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## VARSITY WRESTLERS ARE LEAGUE 5 CHAMPS

Congratulations to our Varsity Wrestling Team! They are the League 5 Champs! The team competed on Saturday, February 8th at the Suffolk League 5 Tournament at Eastport-South Manor. Hauppauge led the team scores with a high of 320. Rocky Point came in second with a score of 177.

The team had 19 wrestlers place first through fourth and they qualified for the Section XI County Tournament this coming weekend at Suffolk County Community College in Brentwood.

As a Hauppauge "first," Coach Messina had three wrestlers place in the Leagues whose fathers he coached and had also placed in the Leagues. They are Mr. Charles Clackett, '86; Mr. David Smith, '89; and Mr. Brandon Ress, '99. Mr. Charles Clackett said, "Time marches on, but not many coaches ever achieve this which is a testament to the team, the bonds and the Hauppauge community." Charles also added, "As you may know, it is a tough sport. These boys are working hard with two practices a day."

Congratulations to the Varsity Wrestling Team, Coach Messina and the team coaches. Best of luck in the Section XI County Tournament! GO EAGLES!



### Suffolk League 5 Tournament at Eastport-South Manor

February 8, 2020

#### Team Scores

- 1 Hauppauge 320
- 2 Rocky Point 177
- 3 Comsewogue 169.5
- 4 Half Hollow Hills-West 113
- 5 Eastport-South Manor 87.5
- 6 West Babylon 85.5
- 7 East Hampton 23

#### Brackets

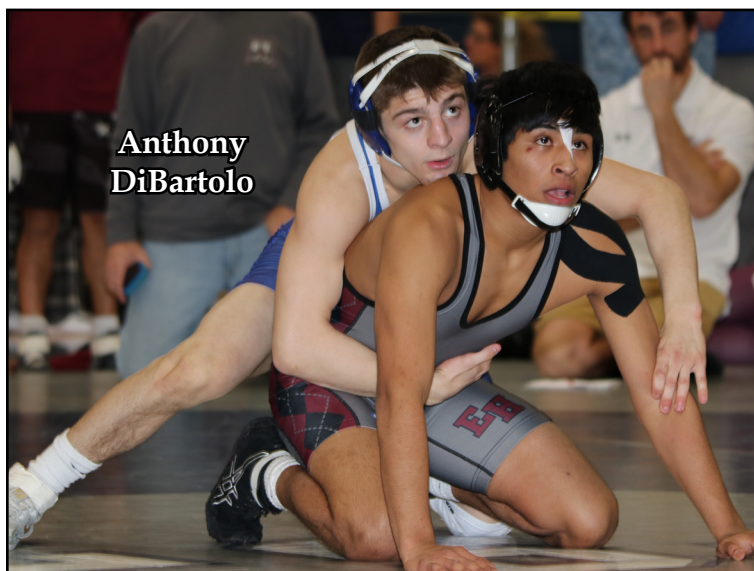
#### Championship Finals

- 99 - Mikey Manta (Haup) Anthony Fioriglio (ESM) 16-0
- 106 - Billy Colloca (WB) pinned Tanner Bucher (RP) 3:06

- 113 - Nick Lamorte (RP) dec. Frankie Volpe (Haup) 12-10 SV
- 120 - Darren Ketcham (RP) pinned Thomas Volpe (Haup) 0:53
- 126 - Anthony Dibartolo (Haup) dec. Luke Smith (Haup) 8-6 SV
- 132 - Zach Redding (ESM) def. Andrew Maiorini (Haup) by FFT
- 138 - Logan Sciotto (RP) pinned Dakota Asuncion (HHHW) 2:31
- 145 - Chris Boudreau (Haup) dec. Ansel Then (Coms) 8-6
- 152 - Brian Whitman (RP) pinned Anthony Lonigro (Haup) 1:04
- 160 - Nico Gatien (Haup) md. Blaise Coppola (Coms) 11-3
- 170 - Danny Mauriello (Haup) pinned Aiden Hamilton (RP) 3:21
- 182 - Michael Tyrrell (Haup) md. Terrence Taylor (HHHW) 10-0
- 195 - Sean Prunty (ESM) dec. Zafir Benjamin (Haup) 17-10
- 220 - Joseph Venezia (HHHW) dec. Cole Blatter (Coms) 7-6
- 285 - Henrick Pierre-Louis (HHHW) pinned Demetrios Cheilas (Haup) 3:08

