



Horizons

Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow 

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Everyone loves the Holiday Season and our students and staff went all out to make this a fun and happy time for all! Whether dressed in an ugly sweater or the best Holiday gear, there was no shortage of Holiday Spirit in all of our schools! Santa and his team made a special appearances on the last day of classes at each school building before the Winter Recess. Here are some great photos of the fun!



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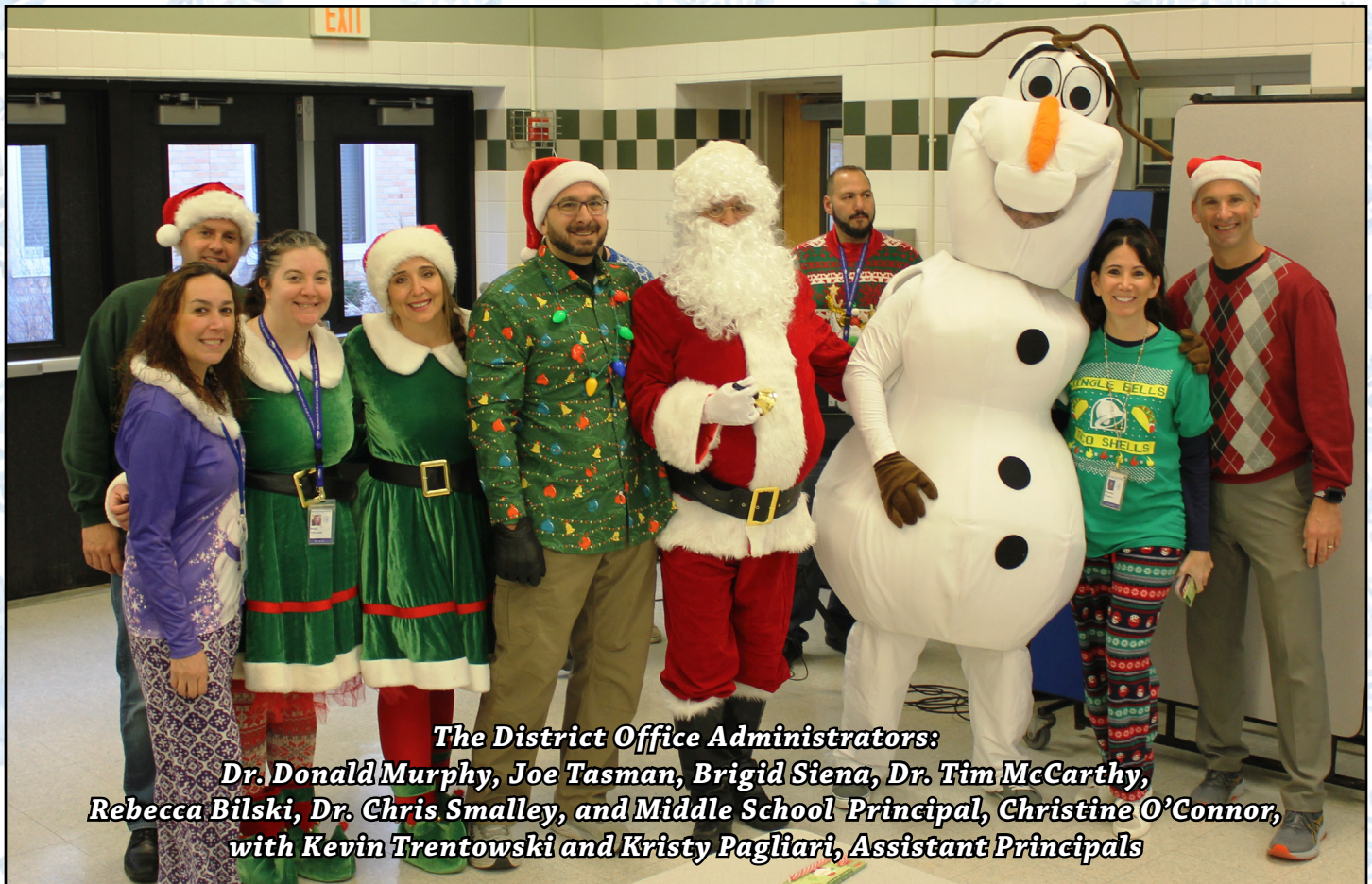


