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FOREST BROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SHINES IN “LIGHTSAIL CHALLENGE”

Congratulations are in order all around for Forest Brook Elementary on the completion of the “LightSail New Year’s Challenge” by 4th and 5th graders! The school came in 2nd place nationally!

An assembly was held at Forest Brook on Friday, February 15th in order to announce and award the student participants. Forest Brook Principal, Kristen Reingold, said “Thank you to all our friends and families for joining us today, and to our 3rd graders for coming to our assembly. We wanted to give you a chance to see what you can do with iPads when you get to 4th grade!”

“LightSail” is an app to a digital library that has personalized book selections tailored to individual student abilities. Students earn badges for successfully completing books and assessments and can track their own progress. Since the app launched in September, Forest Brook students have read an incredible 274,506 minutes and 6,268 books!

In December, Forest Brook was presented with the opportunity to participate in the “LightSail New Year’s Reading Challenge.” Hundreds of schools participated from across the nation. Students and teachers at Forest Brook embraced the challenge and displayed incredible reading stamina by reading a total of 154,558 minutes! This resulted in an average of over 1,200 minutes per student. Principal Reingold said to the students, “I am incredibly proud of your effort and perseverance.”

Winners of the challenge are:

Grace Galarza - 4,567 minutes - First Place at Forest Brook and 5th in the Nation

Ryan Sapugay - 4,542 minutes - Second Place at Forest Brook and 6th in the Nation

Ms. Gatto’s and Ms. Huber’s class came in First Place at Forest Brook with a total of 54,154 minutes read.

Congratulations to all of the winners! [Click here to view the list.](#)

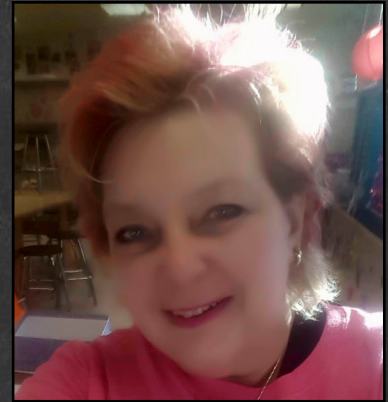


"TEACHER SPOTLIGHT"

Elisabeth Anziano

Art Teacher

Bretton Woods and Pines Elementary



Why did you want to become a teacher?

My first job after college was at The Metropolitan Museum of Art. I had the most glorious days walking through the galleries surrounded by 5,000 years of art. The "Film and TV Program for Art on Film" was a joint venture with the "J. Paul Getty Trust" and we were cataloguing an inventory of films on art. The Met Art collection and being given the opportunity to watch the story of Art on films sparked my desire to teach. I fell in love with the amazing History of Art at College and continued that experience at the Met. Both built my desire to share through Teaching.

Where did you go to college?

Ohio State University is where I received my Bachelors of Fine Arts in Art History. I received my Masters at Dowling College.

What did you like about college?

My Teachers....Big 10 OSU Football....and friends. My Teachers were amazing and so talented in thought and grounded in excellent teaching practices. I thrived at OSU with higher learning and my own knowledge & thoughts. It truly is a wonderful experience when you take in another's thoughts and expand on it with your own knowledge. My favorite Art History courses were American Art, Medieval and Gothic Art and Architecture and Anthropology Mayan Artifacts. I received an amazing well-rounded education at Ohio State University.

What is the best part of your job?

Working with children, of course! They are amazing and they bring so much joy to my day. They come into Art so excited to be creative, to hear what we're going to do that day, to listen to one of my stories about art, and to explore new art materials. Who wouldn't enjoy a great day like that.

How long have you been teaching?

I have been teaching twenty-three years. I first began teaching at the Islip Art Museum in East Islip with after school Art programs and summer Art classes. The Museum Director suggested I pursue my Teaching certification and Masters. I taught for 2 years at St. Mary's in East Islip K-8th grade Art. In Hauppauge School District, I have taught K-8th grade Art, Middle School Computers, Family & Consumer Science, Art, and HS Silk Screening and Parenting. Presently, I am teaching Art at Pines and Bretton Woods.

Do you have any traditions or superstitions regarding the first day of school?

I love to get the children excited about their new Art year by telling them all about what they will learn, create and explore in the new grade level. Elementary Art is a spiral curriculum built on learnings from the year before. We use Elements of Art: line, shape, color, texture, value and space in project based learning throughout the year. Project based learning offers students the opportunity to dig deeper into Elements of Art in new Art projects. I weave SEAL Social Emotional Art Learning, STEAM, and Design Process Learning with Art projects throughout the year. So getting students ready to learn is my first day tradition.

