



Horizons

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HAUPPAUGE SCHOOLS WELCOME NEW STAFF

Our new school year began with not only our new and returning students, but also with new staff. Hauppauge Public Schools welcomed some new teachers, a school counselor, and a school psychologist. We are honored to present here the newcomers to our Hauppauge family!

Aimee Niegocki is a school psychologist at the high school. Before joining our school district, Aimee was a school psychologist at Riverhead HS for five years.

Aimee grew up on Long Island and graduated from Longwood High School. She currently lives in Stony Brook with her husband, Matt, and her daughter, Samantha.

In her spare time, Aimee loves to cook, travel, try new restaurants and go to the beach. She also loves to spend time with her family and friends. She and her husband, Matt, are huge Dallas Cowboys fans and love going to football games.

When asked why she chose Hauppauge schools, Aimee said, "I chose Hauppauge because of its excellent reputation. I knew from the moment I walked into the interview that I wanted to be part of the Hauppauge family. I think the size of the district is perfect and I am so happy to be part of such a tight-knit community."



Aimee Niegocki with husband, Matt and daughter, Samantha



**Chelsea Falco,
School Counselor
Forest Brook**

Chelsea Falco is a school counselor at Forest Brook Elementary School. She previously has worked as both a Guidance Intern and Permanent Substitute at Forest Brook for the past three years.

Chelsea said that she was lucky enough to grow up in the Hauppauge School District. She started Kindergarten as a Pines student in 1998 and graduated from the high school in 2011. She said, "I'm so happy that some of my previous teachers are now my colleagues. Mrs. Behme was one of my Kindergarten teachers, and Mrs. Fiorini was my 4th grade teacher."

In her spare time, Chelsea loves to travel, listen to music, watch Disney movies and spend time with her family and friends. Chelsea told us that she is also a Rangers fan and loves to watch them play, especially in person at Madison Square Garden.

When asked why she chose Hauppauge schools, Chelsea said, "I'm so happy and proud to be a part of the Hauppauge School District! The decision to join the Forest Brook family was very easy, not only because of the warm and welcoming atmosphere but because of the incredible leadership! As a student, Hauppagues helped prepare me for my future, and as a counselor I hope to do the same for children in our community. The

chance to join the Hauppauge team to do work that I am really passionate about in a place I love was a no brainer."

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Kendra Balcom
Reading Room Teacher
The Pines Elementary

Kendra Balcom is a new Reading Room teacher at the Pines Elementary School. Kendra said, "With a degree in journalism and experience as a writer and editor of a daily newspaper, my placement at the Pines Elementary School reading room was a natural fit. I worked as a reading TA for over 10 years. During that time, with the unending support and guidance of the Pines teachers, staff, and Dr. DiMuzio, I decided to go back to school and pursue my Master's Degree in Childhood Education and Literacy. Upon graduation, I worked as a reading teacher at Hauppauge Public Schools for the Extended School Year Program. I then worked at Levittown Public Schools as a reading teacher leave replacement. When the opportunity presented itself to work at Hauppauge High School as a reading teacher, I was overjoyed."

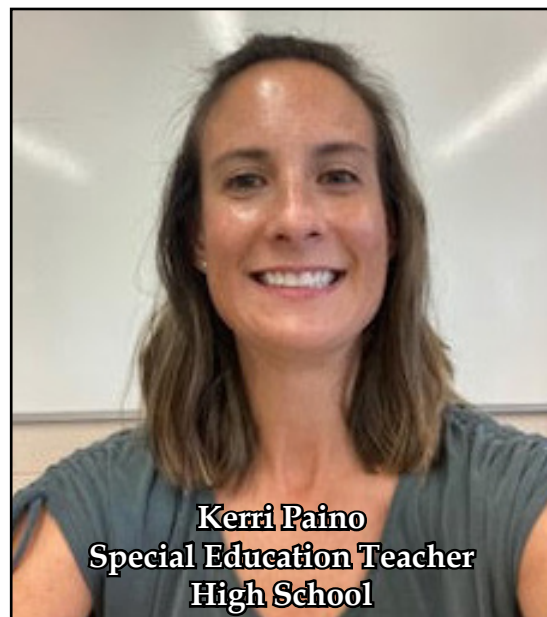
Kendra is a resident of Hauppauge and her children, Thomas and Maggie, are graduates of Hauppauge High School. Kendra said, "My husband and I are so thankful for Hauppauge Public

Schools and each and every teacher who had a part in their future successes. I am very excited to be back in the Hauppauge School District and I look forward to making a positive impact in the lives of each of my students."