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Bretton Woods

Happy Holidays



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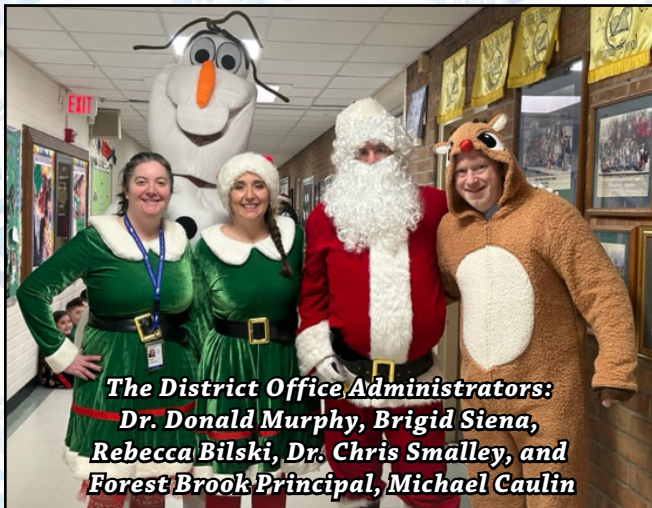
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Happy Holidays



MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA HOSTS PANCAKE BREAKFAST, AND IT'S UGLY SWEATER DAY TOO!



Middle School Pancake Breakfast



Middle School Pancake Breakfast



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PROMOTE WORLD LANGUAGES AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

In an effort to promote the importance of learning different languages and cultures, the High School French and German students recently visited the three elementary schools in our district. The visits, which took place on Monday, December 4th, were a great opportunity for the younger students to get a taste of the world beyond their own.

During the visit high school students showcased their language skills and shared interesting facts about the French and German cultures, and also talked about the traditions, customs, and landmarks associated with these countries. The high schoolers shared their personal experiences about the trips and exchange programs with France and Germany that are offered. The elementary students were very excited by the possibilities for travel abroad while studying at the high school.

The visit was not just about learning, but also about having fun. The high school students organized interactive games and activities to engage the younger students. The elementary school students had a blast while learning about the world around them.

Madame Rigaud expressed her excitement about the visit, saying, "It's important for our younger students to understand the value of learning different languages. By exposing them to different cultures at an early age, we hope to foster a sense of curiosity and appreciation for diversity."

Frau Cardi said, "Our visits here to the elementary schools are extremely important. Getting the younger ones excited about learning another language is only half of the reason why we come. We also want to help educate the parents and the community. Learning another language at a young age gives these kids great advantages in life such as problem solving skills, being more creative, and even improving their social skills."

The elementary school teachers were equally thrilled to have the high school students visit their classrooms. Some of the elementary teachers expressed that having the high school students there was a fantastic experience for the younger kids. "They were so engaged and excited to learn from the older students. It was a great way to spark their interest in languages and cultures."

The visit not only benefited the elementary school students but also had a positive impact on the high school students. It provided them with an opportunity to practice their language skills in a real-life setting and develop their leadership and communication skills. Who knows, perhaps we'll create Hauppauge's future World Language teachers.

Overall, the visit by the High School World Language students to the elementary schools was a resounding success. It not only promoted the importance of learning different languages, but also fostered a sense of cultural appreciation and understanding among the students. The high school students' enthusiasm and dedication were truly commendable, and their efforts will undoubtedly leave a lasting impact on the younger generation.



HAUPPAUGE WRESTLERS COMPETE AT “THE RICK HERMANN WRESTLING TOURNAMENT”

The Hauppauge wrestling team competed in the annual “Rick Hermann Wrestling Tournament” this past weekend. Hauppauge sent five wrestlers to the finals with freshman, Trevor Patrovich, 101 lbs, and senior, Charlie Olaechea, 160 lbs, winning their third tournament titles. Both wrestlers remain undefeated with Patrovich having a record of 13-0 with 11 pins and Olaechea with a 14-0 record with 9 pins and 4 technical falls. Olaechea, defeated John Glenn’s, Anthony Bell by Technical fall. Bell is a returning Suffolk County D-2 Runner-up from last year.

