

Horizons

Volume 5, Issue 6 - October 14, 2022

"SAY IT! FIGHT IT! CURE IT! COURTNEY TOMKIN, FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS!"

Each year, Hauppauge High School holds a special fundraiser that is dear to their hearts. The 15th Annual "Kicks for Cancer" will be held this year on Friday, October 14th. The Boys Varsity Soccer Team will play in Game 1 at 4:00 p.m. vs. East Islip. The Girls Varsity Soccer Team will play in Game 2 at 6:00 p.m. vs. Wyandanch. The games will be held on the HHS Turf Field. Raffles and "Kicks for Cancer" gear will be sold. There will be games, food, and fun all for this great cause.

This fundraiser began as a way to honor and support a Hauppauge HS student, Courtney Tomkin, a Junior who was diagnosed with brain cancer the previous



Spring. The summer after Courtney was diagnosed, Hauppauge Girls Varsity Soccer Goalkeeper, Alexis Gonzalez, went to Jesseca Kulesa, her coach, asking how the team could put something together to help Courtney and her family. It was during that conversation that "Kicks for Cancer" was born.

The following was written by Courtney's father, Daryl Tomkin:

"That fall, she ran out onto the field facing an uphill battle. You wouldn't have guessed by the big smile on her face as she greeted her teammates in the middle of the field. It was the day her friends and this community stood by her side and developed "Kicks for Cancer." This community was a place she loved to call her home. "Kicks for Cancer" meant the world to Courtney and to us, her family. Courtney was brave and courageous beyond her years and she knew that her time here was going to be cut short. We are all put to Earth for our lifetime for however many years it is. For Courtney it was a life that had hardly begun, but that's not how she described it. For Courtney 'it was 17 great years.' Our daughter, your sister, your friend, your student, taught us to look at the world through better eyes; to take time to enjoy life's simple joys. She set about creating special and memorable moments. She made every day count. 'Kick's for Cancer' allowed her to see just how much love she was going to take with her. Courtney's life ended on December 13th, 2008, but she left us a lifetime of fond moments, precious memories and so much love. Our life as a family will be forever changed and our hearts broken for having lost a daughter and a sister as special as Courtney. We take pride in knowing however, that her life meant something to all of you who share in this event. So we wish to thank you for making this event in honor of Courtney, and for loving her and missing her as much as we do. Courtney was so proud of the Hauppauge Girls Varsity Soccer Team. Their love, generosity and friendship were unbelievable and meant the world to her. We hope that Kicks for Cancer continues to grow, that the proceeds will benefit other children suffering the terrible tragedy of Cancer, and that someday this charitable event will help in finding a cure."

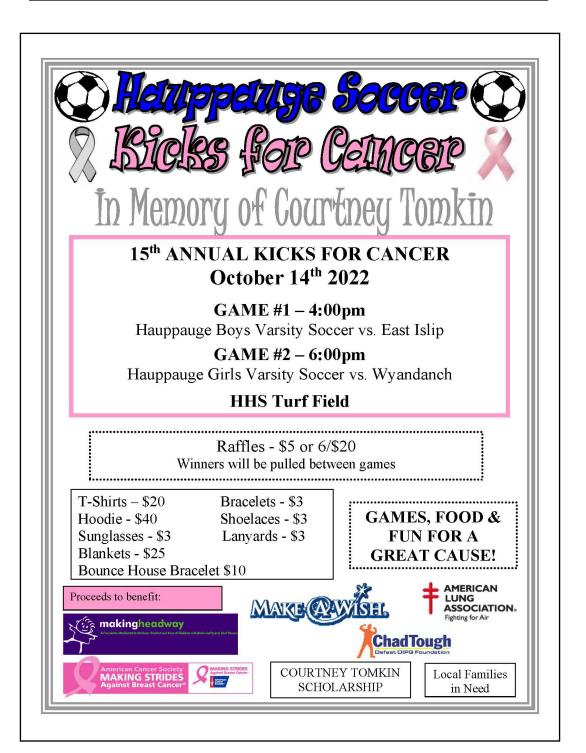
This event has become incredibly successful, growing more and more each year with the help of our entire Hauppauge Soccer family. The money raised by the event is split amongst several worthy agencies that fight cancer, as well as the "Courtney Tomkin Scholarship," and local families in need.