Kerri Paino is a Special Education teacher at Hauppauge High School. This year marks Kerri's 16th year of teaching. She has previously taught both English and Special Education and has worked in all grade levels; middle school, high school and college. For the last nine years, Kerri taught for the Great Neck School District.

Kerri is from Lake Ronkonkoma. She likes spending time with her family, being outside and taking her children to the park and has as she said, "a love-hate relationship with running."

When asked why she chose Hauppauge schools, Kerri said, "I feel so lucky to be a part of the Hauppauge School Dis-

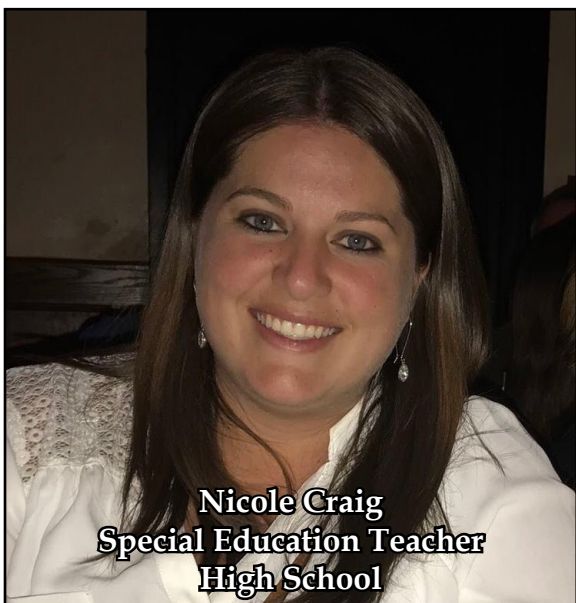


Kerri Paino
Special Education Teacher
High School

trict. After meeting the staff and administration, I felt that Hauppauge was amazing in their support of students and staff to work to their best potential and meet with success. When I first walked into the high school, it felt like home-similar to how I felt when I had my own wonderful high school experience as a student at a nearby school."

Nicole Craig is a new Special Education teacher at the high school. Most recently, Nicole worked at the Jericho middle school where she taught Math and Science. She has also been a Special Education and Math teacher for grades 7-12.

Nicole grew up on Long Island in West Islip. In her spare time she likes to go for bike rides, take her dog for walks or read books. She also enjoys traveling and had the opportunity to study abroad in Australia when she was in college.



Nicole Craig
Special Education Teacher
High School

When asked why she chose Hauppauge schools, Nicole said, "I chose Hauppauge because it was clear to me that Hauppauge aims to make all students feel welcome and that was exactly how I felt when I came to Hauppauge. I am looking forward to getting to know the students and staff of Hauppauge High School."

Jessica Lang is a new Special Education teacher at the high school. She has taught in both private and public schools. Jessica is originally from Long Island, but actually graduated from high school in California and after graduating, she moved back to New York to attend Stony Brook University.

In her spare time, Jessica enjoys dining out and spending time with her family and her Holland Lop pet rabbit.

When asked why she chose Hauppauge, Jessica said, "I chose Hauppauge because I felt they really took the time to get to know me during the interviewing process and also for the wonderful school community that has become evident in my daily teaching and interactions with colleagues."

Thank you to all of our new staff for wonderful interviews! We are happy to welcome an awesome new group to our Hauppauge School Community!



SUMMER SLIDE 2020

OUTSTANDING PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS ARE ANNOUNCED

"We are thrilled to announce the names of those students who participated in an outstanding way in the 4th annual Stop the Summer Slide Challenge that ran for nine weeks from Wednesday, July 1st through Monday, August 31st. Although it was important that students spend the summer enjoying time with family and friends, playing outdoors, participating in camps and other activities, these students carved out some time to participate in these important academic activities to avoid the summer slide!

Students used paperback books and/or the reading programs LightSail/Sora/Learning Ally, the math program Mathspace and the coding platform kidOYO to enhance their reading, math and coding skills during the summer.

We are so proud of these students drive and determination. They are an inspiration to the Hauppauge Community. Go Eagles!"

By: Dr. Christopher Michael, Director of English/Language Arts

2020 Summer Program Outstanding Participants

LightSail and Sora

Srihan Adabala
Mackenzie Clarke
Krista Cummo
Noah DeCristofaro
Roman DeCristofaro
Trinity Garcia
Aishani Kadiyala
Abigail Krisman
Jacob Krisman
Atharv Prabhu
Medha Rao
Yashvi Shah
Patrick Terzella
Zachary Veritzan

MathSpace

Briana Carter
Mackenzie Clarke
Ryan Dobbs
Akhil Grandhi
Aishani Kadiyala
Emma Oury
Zachary Papik
Jonathan Pestanio
Julianna Postilio
Yashvi Shah
Riley Sookoo
Laila Sosa
Devyn Sweeney
Christopher Taveras
Patrick Terzella
Pranav Vijayababu

kidOYO

Nicholas Fine
Sai Siddharth Lanka
Julianna Postilio
Ashwin Ronanki
Sri Samanyu Sagiraju
Saujas Swar
Patrick Terzella
Pranav Vijayababu

Summer Reading Outstanding Participants

Up to 199 minutes read!

