

Horizons

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HAUPPAUGE STUDENTS REMEMBER THOSE WHO WERE LOST ON SEPTEMBER 11TH

In remembrance of those who were lost on September 11th, our elementary students paid tribute on "Patriots Day" which was held in our schools on Friday, September 9th, 2022.

Students in Bretton Woods, Forest Brook, and Pines were a sea of red, white, and blue. Students gathered around their respective flag poles to recite the "Pledge of Allegiance." They conducted a moment of silence and sang "God Bless America" and other patriotic songs. Pines students were treated to bagpipe music by Kevin McManus, husband of Pines teacher, Jeanne McManus.

Here are some photos from "Patriots Day."



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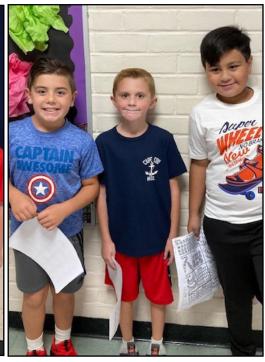






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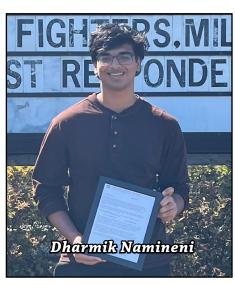
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE NAMED NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SEMIFINALISTS

The following students have been named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists in the 68th annual National Merit Scholarship Program:

Ryan Capece Keertana Madhira Dharmik Namineni









These students are a part of the over 16,000 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists. These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,250 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$28 million that will be offered next spring.

Semifinalists must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. About 95 percent of the Semifinalists are expected to attain Finalist standing, and approximately half of the Finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar® title.

NMSC, a not-for-profit organization that operates without government assistance, was established in 1955 specifically to conduct the annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Scholarships are underwritten by NMSC with its own funds and by approximately 340 business organizations and higher education institutions that share NMSC's goals of honoring the nation's scholastic champions and encouraging the pursuit of academic excellence.

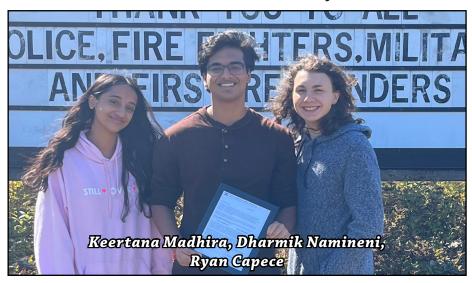
High school juniors entered the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2021 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT®), which served as an initial screen of program entrants. The nationwide pool of Semifinalists, representing less than one percent of U.S. high school seniors, includes the highest-scoring entrants in each state. The number of Semifinalists in a state is proportional to the state's percentage of the national total of graduating seniors.

To become a Finalist, the Semifinalist and a high school official must submit a detailed scholarship application, in which they provide information about the Semifinalist's academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received. A Semifinalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay, and earn SAT® or ACT® scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test.

From over 16,000 Semifinalists, more than 15,000 are expected to advance to the Finalist level, and in February they will be notified of this designation. All National Merit Scholarship winners will be selected from this group of Finalists. Merit Scholar designees are selected on the basis of their skills, accomplishments, and potential for success in rigorous college studies, without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, or religious preference.

Three types of National Merit Scholarships will be offered in the Spring of 2023. Every Finalist will compete for one of 2,500 National Merit® \$2,500 Scholarships that will be awarded on a stated-representational basis. About 950 corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship Awards will be provided by approximately 180 corporations and business organizations for Finalists who meet their specified criteria such as children of the grantor's employees or residents of communities where sponsor plants or offices are located. In addition, about 160 colleges and universities are expected to finance some 3,800 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards for Finalists who attend the sponsor institution.

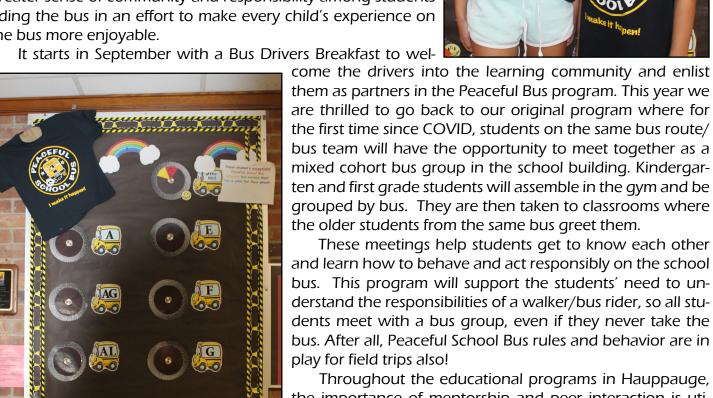
We congratulate these students and wish them well as they continue to the next level.



