

ONE YEAR AGO OUR WORLD CHANGED, AND TOGETHER WE HAVE THRIVED

On March 12, 2020, COVID-19 struck and closed our schools down. But that did not stop us. Our Hauppauge Team of Board Members, Administrators, Administrative Assistants, Teachers, Custodians, Buildings and Grounds Crew, Teacher Assistants, Special Education Assistants, Secretaries, Security, Kitchen Crew, Lunch Monitors, Bus Drivers, and of course, our Hauppauge families, all worked together. We all realized that we were not alone and through that perseverance, our students carried on and got the job of learning accomplished.

Together, we have continued to get through the tough times. The safety of our students and staff has always been at the forefront, while our District continues to provide a full education five days a week.

As a commemoration of our one year anniversary of when COVID-19 closed our schools, students and staff joined together on Friday, March 12, 2021 and wore red for "Red for Ed Day" to show the strength and unity within our Hauppauge School Community.

We will continue to get through these days TOGETHER! Here are some photos from this special day when our school community showed their resolve and wore "Red for Ed."

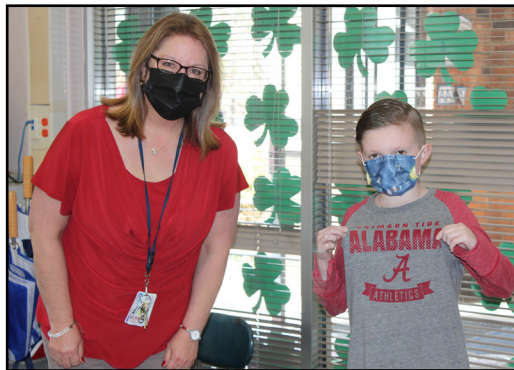


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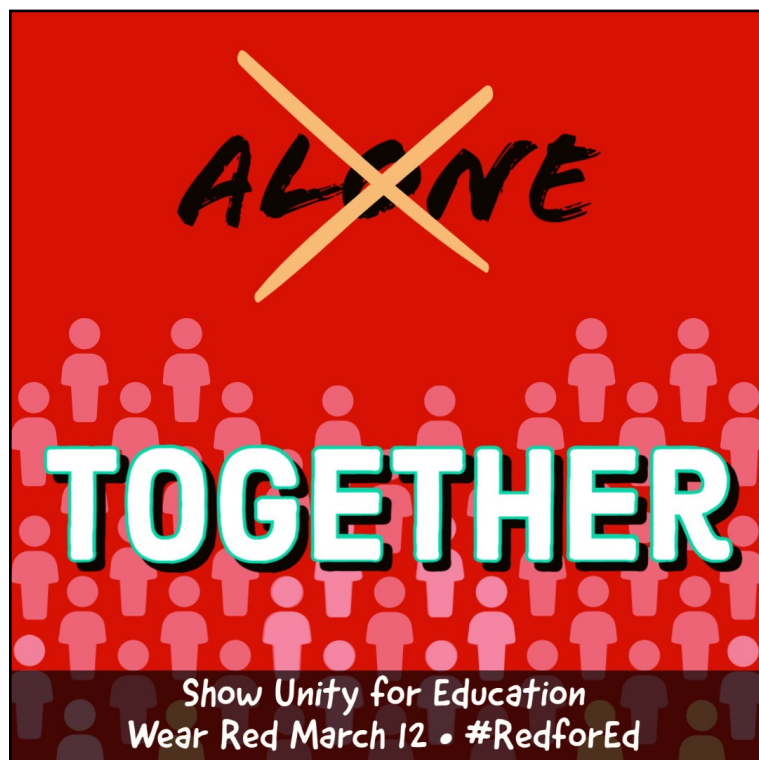
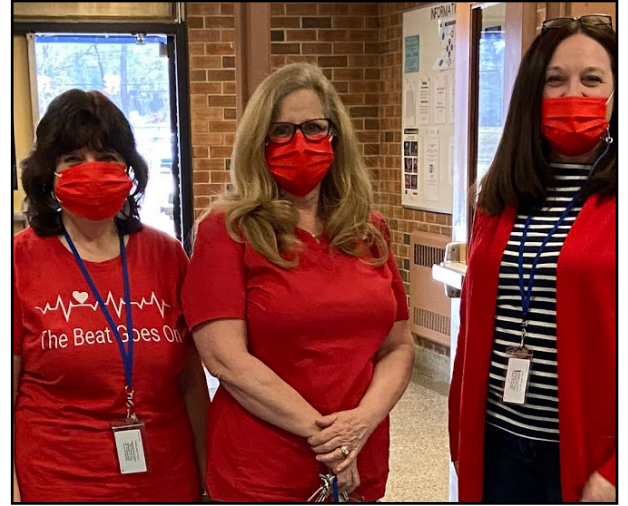
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MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM PLACES 4TH IN THE EASTERN LONG ISLAND REGIONAL COMPETITION