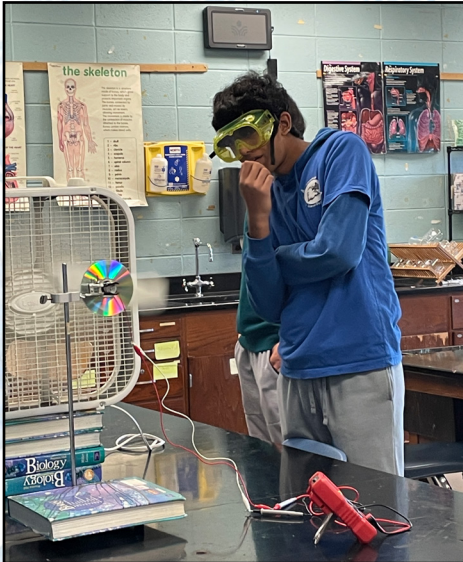
Placing second for Hauppauge included eighth-grader Jacob Messina at 101 lbs. Messina has 8 wins with 7 by pin. Also placing second were Juniors, Jason Difrietus, 124 lbs, and Jackson Tacca, 145 lbs, while Gino Manta, placed third at 116 lbs, and Elijah Infante, 138 lbs, placing fourth. Eighth-grader Ryder Smith, 108 lbs, placed fifth. He currently has 11 wins with eight by pin.

Hauppauge lost their first league match last week at Eastport South Manor, 36-33, and competed against League rivals Rocky Point this past Wednesday, followed by first ranked in the county, East Islip, on Friday, December 22nd.



HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM COMPETES IN SCRIMMAGE FOR UPCOMING REGIONAL COMPETITION

On Saturday December 16th, the High School Science Olympiad Builders went to West Babylon High School to compete in a scrimmage to prepare for the upcoming Regional Competition. Led by coaches Briana Becker and Dennis Petercsak, they competed in events such as Write It Do It, Robot Tour, Optics, Flight, Tower, Air Trajectory and Wind Power. It was a great day of collaboration and competition.



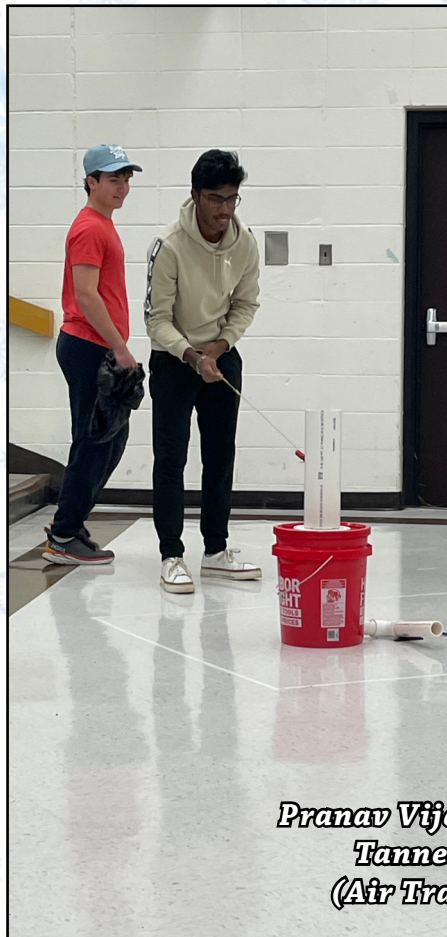
**Arav Prabhu and
Ayaan Shah
(Tower)**



**Mathew Payyanattu and
Svanik Shahu
(Flight)**



**Patrick Terzella and
Araiz Shah
(Flight)**



**Pranav Vijayababu and
Tanner Klass
(Air Trajectory)**



HIGH SCHOOL FRENCH STUDENTS COMPLETE THE SECOND-HALF OF THE EXCHANGE PROGRAM IN ANGERS FRANCE

By: *Christine Rigaud*
HS French Teacher

Recently, the Hauppauge High School French students completed the second half of the exchange program. They spent eleven days in France, lived with French families, went to school, and had the opportunity to visit many sites. The last two days of the exchange program were spent in Paris.

In Angers, which is located in the Loire Valley, they lived with their French exchange partners and went to school at Lycée Privé Mongazon. One of our students even lived in the dorm at the school with his exchange student during the week. On the weekend, they went to his home in the country which is outside of Angers. The students attended classes, which are similar to college and block schedules. The French students go to school from 8 am - 5:45 pm on most days and have hour-long classes. Many of the students really enjoyed the longer lunch breaks and ate at cafés near the school with current and former exchange partners. After school and on the weekend, students went to a fair with their friends, explored the city, went shopping, visited castles and monuments, and enjoyed lots of great French food. Some of the students even visited Mont St. Michel in Normandy with their exchange families.

