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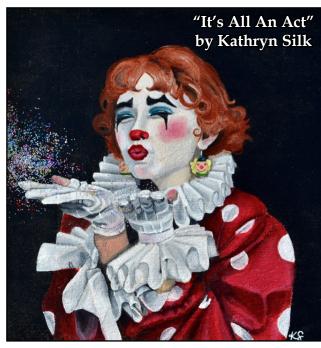
FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS STUDENTS CONTINUE TO ACHIEVE

Dr. Laura Landor, Director of Fine and Performing Arts, recently announced some fantastic news regarding student achievements in Fine and Performing Arts.

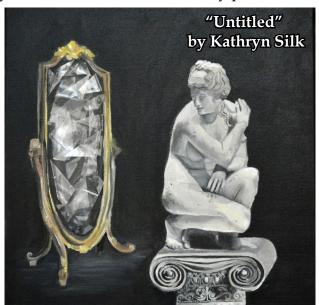
High School Senior, Kathryn Silk, was chosen to feature her artwork in the annual "Suffolk County Community College High School Art Competition." This years competition is virtual and can be accessed by <u>clicking here</u>. Her works on display are also included here.

After their stellar performance at "All-Nationals," Luca Iallonardi and Aidan Lobenstein have been selected to represent our School District at the "All-Eastern" conference. This year's conference is virtual and will consist of virtual rehearsals and performances in the Mixed Choir and Symphony Orchestra, respectively.





Dr. Landor said the following regarding these achievements, "Thank you all for your support. Despite the challenges of this year, our students in the Fine and Performing Arts department have had many achievements that we are very proud of."



SMITHTOWN CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION MAKES SPECIAL DONATION

Shannon Griffin is a school social worker and has served our district since 1994. Over the years, Shannon has worked with students, families and community members. Presently, she is located at the high school, but has also worked part-time at the middle school and elementary schools.

Shannon recently received a special donation of sneakers for nine Hauppauge families from the Smithtown Children's Foundation. This donation is very much appreciated!

The Smithtown Children's Foundation, a local 501c3 not for profit, formed in 2008 to assist a local family whose 4 year old daughter was diagnosed with Stage 4 Neuroblastoma. Their mission is "to provide financial & emotional support to families within the local community by bridging family, friends, neighbors & local businesses to act as ONE in times of crisis."

The Foundation received a call from *New Balance* who told them that one of their sponsored athletes from our area had asked for donations be made to the Smithtown Children's Foundation in his name. *New Balance* provided them with almost 300 pairs of new sneakers for donation to struggling families in the community and they reached out to our Hauppauge & Smithtown social workers and local families to put together a size list.

The *New Balance* athlete is a local young man, Rob Pannell, a Smithtown graduate, who played for Smithtown with many accolades. He then went on to play for Cornell University. He is the fourth leading scorer in men's Division I history, and holds the Cornell & Ivy League all-time scoring records. He is currently an American Professional Lacrosse player for the Atlas Lacrosse Club.

For more information about the Smithtown Children's Foundation, visit our site at www.smithtown-childrensfoundation.com. Click here.





DISTRICT CHROMEBOOK DEPLOYMENT IS IN FULL SWING

Chromebooks have arrived! Our IT Staff has been working non-stop to unbox, enroll, and assign devices to students. We are very thankful to our IT Staff and STEAM TA's, as well as our Buildings and Grounds crews who have all played an integral part in getting the gear ready for our students.

Dr. Timothy McCarthy, Director of Technology and World Languages said the following with regard to the rollout, "To date, we have distributed Chromebooks to our on-site students in Grades 9, 10, and 11. We will continue device distribution with our on-site Seniors next and then finish with Grade 8. Following this, we will communicate our plan to distribute devices to our distance learners. However, should a distance learner have an immediate need for a device, they are encouraged to visit our online helpdesk (found on the District homepage) so we can fulfill the request. Thank you to all for your support and patience!"

Here are some pictures of the distribution in action.





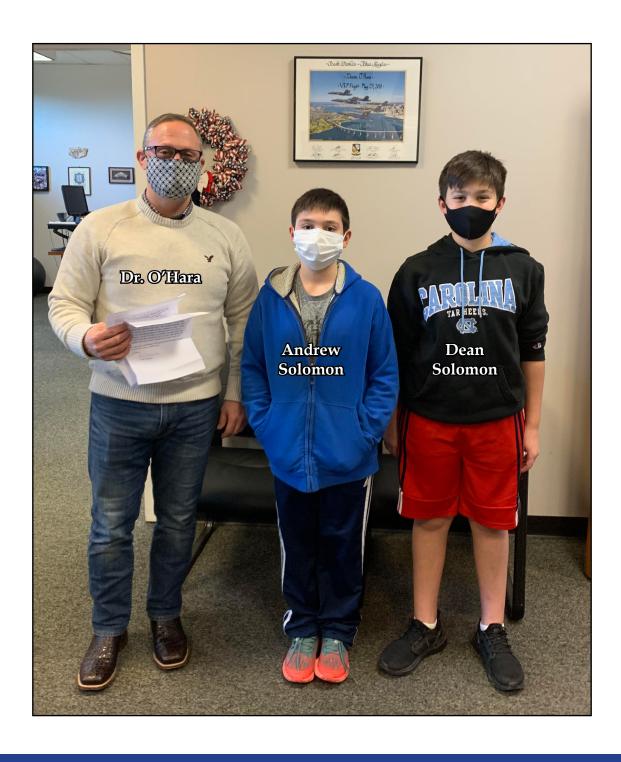


MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS THANK OUR SUPERINTENDENT

Middle School students, Dean and Andrew Solomon, visited the District office recently to thank our Superintendent, Dr. Dennis P. O'Hara, for his hard work in keeping schools open, and students safe during the pandemic.

