



Horizons

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HAUPPAUGE-SMITHTOWN GIRLS' VARSITY SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM CAPTURES 4TH CONSECUTIVE LEAGUE 1 CHAMPIONSHIP!

Congratulations to the Hauppauge-Smithtown girls' varsity swimming & diving team. On Wednesday, October 25th, they captured their 4th consecutive League 1 Championship!

The top swimmers for Hauppauge were:

Avery Wilcox placed 2nd in the 200 and 500-yard freestyle.

Mary Schroeder placed 3rd in the 200-yard individual medley and 5th in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Hailey Wilcox placed 4th in the 100-yard freestyle,
5th in the 200-yard freestyle, and was part of the 1st place 400 freestyle relay.

Rowan Ashby placed 4th in the 500-yard freestyle relay.

Hauppauge-Smithtown finished with 396 points, Half Hollow Hills-Kings Park was 2nd with 283 points. They are now going to the Suffolk County Championship on November 4th to defend their County title.

Great job girls!



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS MEET WITH OVER 50 COLLEGES DURING FALL COLLEGE FAIR

On October 17th, Hauppauge High School hosted its Fall College Fair for students with 51 colleges in attendance.

The event was open to all high school students, giving them access to college representatives so they can ask questions and learn information on prospective schools. The fair is offered in the fall and spring of each year and staff are invited to wear their college gear, whether it be from an alma mater or their favorite college, on those days.

“The fair is a unique opportunity for students to access over 50 colleges during the comfort of the school day. There are so many fairs that run at night in larger venues where students are waiting in lines to talk to these representatives,” said Director of Guidance, Gary Campanelli. “Instead, by hosting it during the day, it allows only Hauppauge students to meet in a smaller, intimate setting with representatives who are usually the individuals reading college applications. The fair meets the needs of all levels, serving as a final push for our seniors to finalize college lists, but also as a starting point for many of our freshmen, sophomores and juniors to really start thinking about their post-secondary plans.”



PINES BRINGS THE “SPOOKY” INDOORS FOR TRUNK OR TREAT

Pines Elementary didn't let the weather stop them as they brought the spooky indoors at their 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 21st! Every trunk-or-treater brought sock donations as their entrance fee which the Boys and Girls Club will distribute this winter to those in need!

The “Harry Potter Trunk” (shown below), was voted as the favorite trunk! A fun time was had by all! Here are some photos from this great event for our students.



Pines Trunk or Treat



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT RECEIVES PROCLAMATION FROM SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATOR

Middle School sixth-grade student, Aditri Arun, recently was the recipient of a Proclamation from Suffolk County Legislator, Trish Bergin, for her first-place win in the New York State Science Fair!

Aditri placed first last year in the Brookhaven National Lab Science Fair with her project "How To Keep Batteries From Draining In Extreme Weather?" She continued on to the New York State Science Fair where she also won first place!

Congratulations, Aditri!



