



Horizons

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BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNIZES CHAMPIONSHIP TEAMS

At the Board of Education Meeting on Tuesday, December 6th, the Board recognized the Hauppauge-Smithtown Girls' Swimming and Diving Team on winning the New York State Championship. They also recognized the Varsity Boys' Volleyball Team who captured the Long Island Championship and went on to play for the New York State Championship, but were not successful. Nonetheless, the boys have made us all proud of their achievements!

Members of the Hauppauge-Smithtown Girls' Swimming and Diving Team are:

Rowan Ashby
Marina Cerrato
Isabelle Colonna

Savvy Dusad
Meghan Horigan
Liana Gentile
Lola McGuire

Mary Schroeder
Avery Wilcox
Haily Wilcox

Head Coach: Richard Lionetti
Assistant Coach: Brandon Modrov



***Hauppauge Girls' Swimming and Diving Team members with their Coaches,
Richard Lionetti and Brandon Modrov,
Athletic Director, Dan Butler, and Superintendent, Dr. Donald Murphy***

Members of the Varsity Boys' Volleyball Team are:

Lucas Ahr
Ryan Capece
Chase Dobbs
Aidan Doherty
Liam Edgeworth
Jordan Feltz
Stephen Feron

Robert Gennari
Jason George
Miguel Heredia
David Holdorf
Luke Jata
Michael Krilovitch
Connor McGuire

Ian Rivera
Ray Russo
Matthew Tarasenko
Giovanni Torquato
Dominick Utano
Joseph Valenza

Coach: Christopher Varthalamis

Congratulations to these two special teams!



Varsity Boys' Volleyball Team members with their Coach, Christopher Varthalamis, Athletic Director, Dan Butler, and Superintendent, Dr. Donald Murphy



At the meeting, the Board of Education also recognized the following Forest Brook Elementary staff on receiving tenure. They are:

Christina Meccariello - Reading Teacher
Grace Felice - Nurse

We congratulate them!



Superintendent, Dr. Donald Murphy, with Christina Meccariello, Grace Felice, Dr. Kristen Reingold, Forest Brook Principal, and Joseph Tasman, Deputy Superintendent, along with Forest Brook Staff Members

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR IS A "COCA-COLA SEMIFINALIST"

The "Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation" has notified us that we have a semifinalist in their program! High School Senior, Navya Gautam, has been selected as a Semifinalist in the "2022-2023 Coca-Cola Scholars Program."

Only 1,557 Semifinalists were chosen among 91,000+ applicants this year because of their outstanding leadership, academic achievements, and dedication to their community.

Semifinalists were notified of their status and are completing detailed applications that will be evaluated by a review committee.

Being a Coca-Cola Semifinalist is a big deal! A Semifinalist has made it through their first stage of selection and will now continue through the process with the opportunity of becoming a "Coca-Cola Scholar."

These students are required to complete a second application that includes additional information on school, community, volunteer, and employment activities; multiple written responses; a recommendation; a secondary school report; and a transcript. The application deadline for this second application was Thursday, December 8, at 4pm Eastern.

In late January, 250 Regional Finalists will be selected and those finalists will schedule virtual interviews for the final stage of selection.

In mid February, each Regional Finalist will be interviewed by a Regional Interview Committee composed of previous scholarship recipients and a CCSF staff member.

In early March, 150 Coca-Cola Scholars will be selected. All 150 will receive a \$20,000 scholarship and attend Coca-Cola Scholars Weekend in April in Atlanta, Georgia.

If you would like to learn more about the scholarship and full eligibility requirements, [click here](#). To see a list of the 2023 Semifinalists, [click here](#).

Congratulations to Navya on achieving Semifinalist status! We look forward to following her progress as she progresses in the competition!



**Navya Gautam,
Coca-Cola Scholars Program
Semifinalist**



Congratulations!