Near the end of our stay, we said our goodbyes and left for Paris. The students visited many sights including the Louvre, Notre Dame, L'Arc de Triomphe, les Champs-Élysées, Montmartre, Sacré Coeur among other things. One of our students even conquered his fear of heights and was able to enjoy the amazing view from the top of the Eiffel Tower!

When asked about the exchange, the students said:

"The trip to France was an amazing opportunity to see another culture and make new friends.

I had a great time learning and getting to try new things."

"The exchange gave us an opportunity to understand a way of life different from our own."

"It was a really fun experience."

"I was nervous at first about doing an exchange, but I loved it and made friends for life."

Thank you, Madame Rigaud for all of these wonderful photos of the students seeing France!



**Former Exchange Partners
Meeting for Lunch**



Students entering Lycée Privé Mongazon



Welcome from Mongazon Administration



Pyramides Louvre



The Group at Chenonceaux



Moulin Rouge



Notre Dame



Olympic Countdown



Chateau d'Amboise



Chateau d'Angers



On the L'Arc de Triomphe at Night



PINES STUDENTS COLLECT “SQUISHMALLOWS” TO DONATE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Miss Bernstein and the “Be the Sunshine Club” at Pines Elementary School have been collecting Squishmallows to donate this holiday season. This is the second year of running this fundraiser. Yet again, the students and families of Pines have been extremely generous with their donations.

The Squishmallows were donated to Angela’s House on behalf of the “Be the Sunshine Club” and Pines. They will be distributed to pediatric patients throughout the holidays. There were over 100 donations!

Thank you to everyone for their support and generosity to make this fundraiser so successful! The club was able to make the donation and hear a bit about where their donation will be going from the Angela’s House representative that came to pick it up. The club is based on the quote, “When you can’t find the sunshine, be the sunshine.” The students at Pines definitely know how to bring some sunshine to those who need it!



BRETTON WOODS FOURTH-GRADERS BUILD GINGERBREAD HOUSES

To get into the holiday spirit, the fourth-grade students of Bretton Woods Elementary School made gingerbread houses on Friday, December 15th. Building a gingerbread house allows the students' creativity to run wild and also strengthens their fine motor skills.

All the students loved making their own houses and it is so exciting to see the different variations that they created. They were 100 % engaged and seeing the smiles on their faces was just priceless.



BW - Gingerbread Houses



FOREST BROOK STUDENT GOVERNMENT IS ON A “CHRISTMAS MAGIC MISSION”

Forest Brook's Student Government held a Toy and Coat/Scarf/Mitten/Gloves/Hat Drive. The coats and accessories were donated to local families. The toys were donated to Christmas Magic. The Christmas Magic mission is to keep the spirit of hope alive in the lives of Long Island's homeless and underprivileged children by fulfilling holiday wishes.

We thank Forest Brook's families for their very generous donations, and we wish everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy and Healthy New Year!



THE GRINCH INVADES BRETTON WOODS

The Grinch paid a visit to the physical education classes at Bretton Woods this week. During the Grinch Tag Game, boys and girls were tagged by the Grinch driving remote control cars. There was such a roar of laughter and excitement coming from the gymnasium all throughout the day. The kids had a ball!! Here are some photos from the fun!



As part of Hauppauge Middle School's "Mindful Mondays," a social and emotional learning initiative, sixth graders created gratitude snow globes. Run by Librarian, Melissa McParland, and assisted by library monitors, Darlene Martello and Lisa Abrams, sixth-grade classes were invited to decorate a blank paper snow globe. Each class had a week to design and decorate as a group with words and pictures of what they were grateful for. Finished snow globes were then put on display in the middle school's cafeteria with the hope of spreading gratitude and appreciation this Holiday Season.



HIGH SCHOOL LEADERSHIP STUDENTS HOLD HOLIDAY BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER FOR FAMILIES IN NEED

Students in Hauppauge High School's leadership class hosted their second annual holiday breakfast fundraiser, raising a total of \$2,893 for families in need.

The breakfast raises money for Care and Share's Friends of Families holiday campaign, helping families with food and gifts for the holidays. This year, the breakfast raised \$1,105. Additionally, the class ran a MacBook Air raffle, raising an additional \$1,788 for Friends of Families.

