

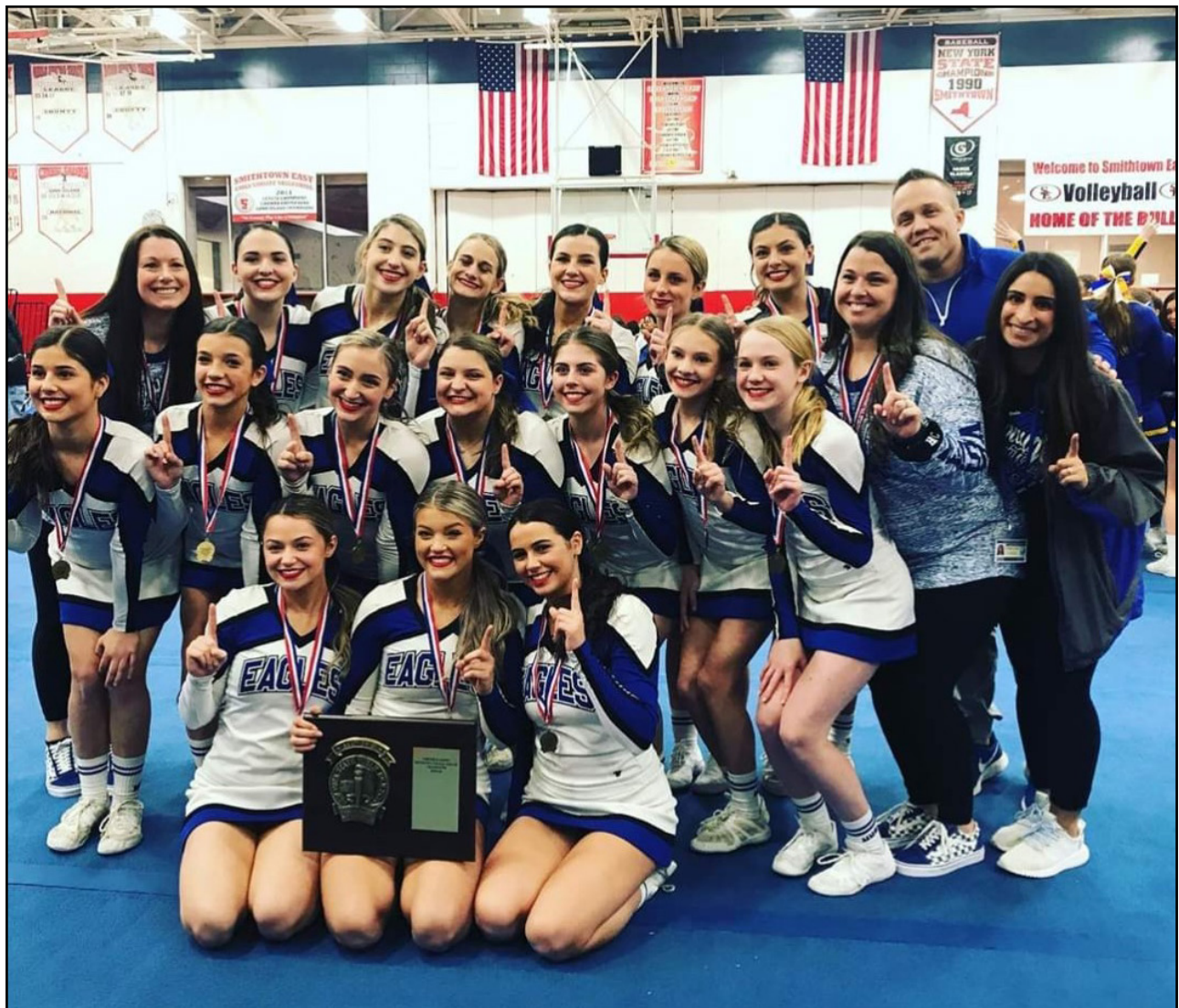
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OUR CHEERLEADERS ARE NUMBER ONE IN SUFFOLK COUNTY

Our High School Cheerleading team competed in the Suffolk County Championships on Saturday, February 15th at Smithtown East High School. They took first place in Small Division I and came out ahead of Rocky Point who took second and Smithtown West who was third.