Dr. O'Hara was presented with a letter from each boy. He was very touched that they took the time thank him in this way. Dean and Andrew were accompanied by their dad, Reid.

Here is a nice photo of the boys with Dr. O'Hara.



BRETTON WOODS "STEAM" CLASS IS HAVING FUN WHILE LEARNING

Carrie Pecoraro teaches STEAM classes at Bretton Woods. Recently, her fourth graders learned how to drive Spheros in STEAM class.

With regard to the lesson, Carrie said, "We will be working on learning how to code the robots to follow simple and complex commands. This unit will reinforce coding lessons we have been practicing using Kidoyo. Students will use the geometry lessons they are currently working on in math to program different shapes and angles.

Here are some great photos of the students having fun while learning!









"SCHOOL SPIRT WEEK" AT FOREST BROOK ELEMENTARY

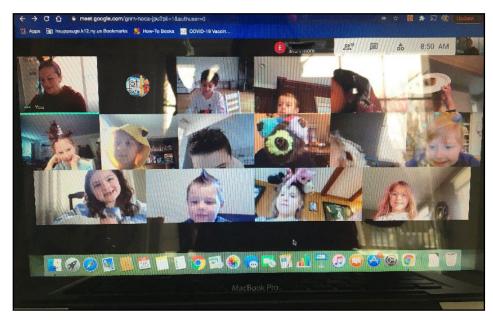
This past week was "School Spirit Week" at Forest Brook Elementary. The students, in-person and virtual, really enjoyed it! Each day featured a different way to dress:

Monday - Crazy Hair Day
Tuesday - Sports Day
Wednesday - Hawaiian Day
Thursday - Mismatch or Backwards Day
Friday - School Colors
Here are some great photos of their week of fun!











Forest Brook "School Spirit Week" continued . . .











PINES STUDENTS ENJOY A GREAT "COLLEGE AND CAREER WEEK"

It's never too early to start planning for tomorrow and Pines in-person and distance learning students had a great week thinking about their future plans. This past week, students celebrated "College and Career Week" with planned activities each day.

Monday was "College Exploration Day" and all staff members wore their college/university clothing and posted their logos on their classroom doors. Each staff member led a discussion with their students about attending college.

Tuesday was "College Tour Day" and all students participated in a virtual college tour using their Promethean and SMART Boards. All 5th grade students were able to attend a virtual session with a college admissions counselor from Utica College in upstate New York.

Wednesday was "Dress for Success Day." Students were encouraged to dress in clothing that represented a future career of interest or clothing that represented a school/college that is connected to a post-secondary interest.



Thursday was "Community Give Back Day." The whole building participated in a building-wide food drive to support the "Long Island Cares Harry Chapin Food Bank" during this time of significant food insecurity.

Lastly, on Friday, various activities were planned for students on each grade level.

Check out all the great photos of their awesome week! Thank you to Karen Kerr in the Pines main office for taking all of these photos!











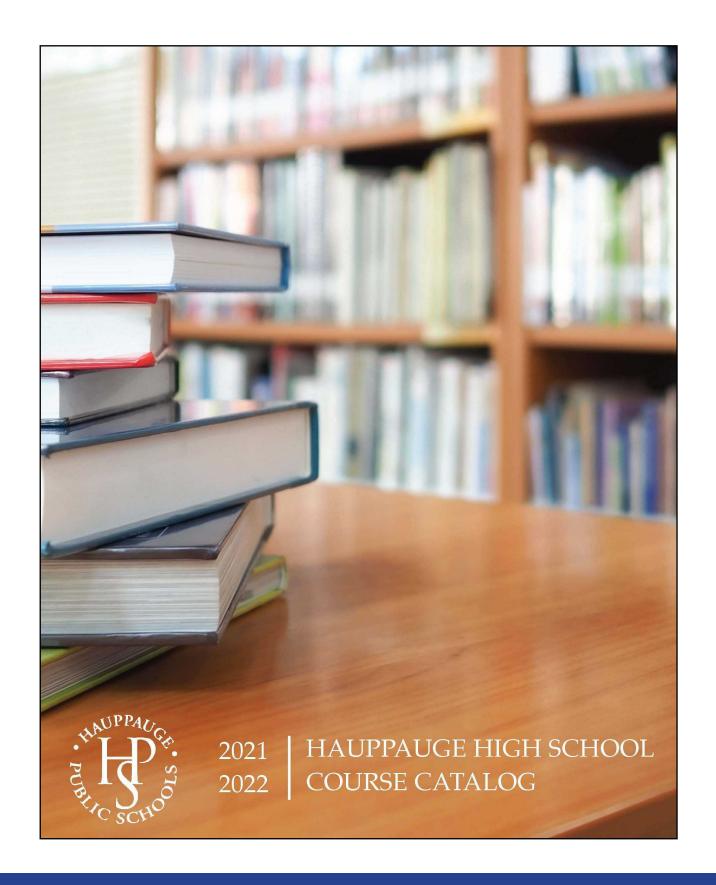






2021/2022 "NEW" HIGH SCHOOL COURSE CATALOG

Click here to view the "NEW" 2021/2022 High School Course Catalog!



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