



Horizons

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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLER IS A TWO-TIME NHSCA ALL-AMERICAN

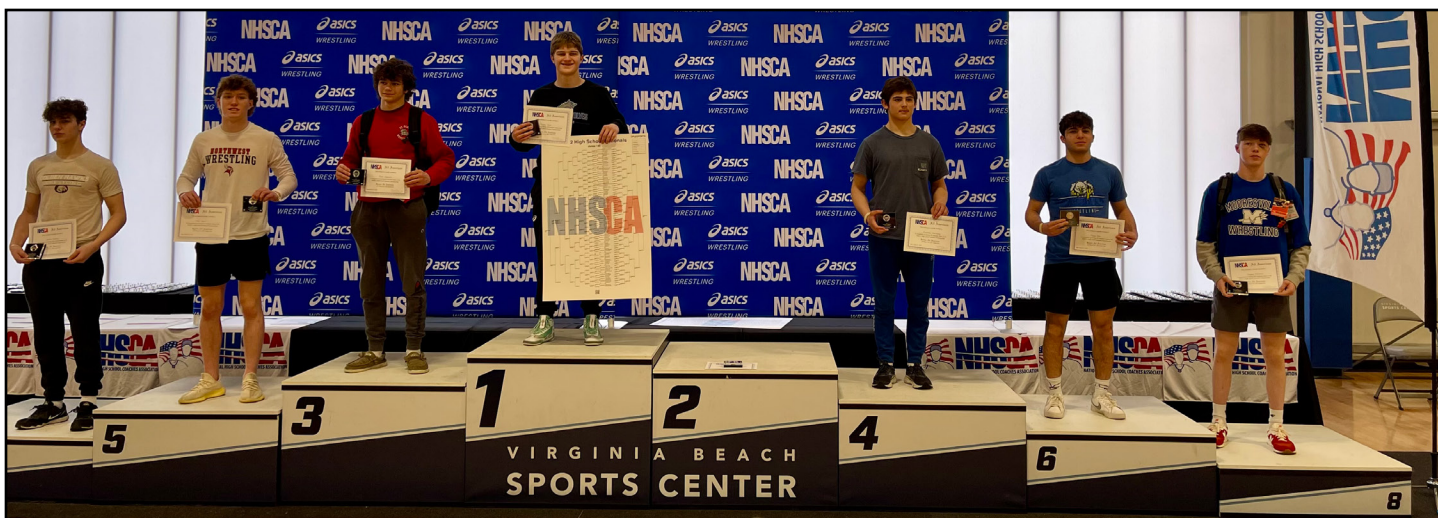
Congratulations to high school wrestler, Frankie Volpe! Frankie wrestled at the Virginia Beach Nationals this past weekend, March 26th to 27th. He made it to the quarterfinals before losing a close 7-6 decision to the eventual national champion.

Frankie went on to win 2 more matches before losing another close 4-3 decision to take 6th place in a 128 man bracket. He is now a 2X NHSCA All-American (2021 & 2022)!

Thank you to Coach Messina for your hard work and for these great photos!



Frankie Volpe



ELMENTARY STUDENTS FROM BRETTON WOODS, FOREST BROOK, AND PINES, EXCEL AT SCIENCE FAIR

Bretton Woods, Forest Brook and Pines Elementary schools recently held their Science Fairs. Our students worked hard and submitted outstanding Science projects. Here are the winners. We congratulate them on a job well done!

Bretton Woods

Kindergarten

1st Place: Advika Arun

The Floating Grapes

2nd Place: Lucy Reinhardt

How Do Animals Stay Warm?

First Grade

1st Place: Natalie Ryan

Creating the Best Snow Globe

2nd Place: Isabella Schupak

Will a Lemon or a Grapefruit Power a Light Bulb?

3rd Place (Tie): Mckenzie Campbell

Sweet Science: Does Sugar Seeding Affect Rock Candy Crystallization?

3rd Place (Tie): Aadhya Chidara

Chemistry with Cabbage

Second Grade

1st Place: Taran Sathish Kumar

Cleaning Up Oil Spills Using Natural Organic Sorbents

2nd Place: Leah Paino

Fly Whirlybirds Fly!

3rd Place: Advit Tata

Heat Insulating Materials: Which Type of Cup Material Keeps
Liquids Hot for the Longest Time

Third Grade

1st Place: Rionna Mittal

How Sharp Our Senses Are!

