



Summer Horizons

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GET READY.....GET SET.....GO !!! **HAUPPAUGE SCHOOLS ARE OPENING ON** **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th!!!**

It seems like just yesterday our students were heading off at the end of June with a full summer of fun and activity ahead! But time sure flies and we are now in the waning days of summer and on to the start of the 2018-2019 school year! There is a great deal of activity buzzing around our elementary schools, middle school and high school. Teachers are getting their classrooms ready, Buildings and Grounds is putting the finishing touches on their projects and staff members are handling various tasks to be ready to open our doors on September 5th.

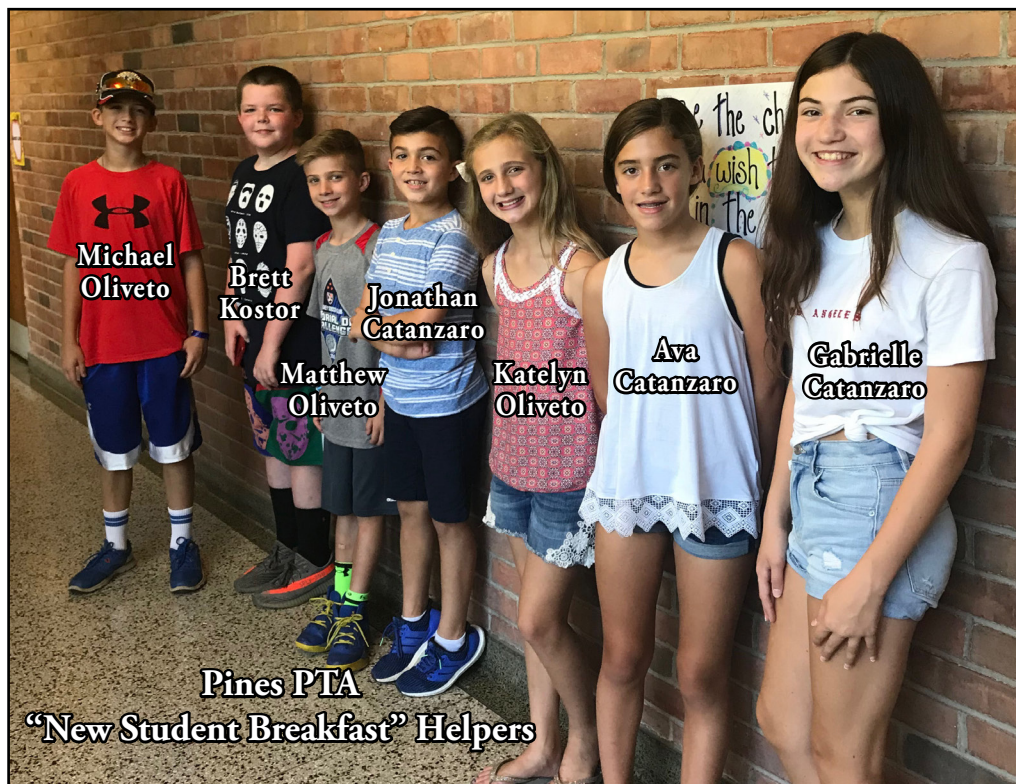
At Pines Elementary School, the PTA held a "Welcome New Students Breakfast" for new Pines students. On hand to assist our PTA were a very helpful group of students! Events like this help our new students get to know a little about the school before it starts.

Kerry Malone, a Guidance Counselor in Pines Elementary School is hard at work placing students and building their classroom schedules. She also handles Kindergarten screening for summer registrations. The office staff is also busy creating folders for new students and finalizing last-minute details before school starts. The halls at Pines are gleaming with newly polished floors and beautifully decorated bulletin boards to welcome their students.

During the summer, many of our Hauppauge students were keeping busy participating in some of the programs that were offered for summer enrichment.