In the class, students learn skills such as goal setting, communication and organization along with other skills it takes to be a good leader in both their school and community. The course is based on the belief that good leaders are developed, not born. The class culminates with students implementing their own personal service project.

Last year's leadership class created and implemented the idea for a holiday breakfast and this year's class decided to continue the event. New this year, the students added a hot chocolate bar where other students could place their order for a delicious drink with a variety of toppings.



CHOOSE LOVE STUDENT RECOGNITION PROGRAM AT PINES ELEMENTARY

We are very excited to announce the commencement of the Choose Love Student Recognition Program at Pines Elementary School for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Every teacher will be recognizing one student from his/her class each month who has exhibited one of the four pillars: Courage, Gratitude, Forgiveness, and Compassion in Action.

Our December recipients for Compassion in Action who exemplified understanding of a problem, the suffering of another and acting to solve the problem are as follows:

Charlotte Teri
Natalie Savastano
Mila Mroz
Victoria Feigenbaum
Emma Mroczkowski
William Duggan

Paul Tekverk
Victoria Rubino
Loreto Dal Collo
Laney Pickwick
Kaitlyn Asseng
Alexander Larsen

Gino Sains
Grant Carruthers
Lilly Muilenburg
Benji McKeon
Katalina Llanos
Gia Pagano.

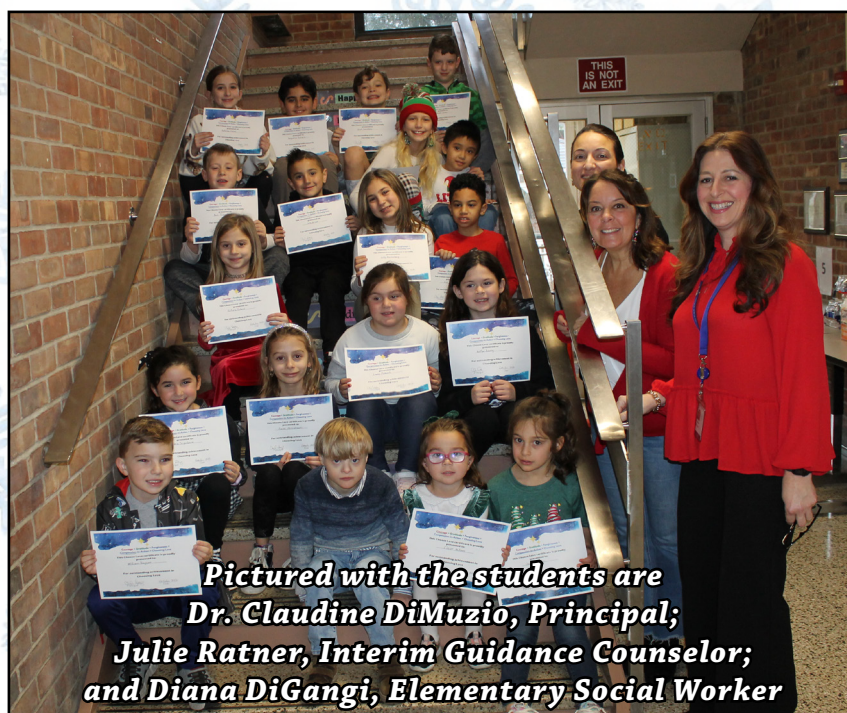
Our December recipients for Courage who demonstrated the willingness and ability to work through obstacles despite feeling embarrassment, fear, reluctance, or uncertainty are as follows:

Claire DeKams
Anthony Reyes
Grace Loew
Savannah Pawlowski
Augustine Ferrara

Our December recipient for Gratitude who embodied mindful thankfulness and the ability to be thankful even when things in life are challenging is

Erin Gleason.

We look forward to the upcoming months to acknowledge additional students who are making our school community more caring and considerate of others.



***Pictured with the students are
Dr. Claudine DiMuzio, Principal;
Julie Ratner, Interim Guidance Counselor;
and Diana DiGangi, Elementary Social Worker***

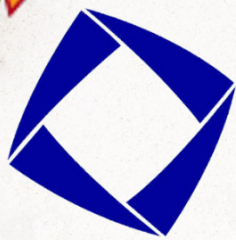
HIGH SCHOOL FRENCH CLUB ENJOYS DINNER AT A TRADITIONAL FRENCH RESTAURANT

High School French teacher, Madame Christine Rigaud, recently accompanied her French Club students on a special outing! The club journeyed to “Voilà le Bistro” in Saint James and enjoyed a French dinner. Here are some photos of the group.