2nd Place: Khushi Shah

Electronics: A Blessing or a Curse?

3rd Place: Ella Oury

Swish, Swish, Swish..Which Mouthwash Kills the Most Bacteria?

Honorable Mention: Madison Campbell

Disinfection Protection

Honorable Mention: Samantha Lamarr

Making Paper Waterproof: The Process of Making and Waterproofing Paper

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ELEMENTARY SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

Fourth Grade

1st Place: Aditri Arun

Suspension Bridge vs. Beam Bridge Which is Mightier?

2nd Place: Sophia Nehr

The Highest Geyser: What is the Effect that Mentos Has on Different Liquids?

3rd Place: Vivienne O'Brien

Dog Food Preference Experiment: Do Dogs Like Pricier Foods?

Honorable Mention: Michael Salzillo

Hydraulic Mechanics

Honorable Mention: Adelise O'Brien

Rethink Your Drink: Which Drink Has the Most Sugar

Fifth Grade

1st Place: Mihir Sathish Kumar

LED Traffic Signals - An Energy Smart Choice for Cities

2nd Place: Ava Postilio

Battery Power: Which Battery is the Strongest?

3rd Place: Vaibhavi Hegde

What Household Device Emits the Most Electric and Magnetic Fields (EMF) radiation?

Honorable Mention: Philip Smith

The Glow Stick Experiment

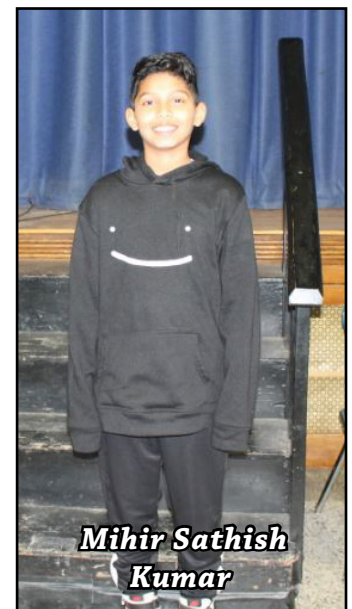
Honorable Mention: Mia Inzirillo

Eggcellent Teeth: How Different Acids in Liquids Affect Your Teeth

[Click here](#) to view the Bretton Woods Science projects.



Bretton Woods Science Fair Winners



***Mihir Sathish
Kumar***

Forest Brook

First Grade

1st Place: Morgan Stines-Eggers

Growing Pains

2nd Place: Jordyn Drucker

Cleaning Pennies

3rd Place: Annabelle Bollag

Flowers and Music

Second Grade

1st Place: Mollie Hartnett

Tie Dye Flower

Third Grade

1st Place: Maxim Vetoshkin

Keepin' It Fresh: Why Do Apple Slices Turn Brown After We Cut Them and How Could We Keep It Looking Fresh?

2nd Place: Andrew Michels

Liquids Effect on the Growth of Flowers: How Will Different Liquids Affect the Seed Growth?

3rd Place: Liliana DeLuca

Bounce or Break

Honorable Mention: John Edward

Are All Diet Sodas Mento React the Same?

Honorable Mention: Joshua Tholl

What Will Make These Seeds Grow?

Fourth Grade

1st Place: Regan Ashby

Paper Airplanes Going the Distance

2nd Place: Liam Daly Power Hogs

Which Household Devices/Appliances Use the Most Electricity

3rd Place: Kara Daly

Save the Strawberries! What Works to Make Strawberries Last Longer?

Fifth Grade

1st Place: Ryan Tjersland

Stride for Speed

2nd Place: Eva Stein

Fidget Focus

3rd Place: Daniel Paolillo

Maze of Mirrors

ELEMENTARY SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

Honorable Mention: Jayden Schreiber

Can a Solar Oven Made from a Pizza Box Actually Cook Food? Let's Find Out!

Honorable Mention: Evan Feinblum

What Bubble Gum Flavor Lasts the Longest?

[Click here](#) to view the Forest Brook Science projects.