THE PEACEFUL BUS PROGRAM BUILDS RELATIONSHIPS AND RESPECT

Being a student can be stressful at times. Sometimes, the most stressful part of the school day is often not in the classroom but in the ride to and from school on the bus. A goal of the Hauppauge Public Schools (HPS) is to create a comfortable nurturing environment to optimize a student's potential for productive learning. To this end, HPS is filled with caring compassionate teachers, friendly helpful staff, warm and colorful buildings and classrooms. At Pines ES, a proactive approach has been in place for over a decade to help students and staff experience a great ride on the bus every single day.

Over 10 years ago, the Shared Decision Making Team at Pines Elementary School, implemented the Peaceful School Bus Program. The program was designed to reduce the number of student behavior problems on the school bus by creating a greater sense of community and responsibility among students riding the bus in an effort to make every child's experience on the bus more enjoyable.





These meetings help students get to know each other and learn how to behave and act responsibly on the school bus. This program will support the students' need to understand the responsibilities of a walker/bus rider, so all students meet with a bus group, even if they never take the bus. After all, Peaceful School Bus rules and behavior are in

Throughout the educational programs in Hauppauge, the importance of mentorship and peer interaction is utilized and appreciated. Students teaching other students is an extremely effective educational tool. After the January 2021 Book of the Month "How to Apologize" the students took ownership of their behaviors on the bus and worked together to create letters or artwork to either thank their driver for transporting them safely or to apologize to them for not always following the PSB rules. This January the young students and their mentors will work together to make Valentine cards for their bus drivers.

Priority one in HPS is, and always will be, the safety of the

students. With that in mind, Peaceful School Bus Safety Rules were shared with all students, bus drivers, and community parents. The Peaceful School Bus Safety Rules are:

"Peaceful School Bus Safety Rules"

Stay seated in your assigned seat; an adult may tell you where to sit. Buckle up!

Always respect others; the bus driver, the bus and yourself.

Flinging things in or out of the bus is not allowed.

Eating and drinking on the bus are not allowed.

Talk quietly and kindly; no yelling or hurtful words.

You are responsible and accountable for your actions.

Two way communication between the schools and the community is of the utmost importance in the Hauppauge Public Schools. Principal DiMuzio wrote in her letter to parents, "As parents, you have an important role in this program. If your child reports a problem on the bus to you, please let the bus driver, classroom teacher, or main office know, so that we may address the issue in a timely manner. As always, the safety and well-being of every child is of the utmost importance to us. This program will help us work together to teach our children to be responsible members of their bus route group."

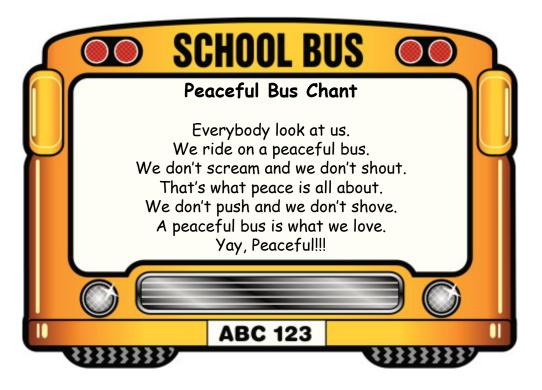




Our talented Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Beyer, has created a fabulous reward system for students to encourage and reward positive behavior on each school bus. Students can earn "compliments" from the bus drivers, each bus compliment earns the group a pie piece that is a color of the rainbow. Each bus has a tire on the bulletin board near the Pines main entrance, the pie piece is posted in the tire. When the tire is filled with all seven colors of the rainbow the bus students can vote on a reward; either a recess with their bus group or a free homework pass for each student. Individual compliments from the driver can also add to the color wheel. If a student exhibits exceptional bus behavior or much im-

proved bus behavior the driver can give them an individual compliment. Five individual compliments will earn the bus group a pie wedge for their wheel.

In the years since its inception, the number of bus related incidents have decreased significantly thanks to the Peaceful School Bus Program.





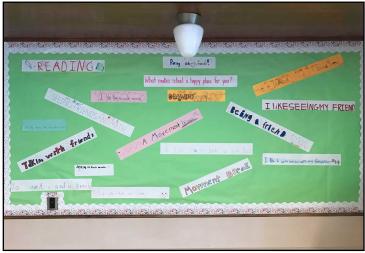
PINES TEACHER ASKS HER FIFTH-GRADE CLASS TO ANSWER A QUESTION POSED TO TEACHERS BY OUR SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Murphy asked staff again this year, "How can we make sure we come to work excited and invested in our students?" Jessica Gumbus, a fifth grade teacher at Pines Elementary School, decided to ask her fifth-graders the same question.