HONOR ROLL IS ANNOUNCED AT THE EASTERN LONG ISLAND ACADEMY OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

High School Principal, Joseph Wieckhorst, has been notified that the following students have attained First-Quarter Honor Roll at the Eastern Long Island Academy of Applied Technology, Edward J. Milliken Technical Center. Those students are:

Amber Barsony
Jayden Bonsera
Thomas Burke
Jimmy Catalan Castro
Michael Chiquitucto
Dominic DiVito
Jayden Duran
Stephen Feron
Sean Gang
Brendan Kalinsky
Nicholas LaFemina
Frank Pagnotta
Owen Prevendoski
Jolver Rivas
Dillan Sarrett
Robyn Stewart
Abigail Vermillion

Principal Jennifer Martino said the following about our students, "The Honor Roll is one of the most significant awards that a student can receive. Honor Roll defines a student who pays attention in class, takes relevant notes, reviews assignments before submission and engages in improvement, communicates with teachers, has disciplined work habits, creates an assessment calendar in order to plan for and set aside time for studying, maintains a positive attitude and puts forth solid effort every day."

Principal Martino also said, "These students have maintained a quarterly average of ninety or above. We congratulate them on their success and look forward to celebrating their future accomplishments throughout the school year."

Great job!



BRETTON WOODS FOURTH-GRADERS CELEBRATE THEIR SPECIAL SOMEONE

Fourth-grade students in Ms. Sukoff's and Ms. Wickers' class recently had a wonderful day celebrating their "special someone." The students wrote a personal essay on someone special in their lives, and invited them into the classroom on Friday, December 2nd, to read them their story.

Students worked very hard on their five-paragraph essay and were excited to read it to their special person. They then honored them with a crown and flower.

Here are some great photos of the students and their "special someone!"



Bretton Woods - "Someone Special"



BRETTON WOODS RUNNING CLUB SCORES BIG

The Bretton Woods Running Club ran the Santa's Toy Trot 5K race in Patchogue on Sunday, December 4th! It was a fantastic race and their teachers, Veronica Weeks and Tara Dungate, are really proud of the efforts of their club members.

The students worked hard in club and also ran extra laps daily outside. Three of their runners came in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in their age group and received beautiful medals! They all finished the race strong and with smiles on their faces. Ms. Weeks and Ms. Dungate hope to run more races with them! Here are some great photos from the race!



*Teachers, Veronica Weeks and Tara Dungate
with running club members*

BRETTON WOODS KINDERGARTNERS HAVE ENTERED "KINDER-VILLE"

Welcome to Kinder-Ville! The Bretton Woods Kindergartners entered the magical world of Dr. Seuss. They learned about the holiday spirit and the wonderful places your imagination can take you. Even the Grinch's heart grew seeing the beautiful artwork from our kinder kids.



Bretton Woods - "Kinder-Ville"



BRETTON WOODS "CARE & SHARE COMMITTEE" ASSISTS FAMILIES

The Bretton Woods Care and Share Committee is a not for profit organization that assists children and families in our attendance area in many different ways. During the month of December we have our Annual Toy Drive and Giving Tree Gift Card Collection. It is through the generosity of students and staff members that makes both programs so successful. We are grateful for everyone's support and contributions.



HAUPPAUGE ROCKS KINDNESS DAY BENEFITS "RACHEL QUINN CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION"

On Monday, November 14th, our students celebrated "Hauppauge Rocks Kindness Day" in order to remember Bretton Woods' beloved colleague, Rachel Quinn, and to support the "Rachel Quinn Children's Foundation."

Bretton Woods Principal, George Gagliardi said in a message our district's students and staff, "To continue to remember our beloved colleague, Rachel Quinn, and to support the Rachel Quinn Children's Foundation, Hauppauge will "Rock Kindness" on Monday, November 14th. As you may know, "World Kindness Day" is on Sunday, November 13th, and as Rachel aspired to be an example of kindness every day, it is only fitting that we honor her memory annually on or around this day. As such, Monday, November 14th will be a District Wide Jeans Day and we ask that all staff wear purple, Rachel's favorite color."

Bretton Woods teachers sent home purple hearts with their students to write messages of kindness, and asked families to return the hearts along with a donation to the Foundation. The hearts were hung in the school throughout the week. Each school celebrated in their own way.

Principal, George Gagliardi, thanks everyone for their support of "Hauppauge Rocks Kindness Day." He was happy to report that they were able to raise \$1,709 through the generosity of our staff and our community, and he presented a check to Nate Quinn, Rachel's husband, on behalf of the entire district. A great photo is below.