The Middle School Science Olympiad Team recently competed in the Eastern Long Island Regional Competition. The team placed 4th and will be invited to participate in the New York State Competition! The team's advisors are Mrs. Janice Caffrey and Mrs. Katie O'Callaghan.

Here are the winning students and their placement.

Srihan Adabala - Disease Detectives 5th, Food Science 3rd

Manha Aliza - Food Science 3rd

Brandon Cardamone - Crime Busters 3rd, Density Lab 6th

Sara Conquet - Anatomy & Physiology 7th, Heredity 8th

Sreeja Geevanagari - Density Lab 6th, Ornithology 9th

Samvath Karanam - Machines 4th

Sai Lanka - Fossils 9th, Road Scholar 3rd

Jemia Mattison - Reach for the Stars 7th

Naisha Mundra - Heredity 8th

Amogh Mutyala - Ornithology 9th

Ayaan Shah - Crime Busters 3rd, Fossils 9th, Machines 4th

Yashvi Shah - Anatomy & Physiology 7th

Sajal Varshney - Dynamic Planet 9th, Reach for the Stars 7th, Road Scholar 3rd

Pranav Vijayababu - Disease Detectives 5th, Dynamic Planet 9th

Congratulations to all of our students on their achievements in the competition! We wish them the best of luck in the New York State Competition!

