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HOMECOMING 2019

It was a big “Homecoming Day” for Hauppauge, Saturday, October 12th, but the festivities began earlier in the week. It was Spirit Week at Hauppauge High School for the week prior to October 12th and our High School students and staff participated in some fun dressing up! Friday was Hauppauge Pride Day and it was shared by all of our Elementary and Middle Schools. All wore the school colors, blue and white!

Later on Friday evening, Hauppauge spirit was running wild at the “Spirit Night” celebration at Hauppauge HS! There was music and cheering. Seniors, Thomas Festa and Allison Gioia were crowned “Mr. and Ms. Hauppauge!” Thomas Festa is the son of Ellen Festa, Secretary at Bretton Woods Elementary School.

First event of the day on Saturday, “Homecoming Day,” was the Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Breakfast which took place



**Mr. & Ms. Hauppauge
Thomas Festa and Allison Gioia**



**Dr. Dennis
O'Hara**

**Jacqueline
Pirro**

**Dr. Donald
Murphy**

**Gary
Fortmeyer
BOE Member**

**Dr. Carolyn
Probst**

at 9:00 am at the Wind Watch Golf and Country Club.

Next, at 3:30 pm, the Parade from the Whiporwil District Office to the High School began. Students from each school were represented and accompanied by Board of Education Members, Administrators, Principals, Assistant Principals and parents. Also riding in the parade were the newly-crowned “Mr. and Ms. Hauppauge.” The parade wound its way down Hoffman Lane, to Townline Road and then to the High School on Lincoln Boulevard. Once there, the community was able to participate with our paraders in the Community BBQ and Fall Festival.

Thankfully, the weather was beautiful and a wonderful time was able to be had by all!

At 5:30 pm, it was time for our Varsity Boys Football Team to play. Their opponent for this special Homecoming Game was Harborfields HS. Our boys played hard and won 58-20! Everyone in attendance enjoyed the Fireworks which immediately followed the game.

Thank you to High School Assistant Principal, Joy Ferrara on another successful Homecoming celebration! Turn the page for more Homecoming highlights courtesy of Frank Bayer Photography!

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Homecoming 2019



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BRETTON WOODS SPIRIT

Bretton Woods students wore their blue and white on Friday, October 11th to show their Hauppauge Spirit!



FOREST BROOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CELEBRATES RED RIBBON WEEK

Forest Brook Elementary School celebrated “Red Ribbon Week” and students, teachers, administrators and support staff all participated. “Red Ribbon Week” is a nationwide, drug prevention campaign. Its purpose is to raise awareness about living a drug-free lifestyle and aims to advocate positive decision making and promotes participation in healthy activities.

This year’s theme is “Send a Message; Stay Drug Free.” Through participation in the week’s meaningful messages and educational activities, students showed their support in saying “NO”



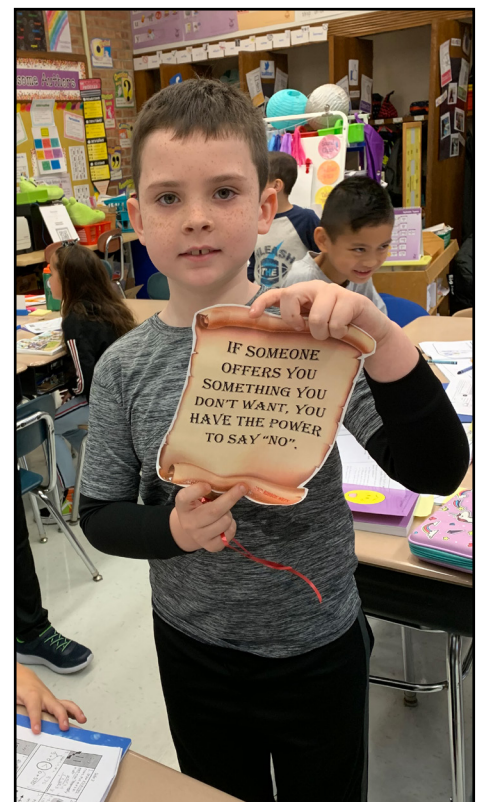
Ms. Govits' Class

to drugs. Students wore bright/neon colors to school on Monday and on Friday wore clothing with a positive message or something red to show their support. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, they listened to loudspeaker announcements directing them to locate secret messages hidden in the classrooms. Students had to locate scrolls that contained positive messages and this was a thoroughly enjoyable activity they looked forward to each of the days!