Most Outstanding Wrestler: Anthony Dibartolo (Hauppauge, 126)

Most Pins Least Time: Logan Sciotto (Rocky Point, 138), 4 in 5:56



**Anthony  
DiBartolo**



**Chris  
Boudreau**



**Danny  
Mauriello**



**Michael  
Tyrrell**



**Mikey  
Manta**



**Nico  
Gaiten**

# "TEACHER SPOTLIGHT"

## Leslie Brophy Home & Careers and Technology Middle School



Why did you want to become a teacher?

*I never thought about being a teacher until I was in the Culinary Arts program at Suffolk Community College. I worked there at a summer cooking camp. I enjoyed teaching kids something that I loved to do. A good friend suggested I become a Home & Careers teacher. As soon as I obtained my Associates in Culinary Arts, I enrolled at Queens College to be a Family and Consumer Sciences teacher.*

Where did you go to college?

*I received my Associate degree in Culinary Arts from Suffolk Community College, went on to attain my Bachelor degree in Family & Consumer Science Education at Queens College and received my Master's in Educational Technology from LIU Post.*

What did you like about college?

*I was very interested in the courses I was taking which made it fun to learn.*

What is the best part of your job?

*In both of my roles as a Home & Careers teacher and Technology Integration Specialist, I have the opportunity to teach content that I am passionate about and can make a difference in others' lives.*

How long have you been teaching?

*I have been teaching for 7 years and have been in Hauppauge for 4 years.*

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

*At the beginning of the year, I facilitate a project with my 8th grade Home & Careers classes called "Bring Yourself in a Bag". I model it to my classes on the first day so they can learn a little bit about me and then when they do it, I get to learn more about them.*

What makes a good day at school for you?

*When I teach something to a student or a teacher who gets excited by something they learned, I feel like I have done my job and have inspired them.*

What accomplishment fills you with pride so far this year?

*I have provided numerous technology-related professional development workshops for the teachers at the Middle School this year using a variety of formats. The positive feedback I receive from teachers when they realize the opportunities that technology can provide in the classroom is meaningful.*

How does technology make teaching more simple or difficult?

*Technology enables teachers to overcome barriers they have in the classroom. Tasks such as grading, classroom management, data collection, collaboration, and communication can be done faster and more efficiently than ever before.*

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

*It is too hard to choose just one. Due to the technology integration portion of my assignment, I have the opportunity to collaborate with many teachers at the Middle School who are doing amazing things with their students. Many of the teachers are willing to take risks and try something new and I admire that.*

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

*Find out what your passions are and look for a career that allows you to work doing it.*

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

*We would tour around Italy to see the culture and eat all of the amazing food.*

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

*I had a great group of friends that all supported each other and with whom I still stay in touch.*

Do you have a favorite thing about your classroom?

*I am lucky enough to teach Home & Careers, so I have four kitchens in my classroom.*

What advice would you give to new teachers

*Build relationships with your students. There is so much going on in their lives outside of school that can impact them in the classroom. Take the time to connect with them.*

What would students be surprised to find out about you?

*Not sure my students would be surprised but I am a big foodie and a "tech geek."*

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

*Outgoing.*

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

*"Who Moved My Cheese?" by Dr. Spencer Johnson which is a story that teaches about adapting to change.*

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

*Steve Jobs. He had the vision to create products that impacted the lives of so many people.*

Why did you choose Hauppauge Schools?

*I love that many of the staff from Hauppauge Schools grew up and live here. It says a lot about the community that people are willing to spend their entire lives here. I'm glad to be a part of it.*

Thank you, Leslie, for a great interview!

## VARSITY CHEER TEAM TAKES THIRD IN UCA NATIONALS

Congratulations to the Hauppauge Varsity Cheerleading team who took 3rd place at Nationals this past weekend! In preliminary competition, the team had an unbelievable hit that ranked them 1st and advanced them straight into the finals, skipping the Semis performance round. With a mistake at finals, they were still able to place in the top 3.

Their coaches are so proud of what they accomplished! They will compete at the Suffolk County Championship this Saturday at Smithtown East. Coach Laura Candela said, "It was awesome to have the community and HVC alumni behind us this weekend! Thank you for all the support!"



