

HAUPPAUGE HS BOYS TRACK TEAM FINISHES FOURTH IN THE NATION, AND EARNS “ALL-AMERICAN HONORS”

The Hauppauge boys track team consisting of:

Martine MacDonald
Brandon Thaggard
Oba Awolowo
James Abruzzo

competed in the “Adidas Indoor Nationals 2021,” going against the top athletes in the nation. They raced as a relay together on Friday night, February 26th, competing in the 1600m Sprint Medley Relay (SMR) Championship.

As a team they finished 4th in the nation earning them “All-American Honors.” These individuals worked extremely hard all season against many obstacles and without an accessible track for most of the last half of the season due to the weather.

Coach, Vincenzo Battaglia, said, “I’m so proud of their resolve and completing the season as first-time ‘All-Americans’ for all four of them.”

We are so proud of them too! GO EAGLES!!!



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“Adidas Indoor Nationals 2021”

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE “HAUPPAUGE STRONG” TO RAISE MONEY FOR “LEUKEMIA AND LYMPHOMA SOCIETY”

Our high school students, Reese Coughlin and Vivian Derby, are showing their giving spirit by teaming up as “Hauppauge Strong” to raise money for the “Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s 2021 Students of the Year Campaign.” Each of the students participating in the Long Island Chapter’s annual scholarship and fundraising campaign was nominated for their amazing leadership and passion to find cures for cancers, and their involvement in the community. The team’s goal is to raise \$25,000.

This campaign is personal for Reese, as her mom and grandpa are survivors of Lymphoma. Vivian is Reese’s friend and was happy to help her.

The “Students of the Year” campaign is awarded to candidates or co-candidates that raise the most funds during the seven-week competition. The campaign started on January 28th and will continue to run until March 16th. There will be a “Grand Finale Celebration” on March 17th! Reese and Vivian’s efforts will benefit the “Leukemia and Lymphoma Society” for education, research and a cure.



Vivian
Derby

Reese
Coughlin



Reese Coughlin, Vivian Derby and
Assistant Principal, Kristy Pagliari



Reese and Vivian have a lot of help from their friends as well. They are thankful for:

Emily Wolmetz
Anna Hauser
Kaylin Mallon
Avery Marchese
Stevie Rosenfeld
Katie Patus
Emily Flynn

Nick Sumwalt
Nick Corso
Elizabeth Kildale
Sophia Wellisch
Despina Cheilas
Dina Vaughan
Haley Kulesa

Valery Sefer
Sophia Kalaitzis
Sophia Corcione
Brianna Burton
Dharma Pastore
Emma Condos
Crisalyn Aburscato

Stefania Abruscato
Olivia Furuno
Gabby Cimino
Tara Murphy
Colin Buscarino

There have been several fundraisers for this cause, of which a portion of the proceeds went to the "Leukemia and Lymphoma Society." *Moes Southwest Grill, Duck Donuts, Pita Pit, Hatch Brunch and Blaze Pizza* have all been generous in helping this cause.

Simplay will hold a fundraiser on March 9th from 11 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Also, *Whisk Bakery* of Smithtown is selling Cookie Decorating Kits for St. Patrick's Day. They have also sold cupcake decorating kits.

If you would like to read more about Reese and Vivian's fundraising efforts and would like to help them, [click here](#).

Good luck to Reese, Vivian, and their team in making it to their goal! Thank you for caring!