***Aditri Arun with her Proclamation from
Suffolk County Legislator, Trish Bergin***

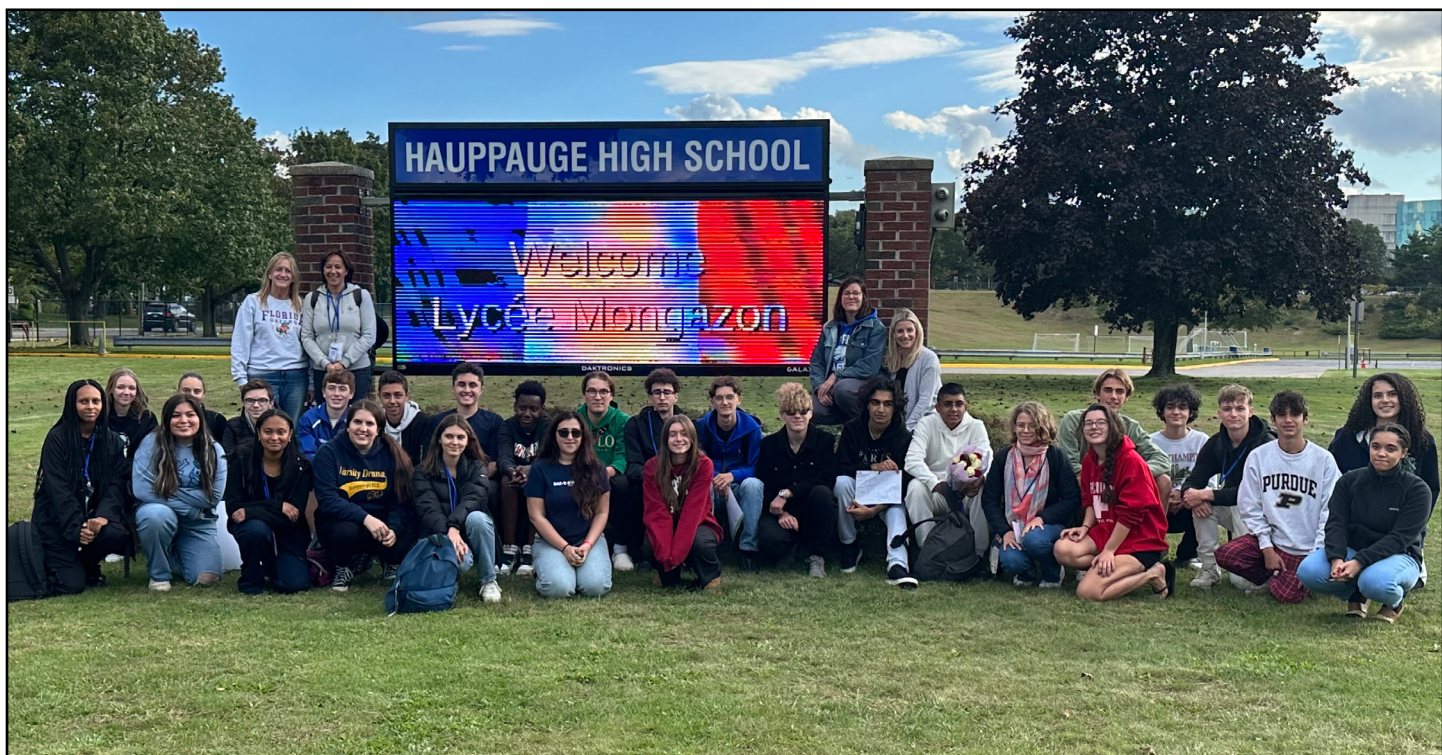
HIGH SCHOOL FRENCH CLASSES HOST FRENCH STUDENTS FOR EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Several Hauppauge High School students in Christine Rigaud's French class had the unique opportunity to participate in a once-in-a-lifetime exchange program. While a group of students from Angers, France visited Long Island, staying with Hauppauge students for 10 days, their Hauppauge counterparts will be going to Angers in November to stay with the French students and their families.

Arriving on Oct. 9, the French students met their American hosts at Hauppauge High School before going home with their families for the first time. The following day, students were given a welcome breakfast and tour of the school where they followed their exchange partners, going to from class to class and after-school activities.

Throughout the week, the students were taught a lesson on Long Island geography and historical points before visiting Sagamore Hill National Historic Site, home to President Theodore Roosevelt, and the Montauk Point Lighthouse. The exchange students even got to experience an American homecoming football game on October 14th. During their remaining days exploring Long Island, the exchange students spent time with their host families, doing local activities such as Top Golf, bowling and even trekking into Manhattan for a Broadway show.

Their trip culminated with a few days in Manhattan, visiting Times Square, Grand Central Station, the Museum of Natural History, Chinatown, the Brooklyn Bridge, the Statue of Liberty, the 9/11 Memorial site, the Empire State Building and a tour of Columbia University.



French Exchange Students

On Nov. 4, Hauppauge High School students will visit the Lycée Mongazon school in Angers, France for the exchange. While there, they'll attend classes, participate in a walking tour and scavenger hunt with their exchange partners and visit several castles and cultural sites. Then, they will head to Paris where they'll visit the Louvre, Notre Dame, the Latin quarter, Shakespeare and Company, St. Germain, the Eiffel Tower, Les Champs-Élysées, L'Arc de Triomphe, travel the Seine River via boat cruise and more.