# FOREST BROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CELEBRATES "P.S. I LOVE YOU DAY"

Forest Brook Elementary School Celebrated this week in a very lovely way. Thursday, February 13th, was "P.S. I Love You Day!" The students and staff all dressed in purple and the hallways throughout the school were decorated with purple hearts everywhere!

Forest Brook is proud to celebrate for the second year, PS I Love You Day 2020, along with nearly 230 other schools. This is a day in celebration of spreading kindness, putting an end to bullying, and to increase suicide/mental health awareness.

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo recently proclaimed February 14, 2020 as P.S. I Love You Day in the State of New York thanks to Resolution No. 751 brought forward to the New York State Assembly by Assemblyman Mike LiPetri.

This year's theme is, "Your Story is Worth Telling!" Forest Brook celebrated on Thursday, February 13th by wearing purple and continuing to spread kindness and support to the staff and students.. Throughout the week the students were seeing positive messages displayed on purple hearts, words of encouragement by teachers, and daily messages of the importance of kindness and sensitivity to others during morning announcements.

Thank you to everyone who helped to make this a special day for our Forest Brook students.

*P.S.?*  
*i love*  
*you day*  
2020



## MIDDLE SCHOOL CAREER DAY

Friday, February 14th, was "Career Day" at the Middle School. Guidance Counselors Erik Clark and Andrea Olivero brought a variety of presenters in to share their careers with our eighth-grade students and this is an excellent opportunity for these students to learn and explore various careers and opportunities for their future. The focus of the event was to show the connection between high school, postsecondary education and career opportunities. The exposure of educational options encourages each student to see the opportunity in their future.

Leslie Brophy's presentation included a Skype visit with Morgan Morano who is the owner of "Morano Gelato." Morano Gelato is a New England-based company dedicated to promoting the art of true Italian gelato-making. They have two New Hampshire locations; Hanover and Chestnut Hill.

Fire Marshal, Brett Martinez, presented along with his teammate, Sasha. Sasha is a five-year-old Yellow Labrador Retriever. Sasha and Brett are one of only 65 Federally certified Accelerant Detection Canine Teams in the United

States. Sasha is available to assist all fire and law enforcement agencies in Suffolk County and throughout New York State. Sasha and Brett have also been assigned to the ATF National Response Team since 2016. Sasha loves to work, swim and retrieve her ball. Mr. Martinez stressed to the students that test-taking is important in pursuing a career in Fire Rescue as these are civil service jobs and passing tests is a requirement of obtaining one of these jobs.

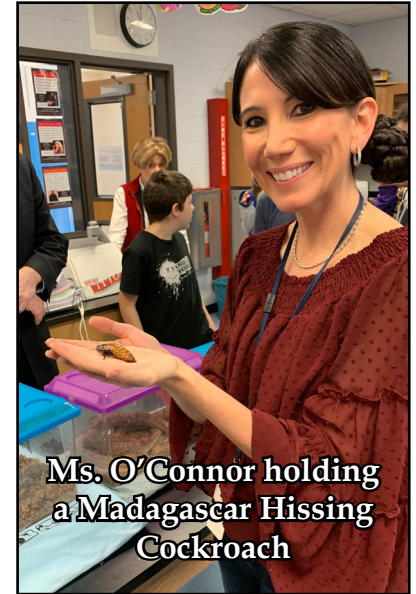


Sheryl Brook of Hoyt Farms came to to talk to the students about careers working with animals. Hoyt Farm Nature Preserve is a 133 acre wildlife preserve. All of the animals at Hoyt Farm were rescued in one way or another and will live out their natural lives there. Sheryl spoke to the students about how she loved animals from a young age and wanted to have a career involving animals. Everyone would assume that meant she wanted to be a veterinarian, but she said that there are many careers you can have as an animal lover which include caring for animals as a veterinarian with a specialty such as opthamologic, large animal or exotic animal. She also told the students they could pursue careers as K-9 Police officers, Animal Abuse Officers, Animal Control Officers, or Lobbyists who work to protect animals to name a few. Sheryl does all animal care at Hoyt Farm and teaches all outdoor education

programs. She brought some friends with her; a corn snake, Madagascar hissing cockroaches, a rabbit, a turtle and a bearded dragon. Some brave students; and a brave Middle School Principal, Christine O'Connor, were up for the challenge of holding and petting some of these creatures.