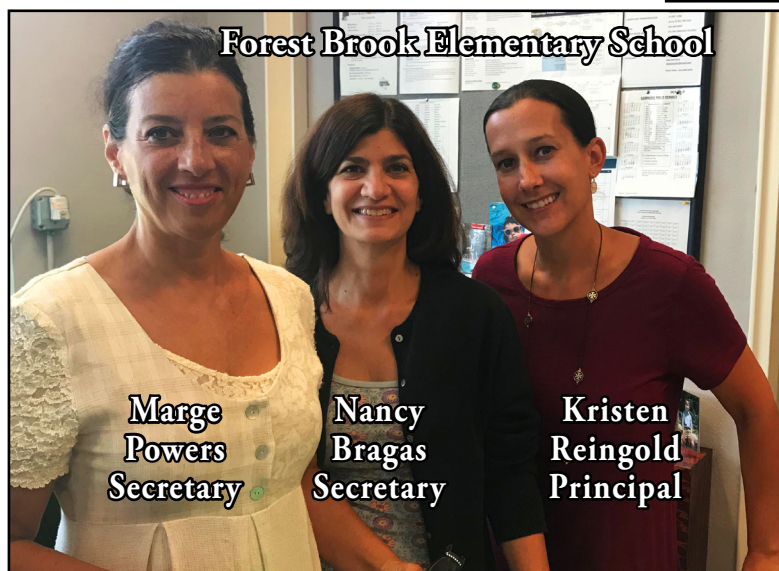
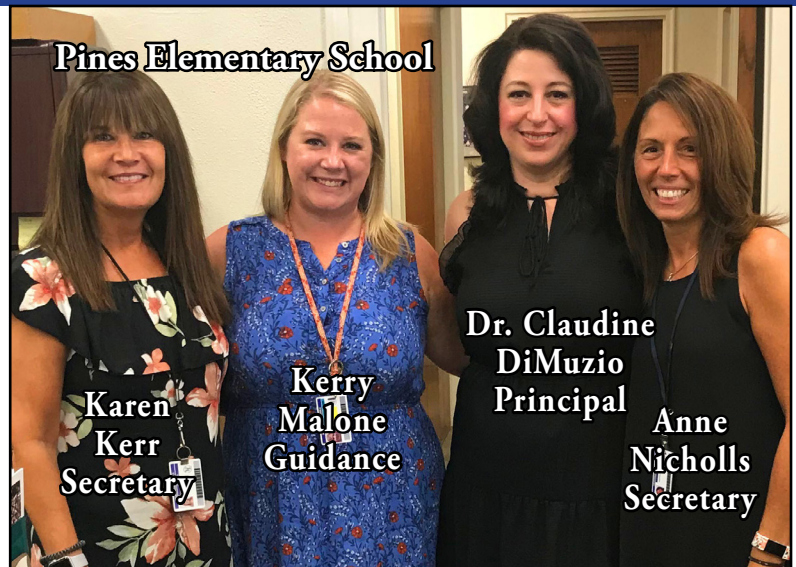
In the elementary schools, in order to get ready for the challenges ahead, students were asked to participate in the Summer Reading Program 2018. Teachers in grades 1 - 4 put together assignments to prepare students. Teachers suggested some of their favorite books, provided a list students could choose from and encouraged them to choose a book of their own to enjoy. A book response project was also assigned to go along with their book. A log was provided for students to keep track of their books read and if they read five or more books, they would be able to receive a certificate of participation and be eligible to receive a special prize!

For students entering grades 5 - 7, they were given the opportunity to participate in the "Fight the Summer Slide



Challenge 2018.” This challenge ran from Monday June 25th through Monday, September 3rd. Students were able to bring home their district-issued iPads and had the opportunity to read various digital books, practice their math skills and engage in programming and coding games and challenges. They had the opportunity to use the reading program LightSail, the math program Mathspace and the coding platform kidOYO.

Students could also keep a log of books read during the summer. Our Department Directors, Dr. Christopher Michael, Director of English Language Arts; Lauren Knudsen, Director of Mathematics and Student Data; Robert Wankmuller, Director



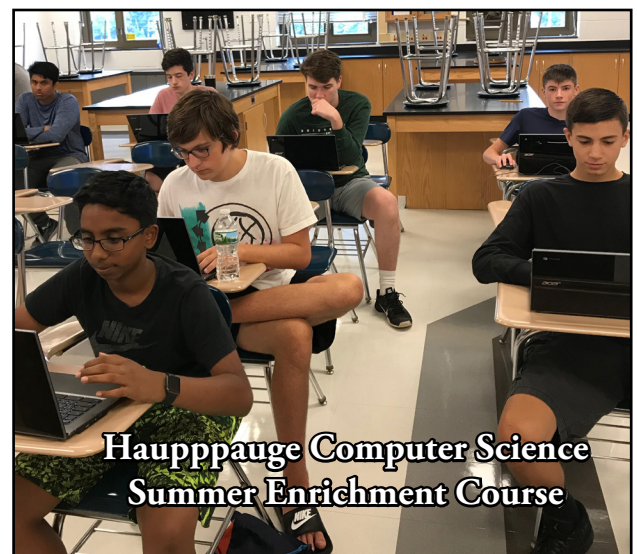
of Science, Technology and Research; and Timothy McCarthy, Director of World Languages, ENL and Technology Integration hoped that students would participate, in addition to spending the summer enjoying time with family and friends, playing outdoors and participating in camps and other activities, so as to not forget all that they learned in the previous school year.

In the high school, students were invited to participate in the first-ever “Hauppauge Computer Science Summer Enrichment Course.” Three separate sessions were offered during the weeks of July 23rd, August 6th and August 27th. Students were able to learn how to code through game development and data visualization and students from beginners to ex-

perienced programmers were welcomed.

Hauppauge Elementary students who receive AIS - Academic Intervention Services, were provided with a boost to propel them into the next school year. They were offered the opportunity to participate in the “Jump Start Program.” which ran from August 20th - 24th from 9:00 am to 12 noon at Bretton Woods Elementary School. Lessons were taught each day to build on what was covered the previous day. Dr. Christopher Michael, Hauppauge School’s Director of English Language Arts and “Jump Start Program” Principal, said “Jump Start will be a wonderful opportunity to ease students into a new school year with exciting and motivating lessons and activities.”