Aishani Kadiyala ~ 167

Up to 850 minutes read!

Krista Cummo ~ 200
Mackenzie Clarke ~ 215
Abigail Krisman ~ 360
Srihan Adabala ~ 480
Zachary Veritzan ~ 555
Jacob Krisman ~ 630
Atharv Prabhu ~ 843

Over 1000 minutes read!!!

Patrick Terzella ~ 1029
Medha Rao ~ 1440
Noah DeCristofaro ~ 1520
Roman DeCristofaro ~ 1793
Yashvi Shah ~ 2100
Trinity Garcia ~ 6000

Summer Math Outstanding Participants

Up to 30 MathSpace Minutes!

Emma Oury ~ 20
Devyn Sweeney ~ 20
Akhil Grandhi ~ 22
Riley Sookoo ~ 26

50 - 100 MathSpace Minutes!

Pranav Vijayababu ~ 52
Aishani Kadiyala ~ 67
Julianna Postilio ~ 79
Laila Sosa ~ 79
Patrick Terzella ~ 85
Ryan Dobbs ~ 97

100 MathSpace Minutes!

Zachary Papik ~ 103
Mackenzie Clarke ~ 155
Jonathan Pestanio ~ 265
Briana Carter ~ 479
Yashvi Shah ~ 679
Christopher Taveras ~ 750

Summer Coding Outstanding Participants

20+ Badges!

Saujas Swar

Other Badge Leaders

Nicholas Fine
Sai Siddharth Lanka
Julianna Postilio
Ashwin Ronanki
Sri Samanyu Sagiraju
Patrick Terzella
Pranav Vijayababu

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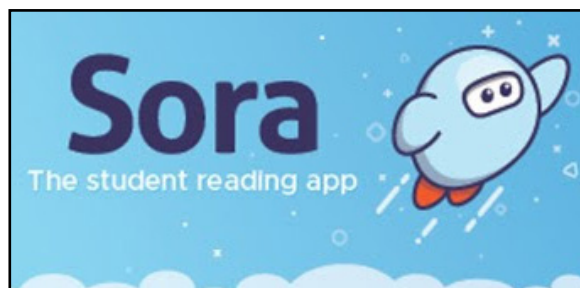
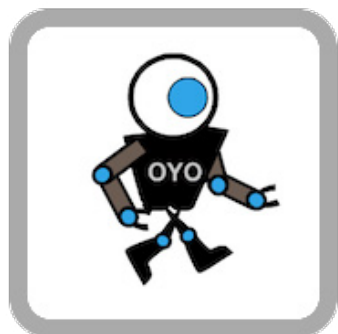
Christopher Michael, Ed.D.
Director of English Language Arts