Sheryl Brook  
Hoyt Farm  
Nature Preserve



Ms. O'Connor holding  
a Madagascar Hissing  
Cockroach



... Petting a  
Bearded Dragon



... Holding a  
Corn Snake



Today's presenters included:

Architect/Graphic Design - Joe Gabriel  
Athletics - Michael DeNicola  
Aviation (FAA) - Katherine Adrada, Aviation Safety Inspector; Conrad DePinto, Principal Maintenance Inspector and Adria Drew, Principal Operations Inspector  
Biology/Animal Care - Sheryl Brook of Hoyt Farms  
Business - Leslie Brophy, Home and Careers Middle School Teacher  
Cosmetology - Deborah Coppola of Eastern Suffolk BOCES  
Culinary Arts - Jolie Hinds  
Education - George Gagliardi, Bretton Woods Principal  
Engineer/Business - Chris Vathalamis  
Film/Video - Dave Schaeffler, High School Teacher  
Fire Rescue - Fire Marshal Brett Martinez of the Fire Marshal's Office  
Health/Wellness-Chiropractor - Dr. Philip Facquet  
Health/Wellness-Nutritionist - Annemarie Miller of Shop Rite  
Law Enforcement - Special Agent John Neas of the FBI  
Law Enforcement - Deputy Sheriff Tommy Lyons of the S.C. Sheriff's Department  
Lawyer - Hailey Kantrow  
Librarian - Jackie Narkiewicz and Dakota Vincent of Hauppauge Public Library  
Medicine-Nurse - Alyssa Policastro of Good Samaritan Hospital, Pediatrics  
Medicine-Surgeon - Dr. Safwat Mosad  
Military - Staff Sergeant Scott Wyllie of the U.S. Marines  
Music/Theatre - Ruthie Pincus, High School Teacher  
Non-Profit - Rebecca Harten of AHRC  
Psychology/Therapy - Dr. Brittain Mahaffrey and Leslye Casolaro of Stony Brook University, Department of Psychiatry  
Trade-Electrical - Chris Kelly of Long Island Electrical  
Visual Arts - Jenn Clark of Hauppauge HS  
Writer/Author - Dr. Timothy Horan of Hauppauge HS

Also included in today's presentations were two college panels which included college representatives and high school students as follows:

LIU Post - Kristina Fibkins and Michael Rothbaum  
Stony Brook University - Thomas Martinez, Student  
High School Student, Sydney Robbins  
Adelphi University, Danielle Khoury  
Molloy College - Marc Soevyn  
College Student, Michael Poma  
High School Student, Alison Gioia  
High School Student, Devin Lopez



## HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECEIVES PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARD

High School senior, Madelyn Torres, has been selected as a local honoree in this year's "Prudential Spirit of Community Award." This award celebrates Madelyn's volunteer work and holds her up as a role model for other young people.

Madelyn is an active volunteer at Stony Brook Hospital. She helps out in the recovery area. Madelyn will be attending college in the fall, but is not sure yet where she will go. She will major in Life/Health Sciences. After she graduates from college, Madelyn plans on entering a Physician's Assistant program and continuing her education to become a Physician's Assistant.

In ten years, Madelyn sees herself as a Physician's Assistant working in a hospital in Pediatrics. She also could see herself working in a walk-in clinic setting.

We wish Madelyn much success in her studies and future career.



