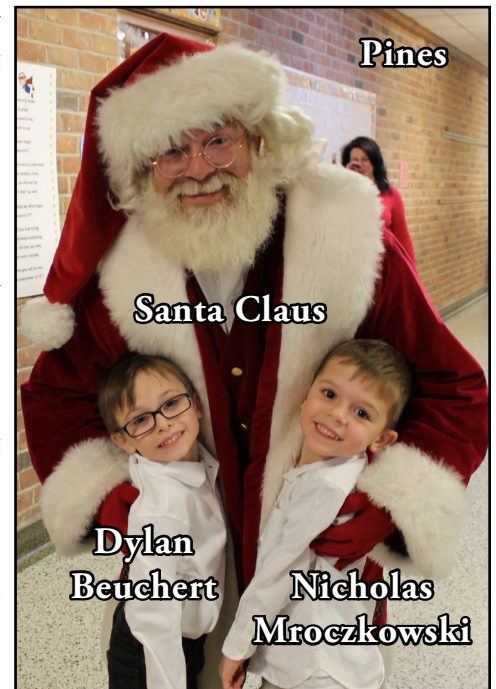
The Hauppauge High School Varsity Club recently spread some “Holiday Cheer” to our elementary school students! They visited classrooms and sang holiday songs. Santa Claus and Buddy the Elf were also on hand to say hello to the children and take photos. Needless to say, there were smiles everywhere!

The Varsity Club is a service-oriented club open to all student athletes from all grades and all sports. It consists of male and female students. The club is involved in a number of activities that help promote the school, provide service to those in need and support the community and its citizens. They have participated in many different fundraising endeavors and donations to charities, as well as giving of their time to people.

In addition to helping in their school, the Varsity Club contributes to camp and college scholarships, local and national charities and helps in providing better equipment for our sports teams.

In past activities, the Varsity Club has played in charity football games, wheelchair basketball, organized and hosted the annual Pep Rally and participated in Homecoming weekend. They have also visited different senior citizen homes and volunteered in soup kitchens.

Thank you to advisors Richard Lionetti and Diana Lopez for the worthwhile work you do with the students who are members of this wonderful club.





FULL “DISTRICT CURRICULUM COMMITTEE” MEETS

The full “District Curriculum Committee” met on Thursday, December 13th at the Hauppauge District Office. This committee is comprised of two members of the Board of Education, seven Administrators, thirty-three members of the Hauppauge Teachers Association and ten parents. They assembled as a full committee and then broke down at the beginning of the meeting into groups for an “icebreaker” exercise.

Based on answers to a survey they were given, the members will form sub-committees in order to see what type of work in the committee they would be interested in doing. From there, they will make recommendations as individual committees and come back to the full committee with those recommendations.

Dr. Donald Murphy, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Technology, started off the meeting with an introduction which included snacks, coffee and a quick “ice-breaker.” Members of the committee were given color-coded name badges in order to easily separate them into groups. Once the groups formed, they answered “ice-breaker” questions to get to know each other.

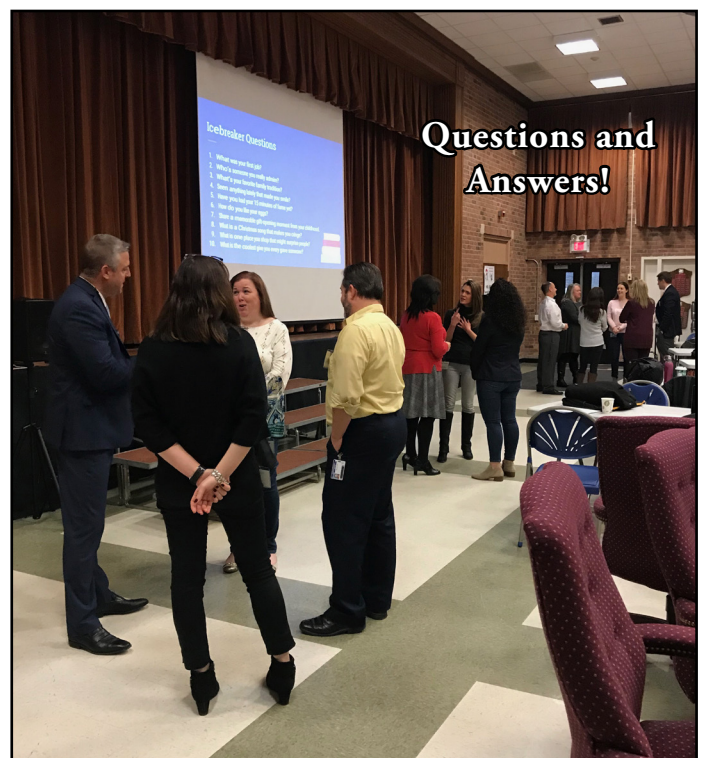
The philosophy of the committee is to act in service to:

- the Superintendent
- the Board of Education
- the Community
- the Students

The goals of the committee are to:

- review new course proposals
- review current programs
- conduct macro-level analysis
- make recommendations
- respond to constituents

Our Hauppauge Curriculum Committee in action was a wonderful thing to see!



HAUPPAUGE HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR ATTAINS EAGLE SCOUT RANK!

Ryan DiSilvio, a Junior at Hauppauge High School, recently attained the rank of Eagle Scout! Ryan is a part of Troop 343 in Hauppauge. His father, Guy, is the Scoutmaster of his Troop.

For his Eagle Scout Project, Ryan constructed benches and a garden at the Hauppauge Middle School. Congratulations Ryan on this well-deserved achievement!



**Eagle Scout Project at
Hauppauge Middle School**



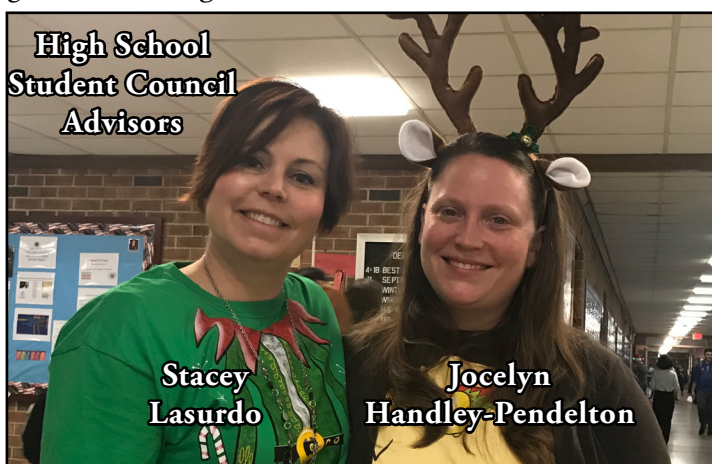
The DiSilvio Family

HIGH SCHOOL “FRIENDS OF FAMILIES” PROGRAM THRIVES IN GENEROSITY IN ORDER TO GIVE TO OTHERS

Shannon Griffin is a Social Worker in the High School. She is part of the “Friends of Families” program. This program is a collaborative effort by her whole building.

Fundraisers are done by the Student Council under the direction of their advisors, Stacey Lasurdo and Jocelyn Handley-Pendleton. They are conducted throughout the year so that gift cards can be provided to families in need. They also set up a “giving tree” for staff. In addition, families in our community give donations or pick a family to buy gifts for.

Shannon recently thanked the high school staff for their generosity. She said that in addition to the gifts which were purchased, 20 families will be receiving gift cards to *Target* from the Student Council.



**High School
Student Council
Advisors**

**Stacey
Lasurdo**

**Jocelyn
Handley-Pendleton**



**Shannon Griffin
HHS Social Worker**

Among those that were helped are families who are homeless, families who have experienced a death of a parent, families with unemployed parents and single-parent homes. Shannon said, “The need was great this year, but thanks to everyone’s help, each of these families will have a little extra support to get through this time of year to make this a Happy Holiday!”

FOREST BROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ANNOUNCES PTA REFLECTIONS WINNERS

Forest Brook Elementary School recently announced their students who are winners in the PTA Reflections Contest. This year's "Reflections" theme was "Heroes Around Me." Students were able to create works of art around this theme in: Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography and Visual Arts.

Congratulations to our Forest Brook students who achieved first, second or third place!