Pines

Kindergarten

1st Place: Emily Fudens

How to Make the Best Chocolate Milk While Eating a Bowl of Cocoa Pebbles Cereal

First Grade

1st Place: Violet Radonis

Bad Hair Days...No More? Let's Learn About the "Land of the Rapunzels"

2nd Place: John Muilenburg

Sink or Float: A Sweet Experiment Showing Density and Mass

3rd Place: Vincent Calvanese

The Great Candle Race

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ELEMENTARY SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

Second Grade

1st Place: Zoey Puttagio Carniol
Into the Midnight Zone: Water Pressure and Depth

2nd Place: Lilly Muilenburg
Gummy Bear Osmosis- Bring in all the Textures & Of Course, the Colors!!!

3rd Place: Gavin Maggio
Do You Want Your Teeth to Rot, or Not? Are the Drinks Kids Love Going to Rot Their Teeth?

Third Grade

1st Place: Matthew McHugh
Light My Fire

2nd Place: Lucas Tremaroli
Which Super-Fruit/Veggie Can Light Up the World?
Which Fruit or Vegetable Can Generate the Most Electricity?

3rd Place: Logan Sudama
Which Nutrients Added to Soil Help Plants to Grow Better?

Fourth Grade

1st Place: Pranav Ramkumar
Tower Toppling Experiment

2nd Place: Sylvia Bonn
Drink Up, Trees!

3rd Place: Alex Mariani
Weights and Derby Cars

Honorable Mention: Micaela Paniccia
Magnetic Levitating Device

Honorable Mention: Ashleigh Leteri
Don't Burst My Bubble;
What Bubble Solution is the Strongest?

Fifth Grade

1st Place: Ashlyn Mathew
Can Plants Grow on Mars?

2nd Place: Alexa Mammone
When Water Gets Salty



Pines Science Fair Winners

[Click here](#) to view the Pines Science projects.

The Suffolk County Brookhaven National Labs Fair - Suffolk Awards
Friday, June 10th, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

While we are disappointed that we will not see all of your students excited faces in person, we do have another opportunity for them. We will be hosting a virtual Trivia Game that is open to all

Science Fair participants. Prizes will be awarded to the winners!

Grades K-2 Trivia: Thursday June 9th, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Grades 3-6 Trivia: Thursday June 9th, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

The Zoom links will be posted on our website (www.bnl.gov/sciencefair) by June 1st.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL SOCIAL STUDIES HONOR SOCIETY "RHO KAPPA"

The following students were inducted into the Hauppauge Chapter of "Rho Kappa," the National Social Studies Honor Society, on Thursday, March 31st. Please join the social studies department in congratulating the following students:

"Rho Kappa" 2021/2022

<i>James Aldaba</i>	<i>Olivia DiBenedetto</i>	<i>Connor Leddy</i>	<i>Kathryn Patus</i>
<i>Matvey Baranov</i>	<i>Sarah Douglass</i>	<i>Isabella Lefebvre</i>	<i>Matthew Pennino</i>
<i>Kay Margaret Barrett</i>	<i>Robert Doumazios</i>	<i>Keertana Madhira</i>	<i>Leanna Sheridan</i>
<i>Mackenzie Buscarino</i>	<i>Anthony Economico</i>	<i>Ryan Marchese</i>	<i>Nya Simonds</i>
<i>Isabella Calvao</i>	<i>Navya Gautum</i>	<i>Jenna Marino</i>	<i>Kaitlin Stephens</i>
<i>Ryan Capece</i>	<i>Alexander Genovese</i>	<i>Abigail Mensing</i>	<i>Riti Takhar</i>
<i>Andrew Castor</i>	<i>Patrick Haggerty</i>	<i>Brandon Mileti</i>	<i>Riya Takhar</i>
<i>Despina Cheilas</i>	<i>Viraag Hegde</i>	<i>Benjamin Moks</i>	<i>Roop Takhar</i>
<i>Jack Collins</i>	<i>Luke Humin</i>	<i>Emma Munro</i>	<i>Colin Terracciano</i>
<i>Karli Connolly</i>	<i>Kailey Jenkins</i>	<i>Dharmik Namineni</i>	<i>Sophia Wellisch</i>
<i>Catherine Dau</i>	<i>Kaitlyn Kerwick</i>	<i>Tammy Papadas</i>	<i>Emily Wolmetz</i>



Ms. Doreen Gordon, Director of Social Studies and Business, and Ms. Ellen Robbins, History teacher, serve as "Rho Kappa" advisors.