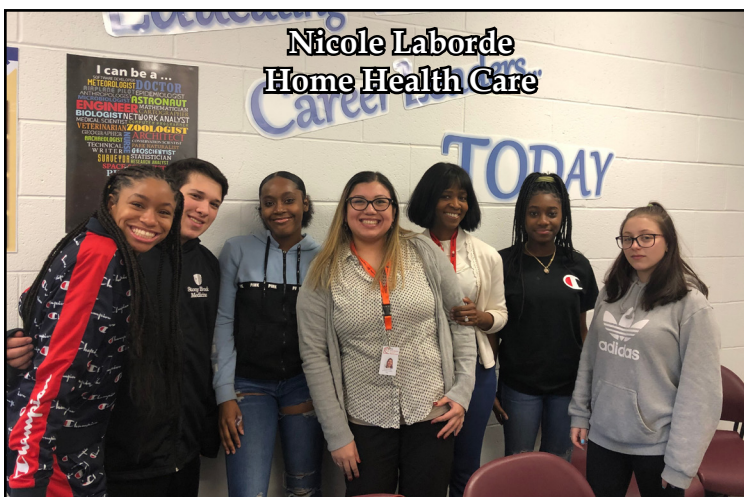
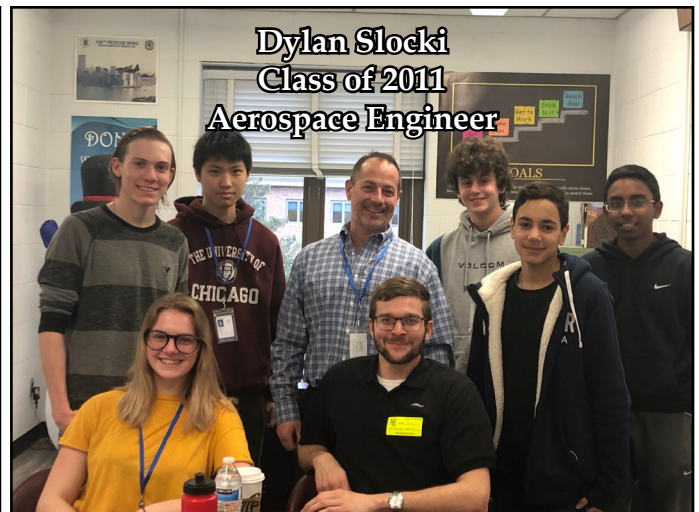
# HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TAKE PART IN CAREER FOCUS FORUMS

Frank Hufnagel teaches a wide variety of Business classes in the High School. He is also the School to Career Coordinator and co-chairs the School to Career Advisory Board in which he works with parents, local businesses and students. Mr. Hufnagel said, "There is an initiative that was born from our School to Career Advisory Board in which we have been developing to offer more and more opportunities for the entire student body."

The Career Focus Forum is an opportunity where people from different industries come to the Career Center for a period and speak about their career path, training, and tasks to students who express interest. It is a small and intimate setting where students are encouraged to create a dialogue with the guest and gain knowledge in a career that interests them. In the past two weeks, they have had the following guest speakers:

Mrs. Muillenburg, ANP,, RN, MS - Nurse Practitioner and owner of Just Enjoy Life  
Dylan Slocki, Class of 2011, Aerospace Engineer  
Nicole Laborde, Ideal School of Allied Health Care Services, Home Health Care  
James Russo, Class of 1985, Vice President of Warner Media, Marketing

Students watch the morning announcements or visit the Career Center in room 351, to learn about future forums. This is a fantastic opportunity that has been offered for our students to utilize. Thank you to Mr. Hufnagel and the School to Career Advisory Board for making this happen!



# FOREST BROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GOES RED FOR THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

Staff and students at Forest Brook Elementary School wore red on Friday, February 7th. February is designated as American Heart Month and on the first Friday of every February, the nation comes together and ignites a wave of red from coast to coast. This annually unites millions of people for a common goal; the eradication of heart disease and stroke.

Thank you to all those who participated in wearing red and bringing attention to American Heart Month.



# HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS VISIT PINES ELEMENTARY STUDENTS TO MAKE AN IMPACT WITH JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT

High School students visited Pines Elementary students in all grades to talk to them about "Junior Achievement." Presentations were conducted according to the grade level of the students. Junior Achievement's purpose is to inspire and prepare young people to succeed in a global economy. Junior Achievement maintains an active vision, front and center, on how they can have a positive impact on the lives of more students guided by the core values of:

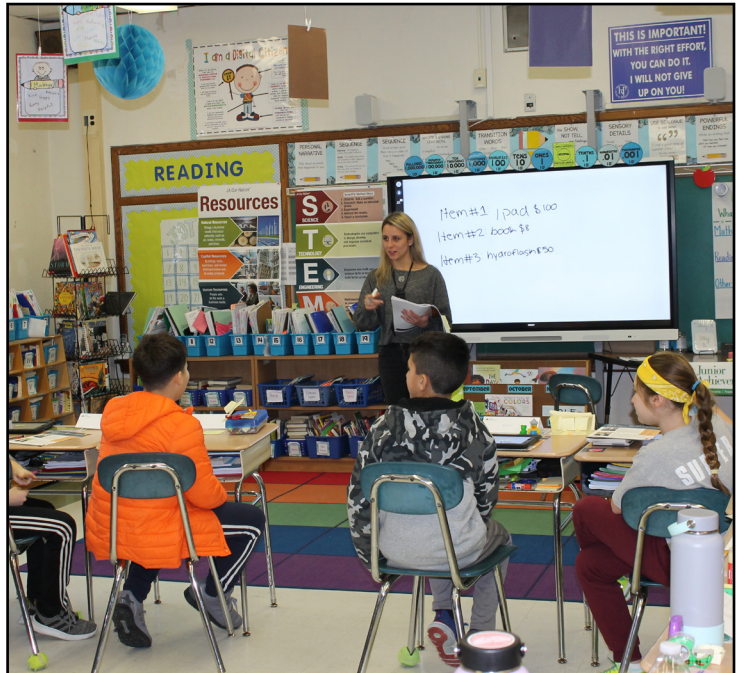
- Belief in the boundless potential of young people
- Commitment to the principles of market-based economics and entrepreneurship
- Passion for what we do and honesty, integrity, and excellence in how we do it
- Respect for the talents, creativity, perspectives, and backgrounds of all individuals
- Belief in the power of partnership and collaboration
- Conviction in the education and motivational impact of relevant, hands-on learning

Junior Achievement is the nation's largest organization dedicated to giving young people the knowledge and skills they need to own their economic success, plan for their futures and make smart academic and economic choices. Their programs ignite the spark in young people to experience and realize the opportunities and realities of work and life in the 21st century.

Thank you to our high school students for taking the time to visit our Pines students. We are sure that they were definitely an inspiration to them!



# Junior Achievement



## THE HIGH SCHOOL BAND VISITS PINES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

On Wednesday, February 12, the High School Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Andrew Monsen, performed for the students at Pines Elementary. They performed crowd pleasing hits like "The Greatest Showman" and "Hot Chocolate." After the performance, the 4th and 5th grade band students sat side-by-side with the High School students and practiced their songs like "Ode To Joy."

Pines band teacher, Tracey DeRose, said, "It was so exciting seeing my former band students. It was nice to see how they've grown as people and musicians. It was also fun to watch them inspire the younger students."

When asked how it felt to be playing with high school students, fifth-grader Andrew Solomon said, "It was really fun to listen to them play and play along with them. It made me want to continue playing my instrument when I am in high school."

Fifth-grader, Samantha Douglas, said, "It was cool because they gave me a lot of pointers such as "C" is lower and "A" is higher."

Special thank you to Mr. Monsen and the high school band for giving our Pines students an unforgettable experience!



**Tracey DeRose, Band Teacher  
and her former Pines Students**





*Save the Date!*

**Hauppauge High School  
Summer College Tour**

**JULY 27 - 31, 2020**

*Full itinerary to be shared in April.  
Wondering where we'll be heading this  
summer? Stay tuned!*

*#RoadtoAwesome*



# HAUPPAUGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## 2020/21 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Aug. 31	Conference Day
Sept. 1	Conference Day
Sept. 2	School Opens
Sept. 7	Labor Day
Sept. 28	Yom Kippur
Oct. 12	Columbus Day
Nov. 3	Conference Day
Nov. 11	Veterans Day
Nov. 25-27	Thanksgiving Recess
Dec. 21-31	Winter Recess
Jan. 1	New Year's Day
Jan. 18	Martin L. King, Jr. Day
Feb. 15-19	Mid-Winter Recess
March 29-31	Spring Recess
April 1-5	Spring Recess
May 28-June 1	Memorial Day Recess
June 21*	MS Graduation
June 25	Last Day of School
June 25*	HS Commencement

\*Date Subject to Change

*Conference Day – School is closed for students; staff reports*

**Holiday/Recess - School is Closed**

( ) Conference Day

△ First Day of School

▽ Last Day of School

## CONTINGENCY SCHOOL DAYS

If there are four emergency closings, school will be open on June 1, 2021.

If there are five emergency closings, school will be open on May 28, 2021.

If there are six emergency closings, school will be open on April 5, 2021

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November	16	+1
December	14	
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Total Staff Days: (180+3) 183**

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