What makes a good day at school for you?

Making Art with children. Watching them unpack my lesson and make it their own, exploring their creativity, using their choice of art materials, sharing their ideas in critiques, being challenged, happy and feeling relaxed to be creative. It's very important to my day that the artists are engaged in their learning and feel at ease to express enjoyment in the creation of Art. My Art room is joyful and a place to feel successful at learning. There is a beautiful rhythm of learning at the start of Art class with me, then time to explore the concepts on their own. I love seeing our young artists leave the Art room with a big smile of confidence that they achieved creating and learning Art. Often when the children return they bring me artwork they've created on their own.

What accomplishment fills you with pride so far this year?

Arts Integration Certification. I believe Art can be a window that can open up Content Area curriculum for students. I often tie in Art with ELA, Math, Science, Social Studies, STEAM, Design Process...and so much more. Art is a visual language, and we are truly at the height of visual learning with Internet, YouTube, Social Networking and other communications. Art is a universal language, Historical in its content and cultural expression. If I can make connections for a student with Arts integration, teaching Art with Math, Art with poetry, Art with Science...so much better for the student. At the 2019 Winter STEAM and Arts Integration Conference through EdCloset, I presented a short lecture on SKETCH NOTEBOOKING. Truly an accomplishment for me as I presented teaching primary children how to take notes with their drawing. Sketch Notebooking engages the listener in a mindful activity and builds memory and visual literacy. Sketch Notebooking gives students and Teachers visual images for recall, elaboration and assessment.

How does technology make teaching more simple or difficult?

From a drawing point of view....it's a hard comparison of paper and pencil vs stylus tool on a tablet. I prefer the pencil to shade on paper, and the feel of pastel as it blends and the beauty of watercolors on paper. I just can't teach that artistic euphoria on computer. However, teaching with technology has enhanced my Art lessons tremendously. Imagine walking through the Uffizi Gallery in Florence in virtual Google Museum, showing film of Claude Monet painting in Givenry, going behind the scenes of a Broadway play and listening and watching the creative mind of Lion Kings artistic Director. That's the beauty of technology on an Elementary level. Research for my 5th grade students as they write Artist biographies, Color Theory with Bill Nye the Science Guy, Polar bears emerging from their winter den with cubs....WOW!

If you could sit in on another teachers class for a day, who would it be and why?

There are so many....I often get the chance to pop in on Mrs. Tess Wray-Dolgins' Chorus and class when we are together at Pines, and Mrs. Tracey DeRose's band and orchestra rehearsals in the morning. Our Elementary Music Program is loved by our children and families....so this is a special treat for me to see children joyful singing and playing instruments. Recently, Mrs. Colleen Kennedy's 3rd grade at Bretton Woods heard me say I struggle with fractions....so I have an open invite at 1:30-2:30 pm during Math block. I truly am friendly with all of our Teachers, and feel very welcome to pop in.

Is there a piece of wisdom you would pass on to your students?

Be Kind, Dream Big and Be You. Be present in your day....don't live through Social Media. Go smell the Flowers....don't just look at the pictures on Instagram.

If you could take your students on a field trip anywhere in the world, where would it be?

Italy....Lucca, Tuscany for Medieval festival, Florence to see Leonardo, Rome to behold Michelangelo, Pompeii and Venice. Art in Italy is truly magnificent and its gifts would challenge us to explore and understand for a lifetime.

What is one of your best memories of being a student?

I loved my Teachers that made learning an enriching activity of working collaboratively with my classmates on a project. Artistically, I contributed to the learning and felt engaged. Today, I see our wonderful Hauppauge Teachers incorporating many learning styles into their lessons. Over my next and last years in

Hauppauge, I hope to add Arts Integration more and more for our children, who like me, thrived on the active artistic Visual learning style.

Do you have a favorite thing about your classroom?

My students....without them bringing the crayons, markers, paint, pastels to life with their creativity...my Art room and art supplies would be lonely. I love seeing activity, hearing conversations and laughter, and artwork. I love having volunteers in the Art room and visiting Artists. Any time a Parent, Guardian and visiting Artist would like to join us....mi casa es su casa!

What advice would you give to new teachers.