If you would like to learn more about the mission of the "Rachel Quinn Children's Foundation," and would like to support them, please [click here](#).



Principal, George Gagliardi, with Rachel's husband, Nate Quinn, and Rachel's Co-Teacher, Danielle Sukoff

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

The Middle School Boys Basketball team recently played Northport. Although they didn't win that game, they made an awesome showing. Here are some great photos courtesy of Frank Bayer of Frank Bayer Photography, of the boys team in action!



Middle School Boys' Basketball



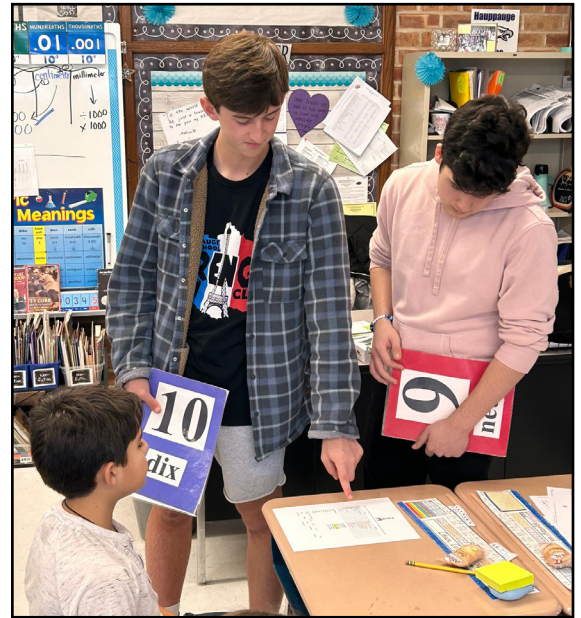
Middle School Boys' Basketball



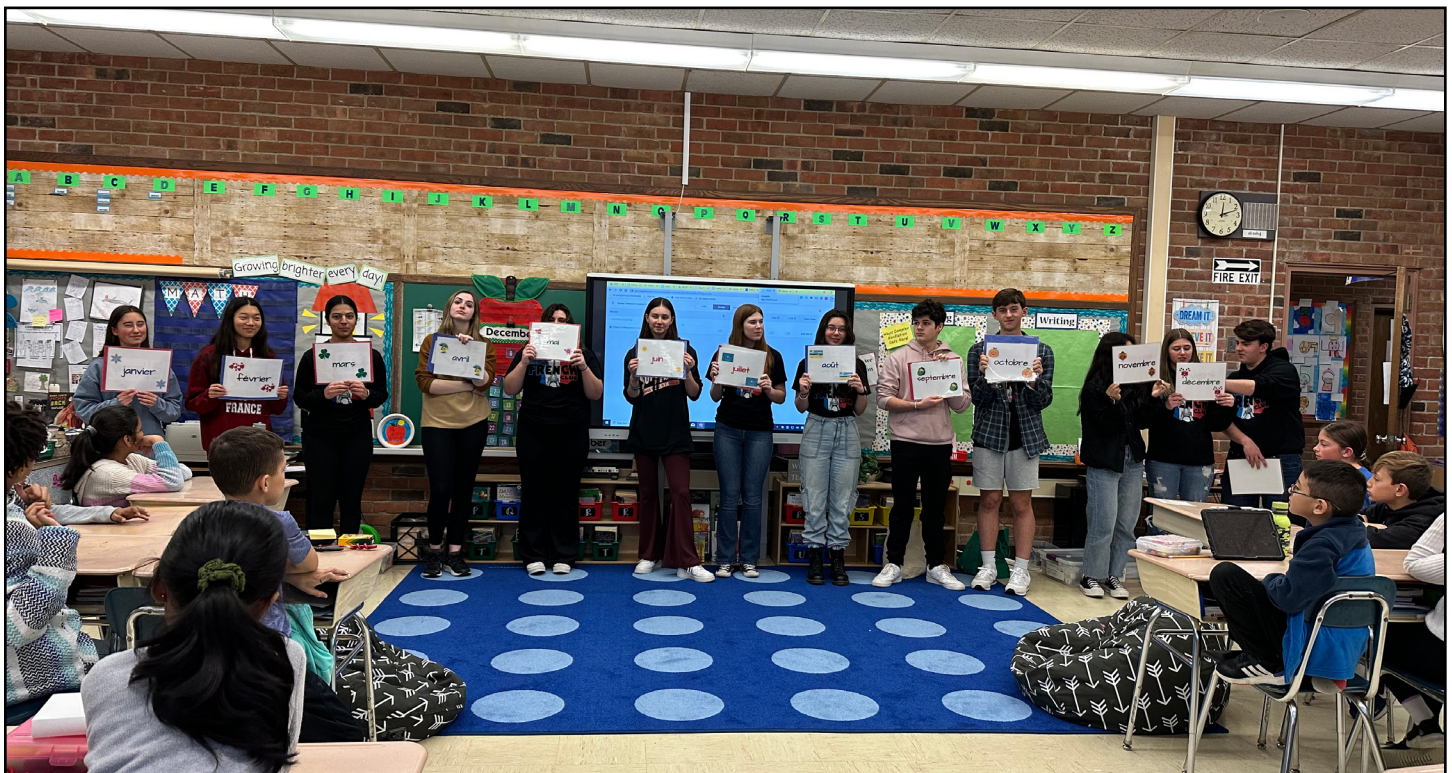
HIGH SCHOOL FRENCH STUDENTS BRING FRENCH LANGUAGE AND CULTURE TO OUR FIFTH-GRADERS