Congratulations



HAUPPAUGE HIGH SCHOOL

DECA™

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
FOLLOWING STATE CAREER
CONFERENCE QUALIFIERS

Irina Bellassai

Jordan Conter

Brayden Dickneider

Jason Difrietus

Owen Dixon

Akhil Grandhi

Samantha Herrick

Kelsie Hyde

Samvath Karanam

Ryan Moleti

Jackson Ruple

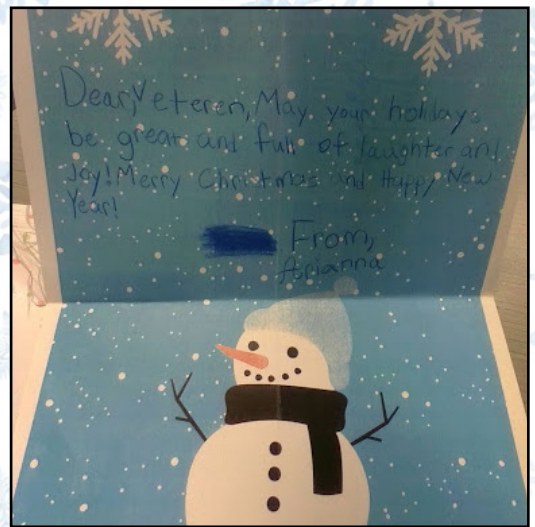
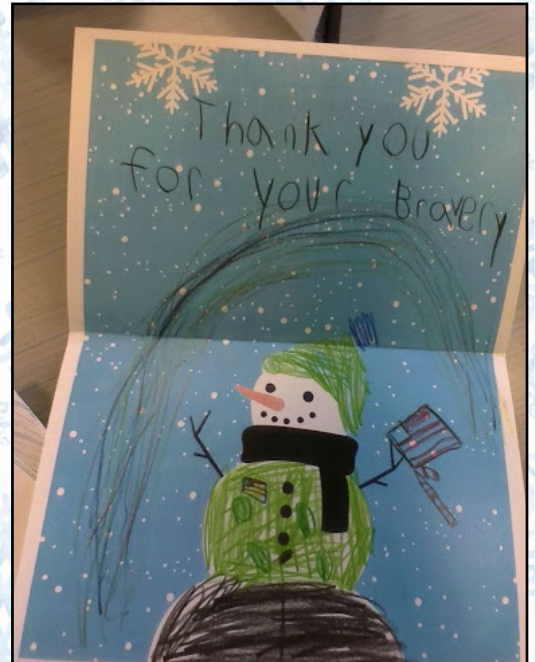
Abhay Simha

Madison Sottile

Jordan Vargas

BW STUDENT GOVERNMENT SPREADS HOLIDAY CHEER TO OUR VETERANS

At their last meeting, the young leaders in the Bretton Woods Student Government gathered to make holiday cards for our veterans. They used colorful cards and wrote heartfelt messages to thank those who've served our country. With each card, they show gratitude and spread kindness, proving that even small actions can make a big difference.



**BW - Student Government
Cards for Veterans**



WORLD LANGUAGE CLASS VISITS HOLIDAY MARKET AT UNION SQUARE IN NEW YORK CITY AND IMMERSSES IN A EUROPEAN MARKET EXPERIENCE

In an effort to foster cultural connections and enhance language learning, Frau Cardi and Madame Rigaud's German and French classes at the High School recently embarked on an exciting field trip to the Holiday market in New York City's Union Square. This immersive experience allowed students to explore the vibrant atmosphere of a European-style Holiday market right in the heart of the Big Apple!

The visit to Union Square's Holiday market provided students with a unique opportunity to delve into the rich traditions and customs associated with European Holiday celebrations. As they wandered through the market stalls adorned with twinkling lights and festive decorations, students were able to witness firsthand the cultural connections between European countries and the holiday season.

One of the highlights of the trip was the chance to sample traditional European holiday treats. Students indulged in mouthwatering delicacies such as German gingerbread cookies (Lebkuchen), French crepes, and Austrian strudels. These culinary delights not only satisfied their taste buds but also exposed them to the diverse gastronomic traditions of different European countries.