Jessica said, "It was gratifying to see the students' enthusiasm throughout the process and it was clear that they felt valued. The requests were so simple and yet have already made such a big difference."

Pictured below are the students from her class and the board that is displayed in her classroom with their responses. What a great way to start this new year in Hauppauge and to relay the messages from Dr. Murphy's opening remarks into our classrooms!







BRETTON WOODS PTA MEMBERS HELP TEACHERS "KICK START" THEIR SCHOOL YEAR

On Friday, September 9th, our wonderful Bretton Woods PTA spent the day helping the teachers to kick start their school year. We are so lucky to have such an amazing group of parents supporting our teachers and students. Thank you to the Bretton Woods PTA for all that they do.

















PINES PTA HOSTS A WELCOME BACK BREAKFAST AND VOLUNTEER DAY

On Friday, September 9th, the Pines PTA hosted a Welcome Back to School breakfast for the staff. It was also Volunteer Day, where Pines parent volunteers help teachers with tasks such as photocopying, cutting, laminating and other helpful projects.

Many delicious items were served at the breakfast.. A big thank you to the Pines PTA for being so thoughtful and providing such a lovely breakfast. Here are some photos from the festivities!













BRETTON WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BRINGS BACK "FAMILY CONNECT NIGHTS"

Bretton Woods Principal, George Gagliardi, recently announced that he is bringing back "Family Connect Nights" this year. This was originally introduced in the spring of 2021.

On "Family Connect Nights" homework will not be assigned and tests will not be scheduled for the next day. Families are encouraged to use this time to engage in fun and enjoyable activities that bring them together and create special memories. Each family is provided with some suggested activities including a family game night, looking through photo albums, charades, dance party, and even maybe letting the kids plan and execute a meal as they are able, among other suggestions. However, families can choose their own ways to connect. Also, families are encouraged to unplug and participate in their activities without using cell phones or social media. One exception is to take photos of the fun and share them for a feature on the school website.

"Family Connect Nights" will take place once a month. The first one took place on Wednesday, September 14th. Here are some photos from the first one of the school year!





















BOYS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM PLACES FIRST AT "START OF THE SEASON TOURNAMENT"

On September 3rd the Hauppauge boys varsity volleyball team attended the East Islip "Start of the Season Tournament." The team went 6-2 before being placed at the number 2 seed going into playoffs.

In the quarter finals, they beat Center Moriches easily 25-4 in a 1-set match, and then proceeded to beat Bayport/Blue-Point in the semifinals 2-1 in a thrilling 3-set match. The boys beat #1Patchogue-Medford 2-0 in the finals to win the tournament!

The team was led by Liam Edgeworth, Aidan Doherty, Joseph Valenza, Connor McGuire, Luke Jata, Robert Gennari, and Dominick Utano. They were supported by their uplifting, cheerful teammates. This is only the beginning of an exciting rest of the season!



BOYS VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM SENIORS ARE READY FOR THEIR LAST HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON

The Seniors on the Boys Varsity Football Team are enjoying their final season of high school football. They are:

Brett Artura Vincent Barbera, Captain Dylan Braun, Captain Paul Chung Michael Cira Chris Diesso Dominick DiVito Connor Foley Joe Holder Matthew Kinsley, Captain Seth Lewin Brandon Mileti, Captain Frank Moccia Anthony Palermo Joseph Provenzano, Captain Brandon Ress George Sourlis

Their Coaches are:

Patrick Faivre, Head Coach Josh Cralock, Assistant Coach Nick DeLapi, Assistant Coach Chris Diesso, Assistant Coach Brian Schuster, Assistant Coach



SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2022

Hauppauge High School Football Stadium

5:00 PM

3:30PM PARADE START



Please join Hauppauge High School and the community as we honor our active and retired Military, Police, Firemen and First Responders at Hauppauge High School's 2022 Homecoming

3:30 PM - Parade 5:00 PM - Homecoming Game

RSVP by 9/16 to Denise Malandruccolo at 631-761-8309 or email malandruccolod@hauppauge.k12.ny.us



In Memory of Courtney Tomkin

15th ANNUAL KICKS FOR CANCER October 14th 2022

GAME #1 – 4:00pm

Hauppauge Boys Varsity Soccer vs. East Islip

GAME #2 – 6:00pm

Hauppauge Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Wyandanch

HHS Turf Field

Raffles - \$5 or 6/\$20 Winners will be pulled between games

T-Shirts – \$20 Bracelets - \$3 Hoodie - \$40 Shoelaces - \$3 Sunglasses - \$3 Lanyards - \$3

Blankets - \$25

Bounce House Bracelet \$10

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