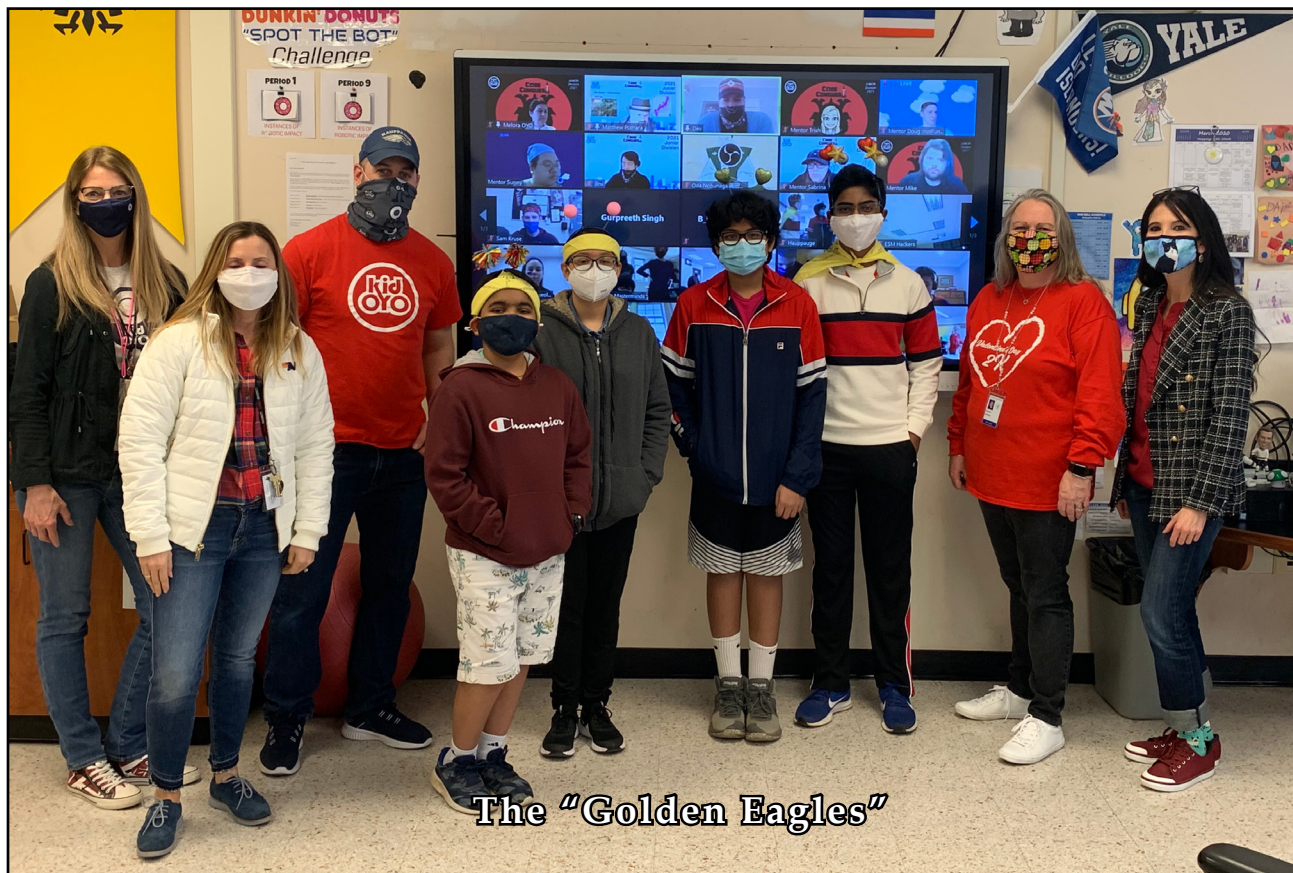


MIDDLE SCHOOL “GOLDEN EAGLES” EARN TOP SPOT AT “THIRD ANNUAL LONG ISLAND JUNIOR HACKATHON”

*By: Doreen Gordon
Director of Social Studies and Business*

On Friday March 12, the Hauppauge Middle School “Golden Eagles” team competed in the “Third Annual Long Island Jr. Hackathon” hosted by KidOYO, finishing as the top school from Suffolk County and tied for 4th place overall. Captain, Srihan Adibala (grade 8), led the team; a combination of in-person and virtual students, that included:

Brandon Cardamone - Grade 8
Sara Conquet - Grade 8
Sai Lanka - Grade 8
Dev Mehra - Grade 8
Kritin Mittal - Grade 7
Ayaan Shah - Grade 8
Pranav Vijayababu - Grade 7



The team was supported and trained by Head Coach, Brian Ferrara, and Assistant Coaches, Amy Thompson and Maryann Mullen. Utilizing their skills in the Python, Scratch, and Piskel coding languages, the team needed to win territories on a map to earn points (similar to a game of risk), by creating programs and projects that met specified criteria. This year's map had a “Samurai” theme, and called upon teams to research and display their knowledge of Japanese history and customs while creating fun games, graphics, and online tools that fit the theme.

Over 600 programs were created during the three-hour competition in an attempt to control each of the 30 territories. The “Golden Eagles” controlled 5 territories at the end of competition, behind the strength of Brandon Cardamone’s fun soccer simulator in Hatch, Sara Conquet’s beautiful Cherry Blossom pixel art in Sprite Editor,

and Srihan Adabala's impressive "Last Samurai" python project. The team also took home an award for the "Best Theme for a Capital Defense Project".

To win this award, Hauppauge's coders, together as a team, created a website that took visitors through the seven principles of the bushido code with mini-games that focused on each principle contributed by each team member. The judges determined that Hauppauge's website "Went beyond just creating a project, but they bought into the theme and the map and the historical context in a unique way."

Head coach, Brian Ferrara said of the team, "We are extremely proud of this group and their growth not only in preparing for the competition this year, but also throughout their middle school careers. As sixth graders, many of these team members completed and finished in 8th place out of 10 teams. Last year, many returned and improved to 5th place. So to see them cap off their middle school coding career by continuing that upward trajectory is very special. They showed grit, tenacity, teamwork, and coding precision in a very fast-paced environment. All of these students have bright careers ahead of them and should be very proud of themselves for working so hard and elevating Hauppauge the way they have. It is nice to be mentioned as one of the premier schools on Long Island when it comes to coding. That is all thanks to students like these and the administrators here at Hauppauge that provide the opportunity to all students in the district to learn to code."