Special thanks to School Counselor, Patricia Gabrielsen and School Counseling Intern, Bridget Nemeth for a successful campaign at Forest Brook!



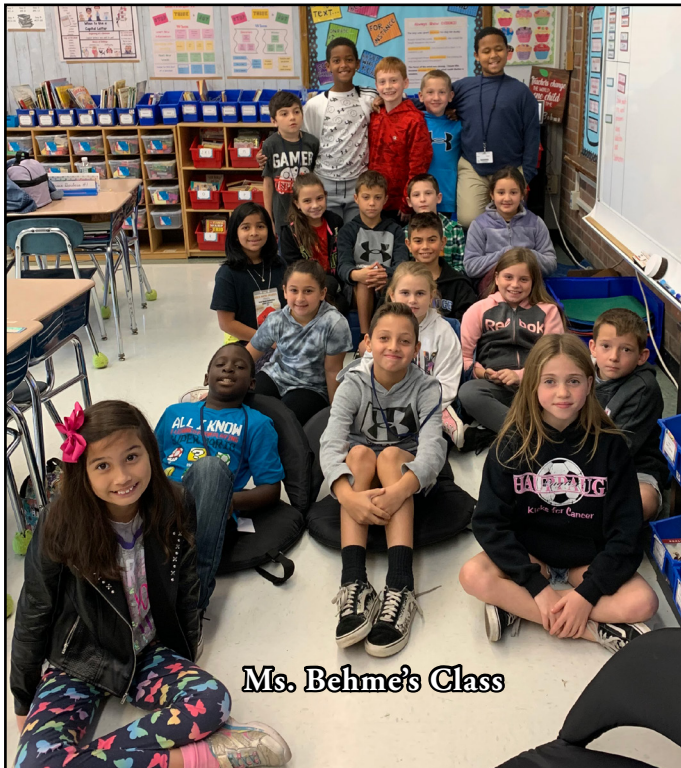
Ms. Scocca's Class



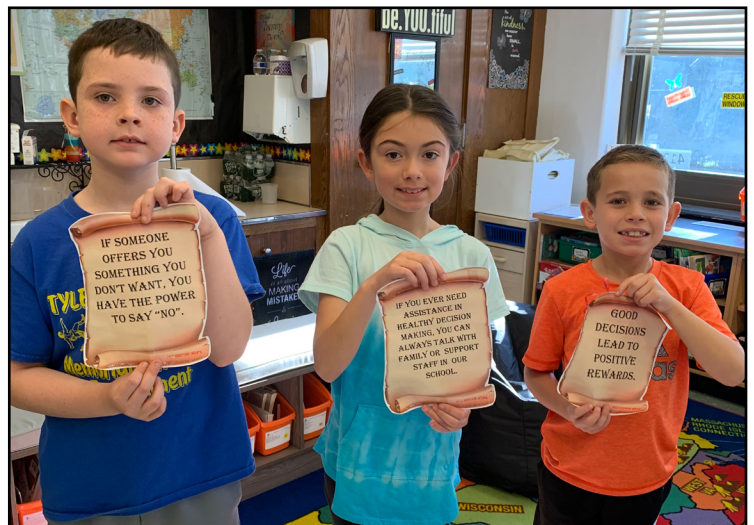
Forest Brook - Red Ribbon Week



Principal Kristen Reingold and Staff Members in Red!