Kindergarten:

- Visual Arts - Lucca Salvaggio 1st
- Liliana DeLuca 2nd

Grade 2

- Photo - Daniel Paolillo 1st
- Literature - Daniel Paolillo 1st
- Visual Arts - Gavin McKee 1st
- Daniel Paolillo 2nd

Grade 3

- Photo - Angelina DeLuca 1st
- Visual Arts Emma Musto 1st

Grade 5

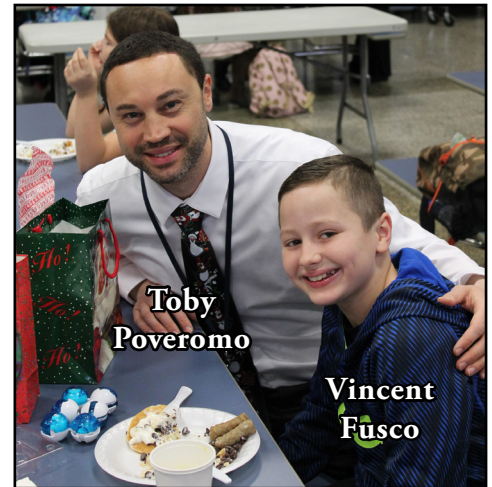
- Photo - Reuben Lewin 1st
- Corie Paolillo 2nd
- Literature - Rowan Ashby 1st
- Alyssa Bergeret 2nd (Tied)
- Corie Paolillo 2nd (Tied)
- Visual Arts - Corie Paolillo 1st
- Rowan Ashby 2nd
- Luke Musto 3rd
- Musical Composition - Emilia DeLuca 1st



Forest Brook "PTA Reflections Contest" Winners

BRETTON WOODS MENTORING PROGRAM HOSTS “HOLIDAY PANCAKES WITH MENTORS”

The Bretton Woods Mentoring Program kicked off the Holidays with pancakes and caroling. Enjoy the photos of this great program!



PINES FUTURE CORP CLUB MAKES A SPECIAL HOLIDAY VISIT!

In addition to their bi-monthly visit to the Arbors Assisted Living Facility in Hauppauge, the Pines Future Corps Club made a special holiday visit to the residents there on Tuesday, December 18th. The students sang holiday songs, played games and delivered handmade place mats to the residents.

This visit brought smiles to everyone! It was a very heartwarming visit for both the residents and the students!



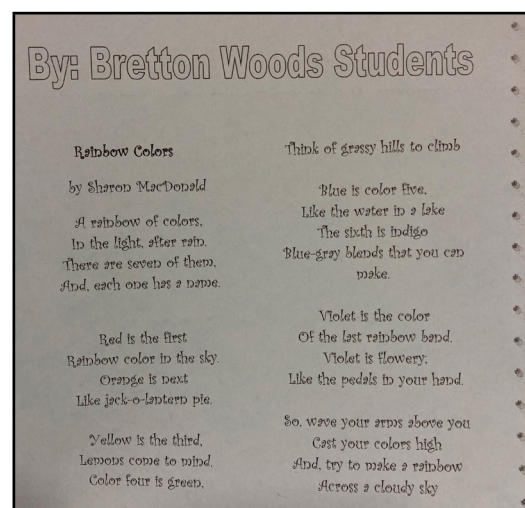
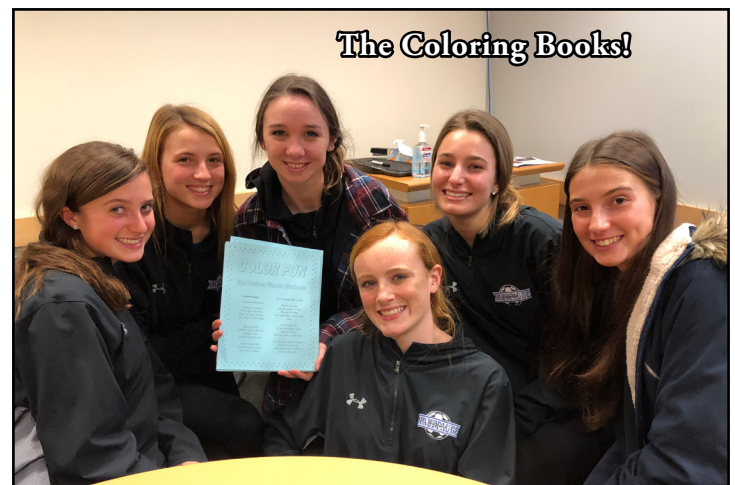
HAUPPAUGE GIRLS SOCCER TEAM AND BRETTON WOODS FOURTH-GRADERS TEAM UP TO CHEER UP!

