



# Horizons

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## THE HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM IS GOING TO THE STATES!

On Saturday, January 28th, Hauppauge High School hosted the Eastern Long Island Regional Science Olympiad Competition. Our High School had two teams compete against 51 other teams in various science and technology events.

Hauppauge High School is one of eight schools that will advance to the New York State Science Olympiad at LeMoyne College in Syracuse on March 17th and 18th.

Congratulations to the entire team of students:

Matvey Baranov  
Kashi Benkal  
Viraaj Hegde  
Navya Gautam  
Rithika Katla  
Keertana Madhira  
Sreenand Mallisetty

Dharmik Namineni  
Sharvani Rao  
Rachel Yang  
Savvy Dusad  
Mihika Grandhi  
Sweta Jha  
Arav Prabhu

Israel Rojas  
Sri Sagiraju  
Sadiq Shaik  
Ryan Yang  
Srihan Adabala  
Brandon Cardamone  
Sreeja Geevanageri

Dev Mehra  
Mathew Payyanattu  
Aayan Shah  
Svanik Shahu  
Sajal Varshney  
Kritin Mittal  
Abiha Sadiq  
Pranav Vijayababu



*The Team is pictured with their coaches, Briana Becker and Dennis Petercsak, and Dr. Rob Wankmuller, Director of Science, Technology, and Research*



## ***High School Science Olympiad Team***

Thank you to Briana Becker and Dennis Petercsak. They are outstanding coaches and worked very hard to host such a large event, the largest Science Olympiad in New York State. Thanks to Carolyn Heck for running Chem Lab, to Carol Muller for working as nurse, and to all the TAs that helped with the event. We have a lot to be proud of.

Here are the names of the students that placed in the top10 in their events.

### Bridges

6th Place - Arav Prabhu & Aayan Shah

9th Place - Dev Mehra & Svanik Shahu

### Cell Biology

6th Place - Navya Gautam & Sadiq Shaik

### Chemistry Lab

6th Place - Navya Gautam & Aayan Shah

7th Place - Srihan Adabala & Keertana Madhira

### Detector Building

6th Place - Sri Sagiraju & Sadiq Shaik

### Experimental Design

7th Place - Sreeja Geevanageri, Srihan Adabala &

Matthew Payyanattu

### Flight

4th - Sreenand Malisetty & Kashi Benkal

7th - Mathew Payyanattu & Svanik Shahu

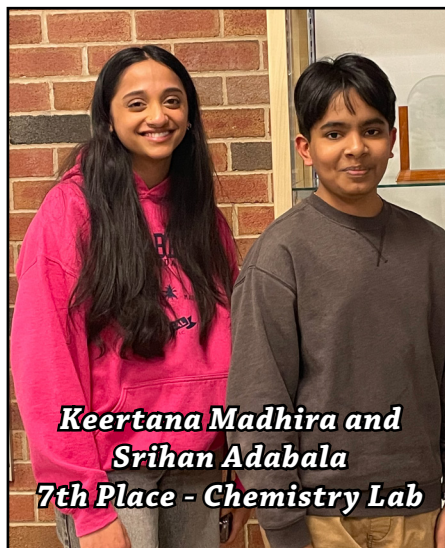
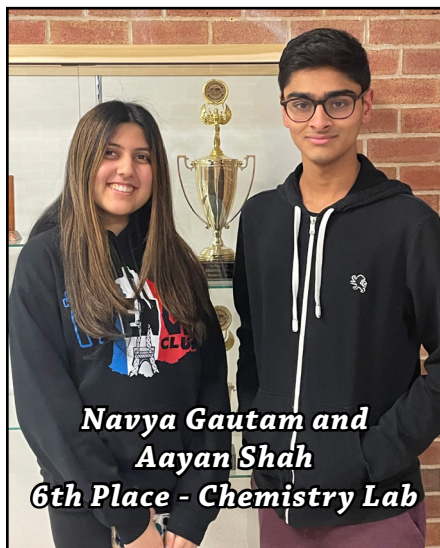
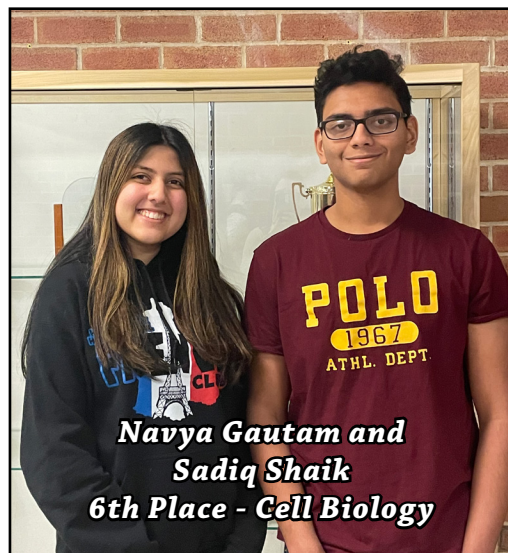
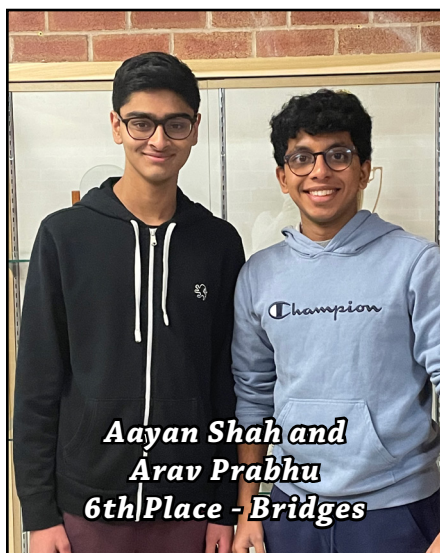
### WiFi Lab