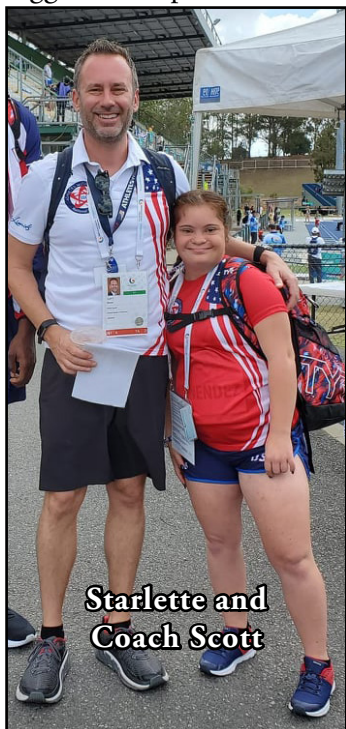
Ms. Behme's Class



HAUPPAUGE SCHOOL'S SHINING "STAR" IS BACK FROM THE 2019 GLOBAL GAMES IN BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA WITH NUMEROUS MEDALS IN HAND

Starlette Menendez, Hauppauge's shining "Star" has returned from the 2019 Global Games in Brisbane, Australia. Starlette ran four races and took home a Silver medal in three out of her four races, the 100m, 200m and 400m, setting a personal record in all of her races!

As you may recall from a previous article, Starlette is the first and only athlete with Down Syndrome to represent the USA. Over 50 countries and 1,000 athletes were represented at these games which are the world's biggest elite sports event for athletes with intellectual impairments. Starlette represented New York in Track and Field events alongside three other U.S. athletes from California, Minnesota and Wisconsin. Also on the USA team with Starlette was swimmer, Jacob Basini who is also a Hauppauge graduate.



Starlette and Coach Scott

Starlette's mother, Deena, shared, "Not only did she excel on the track, but she was able to reside the entire week in the 'athlete village' with her team. She was really able to be an independent successful athlete."

Starlette stopped in at the District office on Tuesday. When asked about her flight, Starlette said it was long! There were actually two flights she had to take; one from New York to Los Angeles and then from Los Angeles to Australia.

When Starlette arrived in Australia at the Games, she met her coach, Coach Scott. She also met her roommate, Lauren, who is a swimmer on the USA Team and comes from Orlando, FL.

Starlette ran her races on different days throughout her time in Australia and was able to practice and train in between. But, it wasn't all work and she said they went on an excursion to the Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary where she was able to actually hold a Koala bear, as well as see lots of reptiles and animals local to Australia. Starlette also said that she was able to be a spectator at some of the events including the Shot Put, 500m race and some of her roommate, Lauren's races.

Starlette already has her eye on next year's Global Games. When asked her if she would like to compete again, she said she would. She hopes to be a part of next year's Team USA and travel to, as she said it the "City of Love" in Paris, France!

Contratulations to Starlette on this wonderful achievement! She is truly our "Shining Star!"



**Starlette Menendez
Three-Time Silver Medalist**



INAS Global Games
BRISBANE 2019

Starlette is a very popular person at the District office! When she arrived here this past Tuesday, everyone was ready to greet and congratulate her! Enjoy these extra photos from her mom, Deena!



**Dr. Dennis P.
O'Hara
Superintendent**

**Joseph C. Tasman
Assistant
Superintendent
for Personnel and
Administration**

**Starlette
Menendez
"Silver Medalist"**



**Starlette and her friend,
Frankie Anzaldi**



**Starlette
and
Rebecca Bilski
Director of Pupil Personnel Services
and Special Education**



Ready to go!

HIGH SCHOOL GOLFERS QUALIFY FOR SECTION XI CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to the following HHS Boys Golfers on qualifying for the Section XI Championships: Grant Faber, Chris Kirby, Austin Faber, Seamus Buckley, Jake Betting.

Also congratulations to Seniors, Brady Campbell and Vincent Ingrassia on finishing the season strong. The team will miss them!