Mrs. Doreen Gordon, Director of Social Studies and Business said, "This experience has allowed students in the middle school to showcase their coding expertise in a competitive setting. We would like to thank Mrs. Christine O'Connor, Principal and Mr. Michael Caulin, Assistant Principal. We would also like to thank Dr. Donald Murphy, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology; Dr. Tim McCarthy, Director of World Languages, ELL and Instructional Technology; and the technology team for their support. The team did an amazing job and we are so proud of their effort and teamwork."

Typically the teams would meet at a central location, but this year marked the first time the inter-district coding competition was conducted in a completely virtual setting, connecting 16 teams from Nassau and Suffolk county with the help of Zoom. It was also broadcast live on YouTube. Coders throughout the district will be competing in similar upcoming events, as the Senior Hackathon for High School teams will be held on April 9th (coached by Frank Hufnagel) and the Upper Elementary Hackathon (for 6th grade students) will take place on April 30th (coached once again by Mr. Ferrara, Ms. Mullen, and Ms. Thompson).

We couldn't be prouder of the "Golden Eagles!" Congratulations on a great job and an impressive finish in the "Hackathon!"



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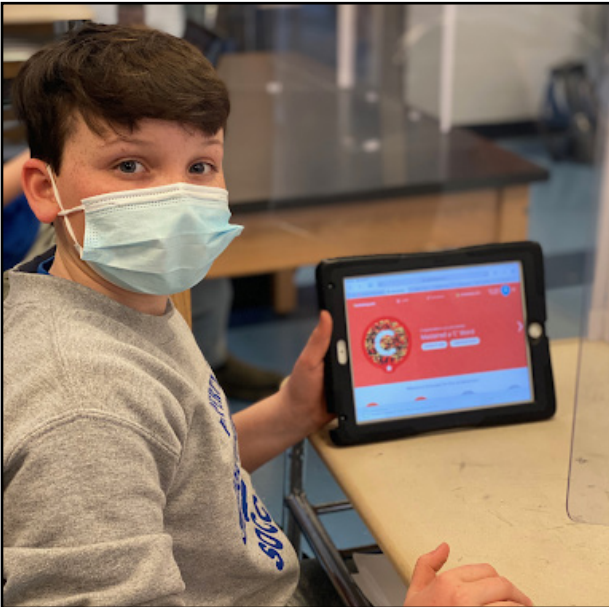
Interdistrict Competitive Hackathon Leagues

upcoming events...

APRIL 9, 2021 HS DIVISION LONG ISLAND, NY	APRIL 30, 2021 UPPER EL DIVISION LONG ISLAND, NY
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"MARCH MADNESS!" HAUPPAUGE MIDDLE SCHOOL PARTICIPATES IN "VOCAB BOWL CHALLENGE"

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



March 17th was a day of Fun and Learning in our ELA classrooms! The middle school has used Vocabulary.com as a learning tool in the classroom for over five years. This tool supports growth and development in students' vocabulary skills using an engaging game-like method.

On Wednesday, March 17th, schools across the map were invited through Vocabulary.com to compete in a special One-Day Vocabulary Bowl Challenge.

The word-learning action played out on the daily leaderboards for 24 hours as students mastered as many words as they could on Vocabulary.com by playing "The Challenge." This was a fast and furious event that brought some much needed fun to students, whether they were learning in school or remote.

The schools that mastered the most words on March 17th and finished at the top of the Division I, II, and III leaderboards were to be crowned the "March Madness Champions." This is a claim to fame which would earn students an official Vocabulary Bowl achievement certificate and hefty bragging rights.

Certificates are to be awarded to the top 5 middle schools in Divisions I, II and III.

We are happy to report that Hauppauge Middle School mastered over 9,000 words in the Vocabulary Bowl ranking 1st Place in Overall Middle & Elementary Schools Division II and 1st Place in New York Overall. Students are overjoyed. English teachers could not be prouder.