The team was acknowledged in an article in "Newsday" on Sunday, February 16th. Their win earned them a spot in the New York State Competition on Saturday, March 7th which will take place at the Rochester Institute of Technology in Rochester, New York. We wish the team the best of luck!

GO EAGLES !!!



An Important Message from Dr. Dennis P. O'Hara, Superintendent of Schools

Dear Hauppauge Families:

On behalf of the Board of Education and myself, I am reaching out to you to provide information regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) and the preparations we have in place in the Hauppauge School District.

Our primary focus is the health, safety and well being of our students, faculty, staff and community. We have been closely monitoring information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Although, as of the writing of this letter, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in New York or Long Island, we have protocols and processes in place designed to protect our community.

All guidance indicates normal cleaning procedures are the proper course of action and effective; however, to be proactive, and in preparation for a potential outbreak on Long Island we have done the following:

- Invited health officials from Northwell Health to present to our principals, school nurses, Director of Pupil Personnel Services and Support Services, Director of Facilities, Director of Security and me
- Principals and school nurses participated in a webinar provided by the NYS Department of Health
- Met with head custodians to review cleaning protocols and to establish enhanced and more intense practices in the case of an outbreak
- Contacted an industrial-grade cleaning agency to be prepared if a quick and all-inclusive, district-wide cleaning/disinfection becomes necessary
- Ordered fogging machines, which are expected to arrive by Monday, and will be used in evenings to disinfect large meeting areas
- Principals will review with all faculty members the signs and symptoms of the flu and COVID-19

Out of an abundance of caution, procedures have been in place or will begin Monday as follows:

- Classrooms desks, doorknobs and other surfaces are cleaned on a schedule in the evenings with a product known as Virex
 - This product has been in use in the District for approximately 12 years
 - Virex is a one-step disinfectant that kills microorganisms including HIV-1, VRE, MRSA, GRSA, MRSE, VISA, PRSP, Herpes Simplex 1 & 2, Influenza Type A2, Adenovirus, Rotavirus and many more
 - We are advised Virex also kills COVID-19
- Custodians will be wiping down desks, doorknobs, bathroom faucets, and stairwell handrails with Virex multiple times throughout the day
 - This protocol will go into effect the moment a case is confirmed on Long Island
- Cafeteria tables are cleaned following each lunch period
 - Virex will be used in the cafeterias when ample drying time is available
- Additional wall dispensers will be installed in cafeterias so that students can disinfect their hands before and after eating (wall dispensers are already in each cafeteria, but more are being added to allow better access and encourage students to use them)
- Bottles of hand sanitizer will be provided for every classroom in the middle school and high school so that students can sanitize their hands upon entering and exiting classrooms (dispensers are already present in every elementary classroom)
- Teachers will be asking students to sanitize their hands upon entering and exiting classrooms
- Teachers will, to the extent possible, increase space between individuals in the classroom
- Principals and staff will make regular announcements reminding students and staff of everyday preventative measures

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- Nurses will immediately quarantine any student or employee who appears symptomatic upon arrival to school
- Any person, students or adults, appearing symptomatic will be immediately required to wear a surgical mask and will be sent home (students will remain in the nurse's office until safe and proper conveyance is confirmed)

As in the case of other communicable diseases, with the flu or COVID-19, regular and everyday preventive actions and precautions are effective. Please practice and remind your children of the following:

- Avoid close contact with people whenever possible, especially those who may be sick
 - Close contact is defined as within six feet for more than ten minutes
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve when coughing or sneezing
- Use tissues only one time and then discard in an appropriate receptacle
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- Clean cell phones with disinfectant wipes as often as possible
- Wash hands frequently
 - Before, during and after preparing food
 - Before eating food or snacks
 - After using the restroom
 - Before and after caring for someone who is ill
 - After changing diapers or cleaning a child who has used the restroom
 - After blowing your nose, sneezing or coughing
 - After touching an animal, animal feed or animal waste
 - After handling pet food, pet treats, or pet waste
 - After touching garbage
- If you or your child exhibit symptoms of COVID-19 or the flu, see a medical professional immediately
 - Symptoms may include fever, chills, cough, runny nose, shortness of breath, headache, sore throat, sinus or ear pain, abdominal pain

Washing with soap and water is the best way to reduce the number of germs on your hands. When washing hands do the following:

- Wet hands with clean running water and apply soap
 - If soap is not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with 60% alcohol (please be reminded we are making hand sanitizers available in every classroom)
- Lather your hands by rubbing them together with the soap. Lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers and under your nails
- Scrub for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice
- Rinse well under clean, running water
- Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them

As there are no cases in New York State at this time, the risk to residents and students is low. Thus, we have no plans to close school or cancel events. However, we continue to closely monitor communications from our local and state departments of health, as well as the CDC. We will be in touch with families and the community if the situation changes. As always, please contact me any time with your questions, concerns and insights.