Qualifications for student membership in grade 11:

For students in Advanced Placement World History

- 9th grade final average 87 or higher
- 10th grade final average 87 or higher

For students in Global History and Geography

- 9th grade final average 92 or higher
- 10th grade final average 92 or higher

For all students

- 85 or higher on the Global History and Geography Regents Exam
- Active membership in the Hauppauge HS History Club

(*waived for 2021-22)

- Active involvement in the school and/or community

Qualifications for student membership in grade 12:

Students in AP or IB Program:

- 10th grade AP World History final average 87 or higher
- 11th grade AP US History or IB History 90 or higher

Students in US History and Government:

- 10th grade Global History 92 or higher or AP World History 87 or higher
- 11th grade US History and Government 95 or higher

For all students

- 85 or higher on the Global History and Geography & US History and Government Regents Exams
- Active membership in Hauppauge HS History Club
- Active involvement in the school and/or community

BRETTON WOODS STUDENTS CELEBRATE "MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS MONTH" IN A SPECIAL WAY

At Bretton Woods, in the beginning of March, students and teachers wrote down what they love about music to celebrate "Music In Our Schools Month." Some students wrote "Music allows me to express myself", "Music makes me happy" and "I love feeling a part of the band." The students especially loved reading about all of their teachers' favorite songs/artists.

They filled their bulletin boards with all of their musical love and thoughts. Here are some photos.



*Music Teacher, Kerry Ramirez,
with her Beginner Band Students*



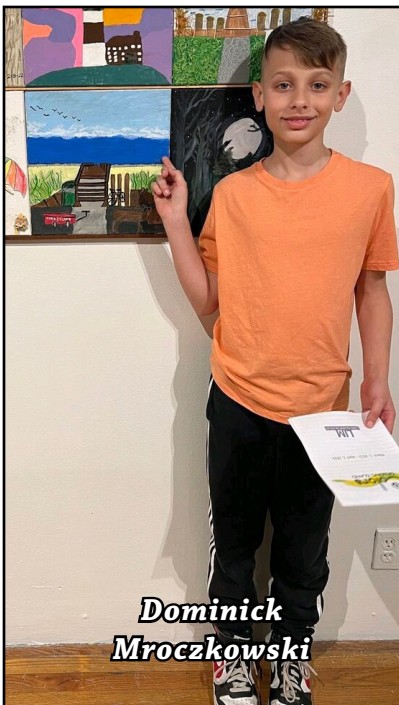
PINES ARTISTS EXHIBIT ARTWORK AT LONG ISLAND MUSEUM, STONY BROOK

Five Pines artists had their artwork on exhibit during the month of March at the “Colors of Long Island” exhibition at the Long Island Museum, Stony Brook. The Art exhibit showcased the talent of Long Island young artists.

Artists are free to choose any artistic media to create an artwork that speaks about the “Colors of Long Island.” This year the Pines Elementary School submitted the creative artistry of:

Parker Sudama
Jada Balanda
Gracie Peterson
Dylan Donato
Dominick Mroczkowski

Congratulations Pines Artists! They are students of art teacher, Elisabeth Anziano.



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTEND “BEST BUDDIES” PROM

Some of our high school students in the “Best Buddies” program attended the “2022 Long Island Friendship Ball - Hollywood Night” at Manhasset High School on Friday, March 25th. The students enjoyed a night of dancing, crafts, food, and friendship. All “Best Buddies” participants in high school programs on Long Island were invited.

Here are some beautiful photos of our students enjoying their evening at the prom!



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"BEST BUDDIES" PROM



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HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR RECEIVES U.S. FIGURE SKATING GOLD LEVEL RECOGNITION AWARD

Emma Ortiz was awarded the Graduating Seniors Gold Level Recognition Award by the US Figure Skating Senior Awards Program. This award was developed to recognize the achievements of those individuals graduating from high school who have made the commitment to continue their training in figure skating while pursuing their academic studies.

Emma began skating at age 4. Through the years she has had many opportunities to compete in places such as Lake Placid, Hershey and Connecticut as well as internationally in Belgium. Most of Emma's training took place early in the morning before school. She completed all US Figure Skating tests in Moves in the Field and Freestyle through the senior (gold) level this past August. That was 14 tests in total over the course of approximately seven years.

Emma is currently coaching group and private lessons for young skaters. She is a member of the Skating Club of NY, the Professional Skaters Association and Learn to Skate. Emma plans to continue skating at the collegiate level next year.

We congratulate Emma on this well-deserved award and wish her luck in her future skating endeavors!