Vocabulary Bowl - March 17, 2021:		
Overall Middle & Elementary Schools - Division II		
Words Mastered - March 17th, 2021		
1	Hauppauge Middle School Hauppauge, New York	9,141
2	Long County Middle School Ludowici, Georgia	5,858
3	Evans Junior High School Bloomington, Illinois	2,374



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Middle School Principal, Mrs. Christine O'Connor expressed that she was so proud of the students and was thrilled to see the tremendous level of participation and excitement in students during this day. Director of English Language Arts, Dr. Christopher Michael stated, "It wasn't the luck of the day that brought the students to 1st Place but pure drive, determination and skill."

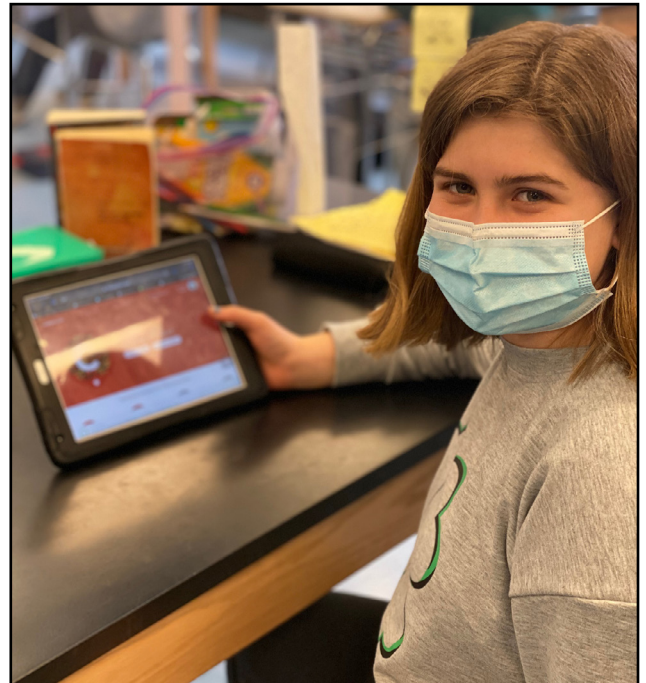
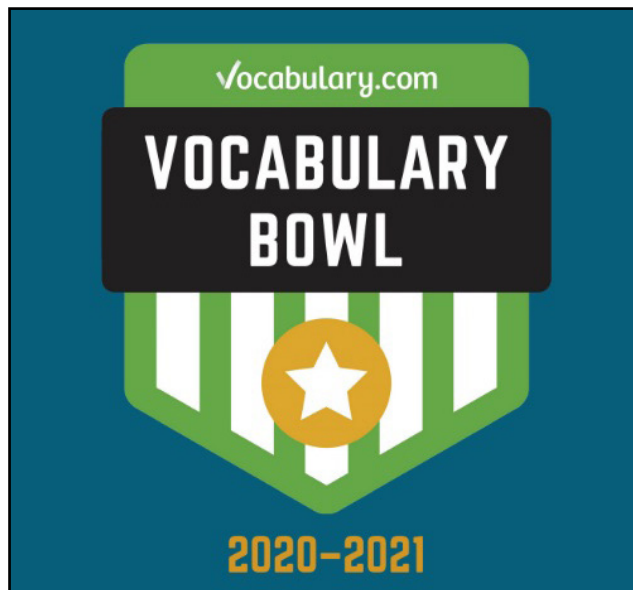
Proud Middle School ELA Teachers:

Mrs. Autino
Mrs. Manganiello
Ms. Nonnenmacher
Mr. Kinnear
Mrs. Harrison

Mrs. Barbera
Mrs. Bellia
Mrs. Cappellini
Mrs. Silbert
Mrs. Louis

Mrs. Parrett
Mr. Wellinger
Mr. Lingner
Mrs. Flynn
Ms. Saltzman
Mrs. Murphy
Mrs. Scheunemann.

Special shoutout to all the content area teachers who allowed students to continue the Vocab Bowl in their classes - you helped secure our win! Thank you!



Vocabulary Bowl - March 17, 2021:		
New York Overall		
Words Mastered - March 17th, 2021		
1	Hauppauge Middle School Hauppauge, New York	9,141
2	Great Neck North Middle School Great Neck, New York	1,932
3	James Madison High School Brooklyn, New York	1,146

"SPRING" INTO READING AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

The library at Hauppauge High School is getting ready for spring. Our librarian, Mrs. Shapiro is hoping that students will pick a great book to read this season.

