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## HOLIDAY CELEBRATIONS ARE ALL AROUND AS OUR STUDENTS RING IN THE SEASON!

Students and staff all around our District are in the holiday spirit! Celebrations abounded in all of our schools from Elementary to High School! There were too many different celebrations to list so enjoy this compilation of photos which demonstrate the love of the season!







Bretton Woods



Bretton Woods



Kristen Reingold  
Principal at Forest Brook



Bretton Woods



Pines



## MS. ANZIANO'S ART CLASSES MAKING CLAY GINGERBREAD MEN



Bretton Woods  
"Music in the Halls"



Pines Singers



## High School







Forest Brook



Bretton Woods



Bretton Woods



Forest Brook



Bretton Woods



Bretton Woods



# Pines Sing-A-Long & Pajama Day





## HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP CLASSES SPREAD CHEER

High School Leadership students with teacher, Jessica Kulesa, spread holiday cheer throughout the high school building by decorating doors for the teachers.

High School Teachers donated \$10 to have their door “wrapped” by the students. All proceeds were donated to the High School Friends of Families (formerly known as Adopt-A-Family) to purchase holiday gifts for the children of families in need. The class also ran an AirPods Pro raffle for the same cause.

The classes raised over \$700! A big thank you to our students for their efforts in making the holiday happy for others!



One more event that Ms. Kulesa's Leadership students participated in was 20x20x20. This campaign was part of “We Help Two,” an organization that partners with schools, organizations and individuals to raise money and make twice the difference, all through the power of FUNKY SOCKS.

The program empowered students to help repair the clubfeet of 20 babies before the year 2020 and provide 1,200 pairs of socks to those in need around the country. Leadership students sold 90 pairs of socks during the month of November and decorated 10 pairs of braces for babies born with clubfeet (picture attached). We Help Two sent us 20 pairs of warm socks to be donated. With the help of Mrs. Ruffini, social worker at the HS, those socks were donated to HIHI (Huntington Interfaith Homeless Initiative), run through Family Service League.

If you want to learn more about this program, [click here](#).





# MIDDLE SCHOOL HOLDS “JINGLE BELL RUN”

The Middle School held their annual “Jingle Bell Run” on Thursday, December 18th. There was participation by 130 students who took running through the halls of the Middle School and they were “jingling all the way!”





# HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR IS A “RECORD BREAKER” AT INDOOR TRACK MEET

We have a “Record-Breaker!” Rebecca Clackett, a Hauppauge High School senior, recently won on Saturday, December 14th, the 1500m Indoor Track afternoon race with a time of 4:59.14 in the Section XI “Crossover B” event, which was held at Suffolk West Community College. Hauppauge Coaches Mary Nowotarski & Jim Ryan encouraged her as she set a new Hauppauge High School record. This record was last set by Christine Eisenberg in 2011 (5:03.64).

Rebecca held off Ava Capone of Deer Park and Megan Kielbasa of Riverhead in the final laps to win this race. Teammate Alexandra Kelly, a freshman, finished in 8th place with a time of 5:20.31 in a crowded field. Congratulations to these awesome runners and the team!



Rebecca  
Clackett

Alexandra  
Kelly



# RECORD RECORD





## HAUPPAUGE ALUMNUS MAKES A SPECIAL VISIT

Special thanks to Hauppauge HS Alumnus, Dylan Slocki. Dylan is an Aerospace Engineer and came to speak to Mr. Dowd's "College Principles of Engineering" class. Dylan spoke to the students about the importance of persistence.

Dylan is a 2019 graduate of the State University of New York at Buffalo. He will begin a new job in his career in February in Buffalo, NY after completing his current research paper, and second published paper, on Solar Sails.

Mr. Wankmuller, Director of Science, Technology and Research, thanked Dylan for giving back.

Dylan is the son Barbara Slocki who works at the high school and is the secretary for Meridyth Hansen, Director of Math and Carolyn Probst, Assistant to the Superintendent for Educational Services and Student Outcomes.

We are sure the students appreciated Dylan's visit and we wish him well in his future endeavors! GO EAGLES !!!