"When the students participate in an exchange program, the rewards are infinite," said French teacher Christine Rigaud. "Using the language in real-life situations, learning firsthand about the culture, traditions and food, speaking with the locals, visiting historic sights and learning about the history are just a few of the benefits."

Christine went on to say, "The students become more mature and self-confident as they navigate new situations. They learn to see things from a different perspective and become global citizens who are more understanding and accepting of cultural differences. Every time I travel with them, I get to see things through their eyes. It's an amazing experience."



PINES STUDENTS GET A CHANCE TO GUESS THE WEIGHT OF THE GIANT PUMPKIN

The annual Giant Pumpkin arrived at Pines Elementary School on Wednesday, October 10th, when Mr. Gries, a past Pines parent and the owner of Michael's Nursery in Com-mack, delivered the pumpkin to our school. Mr. Gries began donating a giant pumpkin each year when his sons, Keil and Luke, were students at the Pines, a tradition he proudly continues even though both of his sons have long graduated from Pines Elementary School.

Each student is given a chance to guess the weight of the giant pumpkin and the winner is the student who comes closest to guessing the actual weight of the pumpkin. Each class walked past the giant pumpkin to inspect it in the main lobby and make their best guesses. As the grand prize, the winning student gets to take the pumpkin home. This year 3rd grade student, JJ Muilenburg, came the closest with a guess of 161 lbs. The actual weight of the pumpkin was 163lbs.

Congratulations to JJ and to all of our students for using their math skills to make their best "guestimate." Special thanks to the Gries family for their pumpkin donation every year!



***Dr. Claudine DiMuzio, Principal,
with this year's winner,
JJ Muilenburg***



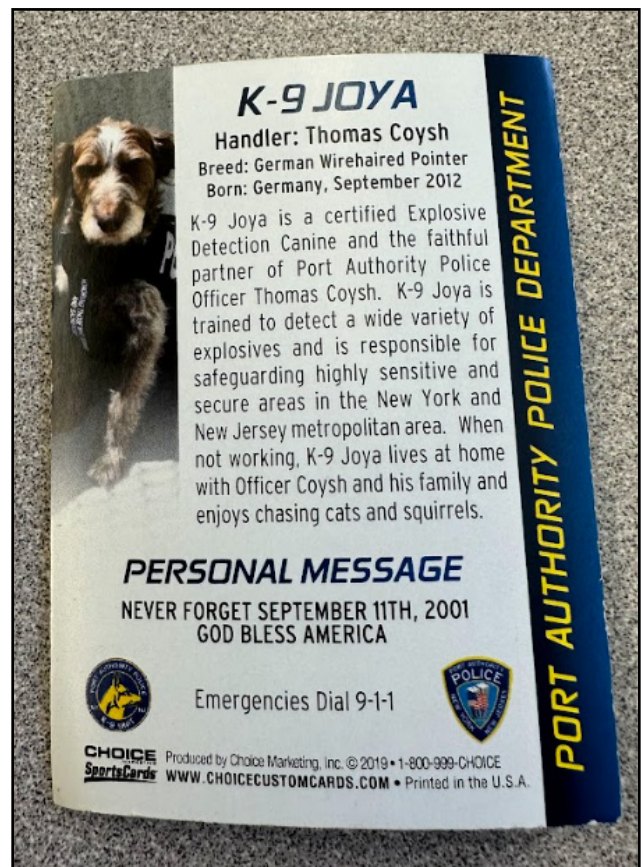
Mr. Gries with sons, Keil and Luke

BRETTON WOODS FORENSICS CLUB GETS A SPECIAL VISITOR

On Wednesday, October 25, 2023, Port Authority Police Officer, Thomas Coysh, and his K-9, Joya, visited with the students of the Bretton Woods Forensics Club and club advisor, Miss Capone.

Mr. Coysh shared his experience working as a Port Authority police officer. Students learned all about the nature of investigative police work and the instrumental role K-9 Joya plays in working as a bomb sniffing police dog. After the presentation, the students got an opportunity to get up close and share some cuddles with Joya.