Check out a book off the shelf or make use of "OverDrive Sora" and read a book on your school device. Students can request a book on the Library homepage. [Click here](#).

Happy reading!



Mrs. Shapiro,
High School
Librarian

Mrs. Ress
High School
Library Monitor



"HAUPPAUGE STRONG" TEAM SAYS THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Recently, our High School students, Reese Coughlin and Vivian Derby, teamed up with some of their classmates for "Team Hauppauge Strong" to raise money for the "Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's 2021 Students of the Year Campaign." Reese and Vivian were nominated to participate in the Long Island Chapter's annual scholarship and fundraising campaign for their amazing leadership and passion to find cures for cancers, and their involvement in the community. The team's goal was to raise \$25,000.

We are happy to report that thanks to the incredible generosity and support from our amazing Hauppauge community, along with family and friends of their team, Reese Coughlin and Vivian Derby of "Team Hauppauge Strong" raised \$21,172.29! Together with twenty-five other local teams, the Long Island portion of the campaign raised a total of \$917,511, which all goes to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to help fight cancer, support research and find a cure!

Reese, Vivian and their friends who teamed up with them, send their thanks to everyone who supported them on their journey! They are looking forward to the 2022 campaign.



Additional "Team Hauppauge Strong" members are:

Emily Wolmetz	Katie Patus	Sophia Wellisch	Sophia Kalaitzis	Crisalyn Aburscato
Anna Hauser	Emily Flynn	Despina Cheilas	Sophia Corcione	Stefania Abruscato
Kaylin Mallon	Nick Sumwalt	Dina Vaughan	Brianna Burton	Olivia Furuno
Avery Marchese	Nick Corso	Haley Kulesa	Dharma Pastore	Gabby Cimino
Stevie Rosenfeld	Elizabeth Kildale	Valery Sefer	Emma Condos	Tara Murphy
				Colin Buscarino

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT RECEIVES “ALL-STATE MIXED CHORUS HONORS”

High School student, Marco Ingrassia, recently received “NYSSMA All-State Mixed Chorus Honors.” Marco was presented on Thursday, March 18th, with a recognition certificate from NYSSMA by High School Principal, Chris Cook. He was joined by Marco’s Choir teacher, Leanne Contino and Director of Fine and Performing Arts, Dr. Laura Landor.

Dr. Landor said the following regarding Marco’s fine accomplishment, “Hauppauge’s Fine and Performing Arts Department is very proud of Marco and his achievement. It is wonderful to see his hard work and musicianship recognized by NYSSMA and we are thrilled that he has the opportunity to represent Hauppauge at All-State.” Marco’s virtual performance will take place in April.

Ms. Contino also stated the following, “I do not find it surprising that Marco received a nomination for a 2020 All-State Ensemble! Having the All-State experience will add fuel to the passion he has for choral music and singing. Marco’s voice has been an integral part of the Chamber Choir for the last two years, providing a clear and bright sound to the Tenor section. He exemplifies a student who brings 100% effort and collaboration to every rehearsal. He intends to major in Music Education in college, and I could not think of a better fit for a young professional!”

Congratulations and best of luck, Marco, as you continue on your musical journey!



**Chris Cook, HS Principal, with Marco Ingrassia;
Leanne Contino, HS Choir Teacher; and
Dr. Laura Landor, Director of Fine and Performing Arts**

"KICKS FOR CANCER" VIRTUAL 5K

"Kicks for Cancer" will hold a Virtual 5K which will run from Friday, March 26th through Saturday, April 3rd, 2021. If you would like to sign up, [click here](#) to access the website.

"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.

Good luck on the run!



FOREST BROOK STUDENTS SPRING INTO ACTION TO HELP "SAVE-A-PET"

Forest Brook's Student Government invited Forest Brook students to spring into action to help "Save-A-Pet!" Families at Forest Brook so generously donated dog and cat food, along with toys, leashes for the animals, blankets, paper towels and other items that were requested by the animal shelter in Port Jefferson Station. Monetary donations were also given.

Student Government would like to thank the Forest Brook families for being so generous with their donations and for springing into action to help the animal shelter!