7th Place - Viraj Hegde & Keertana Madhira

10th Place - Sreenand Malisetty & Mihika Grandhi

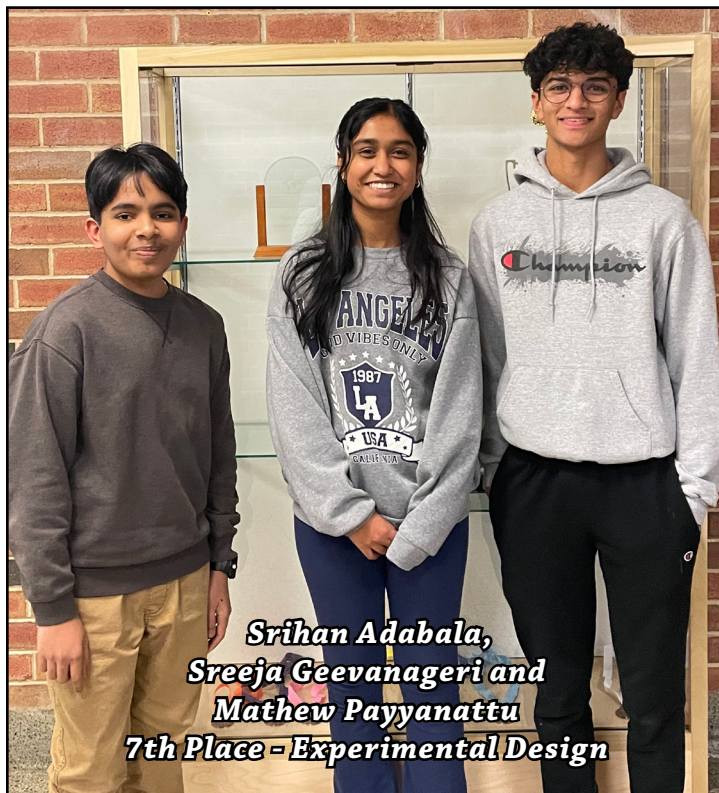
### Write It Do It

9th - Sweta Jha & Sreeja Geevanageri





**High School Science Olympiad Team**



**Srihan Adabala,  
Sreeja Geevanageri and  
Mathew Payyanattu  
7th Place - Experimental Design**



**Kashi Benkal and  
Sreenand Malisetty  
4th Place - Flight**



**Keertana Madhira and  
Viraaj Hegde  
7th Place - WiFi Lab**



**Svanik Shahu and  
Mathew Payyanattu  
7th Place - Flight**



**Sreenand Malisetty and  
Mihika Grandhi  
10th Place - WiFi Lab**



**Sweta Jha and  
Sreeja Geevanageri  
9th Place - Write It Do It**



# "SPOTLIGHT"... COURAGE, GRATITUDE, FORGIVENESS, AND COMPASSION MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE RECOGNIZED IN STUDENT APPRECIATION PROGRAM

By: Michael Caulin  
Middle School Assistant Principal

Although achieving high marks and attaining good grades are a most important aspect of middle school and are worthy of recognition, it is not the only aspect of middle school that is deemed as important and worthy of acknowledgment. "Spotlight" is the student appreciation program that Hauppauge Middle School has developed in order to recognize those students who have displayed social emotional literacy skills. Hauppauge Middle School recognizes students each month who have exhibited acts of Courage, Gratitude, Forgiveness and Compassion.

The "Spotlight" recognition program is based on the "Jesse Lewis - Choose Love Movement" which has been adopted by Hauppauge School District and is being taught in over 10,000 schools, in all 50 states, and over 120 countries, serving over three million children globally. The Choose Love Movement is an organization with a mission to create safer and more loving communities through no cost Character Social Emotional Development programs (CSED) that are suited for all stages of life. At the core of it all is a simple formula (COURAGE + GRATITUDE + FORGIVENESS + COMPASSION-IN-ACTION = Choosing Love) that anyone can learn and practice to nourish and strengthen the body, mind, and emotions to cultivate happy, healthy, meaningful lives and to thoughtfully respond to all we meet and improve the world around us.