Miss Capone and the students thanked Police Officer Coysh and Joya for their service to the community. It was a great experience shared by all and one the students will not soon forget!



BW Forensics Club



FOREST BROOK STUDENTS ENJOY A SPECIAL BOOK FAIR

Forest Brook had their Fall Book Fair on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. The students, parents, and teachers were invited to shop on Wednesday and Thursday during the day, and Wednesday at night during our "Book Fair After a Dark."

Mister Softee came by and the parents were able to purchase some ice cream to enjoy after they finished shopping. Here are a few photos.



BRETTON WOODS STUDENTS ATTEND “ALS RIDE FOR LIFE” ASSEMBLY

The “ALS Ride For Life” assembly was held on Thursday, October 26th at Bretton Woods. It is about teaching students about ALS, but more importantly, to teach students how to overcome adversity in their own lives and to never give up.

Chris Pendergast was an elementary school teacher who started the Ride For Life assemblies. He lived with ALS for 28 years. Paul Weisman is continuing the tradition and speaking at schools across Long Island. Paul Weisman has been living with ALS for 10 years. He was accompanied by Barbara Brown, the school coordinator for the Ride For Life assemblies. Together they shared how Lou Gehrig modeled courage, what ALS is, and Chris Pendergast’s inspiring story along with Paul’s own personal story.

Chris and the group’s message of hope and overcoming adversity has made an impact on many people. They encourage everyone to have “Gehrig Grit”, never give up, always have hope, and remain optimistic no matter what the odds are.

Bretton Woods is planning to be a stop on the ALS Ride For Life journey in May!

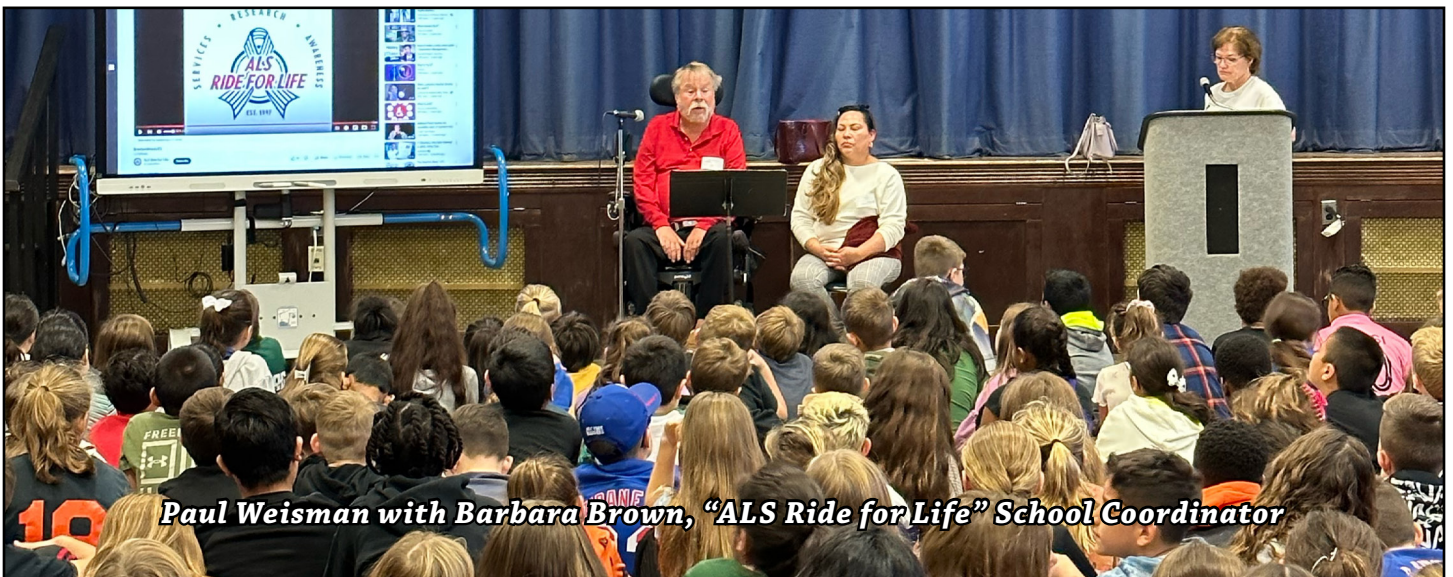


*Paul Weisman with Bretton Woods Students at
“ALS Ride for Life” Assembly*

"ALS Ride for Life Assembly"