The Hauppauge Girls Soccer Team recently visited the “Making Headway Foundation” at the *Stephen D. Hassenfeld Children’s Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at New York University Hospital*. Not only did they have in hand coloring books created by the fourth grade students in Ms. Sukoff’s and Ms. O’Leary’s classes at Bretton Woods for the children to use in the play room at the hospital, but they also delivered their donation check of \$16,300!

As part of a community service project, Ms. Sukoff’s and Ms. O’Leary’s class made coloring books for the children at the NYU Cancer Center. This is the hospital that is linked with the “Kicks for Cancer” program that Hauppauge High School organizes each year.

The girls Soccer Team makes this trip each year to visit the hospital and brings with them the coloring books to hand out to the children at the hospital. Mrs. Sukoff said, “We are so proud of the community service our students are participating in.”

Jessica Kulesa, Hauppauge HS Girls Soccer Coach, provided these wonderful pictures of their visit!



HIGH SCHOOL STAFF ARE FEELING THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT!

Hauppauge High School Staff certainly were feeling the "Holiday Spirit" this week! Here are some photos of their holiday fun!



HAUPPAUGE HIGH SCHOOL HOSTS FRENCH/GERMAN ROUNDTABLE

Hauppauge High School hosted a GIBS (the Guild of IB Schools) Roundtable for French and German teachers from around the New York Metro area on Thursday, December 13, 2018.

The Roundtable, a forum for meeting other IB faculty from the New York region, provide an exceptional opportunity for professional development and networking. This year, Danielle Cardi, our IB German teacher, and Christine Walsh, our IB French teacher, offered to host the French/German GIBS Roundtable at Hauppauge High School.

Frau Cardi and Madame Walsh, joined by District Director of World Languages, Tim McCarthy, and IB French teacher, Simone Pavlides, welcomed 18 French teachers from New York City, Connecticut, New Jersey, and Long Island, including Commack



**Guild of IB Schools
Roundtable**



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HS, Long Beach HS, North Shore HS, Bay Shore HS and Pierson HS.

The Roundtable was held in the new Collaborative Space in the high school, which allowed for breakout sessions throughout the day among the participants. The IB teachers found the information presented and the collegial discussion extremely valuable. The French/German Roundtable was an exciting day of networking and sharing best practices in IB.

HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS SINGS AT SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE MEETING

The High School Chorus, recently had the opportunity to sing at a Suffolk County Legislature General Meeting. The students sang beautifully and their concert was very much enjoyed!



**High School
Chorus**

PINES KINDERGARTENERS HOLD SING-A-LONG FOR THEIR PARENTS

Pines Kindergarten students sang holiday songs to their families at their annual “sing-a-long.” Dressed in white shirts, brightly colored scarves and black hats, the students sang their hearts out!



PINES FIRST-GRADERS HOLD SING-A-LONG TOO!

Pines first-graders held a sing-a-long too! Dressed in their best holiday-wear, the students sang for their parents and put on a wonderful show!



HAUPPAUGE ROTARY ANNOUNCES THEIR DECEMBER “STUDENT OF THE MONTH”

Hauppauge High School Senior, Xavier Cheng, was recognized on Wednesday, December 19th, as the Hauppauge Rotary “Student of the Month.” Xavier was the guest of honor, along with his family, at a special breakfast celebrating his achievement at the Paradise Diner in Hauppauge. Xavier was also joined by High School Assistant Principal, Joy Ferrara.

Xavier is one of Hauppauge High School’s “Top Ten” students. He is a recipient of the Academic Excellence Award and is an AP Scholar. He was also a first place winner for “Individual Website” at the High School History Fair and received the Long Island History Day Science History Award sponsored by the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory at Hofstra University.

Xavier also has received a Certificate of Excellence from the National Science Olympiad. He placed in the top ten in the Regional and Long Island Regional Science Olympiad competitions. Xavier received the “Most Valuable Team Member” award there as well.

Xavier is the Captain of the Varsity Tennis Team and is a NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete. He was the Tennis “Most Valuable Player” in 2018 and was a POWER Scholarship Tennis Tournament Champion.

Xavier is a member of the National Honor Society, French National Honor Society and is the HS Science Olympiad Team President. Xavier also performs community service at the Hauppauge Public Library, Long Island Cares and the Hauppauge Tennis Camp.