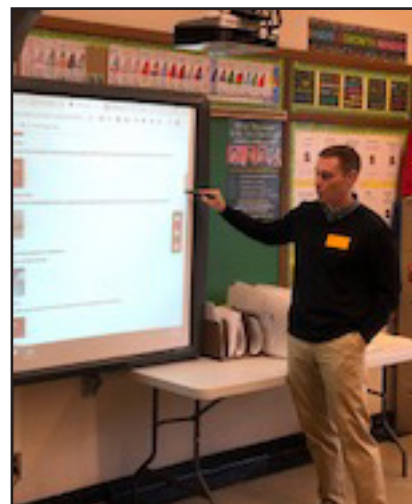


## STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY PAYS A VISIT TO MIDDLE SCHOOL HEALTH CLASS

On Friday, Dec. 13th, Dave Masino, Health Teacher at Hauppauge MS, hosted guest speaker Tom St. John, M. Ed., Associate Director of Recreation and Wellness at Stony Brook University into the classroom. Mr. St. John, along with his colleague, Marlene Kasman, Assistant Director of Recreation and Wellness, discussed elements of the Wellness Wheel and had students take a self-assessment of their own health and wellness.

Mr. St. John also reviewed the various programs that Stony Brook has to offer. The interactive program is designed to have students measure the balance of their personal health.

The students were very appreciative of this wonderful visit.





## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TURN THEIR VOLUNTEERISM INTO A HEARTFELT COMMITMENT

High School Seniors, Sean Budke and Maxx Struhs are two very impressive young men. In 2017, Sean and Max volunteered to assist at the Good Shepard Hospice Annual Children's Holiday Party. The event hosts school-aged children from across Long Island who have experienced the loss of an immediate family member. Since they started volunteering at this event, Sean and Maxx have become staples at not only the Holiday Party, but also at the corresponding Camp Weekend in July.

Pam Brenner-Davis, MHA, is the Supervisor of Volunteer Services at Good Shepard Hospice. Pam said, "Our events draw a fair number of teen volunteers looking to accrue some community service hours and to add to their college resumes, but it's uncommon for the teens to make such a long and heartfelt commitment. Sean and Maxx bring kindness, enthusiasm and tremendous maturity to their work with my staff and the families who attend."

With regard to the impact Sean and Maxx have had on the Good Shepard Hospice, Pam also said, "I don't know what drove Sean and Maxx to our organization, or what keeps them coming back, but I'm grateful for the time they give and the dedication they show in bringing hope and joy to the kids they work with. This is a testament to their parents, and their educators."

Thank you Sean and Maxx for your service to our community!





# THERE IS AN ELF AT THE HIGH SCHOOL AND SHE'S WORKING HER HOLIDAY MAGIC ALL AROUND THE SCHOOL

One of Santa's elves has been very busy around the high school! Denise Malandrucolo has so thoughtfully and wonderfully brought some Holiday Magic to the high school with some construction paper and scissors. Her creations are too good to not be recognized! Enjoy these photos of her handiwork!





## FUTURE CORP CLUB AT PINES ELEMENTARY ARE “HANGING WITH THEIR GRANDFRIENDS”

This year the students of the Future Corp Club, led by Tracey DeRose and Marie Bary, visited their ‘grandfriends’ at the Arbors Nursing Home. For 8 weeks, students were able to hang out with the residents. Each week the students played cards games, read books, did puzzles, played instruments or just talked.

“Each week, the students would go to their personal ‘grandfriend’. It was exciting to see how each student started to build a relationship with a certain resident,” said Mrs. DeRose. Connor DeLuca, a 4th grade student, said, “I loved learning how to play new card games with the residents. Kings in the corner is such a fun game.”

This was a very nice way for our students to experience the friendship of an older generation. Enjoy these photos from their visit.



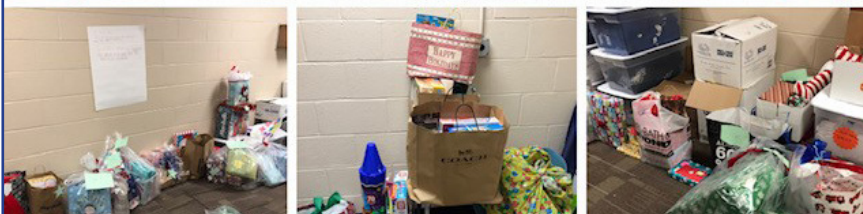


# “FRIENDS OF FAMILIES CAMPAIGN” HELPS COMMUNITY FAMILIES AND OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF DESERVE OUR THANKS