Sincerely,



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

Families with pending travel plans are also encouraged to follow the CDC's information for travel, available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>.

For more information, consider consulting these additional resources:

- Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
<https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>
- Travel: Frequently Asked Questions and Answers
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/faqs.html>
- COVID-19: What is Stigma and What Causes It?
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fstigma-faq.html
- Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) - Frequently Asked Questions - Prevention
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html#prevention>
- Prevention, Treatment of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention-treatment.html>

In addition, New York has established a Novel Coronavirus Hotline, which can provide additional information. Call 1-888-364-3065 with questions or concerns about travel and symptoms.

HAUPPAUGE WRESTLERS WIN SUFFOLK COUNTY DIVISION I TEAM TITLE WITH THREE OF OUR EAGLES WINNING INDIVIDUAL TITLES

Our Hauppauge High School Wrestling Team has been crowned with the Suffolk County Division I Championship which took place at Suffolk County Community College in Brentwood on Saturday, February 15th and Sunday, February 16th.

Freshman, Mikey Manta won the individual weight class championship in the 99-pound category. Anthony DiBartolo won the individual weight class championship in the 126-pound category.

Wrestler Danny Mauriello picked up the individual weight class championship in the 170 pound category. Danny is a three-time Suffolk County Champion.

The Eagles now move on to the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Championships in Albany on Friday, February 28th and Saturday, February 29th. Danny Mauriello, Mikey Manta and Anthony DiBartolo have all earned automatic bids for the tournament as they have won their Suffolk County weight class championships. Luke Smith and Michael Tyrrell are likely to receive bids as 2020 finalists and 2019 champions. Chris Boudreaau and Frankie Volpe also have the possibility to receive bids.

Championship Finals

- 99 - Mikey Manta (Hauppauge) dec. Christian Lievano (Ward Melville) 3-2
- 113 - Nick Lamorte (Rocky Point) dec. Frankie Volpe (Hauppauge) 5-3
- 126 - Anthony DiBartolo (Hauppauge) dec. Luke Smith (Hauppauge) 4-2 SV
- 170 - Danny Mauriello (Hauppauge) dec. James Araneo (Ward Melville) 3-2
- 182 - Joe Lopresti (Sayville) dec. Michael Tyrrell (Hauppauge) 5-3

Consolation Finals 3rd/4th

- 145 - Michael Barker (Sachem North) dec. Chris Boudreau (Hauppauge) 5-4

Consolation Finals 5th/6th

- 132 - Andrew Maiorini (Hauppauge) dec. Thomas Huxtable (Smithtown East) 6-2

Most Pins Least Time: Luke Smith (Hauppauge, 126), 4 in 9:43

Bill Knapp Award: Hauppauge



PINES STUDENTS RAISE MONEY TO “WHIP” PEDIATRIC CANCER

The Pines Student Council members sold gold hearts to staff and students during their lunch hours this week to raise money to help “whip” pediatric cancer. A total of \$236 was raised for this worthy cause!

In August of 2016 “Whip Pediatric Cancer” launched the *Hearts of Gold* Program. This program asked students to get involved in fund raising for pediatric cancer research. They sent over one million gold paper hearts to 2,221 schools around the country. Hauppauge schools have been a part of this program for the past few years.

Thank you to everyone who supported our students by buying gold hearts and helping to raise money to “whip” pediatric cancer!



HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR IS HAUPPAUGE ROTARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH

High School Senior, Joseph Ferreri, is the Hauppauge Rotary "Student of the Month." Joseph was honored at a breakfast at the Palace Diner. His father, Joseph; mother, Ann Marie and Aunt, Amy Barshay were on hand to congratulate him, as well as his High School Baseball Coach and teacher, Josh Gutes. High School Assistant Principal, Joy Ferrara also attended.

Joseph recently hosted the first ever episode of the new high school program, "The Eagle Inquiry." In that show, he interviewed High School Principal, Chris Cook, about the new high school badges that students are required to carry on them now.