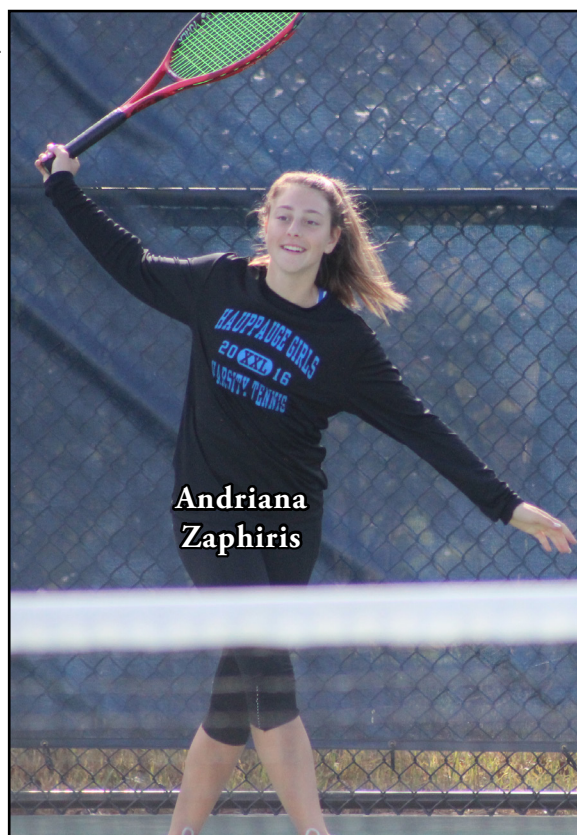


HAUPPAUGE'S ANDRIANA ZAPHIRIS EARNS SPOT IN THE NEW YORK STATE GIRLS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Andriana Zaphiris has been Hauppauge's number one tennis player for the past four years. Earning All-County honors in three of the four, last year due to an injury, she was forced to miss the Suffolk County tournament. To date, she has been undefeated in dual meets for the past three years and has accumulated over seventy varsity wins. She has been the Hauppauge team "Most Valuable Player" for the past four years.

This past weekend, Andriana Zaphiris, a Hauppauge Junior, placed third in the Suffolk County Girls Tennis Tournament clinching a spot in the singles New York State tournament held in Latham, NY on November 2nd. Andriana, seeded sixth in the Section Tournament won her first-round match, 6-0, 6-0 over Nora Sacco from Bayshore and followed it with a 6-0, 6-1, win over Aislin Riccardelli from Bayport. In her quarterfinal match she faced the number three seed Gabriella Glickstein, from Commack, one of Suffolk County's best singles players. Losing the first set 6-1, Andriana fought back to even the score with a 6-0 2nd set win. Glickstein jumped to a third set 5-1 lead before Andriana started an unbelievable come-back. Head Coach Chris Messina has seen it before and knew "She was not going to quit. Digging down deep she took it one game at a time winning the final set 7-5 and earning a trip to the semi-finals after a 45 minute break."

In the semi's Andriana faced the Division one champ and second seed Kady Tannenbaum, also from Commack. She jumped out to an early lead winning the first set, 6-3. Tannenbaum struck back winning the second set, 6-4 and finished with a 7-5, 3rd set win moving on to the finals. In the consolation match for 3rd and 4th, a win qualified Andriana for a spot on the New York State Tennis team. Andriana defeated Andrea Brazyte, 6-3, 6-2 from Connetquot and will represent Hauppauge up at the States in two weeks.



- Dan Butler, Athletic Director

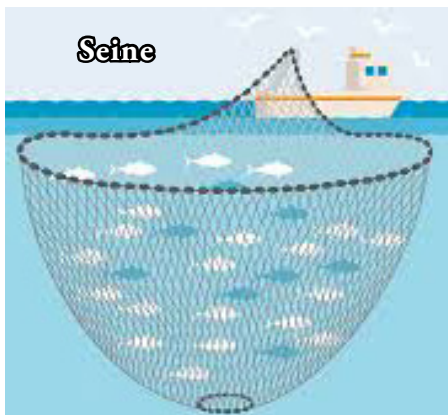
BRETTON WOODS FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS TAKE A RIDE ON THE YANKEE III AND EXPLORE SEA CREATURES ON THE SOUTH SHORE

The Bretton Woods fifth-grade class of Veronic Weeks and Tara Dungate set out by boat on the Great South Bay on Monday, October 21st.