We congratulate Xavier at this time on his recent “Early Decision” acceptance to *Johns Hopkins University*! He just learned this news this past week! Xavier will be majoring in Biology and will be on a “pre-med” track.

Congratulations to this fine young man on being named the “Rotary Student of the Month.”

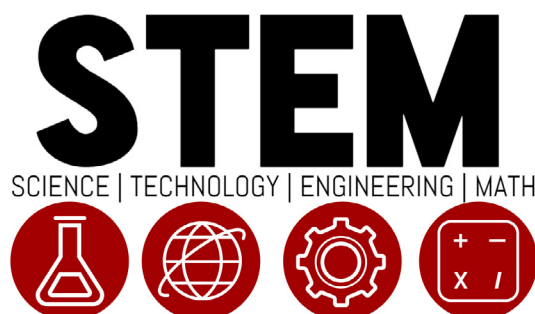
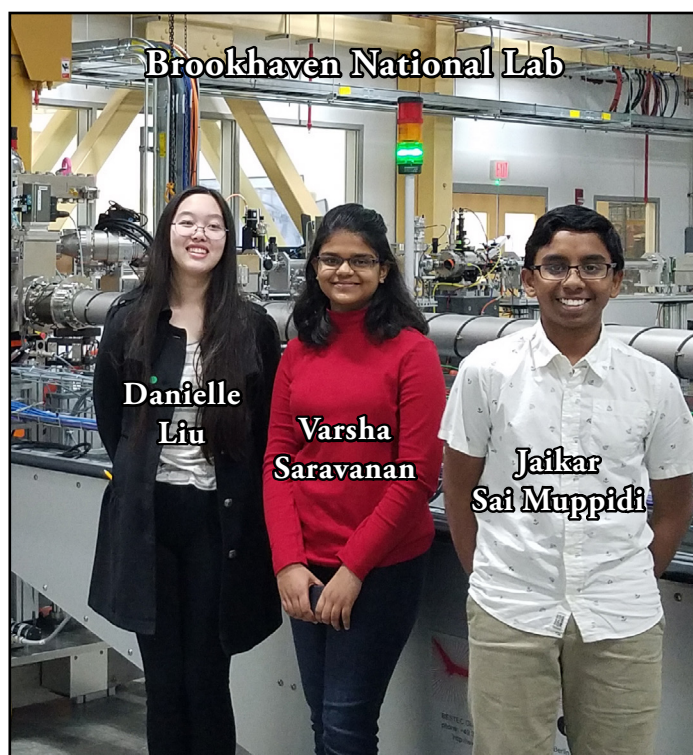


HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS VISIT BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LAB

Three high school science research students recently visited the Brookhaven National Lab on December 7th with Jason Fiermonte, HS Science Teacher leave replacement and Alexandria Hiam, Library Media Specialist.

The purpose of the trip was to encourage scholarship in science and mathematics through the use of reference and research materials available at Brookhaven National Lab's research library. The students, Jaikar Sai Muppidi, Danielle Liu and Varsha Saravanan received a tour of the National Synchrotron Light Source II and sat in on a presentation on careers in STEM fields. The students also had lunch with the scientists and had time for some individual research using the lab's library research databases.

This was a very exciting and informative trip for these students!



JUST A FEW MORE RANDOM SHOTS OF THE “HOLIDAY FUN” AROUND THE HAUPPAUGE SCHOOLS!



**Middle School
Student Pancake Breakfast**



**High School
Library Media Center**



**High School
Guidance Counselors**



**High School
Math Department**



**Dr. Donald
Murphy**

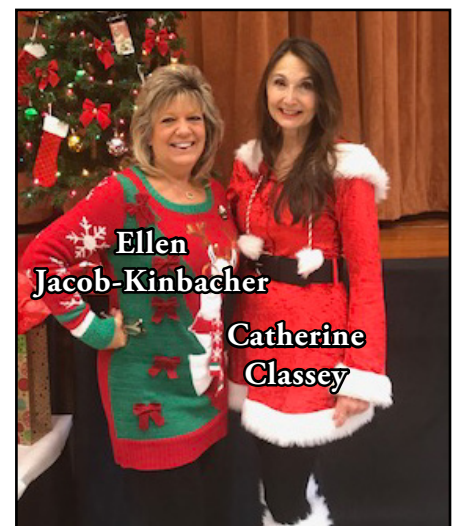
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