Joseph is a three-sport Varsity player as he is a member of the Varsity Football, Varsity Track and Varsity Baseball teams. He also participates in Junior Achievement and is part of a group of students who visit the three elementary schools each season to teach the students about entrepreneurship.

Heading to SUNY Purchase, Joseph will be studying Liberal Arts Legal Studies as he hopes to continue on to Law School after college. He will minor in Economics. While at SUNY Purchase, Joseph will be playing on their college baseball team.

Congratulations again to Joseph on being honored as the Hauppauge Rotary "Student of the Month." We wish him much success in his future educational and career pursuits.



Left to right, Amy Barshay, Joseph Ferreri, Ann Marie Ferreri, Joseph Ferreri and Josh Gutes



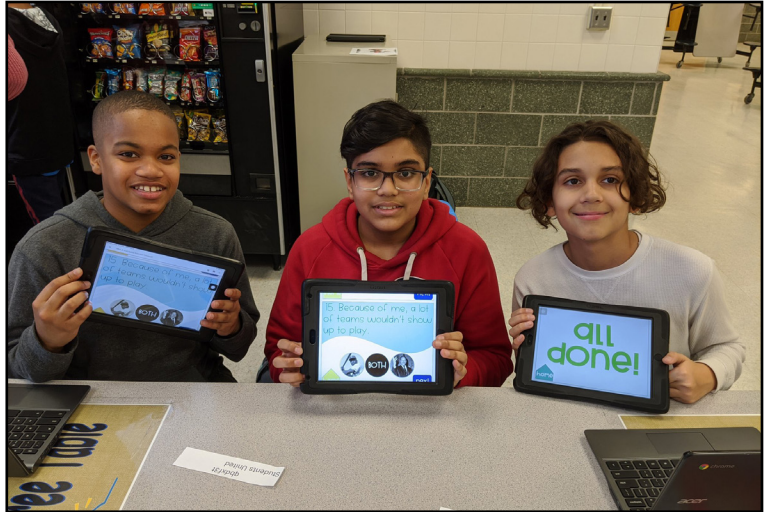
Pictured are Joseph Ferreri, his parents Joseph and Ann Marie and Rotary Club members

MIDDLE SCHOOL "STUDENTS UNITED CLUB" CELEBRATES BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The Middle School "Students United Club" celebrated Black History Month yesterday. They answered trivia questions about Martin Luther King, Jr. and Jackie Robinson. They then created art based on the works of Alma Thomas and Aaron Douglas.

The "Students United Club" is under the direction of advisors Ms. Louis and Ms. Ricotta. It is open to all Hauppauge Middle School students. The club description reads, "Members can experience various cultures through activities and events which can and may include music, art, food and poetry. The club hopes to promote awareness and appreciation for various cultures that make up our Hauppauge community, as well as our wondrous world."

Here are some photos from their meeting courtesy of Middle School Math teacher, James Boyle.



HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR IS NAMED NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FINALIST

High School Senior, Sophie Epstein, has been named a 2020 National Merit Scholarship Finalist. The finalists were notified on February 3rd after a Certificate of Merit was mailed to High School Principal, Chris Cook.

Initiated in 1955, the National Merit Scholarship Program is conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC), a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance. In each annual National Merit Scholarship Program, about 50,000 academically talented high school students are honored, but only 16,000 of them are named semi-finalists based on the Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test and they are the only participants who have an opportunity to advance to the Finalist level and compete for National Merit Scholarships. About 7,600 of the outstanding Finalists will be chosen as Merit Scholarship winners in the 2020 competition.

All Merit Scholar designees are chosen based on their abilities, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies-without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, religious preference or family financial circumstances.

In March of 2020, Sophie will find out if she has won a National Merit Scholarship. We wish Sophie the best in obtaining a National Merit Scholarship and look forward to hearing if she is a winner!



BRETTON WOODS STUDENTS HAVE “RESPECT FOR ALL”

Bretton Woods students kicked off a week of activities during “Respect For All” week which ran from Monday, February 24th through Friday, February 28th. During the week, they had special themes which included:

- Monday - “Live Like a Champion” Day and wear “Purple for Peace” to exhibit the ideals of Champions
- Tuesday - “Respect for All Reading Day” which featured the book “I Am Human; A Book of Empathy” by Susan Verde
- Wednesday - “Wear Orange for Inclusion Day” to show Kindness, Acceptance and INCLUSION!
- Thursday - “I can. You can. Be a good friend!” Donate canned food.
- Friday - “I’Mpossible Assembly” to inspire students to grow in kindness.