This week a group of High School Students visited all three Elementary Schools to introduce the 5th graders to French language and culture. The students learned how to greet each other and ask how they are as well as colors, numbers, months of the year and many different places to visit in France.

The 5th graders also learned about some of the exciting activities that happen in the High School such as French Club field trips, an exchange program with students from Angers, France and a 9-day trip to France in February with Madame Rigaud where the high schoolers will actually get to visit the hometown of their exchange students. It was a fun day for everyone!



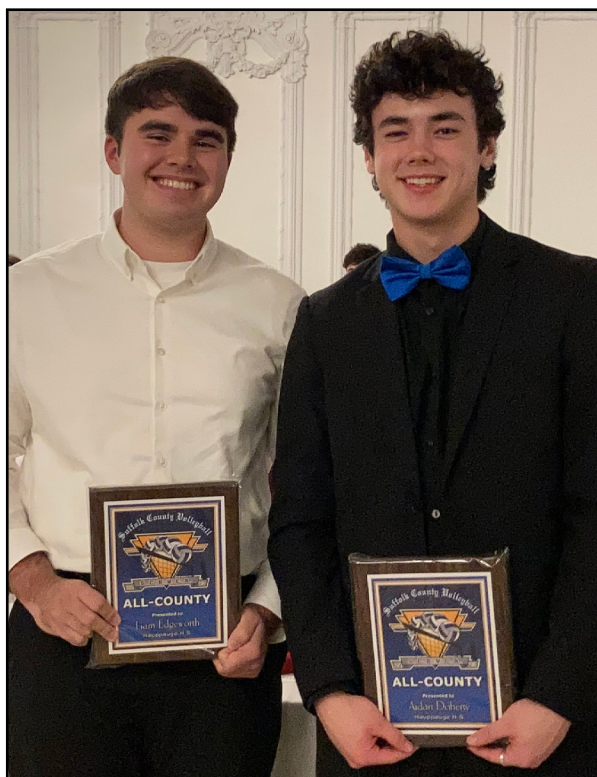
*High School French Students Visit
Fifth-Graders*



BOYS' VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM IS HONORED BY THE SUFFOLK COUNTY VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

The Boys's Varsity Volleyball team was recently honored at the Suffolk County Volleyball Association after their great, fantastic season!

Here are some photos from this happy night!