Please join us on Friday, October 14th, and show your support for this very special cause.



Say itl Fight itl Cure itl





"I am



auppauge!"

Jesseca Kulesa HS Physical Education Teacher and Girls Varsity Soccer Coach

Today we are featuring someone special to our Hauppauge community. Jesseca Kulesa began "Kicks for Cancer" 15 years ago when one of her team members, Alexis Gonzalez, came to her asking how the team could put something together to help one of their teammates, Courtney Tomkin, who had been diagnosed with brain cancer. During that conversation, "Kicks for Cancer" was born. We thank Jesseca for all of her hard work in making "Kicks for Cancer" possible. This annual event has raised well over \$300,000 with the money being donated to various charities. Here is her Q & A.



What was your major, and are you working in that field today?

I double majored in Health & Physical Education at Adelphi University. I graduated in 2001 and started teaching elementary PE that September in Patchogue-Medford. In 2002, I started in Hauppauge as a HS Health teacher.

What was your favorite and least favorite thing about school?

My favorite activity during HS was line dancing in PE class before the holidays each year. My least favorite thing was writing papers!

Which teacher had the most impact on you at Hauppauge High School that you still think about today? The teachers that had the most impact on me were also my coaches. Coach Gabelman, Coach Atkinson and Coach Maida were such positive role models for me. They are the reason I became a teacher and coach myself.

What was your hardest class?

Calculus.

What schools did you attend in Hauppauge and what is your fondest memory of going to school here? Forest Brook, Hauppauge MS & Hauppauge HS. I loved putting on a Hauppauge uniform and representing my school district. I felt a tremendous sense of pride playing soccer, basketball and volleyball for my school.

What did you do for fun when you were in high school?

We would often go to the Smithtown Movie theater and the old Friendly's on Main Street in Smithtown.

What motivates you every day and do you have a favorite quote? "Always stay humble and kind"

How do you like to spend your free time?

I like to relax with what little free time I have. Once the soccer season is over, I enjoy going to the gym and spending time with my family.

What do you wish you knew when you were sitting in your cap and gown at your Hauppauge HS graduation?

I wish I would have realized how good we had it in high school. It truly was an amazing time and it goes way too fast.

Why did you choose to remain in Hauppauge?

Hauppauge has always been my home and my extended family still lives here. I couldn't imagine living anywhere else.

GIRLS AND BOYS SOCCER TEAMS "KICK FOR CANCER"





GFRMANY FXCHANGE 2022

By: Riley Minor

It feels good to be back! On September 15th, for the first time in over two years, the German students were able to restore the exchange program. The students who went on the trip just came back and what an incredible time we had!

There were 13 students who participated this year, and although it might have been a smaller group, the memories made were huge. Each student had a host partner and stayed with a host family. If we weren't off on one of our excursions, we went to school daily in a little town called Neu Wulmstorf, which is very similar to Hauppauge! It was really cool to experience what school is like in a different country. I would say that going to school and listening to the lessons was really beneficial to improving our German.

It was so much fun getting to know everyone and making new friends. I think I can speak for most of





the students when I say that we formed really close bonds with all of our partners, and made lifelong friends.

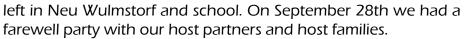
Aside from school, Frau Cardi planned an exciting itinerary for us. We visited various cities for day trips with our class and our teachers. We visited the cities of Bremen, Schwerin, and Lüneburg. In Bremen we split up into three groups and did a scavenger hunt around the City. This was really cool because we got to see different monuments and parts of the city while trying to compete in a scavenger hunt. In Schwerin we got a tour of the Schwerin Castle. In Lüneburg we climbed up the city's water tower. The view at the top was amazing because you had a 360 degree view of the entire city!

Along with city day trips, as a class we went to Berlin for three days. Our first stop was a tour and discussion at Bernauer Straße. Here we learned about the division of Germany and the victims of the wall that was built and stood for nearly 30 years. The next day we had a private tour of the Berlin Olympia-Stadion. This is the Berlin soccer stadium where the team Hertha BSC plays. The Olympics were also held at this stadium in 1936. After the soccer stadium we climbed to the top of the Berliner Fernsehturm. At the top you could see the whole city of Berlin and more.