The students embraced each of the day’s activities. Here are some great photos!



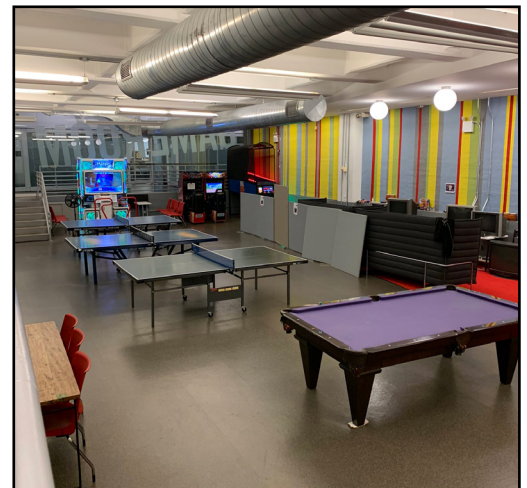
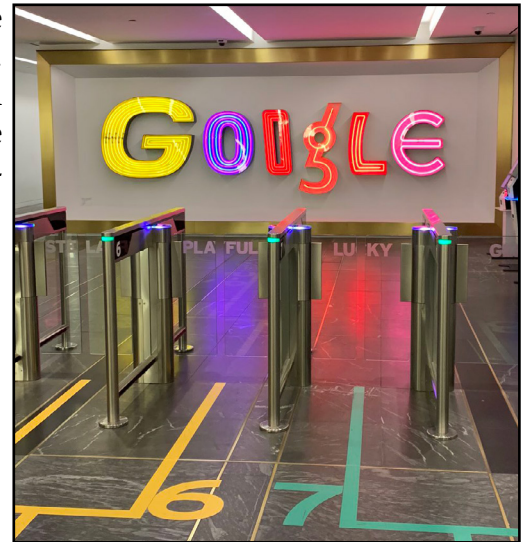
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HAUPPAUGE TEACHERS TRAIN AT GOOGLE

Several of our Hauppauge staff recently attended a “Train the Trainer” workshop at Google Headquarters in New York City. Teachers Leslie Brophy, Cyna Buckley, Carrie Pecoraro and Lori Barnett all took part in the training. The workshop prepared the teachers to get certified as Google Certified Trainers. Leslie Brophy said, “It was an amazing experience!”

See the great photos from Google Headquarters below.



Pictured left to right: Leslie Brophy, Middle School; Lori Barnett, Rich Kiker, Google Partner; Carrie Pecoraro, Cyna Buckley

BRETTON WOODS STUDENTS "PICK A READING PARTNER"

Bretton Woods students recently participated in "PARP 2020." This year's theme was "We're Ob'Seuss'ed With Reading." This program is sponsored by the New York State PTA and in their letter to parents they asked them to have their children read 15 minutes a day and "Pick a Reading Partner." The partner could be a parent, grandparent, older or younger sibling, aunt, uncle, etc. The goal of this daily activity which ran from February 3rd through February 14th was to make this a fun two weeks for the entire family, while stressing the fact that reading can be fun, informative and strengthen reading and communication skills, as well as strengthen the parent/child relationship.



Each child was asked to choose and complete a story map or mini book report which was included in the packet they received. Pictures of the children reading with their partners were collected and made into a bulletin board display. Each classroom had "Mystery Guest Readers" in their classrooms. The children also enjoyed some fun days during the two weeks; Green Day for "Green Eggs and Ham" and a "Crazy Sock Day."

Here are some great photos, courtesy of our Bretton Woods photographer, Denise Murphy!