***Paul Weisman with
Bretton Woods Teacher,
Tara Dungate***



Paul Weisman with Barbara Brown, "ALS Ride for Life" School Coordinator

FOREST BROOK STUDENTS CELEBRATE “RED RIBBON WEEK”

Forest Brook Elementary School students celebrated “Red Ribbon Week” from Monday, October 23rd to Friday, October 27th. “Red Ribbon Week” is a nationwide, drug prevention campaign implemented within numerous private and public school districts. The purpose is to raise awareness about living a drug-free lifestyle. It aims to advocate positive decision making and promotes participation in healthy activities.

This year’s national campaign theme is “Be Kind To Your Mind. Live Drug Free.” Our students were encouraged to choose to embrace this year’s theme as a united effort to encourage our community to be free from drug use. Through participation in Red Ribbon Week’s meaningful messages and educational activities, students showed their support in saying “NO” to drugs.

“Red Ribbon Week” was recognized through a variety of themed days to initiate conversations regarding positive behaviors and making good decisions. Those days were as follows:

Monday - “Spread Postivity” Wear a shirt with a positive message.

Tuesday - “Team Up to Make Healthy Habits”

Wear your favorite sports team/sports gear.

Wednesday - “Follow Your Dreams” Wear pajamas.

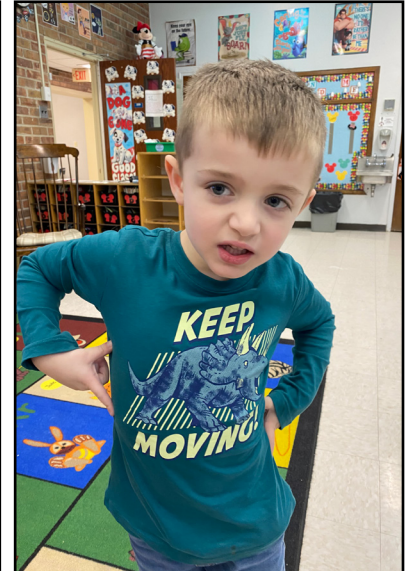
Thursday - “Rally in Red” Wear red.

Friday - “Forest Brook Friday” Wear Forest Brook or Hauppauge apparel/school colors of blue and white.

Here are some photos of our students throughout this week of raising awareness about living a drug-free lifestyle.