Back in September, this class had visited the Marine Environmental Center in Mt. Sinai to explore marine life and natural habitat on the North Shore of Long Island. The students worked in stations and even visited the oyster restoration project at the facility.

On a beautiful morning this past Monday, the students set out on the Yankee III Charter Boat on the Great South Bay so that they could compare the creatures they found out on the South Shore. The students made their own plankton nets and seined. Seine fishing is a method of fishing that employs a fishing net called a seine that hangs vertically in the water with its mottom edge held down by weights and its top edge buoyed by floats. The crew also used plankton nets and a dredge to bring up boty phytoplankton and benthic samples.

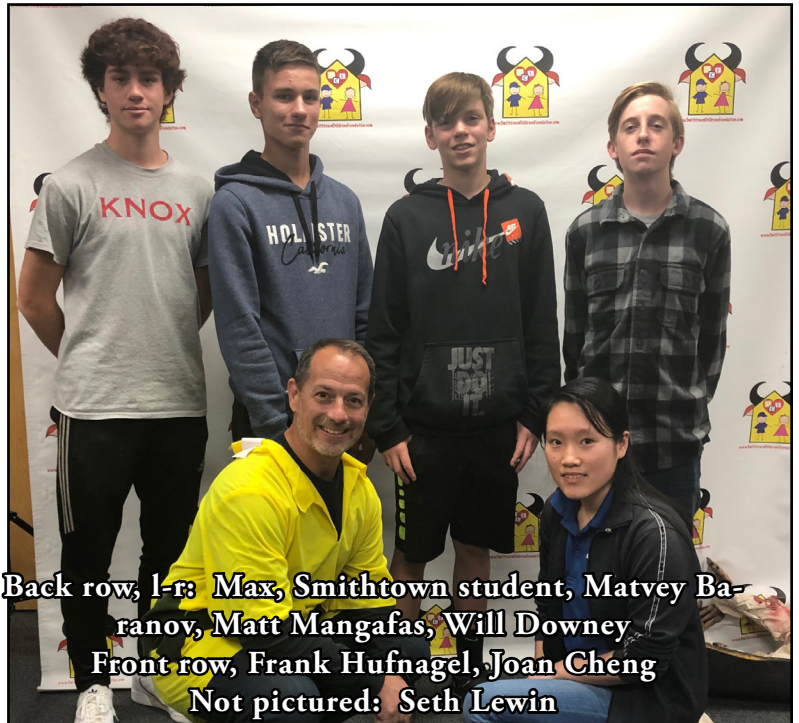
Mrs. Weeks said, "Both were amazing trips!"



DECA STUDENTS VOLUNTEER AT SAFE HALLOWEEN EVENT

Members of the Hauppauge DECA Chapter volunteered to assist at the "Safe Halloween" recently which was sponsored by the Hauppauge Chapter of the Smithtown Children's Foundation. They assisted throughout the day as families from the community participated in activities and walked through a "not so spooky" maze. All proceeds from this event went to benefit local families in crisis.

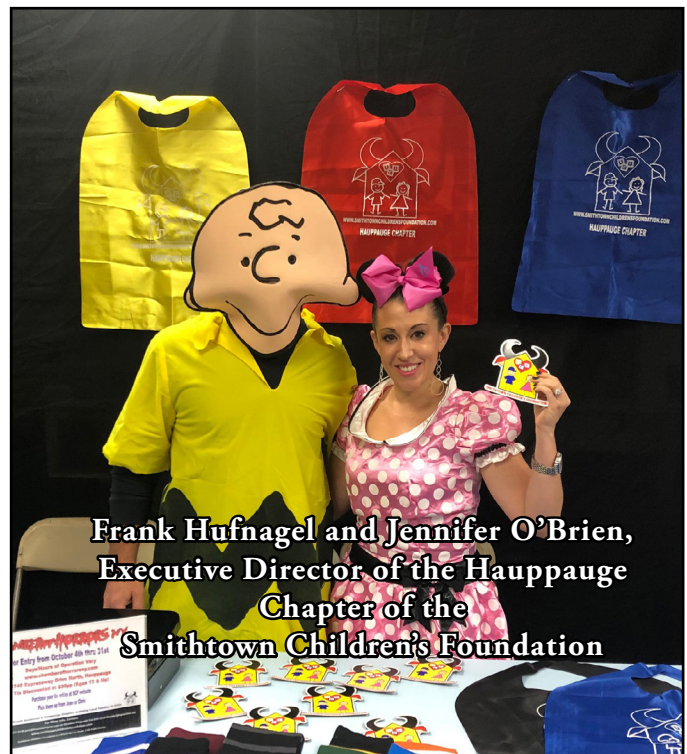
Thank you to our student volunteers for giving of their time in support of the Hauppauge community!