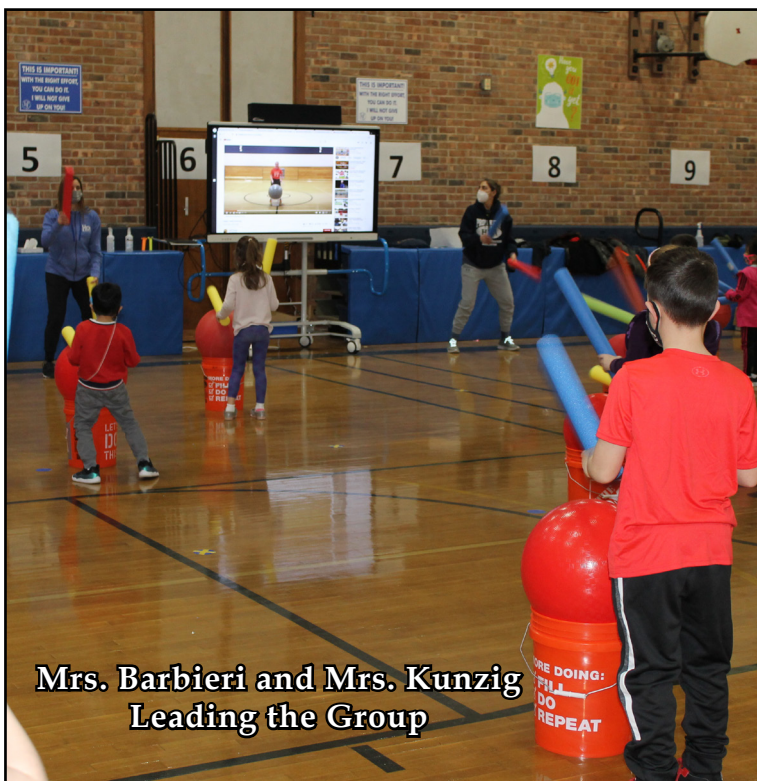
Reese Coughlin, Vivian Derby and their team of helpers

PINES PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES ENJOY A "FITNESS DRUMMING UNIT"

The Pines ES Physical Education classes of Mrs. Barbieri and Mrs. Kunzig have been rocking out and exercising to music during a Fitness Drumming Unit.

Fitness Drumming is a highly engaging fitness activity which incorporates rhythm, drumming and full body movements into a fun and active exercise routine.

Thank you to the Home Depot for donating the buckets that helped make this activity so much fun! Great job to all of the Pines Elementary Students who worked so hard during this unit!



Mrs. Barbieri and Mrs. Kunzig
Leading the Group

GIRLS VARSITY TRACK TEAM FINISHES OUT A CHALLENGING SEASON

Congratulations to the senior members of the Varsity Track Team for their dedication, hard work and perseverance this year despite a challenging season dealing with quarantines and cold snowy weather!

Senior Captains included:

Olivia Accardi
Abi Clarke
Sydney Flynn
Alicia Inkeles

In addition to their outstanding dedication, all of our captains displayed impressive leadership qualities by setting high standards for themselves throughout their years on the team.

Our other seniors included:

Sam Babich
Shannon Boudreau
Loriann Connolly
Ravae McCleary
Emily Russo
Madison Traverzo

GO EAGLES!!!



Girls Varsity Track Team
High School Seniors

HIP, HIP HOORAY!!!

PINES STUDENTS CELEBRATE THE 100TH DAY

On Tuesday, March 2nd, many centurions were seen in the kindergarten classrooms at Pines Elementary School. Pines kindergarten students celebrated the 100th day of school by dressing up as 100 year old people and partaking in activities such as stringing 100 beads and making a 100 gumballs in a gumball machine using Dot Markers.

Students counted by 1's, 5's and 10's to 100 and filled in "I'm 100 days smarter because I can...". Books were read such as *Jake's 100th Day of School* and *100th Day Worries*. In 100 seconds, students counted how many times they could hop on one foot, clap their hands and write their name.

Fun was had by all!



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MIDDLE SCHOOL “VIRTUAL” SCIENCE FAIR

Middle School students in grades 6, 7, and 8, participated this year in a “Virtual Science Fair.” Rather than putting their information on a tri-fold board as in past years, the students used Google Slides for their presentations. You can view the projects on their website by [clicking here](#).

Here are the winners by grade:

Grade 6

First Place: Patrick Terzella: Too loud or not too loud?

Second Place: Akhil Grandhi: Which fruit or vegetable oxidizes the most in varied temperatures?

Third Place: Abhay Simha: How does color affect memory?

Honorable Mention: Yashvi Shah: Why do optical illusions fool your eyes?