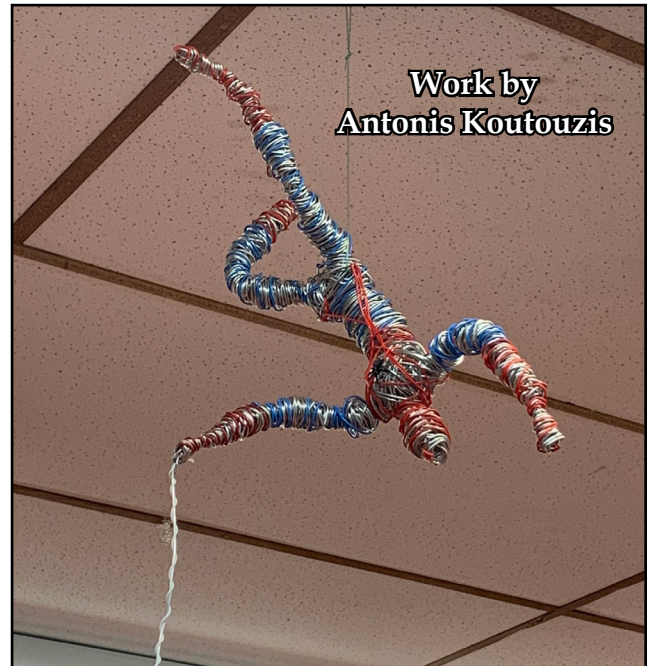
"WIRE SCULPTURES IN MOTION" IN HIGH SCHOOL SCULPTURE CLASS

High School art students in Ms. Meghan McGrath's Sculpture class recently created wire sculptures in motion.

Enjoy these photos from some of her talented students!



Antonis
Koutouzis



Work by
Antonis Koutouzis



Stefania
Abruscato

Adrianna
Faraguna

PINES KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS CELEBRATE 100 DAYS

Many centenarians were seen moving about Pines Elementary School on Monday, February 24th! Kindergarten classes celebrated the 100th day of school by dressing up as 100 year old people and partaking in many activities such as stringing 100 beads and making 100 gumballs in a gumball machine using dot markers. Students counted by 1s, 5s and 10s to 100 and wrote about why "I'm 100 days smarter because I can..."

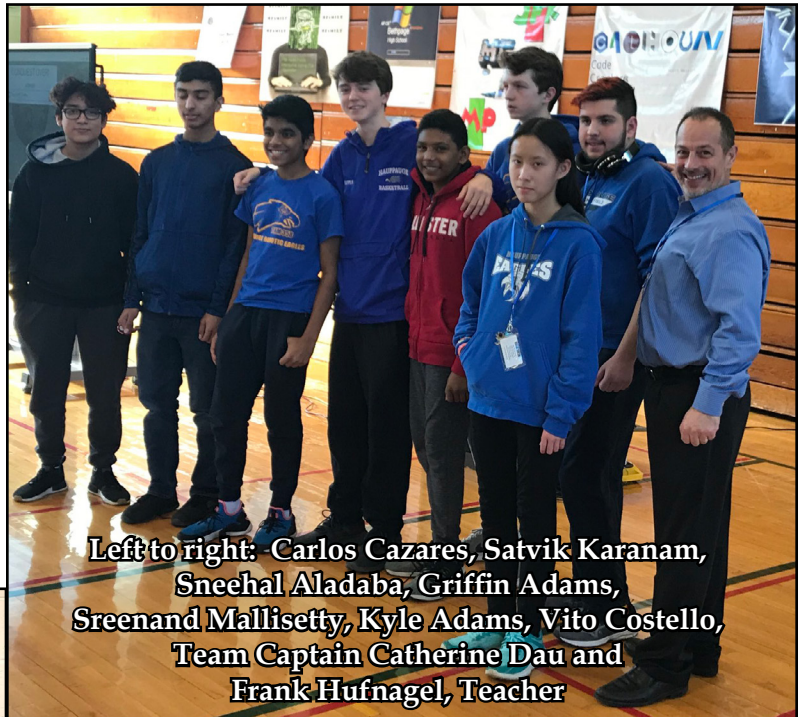
Congratulations to our youngest learners! We wish them well on the rest of their school year!



HIGH SCHOOL CODERS COMPETE IN FIRST-EVER "HACKATHON"

On February 14th, students from Mr. Hufnagel's Coding classes represented Hauppauge High School in Long Island's first-ever "Hackathon." In addition to their coding skills, students were required to use strategy and communication as they tried to capture and maintain more territories, than the other 12 high schools that were competing, by solving computer programming challenges. Students displayed their skills in HTML & CSS (web design), Sprite editor (graphics), and Python and Scratch (coding languages).