Emma Ortiz

HAUPPAUGE ROTARY CLUB ANNOUNCES MARCH "STUDENTS OF THE MONTH"

Joseph Mathew and Varsha Saravanan are the March "Students of the Month," awarded by the Hauppauge Rotary Club and Interact Club.

The theme of March was "High Achieving," which is extremely fitting for Hauppauge High School's very own Valedictorian and Salutatorian!

Both students were recognized at the Hauppauge Rotary Club's monthly Zoom meeting, where they were given a certificate and an Amazon gift card.

Congratulations to Joseph and Varsha on their hard work and dedication throughout their academic careers!



Joseph Mathew and Varsha Saravanan

HIGH SCHOOL COLLEGE SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT MARKETING STUDENTS ATTEND “JETS SPORTS BUSINESS DAY”

High School teacher, Frank Hufnagel, recently took twenty of his College Sports and Entertainment Marketing students to attend “Jets Sports Marketing Day” at MetLife Stadium. The day consisted of a tour of MetLife Stadium with speakers at every stop. The speakers introduced themselves and spoke about the role they play on the business side of the NY Jets.

After they described their jobs, they spoke about their own career paths and what it took to get where they are today. They answered students’ questions ranging anywhere from their favorite part of the job to what college they attended, and anything in between.

In addition to hearing first-hand from professionals about their careers, many things that were discussed about marketing and sales reinforced what is taught in the classroom.

It was a fun and informative day as the students got to visit the locker room, the luxury suites, and ended the day playing on the field. Here are some photos of the students enjoying this awesome experience.



Frank Hufnagel, Business Teacher, with his Sports and Entertainment Marketing Students



Writing Contest

"Some people want it to happen, some wish it to happen, others make it happen."

~ Michael Jordan

We are proud to announce the winners of the eleventh annual Writing Contest.

This contest is supported by the Friends of the Hauppauge Public Library in conjunction with the Hauppauge School District. This year students were asked to write about **what it takes** to “**make it happen**” and **reach a goal or realize a dream**, creating a **story, an essay, poem, or story board (comic strip)** that highlights this concept.

Congratulations to all of the following participants:

Aditri Arun	Luke Gamble	Matteo Salina
Madelyn Bayer	Johnny Irwin	Mihir Sathish Kumar
Abigail Bonn	Esther Kim	Taran Sathish Kumar
Sylvia Bonn	Brooke Kneisel	Alyssa Schnetzler
Lahyah Bouquet	Luciana La Monica	Alyssa Schroeder
Sophia Brown	Cameron Lacorte	Valentina Seminara
Crosby Cadmus	Nikolas Lambros	Brian Sgaraglio
MayLee Chin	Kaylee Maer	Lloyd Shin
Katheryn Choi	Sreeanay Mallisetty	Ethan Simpson
Philip Composto	Jemia Mattison	Juliana Stopanio
Chloe Coughlin	Ayla Mazzitelli	Ava Takesky
Deja D'Elia	Matthew McHugh	Advit Tata
Angelina DeLuca	Jacob Messina	Mia Tencic
Neil Doyle	Matthew Michels	Brooke Thomson
Kiersten Drake	Emma Musto	Steven Tola
Maggie Egbert	Olalekan Ogunsakin	Rick Tyrrell
Dylan Faggioni	Ella Oury	Micaela Vega-Bergamino
Daniella Feigenbaum	Emma Oury	Jaslene Velasquez
Skyler Fernandez	Isabella Parmit	Michela Vettorato
Nicole Florio	Richie Pastore	Andrew Weir
Autumn Foster	Emma Rottach	

And the winners are...

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First Place

click on the essay title to read their winning entry!



Taran Sathish Kumar
Ms. Lukowski
Bretton Woods, Gr. 2
FIRST PLACE

[*The Key to Be Extraordinary*](#)



Daniella Feigenbaum
Ms. Picard-Smith
Ms. DeMaria
Pines, Gr. 4
FIRST PLACE
[*How Speech Apraxia Has Made Me A Better Person*](#)



Crosby Cadmus
Ms. Karpowicz
Bretton Woods, Gr. 5
FIRST PLACE

[*My Strongest Muscle Is My Mind*](#)



Olaekan Ogunsakin
Ms. Nonnemacher
Middle School, Gr. 7
FIRST PLACE

[*Dare to Dream*](#)

Second Place

click on the essay title to read their winning entry!