Be an active Community member. Teacher Community, Professional Community, Parent Community. Learn with all of Us. Hauppauge is a kind and warm community of welcoming staff, teachers and families. Be present and find your niche to explore.

What would students be surprised to find out about you?

I ride a 2014 Harley Davidson Dyna Glide Motorcycle. We have a beautiful home in the Northern Catskills where my husband I love to ride. Honestly... If I said I like Cats...the children would all say "Like who doesn't know that Ms. A?"

What word would describe you best when you were a student?

Friendly.

Do you have any favorite books you would recommend to students to read?

Read what you are interested in....it makes reading enjoyable. When I was young, my Mom saw that I loved Art. She bought me a subscription to a Time Life series on Famous Artists...40 volumes. Big leather bound books. Perhaps it wasn't the best choice for young reading...as these books were scholarly. But I loved these books and each month waited for the next to arrive. I cherish these books in my library today. It was a gift from my Mother that has lasted a lifetime. I read each painting...my learning style.

If you could meet any person, living or dead, who would that be and why?

That's easy....Vincent Van Gogh. As I tell the students, "Can you imagine painting 900 paintings and only selling 1? That is drive, commitment and believing in yourself!" Confident that what you are doing is the right thing for you, trusting your instincts, extraordinary! I would make Van Gogh laugh and feel appreciated. Ask him..."did you really paint Starry Night at night with candles in your hat. How brave and bold you were... Thank you..."

Why did you choose Hauppauge Schools?

Fortunately....Hauppauge chose me! Believe it or not...one summer day I was riding with my husband and saw the Hauppauge High School....a premonition grabbed me and I said I will teach there one day. I'm blessed to have been given the chance to enrich the lives of children, to work with quality Educators and staff, and to call many of Parents and the Hauppauge Community my life long friends and family.

Thank you Ms. Anziano for a lovely interview!

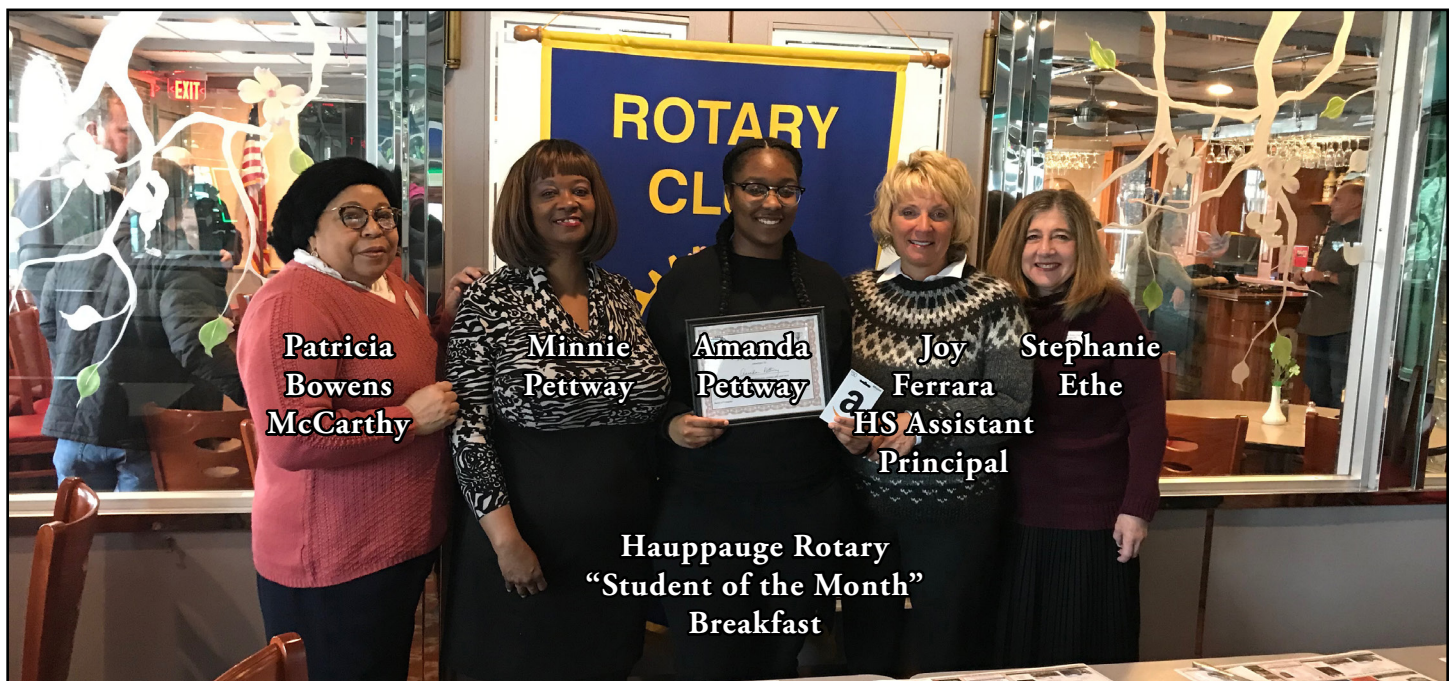
HIGHSCHOOL SENIOR IS HAUPPAUGE ROTARY “STUDENT OF THE MONTH”