The next, and final day in Berlin, we went to the Ritter Sport chocolate factory. We saw how the chocolate is made and we were even able to make our own chocolate bars! The chocolate was so delicious! After that we had two days

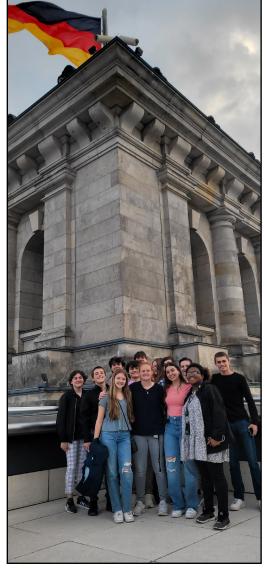
GERMAN EXCHANGE 2022





This trip was an unforgettable experience that taught me so much about German Culture, helped me improve my German, and has allowed me to make new friends that I know I will have for a lifetime! Dankeschön to Frau Cardi and Herr Sidwell for taking us on this once in a lifetime trip!







GERMAN EXCHANGE 2022







GERMAN EXCHANGE 2022











NATIONAL GERMAN WEEK

Tuesday, October 4th was "National Teach German Day." What a better way to celebrate than taking a group of high school students to the elementary schools to play "German Teacher" for a day!

Several high school students were selected to visit Bretton Woods, Forest Brook, and the Pines to get the fifth-graders excited about German! Students worked hard to prepare a fun mini-lesson for the elementary students. They learned the colors and then played Color Bingo, talked about their favorite soccer teams, and even asked some of the students that participated in the exchange about German culture.

We heard funny questions like "Do Germans eat sausage everyday?" "Is there really no speed limit in Germany?" The high school German students did a wonderful job as future German teachers answering any questions the elementary students had.



The German program here at Hauppauge has so much to offer. It is a remarkable program that allows students to expand their horizons with a new language and culture, and are one step closer to becoming global citizens.

Dankeschön!









FOREST BROOK KICKS OFF THEIR MONTH-LONG PARP CELEBRATION

Forest Brook Elementary School kicked off their month-long PARP (Pick A Reading Partner) celebration on October 1st! This year's theme is "Wild About Reading." Students took home "contracts" to have filled out with theirs, and their reading partner's signatures. The contract stated "We promise to read together for at least 15 minutes each day from October 1st to October 28th. They were given a sheet to keep track of the minutes read each day. Students who complete all four weeks of the program are given prizes!

The students were also given a calendar which had great suggestions each day for reading. Some of those are to read to an elder



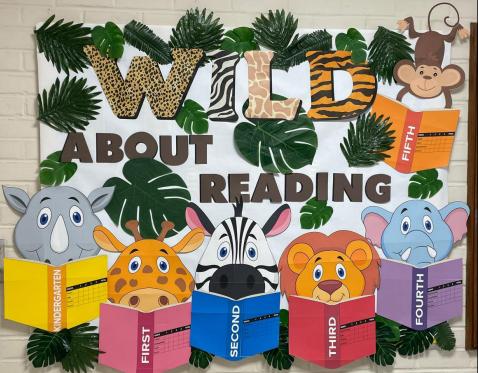
person; read a Fairytale; read to a pet or stuffed animal; and to read by flashlight on "Flashlight Friday!" The students also enjoyed a special "Wild About Reading Petra Puppet Show" last week. Here are some photos of the encouragements from around the building, and from the puppet show.





FOREST BROOK PARP CELEBRATION













FOREST BROOK PARP CELEBRATION











FOREST BROOK STUDENT IS A BOOKMARK CONTEST WINNER

Congratulations to Forest Brook fourth-grade student, Mila Roxas! Mila represented Forest Brook and is one of 12 winners of the Smithtown Library's Bookmark Contest. Mila's winning bookmark will be showcased in the library's newsletter. Each winner will have their bookmark printed and available in all of the local libraries each month. Mila's will be printed and available in December of 2023.

Congratulations, Mila! Great job!



SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE RECOGNIZES OUR BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY ELEMENTARY SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

Two of our elementary students were recognized by the Suffolk County Legislature for winning first-place at the Brookhaven National Laboratory Elementary Science Fair last year.