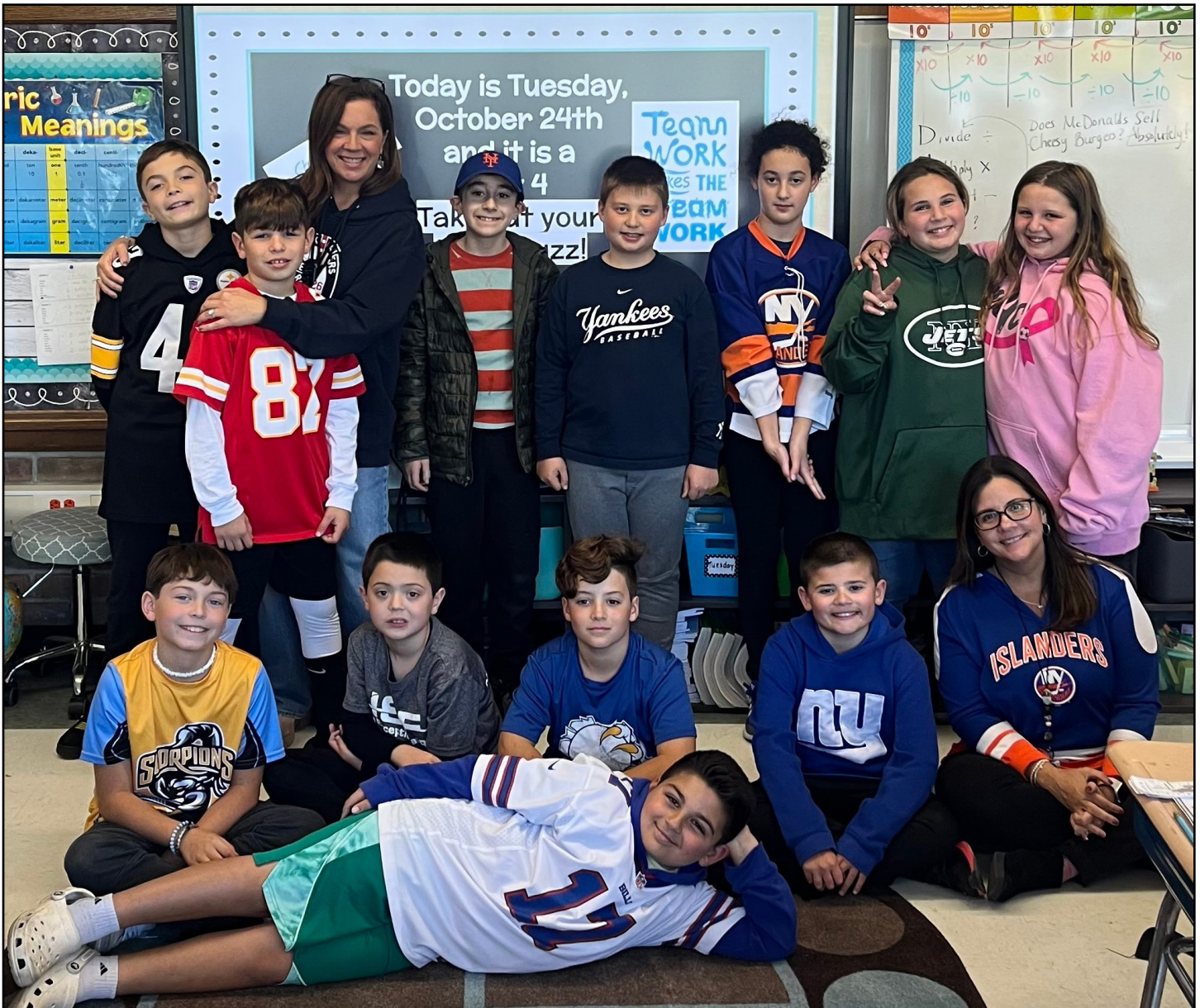
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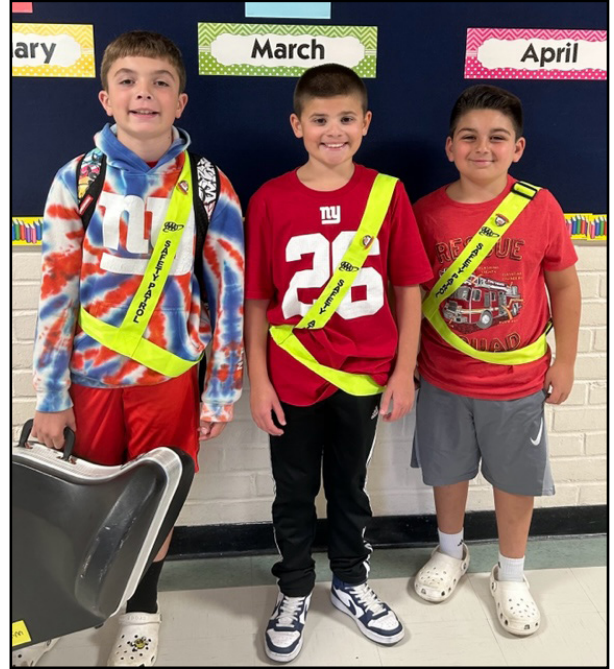
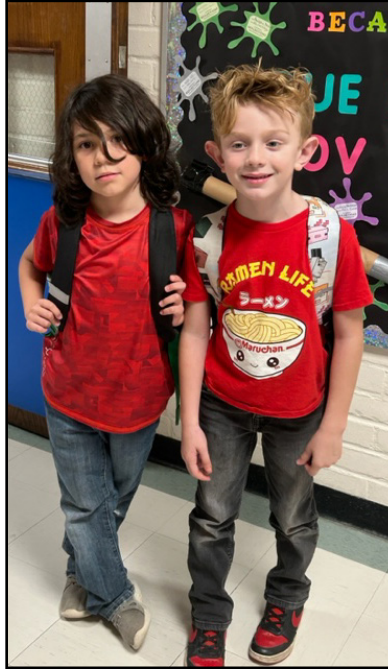
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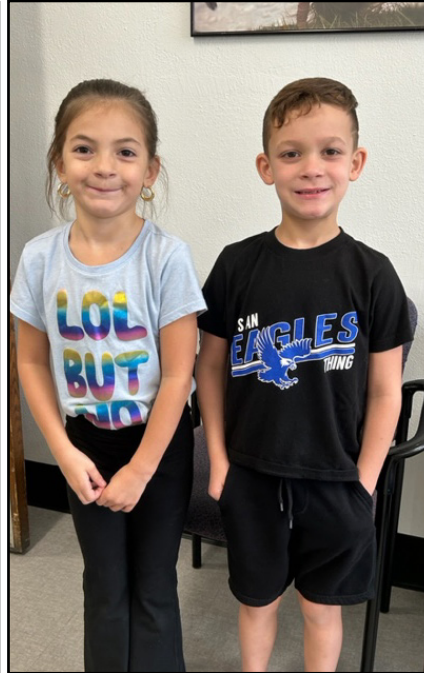
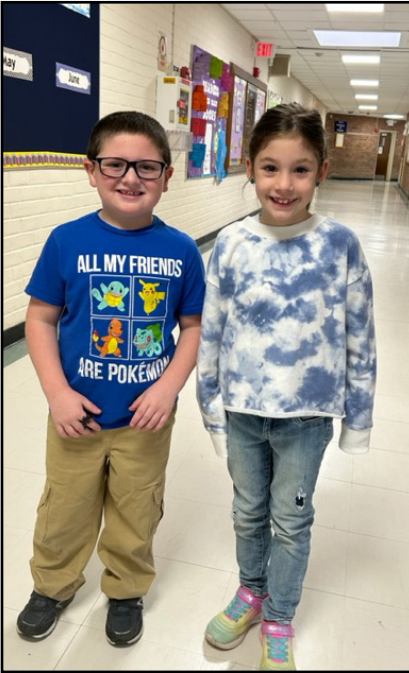
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HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' VARSITY SOCCER TEAM PLAYS CLOSE GAME