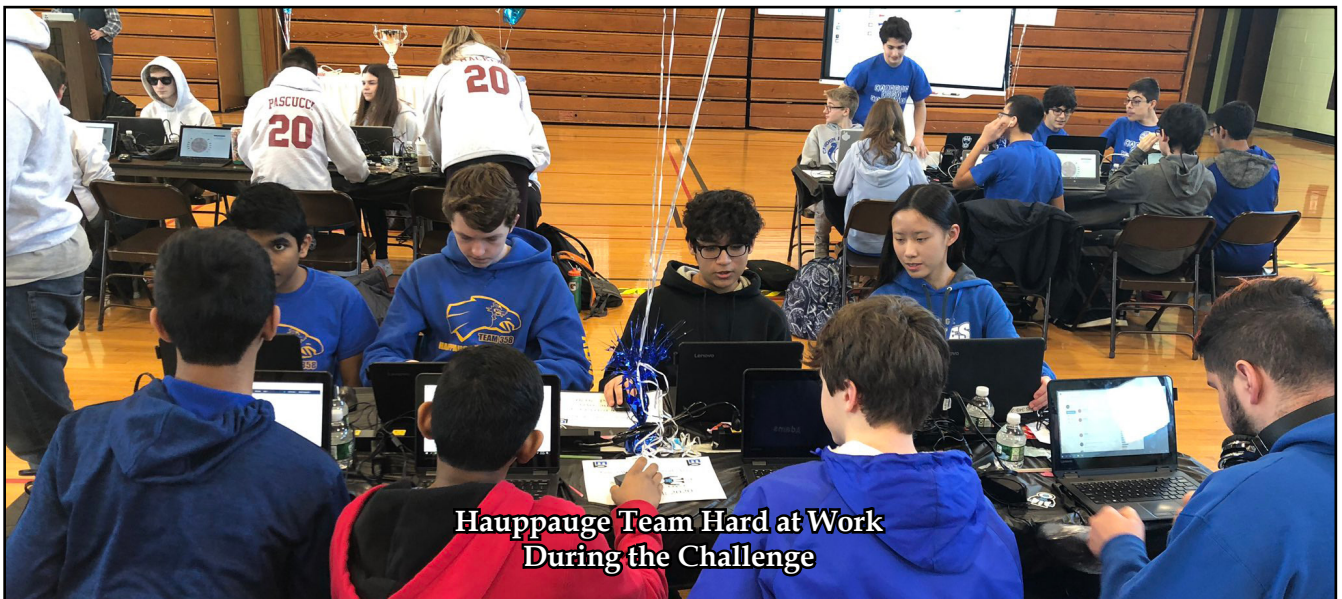
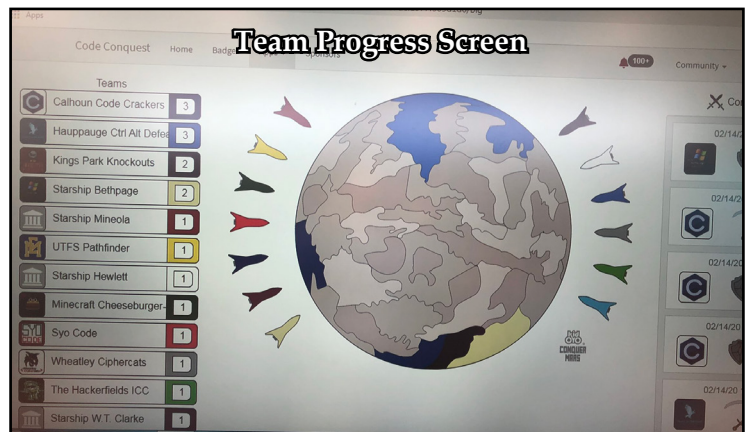
Congratulations to these students on their coding achievements!