BRETTON WOODS STUDENTS

"CHOOSE LOVE"

The Bretton Woods "Social Emotional Learning" Committee has introduced the "Choose Love for Schools" program. The "Jesse Lewis Choose Love Movement" was inspired by the bravery of a six year old boy and a mother's choice to forgive, and led to the creation of Next-Generation Social & Emotional Learning (SEL) and Character Development programming to create a safe, more loving world.

Scarlett Lewis founded the "Choose Love Movement" after her son, Jesse, was murdered during the Sandy Hook Elementary tragedy in December of 2012. Shortly after his death, Scarlett decided to become a part of the solution to the issues that we see in our society today-and that also caused the tragedy. She created this movement and became an advocate for character development and social and emotional learning, which teaches children how to manage their emotions, feel connected, and have healthy relationships.

Every child at Bretton Woods will experience a "Choose Love" lesson once per month over the next four months on the following dates. All students and staff can wear the same color on the day of the Choose Love Lesson:

March 15th - Courage, Everyone Wear RED

April 12th - Gratitude, Everyone Wear GREEN

May 17th - Forgiveness, Everyone Wear YELLOW

June 15th - Compassion in Action, Everyone Wear PINK

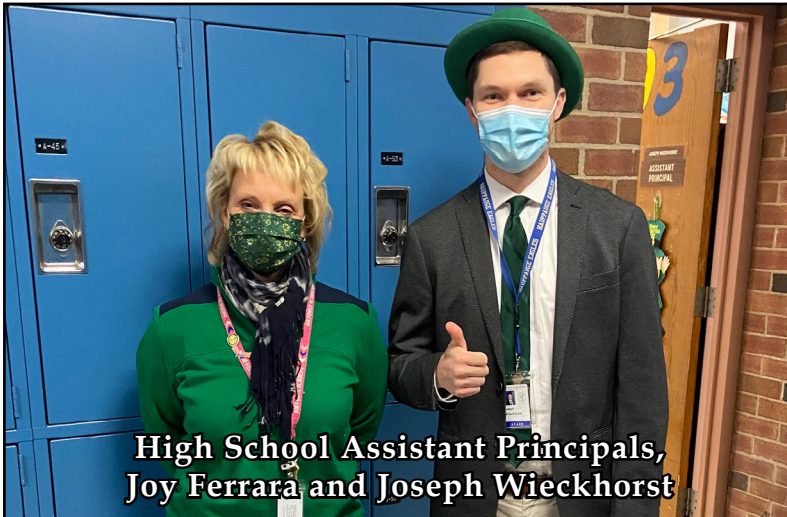
Here are some photos below of the students wearing red for "Courage."



Jesse Lewis
Choose Love
Movement

HAUPPAUGE SCHOOLS TURN GREEN FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Hauppauge schools love a celebration and everyone turned out in their green attire for St. Patrick's Day on Wednesday, March 17th. Here are some great photos of our students and staff! Even under their masks, we can see that "Irish eyes are smiling!"



High School Assistant Principals,
Joy Ferrara and Joseph Wieckhorst



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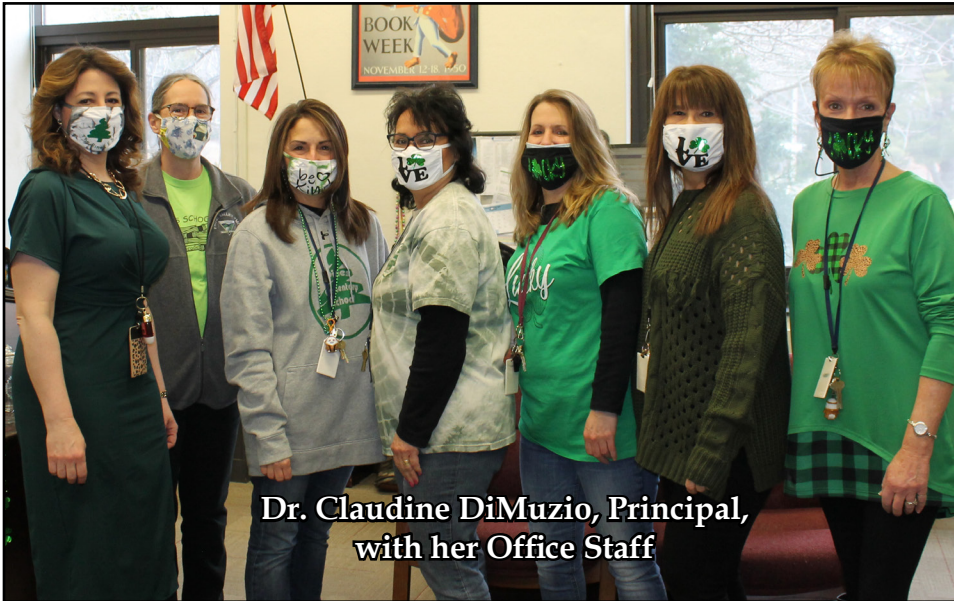