Moreover, the world language students had the privilege of interacting with vendors who hailed from various European countries. Students engaged in conversations, practicing their language skills and learning about the unique customs and traditions associated with the holidays in different European cultures.

The Holiday market at Union Square also showcased a wide array of hand-crafted goods and artisanal products. Students marveled at the intricate craftsmanship of German wooden ornaments, French pottery, and Italian leather goods, just to name a few. This exposure to European craftsmanship not only fostered an appreciation for traditional artistry but also highlighted the importance of supporting local artisans and small businesses.



World Language Holiday Market

As the day came to a close, students left the Holiday market with a newfound appreciation for the cultural connections between Europe and the holiday season. The immersive experience not only enhanced their language skills but also broadened their horizons, allowing them to embrace the diversity and richness of different cultures around the world.

Frau Cardi and Madame Rigaud's classes at the high school are committed to providing students with opportunities to explore and understand the world beyond their textbooks. This visit to the Holiday market in Union Square exemplified the school's dedication to fostering cultural connections and promoting a global mindset among its students.

Here are some photos from this wonderful experience!



World Language Holiday Market



EMPANADAS
1 | \$6.50
2 | \$12
3 | \$15

Traditional Colombian.
Gluten free. Made with our
special dough of 5 grains,
served with chipotle mayo.

ANGUS BEEF
ORGANIC CHICKEN
CHEESE & GUAVA
PORTOBELLO MUSHROOMS

AREPA DE CHOCLO | \$8
Sweet corn arepa with
melted mozzarella cheese

YUCA FRIES | \$11
Homemade cassava fries
with cheese, chipotle and
cilantro mayo

EMPA... | \$11
... with

PALEQUE EMPANADAS

Gluten Free
Arepas &
Empanadas

THE ANNUAL MIDDLE SCHOOL “JINGLE BELL RUN” IS FUN FOR ALL

Hauppauge Middle School held their annual “Jingle Bell Run” on Thursday, December 21st. The run took place before school began. The event was organized by Carol Pacileo, Health & Physical Education teacher at the Middle School.



Middle School "Jingle Bell Run"



MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY HOSTS A “GINGERBREAD” HOUSE CRAFT CONTEST

Mrs. McParland, Mrs. Martello and Mrs. Abrams in the Middle School Library hosted a craft “Gingerbread” competition this December. Students were asked to create a gingerbread house using paper bags and library supplies. There were three categories a student could enter: Most Colorful, Most Traditional and Best Themed.

Mrs. Treglia one of the art teachers picked a winner in each category:

The winner of the most colorful Gingerbread house is Adriana Caracappa

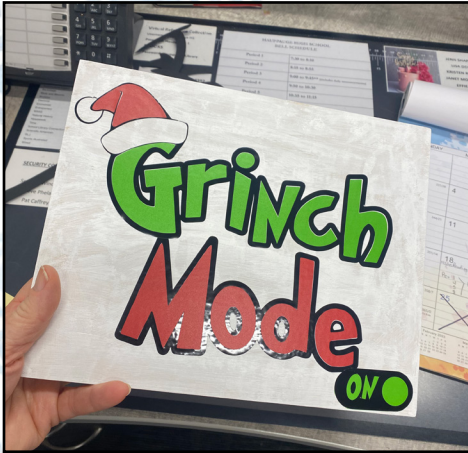
The winner of the most traditional Gingerbread house is Ava Postilio

The winner of the Best Themed Gingerbread house is Charlotte Grossman



*l-r: Ava Postilio, Charlotte Grossman, and
Adriana Caracappa*

HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY DECORATES FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND IT'S "GRINCHTASTIC"



PINES "SINGALONGS"



Pines Singalongs



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Hauppauge DECA Gingerbread House Competition



On December 4th,
Hauppauge DECA
sponsored it's 2nd Annual
Community Gingerbread
House Competition.

Congratulations to the
Musto Family for
defending their title and
taking home 1st place.

Thank you to all of you
that came out to help
make it a fun event.



Happy Holidays from
Hauppauge DECA 



HIGH SCHOOL “FRIENDS OF FAMILIES” CAMPAIGN HELPS FAMILIES DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Hauppauge High school's friends of families campaign helped 25 families with a total of 56 children this year. Fundraising efforts, spearheaded by Jesseca Kulesa and her leadership classes, were supported by students and staff alike. In addition, the faculty generously shopped for students from our giving tree and, with help from the Monique Tart Foundation and the Smithtown Children's Foundation (Hauppauge Chapter), each family received gift cards, a box of food, and gifts to help make the holiday season a happy one! We are so grateful for everyone who supports this effort.

