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## HAUPPAUGE STUDENTS AND STAFF ENJOY HALLOWEEN FUN

When it comes to Halloween fun, our students and staff go all out! We had superheroes, princesses and a variety of scary and spooky costumes! It was a great day for everyone to enjoy! Here are some photos of the fun!









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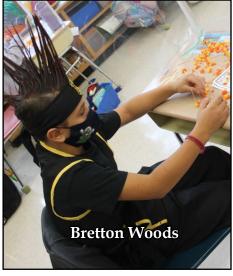












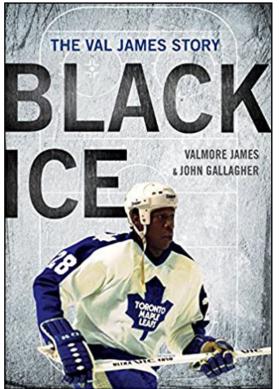
## FORMER HAUPPAUGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT IS HONORED AS THE FIRST BLACK AMERICAN TO PLAY HOCKEY IN THE NHL

On November 1st, 1981, Val James advanced the sport of hockey by becoming the first Black American to play in the National Hockey League (NHL). Recently, the Buffalo Sabres and the NHL honored him for that achievement.

Val James is 63 now. He played seven regular season games and three playoff contests with the Buffalo Sabres in 1981-82. He also played with the Toronto Maple Leafs in 1986-87. Even though he had a brief career, his legacy is undeniable. At least 15 U.S. born Black players have played in the NHL since his debut.

In an article in *NHL News* by William Douglas, he said the following, "Val James once said that he never thought of himself as a trailblazer -- but the entire hockey world should recognize that he





is one," said Kim Davis, NHL senior executive vice president, social impact, growth initiatives and legislative affairs.

"I don't think anyone actually thought about it," Val James told NHL.com last year. "I never thought about it at the time either. I thought about it later, which was a great achievement for me in my own mind, but I think it kind of slipped under the radar."

Val James was considered a late-bloomer hockey-wise. He was born in Ocala, Florida and didn't put on a pair of skates until he was 13 and his father, Henry, was working at the Long Island Arena in Commack, New York which was then the home of the minor league Long Island Ducks as its operations manager. Val attended Hauppauge High School prior to his leaving home at 16 to play hockey in Canada.

Val James tells his story in a book he wrote in 2015 titled *Black Ice*. Part of the description of the book states, "*Black Ice* is the untold story of a trail-blazing athlete who endured and overcame discrimination to realize his dreams and become an inspiration for future generations." The book is available on *Amazon.com*.

Val James also said in the *NHL News* article, "When you're persevering through uncharted territory, there are going to be a lot of people that are going to come out to your aid to help you, and in my case that's exactly what happened. I appreciate all the help these people gave me because they took a hell of a chance coming out to help a Black person at that point in time."

We are proud to acknowledge our former Hauppauge High School student, Val James, for his achievements in the sport of Hockey.

## HIGH SCHOOL COMPUTER GRAPHICS CLASS SHARES AMAZING WORK

High school teacher, Jennifer Clarke, recently shared some amazing artwork which is being created in her Computer Graphics class. The students are learning about shapes, color and layout while also learning new tools and techniques in Photoshop.

Here are some great examples of their talent!









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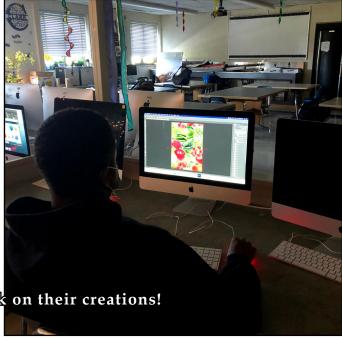






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## HIGH SCHOOL GROUPS ASK FOR SUPPORT IN THEIR EFFORTS TO "SHARE AND CARE" FOR THE HOLIDAYS

High School Social Worker, Shannon Griffin, is once again hard at work with high school students who are looking to make a difference for families this holiday season. They have begun their annual campaign and are hoping for community support of their efforts.

Throughout the month of November, the high school "Share and Care" is hosting a gift card donation campaign. They are hoping to collect new or unused gift cards in denominations of \$25 or less that can be shared with some of our Hauppauge families for the holidays.

The high school will also be hosting an online shopping event, with a portion of the proceeds going to their "Friends of Families" campaign. It will begin on November 13th and run through December 1st. To view the flyer, <u>click here.</u>

In addition to these events, the high school leadership class is hosting a "Turkey Trot Fun Run" from November 23rd to the 30th. The community can sign up to complete this 5K at anytime during that time frame that they would like. All are welcome and whatever is raised will go directly to their fundraising efforts. For more information on the "Turkey Trot Fun Run" click here.

Any support the community can provide in these fundraising events will be very much appreciated.



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