Left to right: Carlos Cazares, Satvik Karanam, Sneehal Aladaba, Griffin Adams, Sreenand Mallisetty, Kyle Adams, Vito Costello, Team Captain Catherine Dau and Frank Hufnagel, Teacher



Hauppauge HS Coding Community Banner Designed by Team Captain Catherine Dau



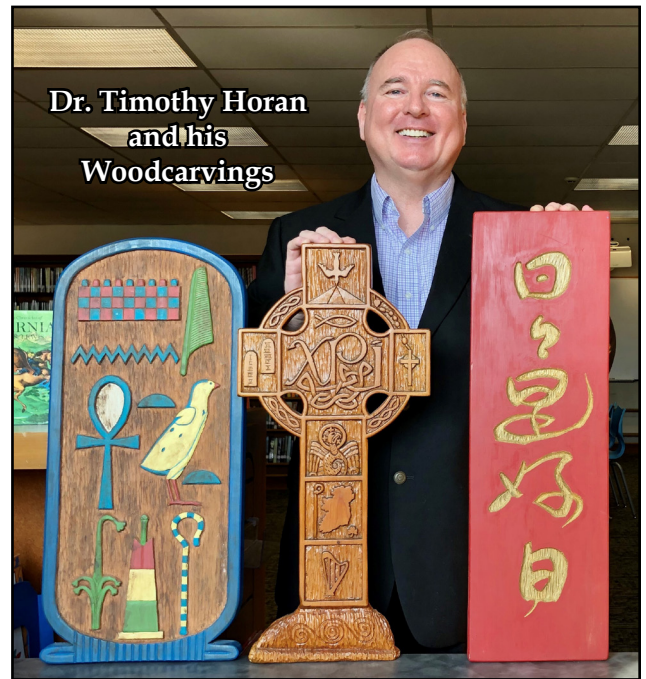
Hauppauge Team Hard at Work During the Challenge

HIGH SCHOOL SCULPTURE CLASS ENJOYS SPECIAL VISITOR

Dr. Horan recently taught an art class for Ms. McGrath's Sculpture course. The students were starting a unit on woodcarving, so Ms. McGrath invited Dr. Horan into her classroom to talk about his craft, and to show some of his woodcarvings. When asked about his art experience, Dr. Horan said, "My training in art is mostly in drawing and painting. However, I just knew intuitively how to carve wood, so I didn't have to learn it. I love exploring other countries and their cultures and history, and this often shows up in my art. I'm Irish, so the first thing I carved was the Celtic cross. With no training and no practice, I just sat down and did it. It took me about a week. It's all original, so there's nothing else quite like it in the world. If you look at it closely and interpret it carefully, it tells the story of Christianity coming to Ireland (complete with a panel from the Book of Kells). But you have to read this carving from the ground up!"

After carving the Celtic cross, Dr. Horan continued on to say, "I carved a large Star of David for the professor who mentored me on my doctoral thesis. She was very devoted to her Jewish heritage. In the center space, I carved the word 'Shalom' (Peace) in Hebrew letters. At the conclusion of my dissertation, I presented it to her as a gift, and told her I intended it as a blessing on her house. It's the only piece of art I have given away, and I wish I took a picture of it! I'm planning on duplicating it from memory. Next, I carved the Egyptian cartouche. This is a copy of something found in King Tut's tomb. Essentially, it reads 'Tut-Ankh-Amun [Living Image of Amun], Ruler of Heliopolis in Egypt.' It's sort of like a royal coat of arms that protects the bearer's soul in life and after death. The other carving is a Japanese hanging scroll. It reads 'Nichinichi kore kojitsu.' It's a Zen Buddhist proverb that basically means 'Every day is a good day.' I say this to myself every morning when the alarm clock goes off. It reminds me that every day is special, and must be treated as a gift."

Ms. McGrath and Dr. Horan are currently collaborating on future lessons in her classroom, all focusing on the world of art.



Dr. Timothy Horan
and his
Woodcarvings



FOREST BROOK KINDERGARTNERS PUT ON THEIR RED AND ATTEND THEIR VALENTINE'S DAY BALL



The Kindergartners at Forest Brook celebrated Valentine's Day with a very special Valentine's Day Ball under the direction of music teachers Mr. Anthony Hayes and Mrs. Gina Koehler. Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Audus, and Mrs. Scocca's kindergartners performed songs about friendship, love, and kindness and dressed in their Valentine's Day finest for the big day! The event concluded with a very special Valentines Waltz, where students were paired with each other. After the dance, students surprised a family member by inviting them to the dance floor to waltz with them. It was a very memorable day for these little Valentines!



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HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY KICKLINE COMPETING IN NATIONALS

Sending our best wishes to the High School Varsity Kickline team! They are competing in Nationals this weekend in Orlando, Florida at Disney World! Good luck and GO EAGLES!!!



Good luck

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*Full itinerary to be shared in April.
Wondering where we'll be heading this
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