*Coach Christopher Varthalamis
with some of his players.*



MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTER CONCERTS BRING IN THE HOLIDAYS

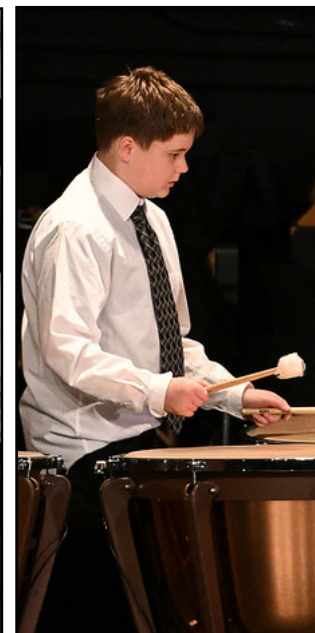
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Middle School - Grade 7



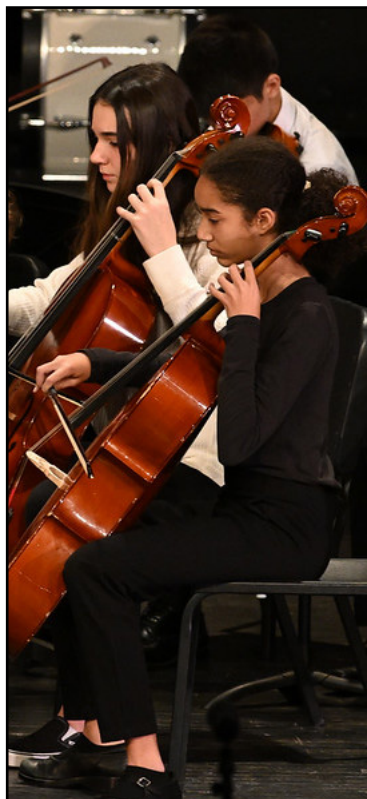
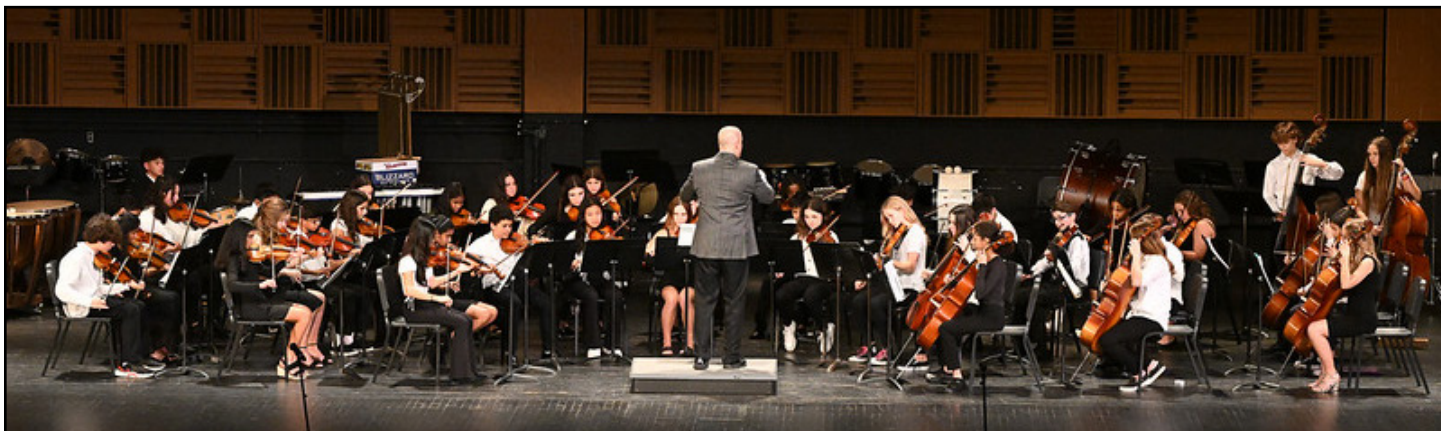
Middle School - Grade 7



Middle School - Grade 8



Middle School - Grade 8



Middle School - Grade 8



Special thanks to Frank Bayer of Frank Bayer Photography for all of these wonderful concert photos!



HAUPPAUGE HIGH SCHOOL

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PRESENTS OUR 1ST ANNUAL
GINGERBREAD HOUSE
COMPETITION

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

BEGINNING AT 6 PM IN THE
HIGH SCHOOL COMMONS

FAMILIES WELCOME

COST IS \$25 PER HOUSE

TO ENSURE WE HAVE ENOUGH SUPPLIES, WE ASK
THAT EVERYONE RSVP TO MR. FRANK HUFNAGEL @

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