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## **“SAY IT, FIGHT IT, CURE IT!”**

### **COURTNEY TOMKIN, FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS!”**



Hauppauge High School recently held on October 2nd, a very special fundraiser that is dear to their hearts. “Kicks for Cancer” began at Hauppauge High School in 2008 as a way to honor and support Hauppauge HS student, Courtney Tomkin, a Junior who was diagnosed with brain cancer the previous Spring. The summer after Courtney was diagnosed, Hauppauge Girls Varsity Soccer Goalkeeper, Alexis Gonzalez, went to Jessica Kulesa, her coach, asking how the team could put something together to help Courtney and her family. It was during that conversation that “Kicks for Cancer” was born.

The following was written by Courtney’s father, Daryl Tomkin:

*“That fall, she ran out onto the field facing an uphill battle. You wouldn’t have guessed by the big smile on her face as she greeted her teammates in the middle of the field. It was the day her friends and this community stood by her side and developed “Kicks for Cancer”. This community was a place she loved to call her home. “Kicks for Cancer” meant the world to Courtney and to us, her family. Courtney was brave and courageous beyond her years and she knew that her time here was going to be cut short. We are all put to Earth for our lifetime for however many years it is. For Courtney it was a life that had hardly begun, but that’s not how she described it. For Courtney it “was 17 great years”. Our daughter, your sister, your friend, your student, taught us to look at the world through better eyes, to take time to enjoy life’s simple joys. She set about creating special and memorable moments. She made every day count. “Kick’s for Cancer” allowed her to see just how much love she was going to take with her. Courtney’s life ended on December 13th, 2008, but she left us a lifetime of fond moments, precious memories and so much love. Our life as a family will be forever changed and our hearts broken for having lost a daughter and a sister as special as Courtney. We take pride in knowing however, that her life meant something to all of you who share in this event. So we wish to thank you for making this event in honor of Courtney, and for loving her and missing her as much as we do. Courtney was so proud of the Hauppauge Girls Varsity Soccer Team. Their love, generosity and friendship were unbelievable and meant the world to her. We hope that Kicks for Cancer continues to grow, that the proceeds will benefit other children suffering the terrible tragedy of Cancer, and that someday this charitable event will help in finding a cure.”*

This event has become incredibly successful, growing more and more each year with the help of our entire Hauppauge Soccer family. The money raised by the event is split amongst:





Funds were raised in many ways. "Bounce Bracelets" were sold for unlimited Bounce rides, obstacle courses, slides and more. Facepainting was included. Raffle Tickets were also sold. Also available for sale were sweatshirt hoodies, sweatpants, t-shirts, blankets and sunglasses.

Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this worthwhile event!



Hauppauge Soccer  
11 Year Anniversary

# KICKS FOR CANCER

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## Tue. October 2nd

### In Memory of Courtney Tomkin





## BRETTON WOODS STUDENTS LAND A “DISNEY” INTERVIEW WITH THE CAST OF “RAVEN’S HOME” FOR THE FEBRUARY ISSUE OF “KIDSDAY”

Ms. Veronica Weeks and Ms. Tara Dungate, co-teachers at Bretton Woods, recently made an exciting visit with some of their students to “Disney Studios!” Their class is currently working on a February issue of “Kidsday” and four students had the opportunity to interview three cast members from the Disney Show, “Raven’s Home.” They interviewed Raven-Symone, Navia Robinson, and Isaac Brown who play Raven, Nia, and Booker in the show. Ms. Weeks said, “They were very engaging and the students learned how hard the cast members work and how they are very close to each other.” Ms. Weeks also said, “The message they took away from the interview was that people should follow their dreams and passions no matter what.”

The cast is excited about their Raven’s Home Remix which will be released on Oct 12th. The Remix showcases their many talents! Ms. Weeks said, “What an incredible experience for our students to go into Manhattan and visit the Disney Studios. Definitely a day they will never forget!”

Go to <https://www.newsday.com/lifestyle/family/kidsday/raven-s-home-disney-raven-symone-1.21846446> to read their article in Newsday! Great job by our Hauppauge students and “Kidsday” reporters!



Hauppauge Students and Cast  
of “Raven’s Home”



## OUT AND ABOUT ! HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ON A RECENT CLASS TRIP!



## YEARBOOKS DID YOU MISS OUT ON GETTING YOURS? WE MAY HAVE IT HERE!

We all know how it is when you clean out your closets. You always seem to find things you didn't realize you still had. Recently, some closet cleaning took place at Hauppauge High School and boxes of old yearbooks from various years were found.

Look through our list of inventory! If you would like to pick up a yearbook, call our District Clerk, Lori DeGeorge at 631-761-8207. She will put one aside for you. Here are the years we have and how many are available:

1990 - 1	2009 - 4
2002 - 3	2010 - 3
2003 - 25	2011 - 11
2004 - 7	2012 - 3
2005 - 12	2013 - 2
2007 - 30	2016 - 15
2008 - 20	





# BRETTON WOODS ELEMENTARY

## ANNUAL STRAW WALK

### STUDENT AND STAFF EARN STRAWS FOR MILES

The Bretton Woods Physical Education Staff; Mrs. Casale, Ms. Hanlon and Mrs. Soltan, recently extended an invitation to parents, guardians and family members to participate in their annual "Straw Walk." The "Straw Walk" has been an integral part of the Physical Education Program district wide. The goal of the "Straw Walk" is to collect as many straws for each class as possible. Each quarter-mile that was run, walked or jogged earned a straw. Straws were totaled at the end of this week to see how many miles Bretton Woods' students and guests have accomplished.

Walking is a cardiovascular exercise and this event helped demonstrate to the children that walking/jogging/running is for people of ALL ages and that it is a great way to uphold your overall health and well-being.

Thank you to everyone who participated and made this a great event for students and families!



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