Honorable Mention: Avery Wilcox: Which softball bat is better, aluminum or wood?

Grade 7

First Place: Emma Tjersland, “Impact of Climate Change on the Rate of Photosynthesis”

Second Place: Hayley Morello, “Sand, Soil, Pebbles...Duckweed!”

Third Place: Katelyn Oliveto, “Flower Power”

Honorable Mention: Katherine Marietta, “How pH affects Plants Growth”

Honorable Mention: Jacob Wolmetz, “The Effect of Greywater Irrigation on Plant Growth”

First runner-up: Pranav Vijayababu, “Carbon Capture for a Sustainable Future: Microalgae”

Second runner-up: Evan Lombardi, “Bellet-Fest: BB’s vs. Pellets”

Third runner-up: Jemia Mattison, “ Plant Light Maze”

Grade 8

First Place: Meghan Barry, “Simple Solar Heaters”

Second Place: Lauren Masaitis, “Fossil Fuels: Are They Worth It?”

Third Place: Owen Orechovsky, “The Strength of Teeth”

Honorable Mention: Brandon Cardamone, “The Effect of Plant Growth on Soil Erosion”

Honorable Mention: Nicolas Corso, “ Bio-Breath”

First Runner-up: Maya McFadyen, “ Bacterinator! Which cleaning spray will kill bacteria the best?”

Second Runner-up: Ryan Rivera, “The Effect of Nanosilver on Daphnia Magna”

The first and second place winners from 6th grade will get to participate in the Brookhaven National Lab Elementary Science Fair. All of the 7th and 8th grade students listed will go on to participate in the Long Island Science Congress. Both competitions will be virtual and will enable our students to compete against other students with top science fair projects from throughout Suffolk County (BNL fair) and through Nassau and Suffolk counties (LISC).

Special thanks to Mrs. Katie O’Callaghan who worked with the 7th and 8th grade students in the new middle school science research class.

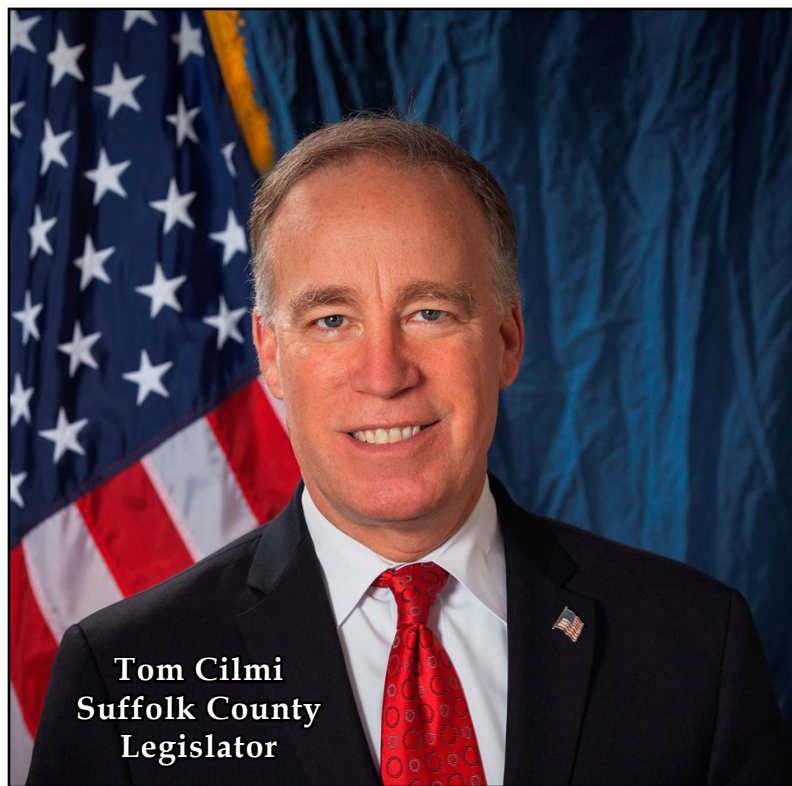
Congratulations to the winners! Great job to all of the students who participated.