Back row, l-r: Max, Smithtown student, Matvey Baranov, Matt Mangafas, Will Downey
Front row, Frank Hufnagel, Joan Cheng
Not pictured: Seth Lewin



Frank Hufnagel and his nephew



Frank Hufnagel and Jennifer O'Brien,
Executive Director of the Hauppauge
Chapter of the
Smithtown Children's Foundation



SMITHTOWN CHILDRENS FOUNDATION

“SAY IT, FIGHT IT, CURE IT!” COURTNEY TOMKIN, FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS!”

Hauppauge High School recently held on October 18th, 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 Jesseca 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:



**COURTNEY TOMPKIN
SCHOLARSHIP**

**LOCAL FAMILIES
IN NEED**

Funds were raised in many ways. Raffle Tickets were also sold. Also available for sale were sweatshirt hoodies, sweatpants, t-shirts, blankets and sunglasses and more. There were plenty of games, fun and food for this great cause!

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

Continued on next page, great photos from this event, courtesy of Frank Bayer Photography

"Kicks for Cancer 2019"



Boys Varsity Soccer Team



Girls Varsity Soccer Team



Continued on next page, great photos from this event, courtesy of Frank Bayer Photography

"Kicks for Cancer 2019"



PINES STUDENTS SHOW THEIR SUPPORT FOR “KICKS FOR CANCER 2019”



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ENJOY A “MINI COLLEGE FAIR”

On Wednesday, October 23rd, high school students in grades 9-12 were able to enjoy a “Mini College Fair” in the high school Commons.

Dr. Caroyn Probst, Assistant to the Superintendent for Educational Services and Student Outcomes, said, “It was exhilarating to see so many HHS students engaged at the college fair this afternoon. Special thanks to the HS Counseling Department for the coordination and the Custodial staff for transforming the Commons into a life-trajectory-changing space in record time.”

Just another stop on “The Road to Awesome!”



THE HIGH SCHOOL BAND PERFORMS AT THE “NEWSDAY MARCHING BAND FESTIVAL”

Under the direction of HS Band Director, Andrew Monsen, the High School Marching Band performed at the “Newsday Marching Band Festival” on Wednesday, October 23rd. This was the 57th Annual Festival which took place this year at Mitchel Field Athletic Complex in Uniondale. Here are some wonderful photos from a great show!