Our High School Marching Band completed a week of “Marching Band Camp” from August 20th to 24th. Andrew Monsen, High School Band Director, said “The Marching Band just finished their week long band camp at the high school last week where they learned and memorized their music. This year’s show has a 70’s theme, featuring music by Chuck Mangione, Stevie Wonder and Earth Wind and Fire. In addition to learning the music, the students also learn and memorize individual drill positions on the field to create overall forms as the whole group. The marching band includes all band students in grades 9-12 as well as all color guard and kickline students. It’s really a wonderful opportunity for the students to work together and make friend-

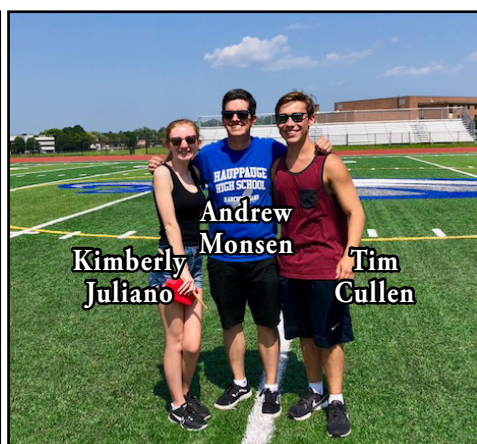




ships no matter their age or level of experience in the band. It's also a great opportunity to promote student leadership. During performances there are no teachers on the field, as the show is in the hands of the drum majors. This year our drum majors are Tim Cullen and Kimberly Juliano."

Instructors in Marching Band also include Nanette Gunnell, Colorguard; Frank Cannon, Percussion Line; Ana Goodfellow, Lauren Nostro and Cynthia Gingom, Kickline. The Assistant Marching Band Director is Pamela Pfeil.

Mr. Monsen also added that in Hauppauge, the band performs during the halftime show at all Varsity Football games, the Homecoming Parade and the Smithtown Memorial Day Parade. He said their biggest performance is at the Newsday Marching Band Festival, which is a showcase they participate in along with dozens of other marching bands from across Long Island.



The Class of 2019 was offered an enriching opportunity during August. They were invited to get a jump on the college application process with support from the Hauppauge High School faculty. Seniors were invited to sign up for the following three options:

1. Common Application and College Search Sessions offered by the Counseling Department.
2. College Essay Brainstorming Sessions offered by the English Department.
3. Individual Essay Conferencing appointments for students who have a draft (or a start) to a college essay.



Dr. Carolyn Probst, Assistant to the Superintendent for Educational Services and Student Outcomes, said "This summer we've been very happy to offer college application support for students in the Class of 2019. Typically, students begin their college applications after returning to school in the Fall. The Class of 2018 had an 85 percent increase in the number of Early Action and Early Decision applications submitted (Early deadlines are usually between November 1 -15). This dramatic increase was exciting because it indicated that students were being strategic in the way they applied to college. The increase also told us that students should be getting a jump on

their applications during the summer in order to be ready by November 1st.”

Dr. Probst added “By summer’s end, close to 100 students will have participated in Common Application and College Essay Brainstorming Sessions. The High School Counselors offered two-day Common Application sessions, during which students created their Common Application accounts, entered all of their information, and had the application reviewed. Some of our High School English teachers offered College Essay Brainstorming sessions, which gave students direct instruction on how to select

College Application Support Class



a topic and get started on the college essay. In addition to the brainstorming sessions, English teachers also offered individual essay conferencing appointments. These appointments were 40 minutes in duration and provided students the opportunity to sit one-on-one with an English teacher to get feedback and support in writing their college essays. These students will head back into school next week with a huge jump on their college applications.”

When asked her thoughts on this program and it’s importance, Dr. Probst said, “The process of applying to college is involved, and also really important. We don’t want students to be rushed. We want each finished application to be the very best possible reflection of the student. Getting students started on their applications earlier and providing this level of hands-on support makes that possible. We had classrooms filled with students at eight AM during summer vacation, which tells us students are eager to get this kind of application assistance. I’m so glad the district can support this initiative.”

Finally, our Security Office conducted an Emergency Drill on Thursday, August 16th with our Football Coaches, Athletic Trainers and with assistance from the Suffolk County Police and Central Islip Hauppauge Volunteer Ambulance. A simulated cardiac arrest victim was treated on scene. The second part of the drill was the safe removal of protective padding and helmet from an injured football player.



Ed Spear, Head of Security and Facility Usage for the Hauppauge School District thanks the Suffolk County Police Department and the Central Islip Hauppauge Volunteer Ambulance for their participation in the drill. Their participation highlighted the roles school staff and emergency responders play to ensure the health and safety of our school community.

Our Administration, Faculty and Staff look forward to the start of another successful school year with our Hauppauge Students!

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