Violet Radonis - Pines Elementary Taran Sathish Kumar - Bretton Woods

(Violet was in first grade at the time and Taran was in second grade.)

Violet and Taran received Official Proclamations from Legislators Leslie Kennedy and Trish Bergin. Amanda Horn of the Brookhaven National Laboratory was also present. We congratulate them on this honor. Here are their photos with their Proclamations.







BRETTON WOODS STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN ANNUAL "STRAW WALK"

The Bretton Woods Physical Education Staff, Mrs. Casale, Mr. Lionetti, and Mrs. Soltan, extended an invitation to parents, guardians, and family members. Throughout the week of October 11th, physical education classes did their annual "Straw Walk." The goal of the "Straw Walk" is to collect as many straws for your class as possible. Each quarter-mile that was ran, walked or jogged earned a straw. Straws were to be totaled at the end of the week to see which class earned the most.

The teachers said in a letter home to parents, "Walking is a first-rate cardiovascular exercise. We want to demonstrate to our children that walking/jogging/running is for people of ALL ages and it's a great way to uphold your overall health and well-being."

Here are some photos of the students and their family members during one of their "Straw Walks."

















BRETTON WOODS "STRAW WALK"















VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS TEAM VS. COMMACK

The Varsity Girls Tennis Team had a recent match against Commack. Here are some photos of the girls in action on the court. Thank you to Frank Bayer of Frank Bayer Photo for the great shots!









GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS











MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS FOOTBALL TEAM CELEBRATES WIN AGAINST WARD MELVILLE

The Middle School Boy Football Team beat Gelinas (Ward Melville) on Thursday, October 14th, with a score of 31-6.

Touchdowns: Liam O. with 3, Vincent F. with a receiving touchdown and Martin K. with a beautiful passing Touchdown. Also, Vincenzo A. with a touchdown.

Excellent defensive plays: John with 3 sacks, Isaiah C. with also 3, Jack G. with 2, Ryan R. with one.

Great game from Xavier C., Anthony B., and Christian M. with a pick 6.

Great Job team! GO EAGLES!!!

Thank you to Frank Bayer of Frank Bayer Photos for all of the great photos!









MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM











This past week, our schools celebrated "Kicks for Cancer" Spirit Week. The days they followed are:

Friday - Pajama Day

Tuesday - USA Day

Wednesday - Crazy Sock Day

Thursday - Twin Day

Friday - Pink Out!

Here are some photos of the students enjoying these fun days!

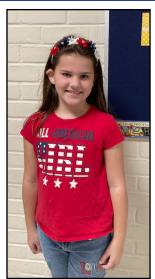




































































































































In Memory of Courtney Tomkin

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

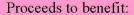
T-Shirts – \$20 Bracelets - \$3 Hoodie - \$40 Shoelaces - \$3

Sunglasses - \$3 Lanyards - \$3

Blankets - \$25

Bounce House Bracelet \$10

GAMES, FOOD & FUN FOR A GREAT CAUSE!













COURTNEY TOMKIN SCHOLARSHIP Local Families in Need



Candy seekers: Looking for a fun and safe way to trick or treat? Visit the Library parking lot for a community-wide Halloween event. Come dressed up and ready for fun!

Candy givers: If you are a local business, organization, or individual who would like to host a trunk at the event, please email Donna Mauceri at dmauceri@hauppaugelibrary.org (Hosting a trunk means: filling out an application and getting approved, decorating your car in a theme, committing to the timeframe of the whole event, and bringing enough candy/giveaway items for hundreds of trick-or-treaters.)

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



Hauppauge Public Library

1373 Veterans Memorial Highway Hauppauge, New York 11788 | (631) 979-1600 www.hauppaugelibrary.org



2022-2023 Board of Education

David M. Barshay, Esq. President

Rob Scarito
Vice President

Michael Buscarino Colleen Capece, Esq. Dr. Lawrence Crafa James Kiley Gemma Salvia

> Lori DeGeorge District Clerk



Central Office

Dr. Donald B. Murphy Superintendent of Schools

Joseph C. Tasman Deputy Superintendent

Brigid Siena
Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations

Dr. Tim McCarthy
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction & Technology

Rebecca Bilski Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services

Dr. Christopher Smalley Executive Administrator of Information Technology and Security Initiatives