Abigail Bonn
Ms. Gerbano
Pines, Gr. 2
SECOND PLACE
[*The Goal is the Whole Mountain*](#)



Matthew McHugh
Ms. Kuerner
Pines, Gr. 3
SECOND PLACE
[*I Did It!*](#)



Emma Oury
Ms. Parrett
Middle School, Gr. 6
SECOND PLACE
[*A Dream to Ride*](#)



Juliana Stopani
Ms. Autino
Middle School, Gr. 7
SECOND PLACE
[*What It Takes to be Successful and Reach Your Dreams*](#)

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Honorable Mention

click on the essay title to read their winning entry!



Advit Tata
Ms. Thornton
Bretton Woods, Gr. 2
HONORABLE MENTION
[*The Missile Man
of India*](#)



Katheryn Choi
Ms. Driscoll
Bretton Woods, Gr. 4
HONORABLE MENTION
[*What It Takes
To Be Successful*](#)



Mihir Sathish Kumar
Ms. Weeks / Ms. Dungate
Bretton Woods, Gr. 5
HONORABLE MENTION
[*The Slave Who
Sued for her
Freedom*](#)



Jemia Mattison
Ms. Nonnemacher
Middle School, Gr. 7
HONORABLE MENTION
[*Perseverance,
Love and
Commitment*](#)

Thank you to the classroom teachers who supported students in submitting their writing pieces. A shout out to the parents of our contest entrants who encouraged their children to put forth their best effort. A warm thank you to Catherine Berntsen, librarian at the Hauppauge Library for her continued support in helping to keep this contest running each year with the generous support of the Friends of the Hauppauge Public Library. A special thank you to my office assistant, Mrs. Christine Buff for her endless support of the writing contest each year.

Finally, thank you to all of the students that placed and those that participated. Your efforts in working to improve your writing and sharing your talent with our community does not go unnoticed. Keep striving to sharpen these writing skills by writing about your life, books you read, movies you see, feelings and opinions you hold and about our community and the world. Your words will inspire and change others thoughts and actions and make the world a better place.

Thank you!

Respectfully,

Christopher J. Michael, Ed.D.

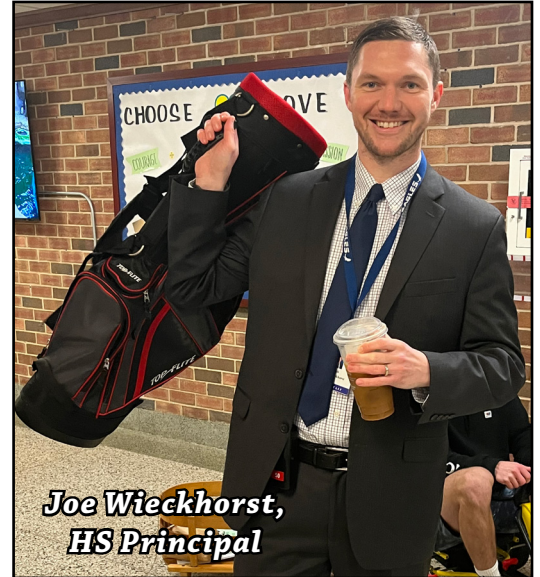
Christopher J. Michael, Ed.D.
Director of English Language Arts
Hauppauge Public Schools

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"ANYTHING BUT A BACKPACK" AT THE HIGH SCHOOL

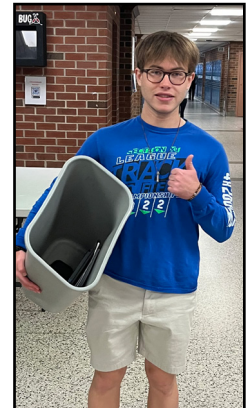
Our high school students, and staff, had some fun with "Anything But a Backpack Day" on Thursday, March 31st. They were celebrating "March Madness." The choices were pretty funny to say the least!

Here are some great photos of our high-schoolers having fun with an awesome theme! Thank you to Denise Malandrucolo for getting these great shots!