Special Thanks to Mama Angelina, Mama Sabarro, Bon Appetito, Kim Lastuvka, HHS Student Council, HHS Helping Hands, HHS Deca, Hauppauge HS Staff.



FOREST BROOK HOLIDAY BREAKFAST

The staff at Forest Brook held their Secret Santa/Holiday Breakfast on Thursday, December 21st. Crazy Crepe was on hand to whip up made to order omelets. There were tons of goodies and a festive spirit from all! Thank you to all the elves who put the event together!



Michael Caulin,
Forest Brook Principal



Forest Brook Holiday Breakfast



BRETTON WOODS CELEBRATES “HOLIDAY SPIRIT WEEK”

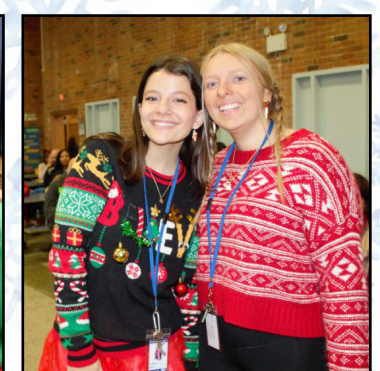
Bretton Woods students celebrated “Holiday Spirit Week” from December 18th-22nd. The schedule was as follows:

Monday - Holiday Colors
Tuesday - Channel your Flannel
Wednesday - Winter Wonderland (Wear Blue & White)
Thursday - Holiday Sweater Day
Friday - Comfy and Cozy Day

Of course, everyone had fun dressing up each of the days! Here are some photos from their week!



Bretton Woods "Holiday Spirit Week"



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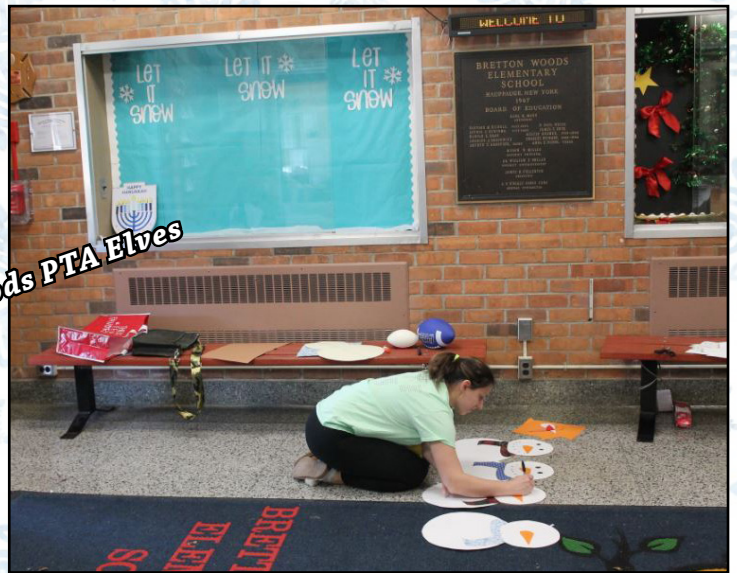
Bretton Woods "Holiday Spirit Week"



Bretton Woods "Holiday Spirit Week"



Bretton Woods PTA Elves



FOREST BROOK SINGALONGS



Forest Brook Singalongs



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STAFF GET INTO THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT WITH FUN DRESS UP DAYS



High School Holiday Spirit



Special Thanks

Thank you to everyone for your contributions and help in making "Horizons" special each week.

Thank you to my wonderful "photo elves"

Denise Murphy - Bretton Woods

Christa DiVilio - Forest Brook

Karen Kerr - Pines

Michele Aversano - Middle School

Denise Malandrucolo - High School

-and-

Frank Bayer of Frank Bayer Photography

for the outstanding photos each week featuring our favorite people! Our students!

Happy Holidays !



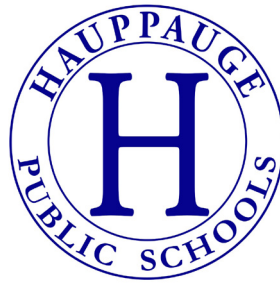
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