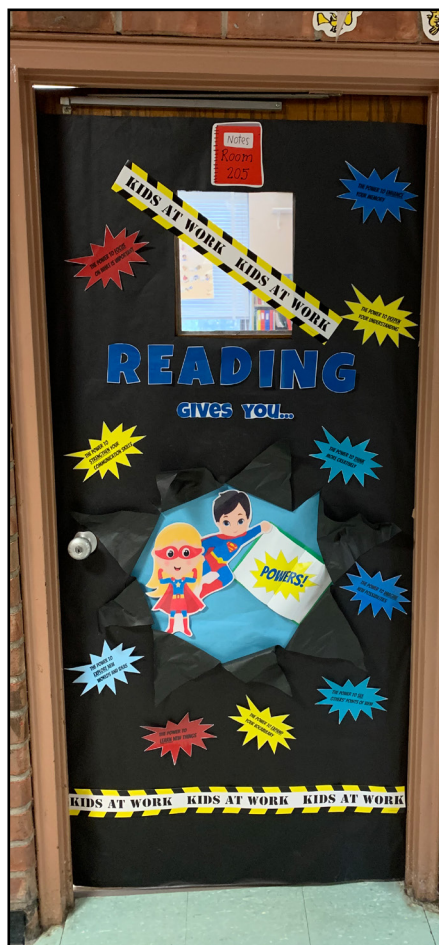


THESE DOORS SIGNAL A FINE WELCOME FOR STUDENTS AND OPEN TO LET THE LEARNING BEGIN

When visiting Forest Brook Elementary School for “Red Ribbon Week,” Mrs. Gabrielsen walked me through some of the hallways. It was very striking how much enthusiasm, care and attention our wonderful teachers pay to their classroom doors! This is such an inviting welcome for students to have each day.

Do you have a door in your building that you would like to see here? Please send me your photos! I would love to highlight your wonderful doors!

Enjoy these great doors from Forest Brook!



Safe Halloween Carnival

Sponsored by: The Interact Club

Saturday: October 26, 2019
12:00PM to 3:00PM

Located at the Hauppauge
High School Commons

Admission:

Children -\$2 + a canned food donation

Adults - \$3 + a canned food donation

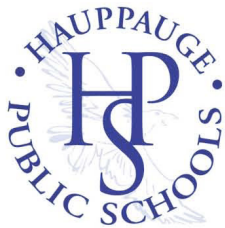
All children must be
accompanied by an adult.

All school age students are
WELCOME!

PERFORMANCES...CRAFTS..
GAMES...AND MORE!!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



HAUPPAUGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOND VOTE

Wednesday, December 4th, 2019

2019 Capital Bond Projects - \$13.5M

High School - \$6,574,600

- *Roof Replacement*
- *Construction of New STEM Lab*

Middle School - \$3,477,000

- *Roof Replacement*

Elementary Schools - \$ 698,560

- *Replacement Playgrounds*
- *Interior Door Replacements and Hardware*

District-Wide - \$2,749,840

- *Bathroom Reconstruction*

Note: These projects will not increase taxes.

*Please stay tuned for
presentations and more
timely information!*

**VOTE on
Wednesday, December 4th
6:00 am to 10:00 pm
at Whiporwil
495 Hoffman Lane
Hauppauge**



The Hauppauge High School PTSA
will be holding a
**CLOTHING + ITEM DONATION
FUNDRAISER**
Saturday October 26, 2019

Listed below are items that will be accepted for donation. You may drop off your donations at the high school at the outside entrance to the auditorium, adjacent to the circle on **Lincoln Blvd.**

Drop Off: Saturday, October 26, 2019 – 9:00am – 1:00pm.



ITEMS NEEDED: USABLE AND WEARABLE CLOTHING, POCKETBOOKS, BELTS, BACKPACKS, HATS, SCARVES, BRIEFCASES, GLOVES, TIES, HANDBAGS, BLANKETS, TABLE CLOTHS, BED SHEETS, DRAPERY, CURTAINS PILLOWS, TOWELS, SMALL RUGS, QUILTS, COMFORTERS
****PLEASE BAG SHOES SEPARATELY****



SMALL Toys (2ft or less), stuffed animals, bikes, scooters, strollers, and car seats (must be together with base) will also be accepted.

ITEMS WE CAN NOT TAKE: LARGE TOYS, VCR TAPES, Cd's, BOOKS, OVER-SIZED PLAY SETS OR OUTDOOR PLAY SETS, SPORTS/WORKOUT/EXERCISE EQUIPMENT, ELECTRONICS, GLASSWARE, POTS & PANS, LARGE RUGS, BOARD GAMES, BOOKS, PUZZLES, OR APPLIANCES

PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE HAUPPAUGE H.S. PTSA

***For fundraising information we are using A & E Clothing Corp
www.clothingdrive.net***

For questions contact Christina Merendino at Hauppaugeptsa@gmail.com.

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