Hauppauge High School Senior, Amanda Pettway, was recognized on Wednesday, February 27th as the Hauppauge Rotary “Student of the Month.” Amanda was the guest of honor, along with her mom, Minnie, at a special breakfast celebrating her achievement at the Paradise Diner in Hauppauge. Amanda was also joined by her High School Assistant Principal, Joy Ferrara.

Amanda is looking forward to continuing her education in North Carolina after she graduates. She will be attending Fayetteville State University where she will major in education. She hopes to someday become a college professor. In her spare time, Amanda likes to write poetry.

Amanda would also like to pursue Social Work in her studies. She was also recently involved in the High School’s Youth Leadership Summit, which was held in early February.

Congratulations, Amanda on this wonderful honor and achievement!



GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM NAMED “LEAGUE 4 CHAMPIONS”

The Hauppauge Girls Varsity Basketball Team has been named League 4 Champions! Lauren Romito was named League 4 “Player of the Year” while the following players were named All League: Lauren Romito, Nicole Petrocelli, Guiliana Abruscato and Jamie Devine.

Congratulations to the team and Coach Edson on this amazing season!



HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM REAPS REWARDS IN A VICTORIOUS SEASON!

From Dan Butler, Athletic Director:

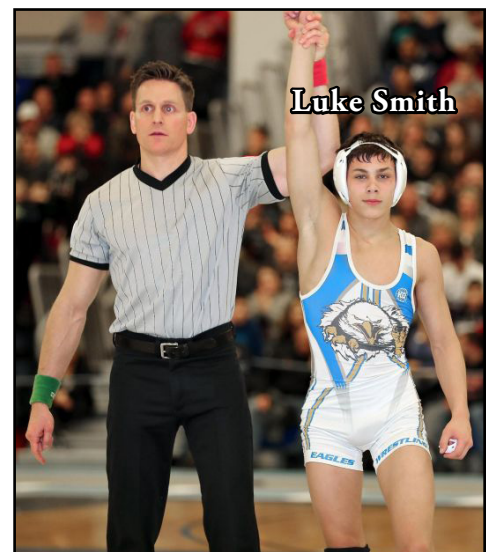
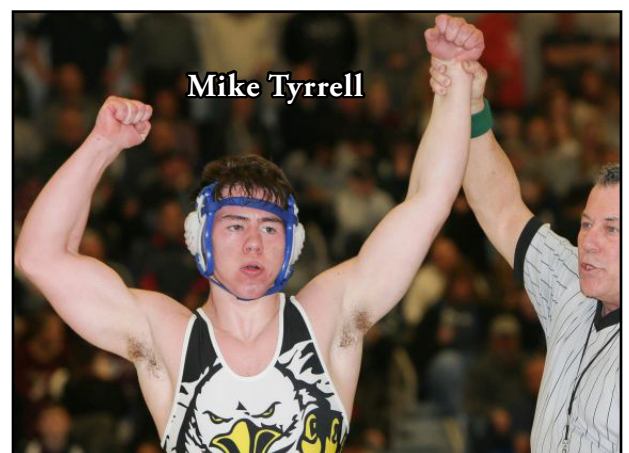
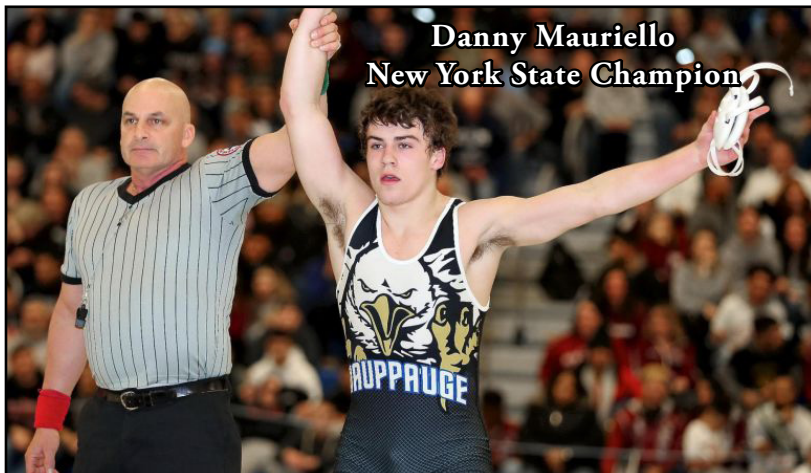
This past weekend marked the culmination of an outstanding season for the Hauppauge Wrestling Program. On the heels of a dramatic one point triumph at the Suffolk County Championships two weeks ago, that saw the Eagles capture the Team Title and place 7 student-athletes on the All-County Wrestling team, Hauppauge sent 3 wrestlers to the New York State Championships in Albany.