The high school boys' varsity soccer team played the Smithtown Bulls on Thursday, October 26th. They played a hard-fought game, but came up short after double overtime, 3-2. Here are some photos courtesy of Frank Bayer of Frank Bayer Photography, of the boys in action.



Boys' Varsity Soccer



You're invited to...
Interact Club's Annual

SAFE HALLOWEEN

Saturday, October 28th

11:00 - 2:00

HS Commons

\$5 Per Child +
2 Non-Perishable Items

Help us kick start the Senora
Aigen Memorial Food Drive to
support the Eagle's Food Pantry!

PERFORMANCES, CRAFTS,
GAMES, & MORE!



This activity is not endorsed by or affiliated with the Hauppauge School District.

Get ready for the PTSA

FALL CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, November 11th & Sunday
November 12th (10am-4pm)

Over 100 artisans will be showcasing their
handmade creations, gourmet foods and
boutique style clothing. Plenty of community
service hours are available for students.

Questions, please contact
hauppaugeptsa@gmail.com



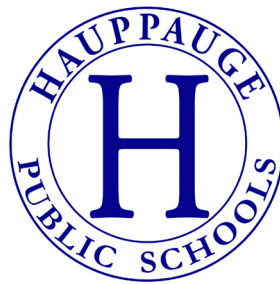
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