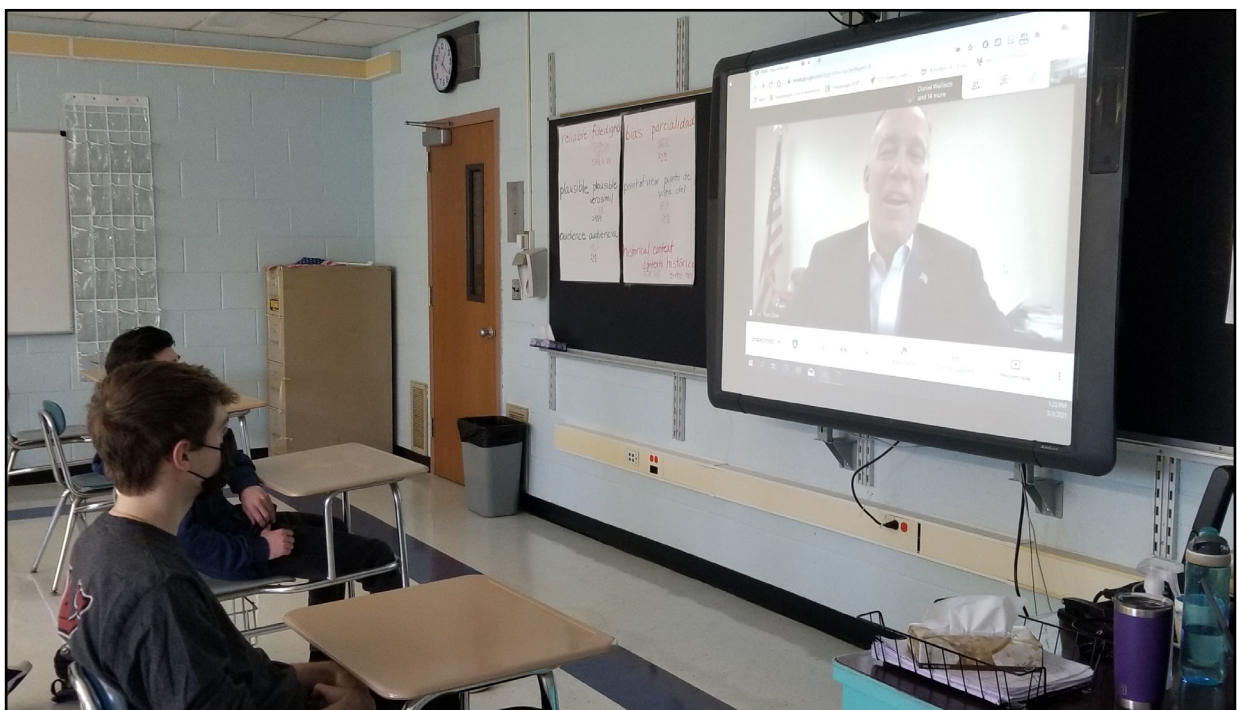
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS RECEIVE A SPECIAL “VIRTUAL” VISITOR

Students in the high school class “Participation in Government” received a special “virtual” visit from Suffolk County Legislator, Tom Cilmi this week. Legislator Cilmi discussed the role of local government in their lives and explained some of the work of the County Legislature.

Students had the opportunity to ask questions and interact with Legislator Cilmi on a Google Meet. Special thanks to Legislator Cilmi for another great visit with our students!



Tom Cilmi
Suffolk County
Legislator



SALUTE TO SENIORS

Join us in celebrating the Class of 2021 and their future plans with our "Salute to Seniors."



**GIANNA
DICKSON**



**CRIMINAL
JUSTICE**

**DIV. III CROSS
COUNTRY**

*Gianna Dickson
will attend
St. Joseph's College
where she will study
criminal justice on a
Dean's Scholarship.
Gianna will also run
cross country for the
Golden Eagles.
Congratulations,
Gianna!*



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