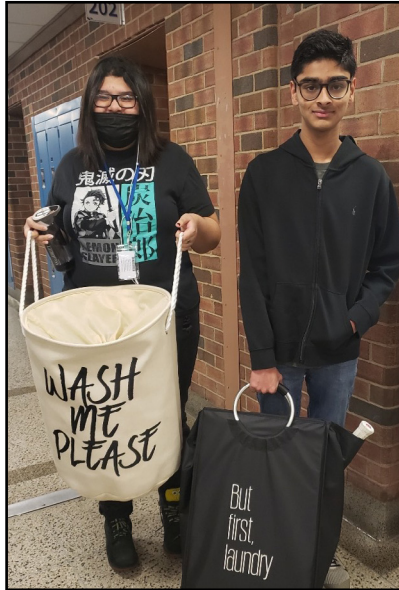
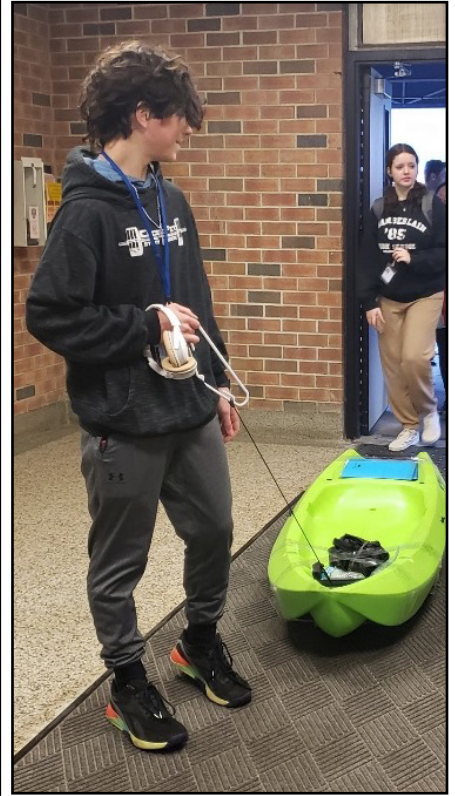
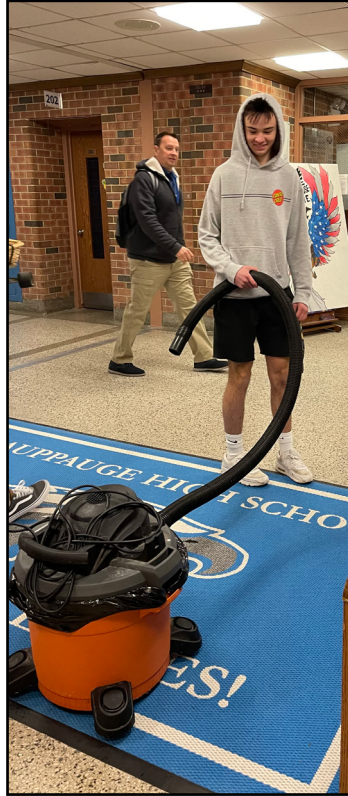
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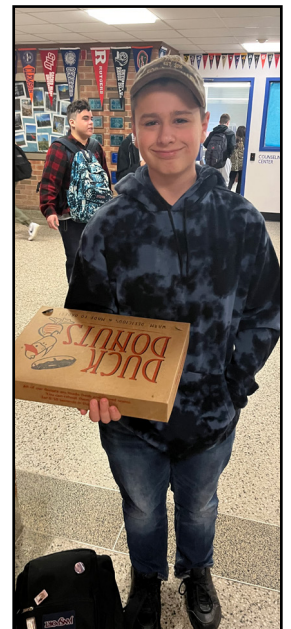
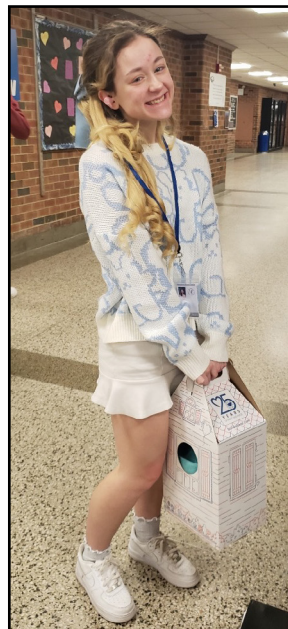
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"ANYTHING BUT A BACKPACK"



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"ANYTHING BUT A BACKPACK"



Tri-M, Vocal Jazz and Jazz Band
Performing at The Jazz Loft!



Tuesday, April 5, 2022

7:00 pm

\$5.00 Admission

275 Christian Ave, Stony Brook, NY

the jazzloft.org 631-751-7895

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