Meridyth Hansen
Director of Mathematics

Timothy McCarthy, Ed.D.
Director of Technology, World Languages & ENL

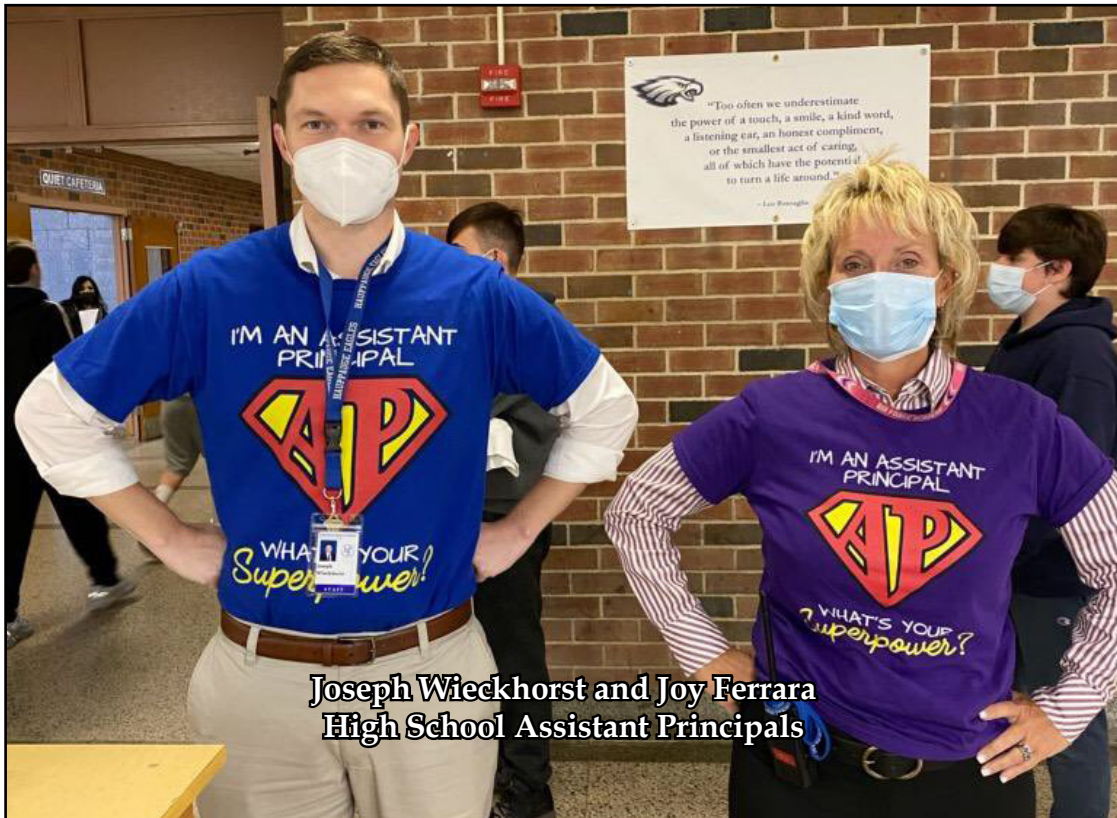
Robert Wankmuller, Ph.D.
Director of Science, Technology & Research

Doreen Gordon
Director of Social Studies & Business



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS CELEBRATE SPIRIT WEEK

Our high school students celebrated "Spirit Week" this past week. Some of the days included Superhero Day, Tie Dye Day, Tacky Tourist Day, Super Comfy Cozy Day and Hauppauge Pride Day. Here are some great photos from their fun week!



Joseph Wieckhorst and Joy Ferrara
High School Assistant Principals



"Tacky Tourists"



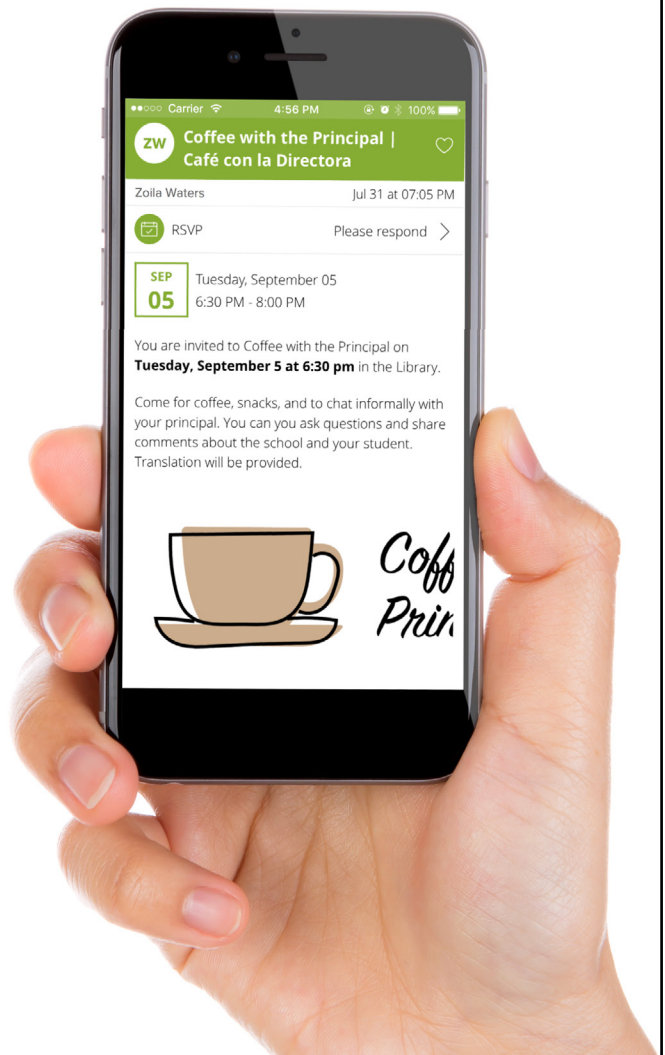
"Super Comfy Cozy"

"Hauppauge Pride"



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