After two grueling days of competition, the Eagles placed all three wrestlers on the All-State Team. Junior Mike Tyrrell placed 4th at 182 lbs while Junior Luke Smith took 3rd at 113 lbs, his second consecutive All-State campaign.

Highlighting the Eagles successes of the weekend was Junior Danny Mauriello. Danny captured the State Championship at 152 lbs defeating his opponent in the Ultimate Tie-breaker to take home the title. Entering the Competition as the number 6 seed, Danny took down the numbers 1, 2, and 3 seeds on his way to the top of the podium. Furthermore, each of Danny's four matches were decided in overtime, the first time this has ever been done at the New York State Championships.

We could not be more proud of the way that these three individuals represented our Athletic Program, School District and Community. A huge congratulations to the whole Hauppauge Wrestling program.

Go Eagles!



BRETTON WOODS ELEMENTARY HAS “RESPECT FOR ALL”

Bretton Woods Elementary School celebrated “Respect for All Week” this past week. They had something great going on every day!

The week started off on Monday with an assembly for the whole student body at 1:50 pm. Youth Inspirational Speaker, David Flood, was there to spread his message of dignity, understanding, patience, forgiveness and most of all unconditional love. Bracelets were passed out to students after the assembly. The bracelets have the acronym R.E.A.C.H. written on them. This stands for Respect, Effort, Attitude, Cooperation and Honesty. The students were encouraged to wear the bracelets as a reinforcement of David’s message.

Tuesday was “Respect for All Reading Day.” Teachers were given a copy of the book, “Kindness Counts” along with a “BE KIND” sheet which were in assorted rainbow colors. After the book was read aloud to each class, the children were asked to fill out the sheet by finishing the phrase, “I can show kindness to others by _____.” These rainbow sheets were then displayed on the hallway bulletin board.

Wednesday was “Ride the Kindness Wave” day. On this day students and staff were asked to wear Beach Attire to promote the theme “The Kindness Wave-Start a ripple...Create a wave. It begins with YOU!” Upon arrival to the building, the students were given a Hawaiian Lei. The Lei is a common symbol of love, friendship, celebration, honor or greeting.

Thursday was the canned food drive. Students were encouraged to bring in a can or two to donate. “I can. You Can. Be a good friend”

Friday was “Live Like a Champion” Day – Wear “Purple for Peace”. Students and staff wore purple to exhibit the ideals of champions!

The students really expressed superior participation in this weeklong event! Enjoy these photos from their week!



“Ride the Kindness Wave Day”



HIGH SCHOOL WIND ENSEMBLE ACCOMPANIES BRETTON WOODS BAND STUDENTS IN MUSICAL ASSEMBLY

The Bretton Woods students were treated to a musical assembly for grades K-5 by our very own Hauppauge High School Wind Ensemble on Friday, February 15th! The high school students played selections from “Jurassic Park,” Pixar movies, and even included an instrument demonstration for the younger grades. Students in grades K-3 were very excited to hear about all of the wonderful instruments the band program has to offer! Afterwards, the 4th and 5th grade Beginner and Advanced Band members were invited to stay and practice in a workshop alongside the high school students. They were able to meet their future band teacher, Mr. Monsen, and work on their spring concert music.

This was an inspiring and musical day for all!



ATTENTION ALL PARENTS!