Ms. Zamek and Ms. Dorman,
The Pines, Grade 5



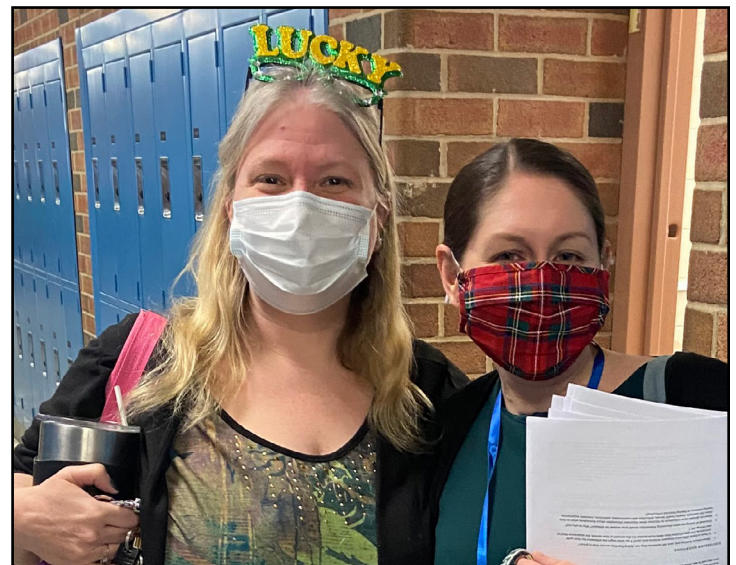
Dr. Claudine DiMuzio
Principal, The Pines



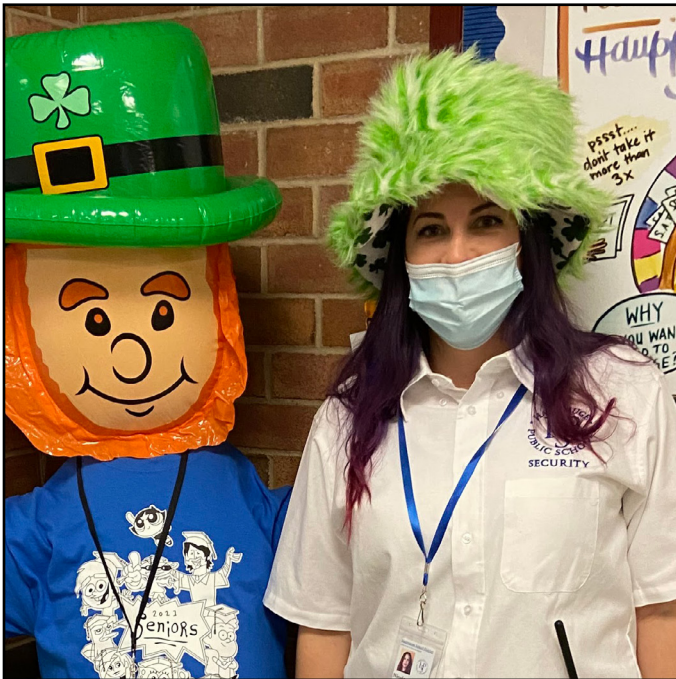


Dr. Claudine DiMuzio, Principal,
with her Office Staff





High School



HAUPPAUGE HOUNDS DOG BISCUITS



PUP-up drive by sale

Hauppauge High School

Monday, 3/22 2:30pm - 3:30pm, under tent in circle

Large bags \$5 | Small bags \$3

cash only

WE WILL SELL TILL WE RUN OUT!

*ALL PROFITS GO TO BEST BUDDIES & LIFE SKILLS PROGRAM
AT THE HIGH SCHOOL*



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