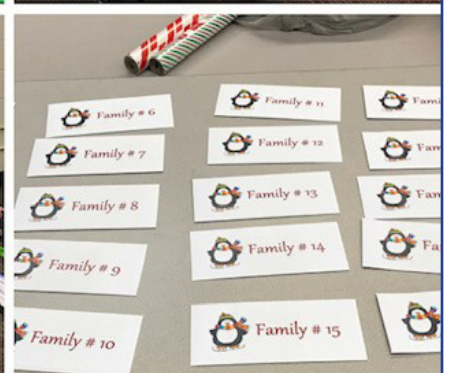
In keeping with the sharing of gratitude, the high school’s “Friends of Families Campaign” this year was able to help 26 families for the holidays. This included 51 children who were provided gifts which were generously purchased by our staff and students. Gift cards were also provided by Student Council. In addition, the Hauppauge Rotary, Smithtown Children’s Foundation and the Monique Tart Foundation generously donated to this cause.

Thank you to our staff for their support, effort and endless compassion for our community.

*Shannon Griffin, LMSW  
Hauppauge High School*



**Thank You**





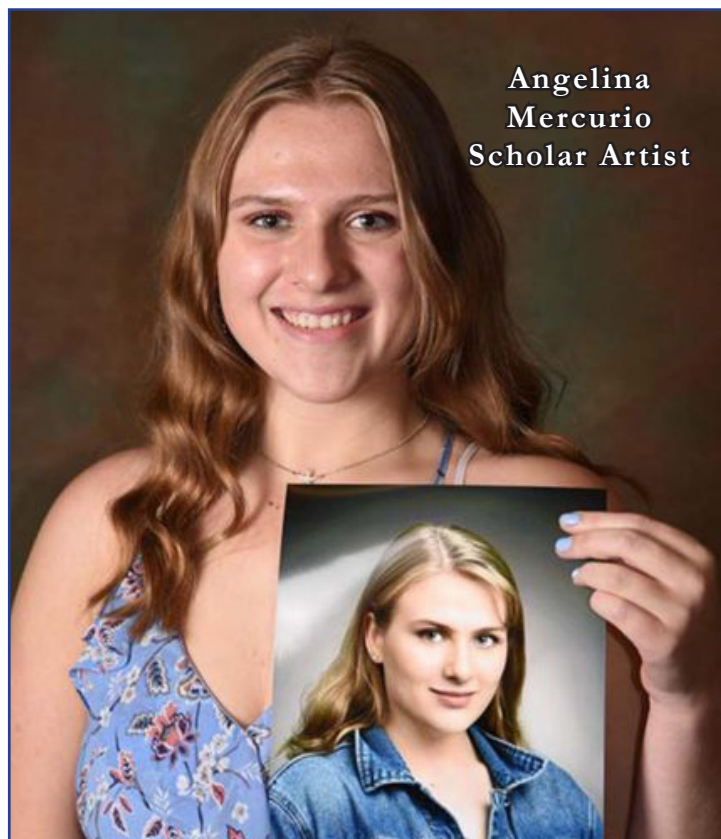
## HAUPPAUGE WRESTLING COACH HAS HISTORIC NIGHT

Hauppauge Wrestling Coach, Chris Messina, had a historic night on Wednesday, December 18th. Coach Messina who is an alumnus of the Class of 1972, coached his 500th Dual Meet with a win against Rocky Point 53-18. Congratulations to Coach Messina on this awesome achievement!



## HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLAR ARTIST IS FEATURED IN “NEWSDAY”

High School Scholar Artist, Angelina Mercurio, was recently featured in *Newsday*. [Click here](#) to read the article. Congratulations to Angelina on her achievements!





## BRETTON WOODS PRINCIPAL AND STAFF THANK TEACHERS IN A SPECIAL "HOLIDAY" WAY

Bretton Woods teachers received a special thank-you this morning from none other than their leader, Principal George Gagliardi. Mr. Gagliardi took to the hallways with a cart and help from his office staff and delivered hot chocolate to all of the teachers!





## LET'S CLOSE THIS ISSUE WITH AN ARRAY OF HOLIDAY PHOTOS

There was so much Holiday Cheer, I just had to try to get a few more photos in! Have a wonderful Holiday Season! "Horizons" will be back with more issues in 2020!



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