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM DR. DONALD B. MURPHY



HAUPPAUGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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DONALD B. MURPHY, Ed.D.
*Assistant Superintendent for
Curriculum, Instruction & Technology*

Dear Parents and Guardians,

You may have seen in the news a disturbing story regarding the “MOMO challenge” on Social Media. This story has gone viral and invites children to contact strangers via online platforms while also completing potentially dangerous tasks as part of “the challenge.” Although many news outlets are doubting the veracity of the story, we are proactively letting parents know so that you may speak to your child about this topic and the risks and threats sometimes seen on social media platforms (YouTube, Facebook, etc.). Additionally, please know that we employ filters and other tools in the district to help students have a safe online experience while completing classwork on district devices. Yet, no filters are 100% effective, so we also teach students about digital citizenship and the permanence of online communication.

Kindly review these links to help inform your conversations at home:

About the MOMO Challenge - [Click here](#)

Hauppauge School District Digital Citizenship Guide - [Click here](#)

In conclusion, the district believes in partnering with parents and preparing our students to:

- **Think critically** and evaluate websites, email, and other content online
- **Protect themselves** from online threats, including bullying and scams
- **Get smart about sharing:** what, when, how, and with whom
- **Be kind and respectful toward** other people online, including respecting their privacy
- **Ask for help** with tricky situations from a parent or other trusted adult

Thank you for your collaboration and support in working together in fulfillment of these goals.

Sincerely,

Donald B. Murphy, Ed.D.
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Technology
Hauppauge School District

COMEDY SHOW FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

The Hauppauge Educational Foundation is holding a Fundraiser Comedy Show on Friday, March 15th at 8:00 pm at the American Legion Hall, Post 155, 115 Church Street in Ronkonkoma. It is being sponsored by New Beginnings of Hauppauge.

The Hauppauge Educational Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization whose goal is to provide assistance to our community by providing resources to support creativity, innovation and excellence by enhancing educational opportunities within the Hauppauge School District.

To purchase tickets [click here](#).

If you would like to learn more about the HEF and view their website or make a donation, [click here](#).

Your support of the Hauppauge Educational Foundation who does so much for our students is very much appreciated!

We hope you can join us for this great show!

Join us for this GREAT evening!

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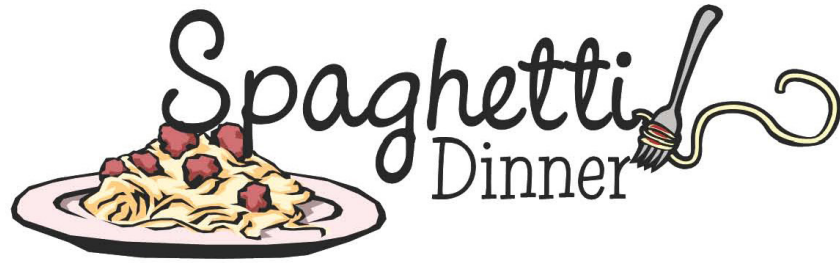
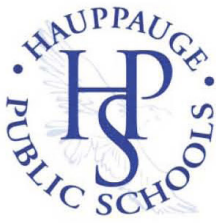
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"An Evening of Fine Food and Music"

Annual Senior Citizen Recognition Dinner *Wednesday, April 10th, 2019*

Dear Hauppauge Senior Citizen,

The Hauppauge School District, PTA, business community, and district residents would like to thank you and pay tribute to you for your contributions to the Hauppauge School District and Hauppauge community.

You are cordially invited to attend the District's annual *Senior Citizen Recognition Dinner*, which will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 starting at 6:00 p.m. Last year's dinner was a great success. We look forward to your attendance at this free dinner being held in your honor. In addition, as our esteemed guest, you will also enjoy an evening of musical entertainment performed by Hauppauge students at the All-District Jazz Night following the dinner.

We hope that you will be able to join us for this very special event. In order to plan our food preparation for this special evening, please R.S.V.P. using the form below and return it by Wednesday, April 3rd. Thank you for your contributions to our District. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday, April 10, 2019.

David M. Barshay, Esq.
President, Hauppauge Board of Education

Dennis P. O'Hara, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

What: Senior Citizen Recognition
Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner

Where: Hauppauge High School Commons
Followed by: Jazz Night at 7:30 p.m.

When: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Where: High School Auditorium

Please respond by Wednesday, April 3, 2019 so that we may properly plan for all those attending:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ # of people attending: _____

Return this form to:
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