Each month, the staff at Hauppauge Middle School is on the lookout for those students who have displayed the core elements of Choose Love whether it be in the classroom, hallways or cafeteria and will nominate those students and honor them at a monthly award ceremony. The ceremony is recorded as it is conducted within the library and then broadcast to the entire school during the advisory period. These students deserve to be recognized in front of the entire student body which the video being presented during advisory allows. The students receive a certificate as well as a laptop sticker at the ceremony.

At Hauppauge Middle School we always want to be practicing essential life skills such as relationship building, emotional management and coping strategies, for these skills cultivate and foster a sense of security. In turn, this creates a connected and compassionate environment. When students feel a sense of belonging and psychological safety, they are happier, more well-adjusted and more successful. Congratulations to all of our "Spotlight" recipients so far this year and a special thank you to all of those students who have helped to create a school environment where courage, forgiveness, gratitude and compassion matter.





★ ★ September 2022



## September 2022

### Grade 6

James DeSantis  
Savanna Gardiner  
Joseph Gill  
Mia Green  
Jesse Logan  
Valentina Rosero  
AJ Vero

### Grade 7

Sameera Narang  
Samuel Rheanna

### Grade 8

Ava Andriano  
Jazzlyn Carvajal  
Giana Cordovano  
Devyn (Toby) Glassberg  
Enrico Hayes  
Luiza Oliveira  
Andrew Solomon  
Isabella Vizzino  
Baylee Ward



# October 2022



## October 2022

### Grade 6

Sonny Alfiero  
Matthew Barrera  
Sean Cizon  
Mia Francis  
Luke Gamble  
Savanna Gardiner  
Alexa Grandstaff  
My'asia Green  
Gianna Lorusso  
Fred Lu  
Brendan Magill  
Lexi Marino  
Lauren Polidoro  
Gabiella Zoupas

### Grade 7

Rian Alpuerto  
Alexa Bliss-Goldsborough  
Casey Byrne  
Nicholas Castano Perez  
Dominick Green  
Dylan Rakowski  
Jack Sullivan

### Grade 8

Abigail Arthur  
Marcus Kim  
Isabella Vizzini





## November 2022

### Grade 6

Zera Abiyeva  
Alexander Buyansky  
Crosby Cadmus  
Jake Collins  
Nick Herbst  
Mia Inzirillo  
Reyhan Kurtoglu  
Maxwell Kwakye  
Phillip Lazzari  
Kyle Lewendowski  
Gavin McKee  
Julieta Pranzo  
Mia Scarfo  
Morgan Thomson

### Grade 7

Skylar Fernandez  
Zavier Lewis-Torres  
Olivia Morse

### Grade 8

John Avlonitis  
Christopher Choi  
Alexa Davis  
Charlotte Derby  
Peyton Kulesa  
Max Mansi  
Madelyn Mileo  
Katie Park





## December 2022

### Grade 6

Nick Andromanacos  
Abdul Barack  
Allegra Brady  
Gianna Bullock  
Jake Catania  
Lily Fragua  
Logan Galarza  
Vaibhavi Hegde  
Gavin Ianello  
Gianna Lorusso  
Alexa Mammone  
Lexi Marino  
James Mitrus  
Logan Navajo-Trejo  
Nicole Pearsal  
Tyler Thomson  
Katherin Tome-Rivera  
Giuliana Vizzino

### Grade 7

Aydin Horasanli  
Aaron Kyle  
Jacob Messina  
Violet Shapiro  
Paige Vaughn

### Grade 8

Michael Economico  
Kaileigh Gavigan  
Liam O'Connor  
Cara Primiani



# Middle School "Spotlight" Recognition Program



JANUARY 2023





## January 2023

### Grade 6

Ariella Dellicurti  
Nicole Dorsey  
Hezal Dua  
Greyson Dubshinski  
Josue Guardado Munoz  
Joseph Guercio  
Richard Hock  
Dylan Ingson  
Danny Paolillo  
Jemma Piantieri  
Eva Stein  
Julia Tamayo  
Ryan Tjersland  
Adrian Vasquez  
Cecilia Veneroni  
Nicole Weinstein

### Grade 7

Rian Alpuerto  
Sahmuel Babyak  
Sophia Brown  
Nicolas Castano Perez  
Wyatt Cira  
Chloe Coughlin  
Kalealani Holmes  
Atharv Prabhu  
Sophia Torres  
Andrew Weir

### Grade 8

Dylan Alexander  
Aivary Genninger  
Emma Gill  
Avery Hores  
Samveth Karanam  
Michael Lynch  
Elle Mallebranche  
Sofia Mariani  
Corina Mazzuca  
Olalekan Ogunsakin  
Juliana Postilio  
Patrick Terzella  
Andrew Vero  
Juliana Williamson

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## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTAIN HONOR ROLL AT EASTERN LONG ISLAND ACADEMY OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY

High School Principal, Joseph Wieckhorst, is proud to announce that the following high school students who attend the Eastern Long Island Academy of Applied Technology, have achieved Honor Roll status. They have shown responsibility in the classroom, commitment to their work ethic, and have maintained a quarterly average of ninety or above:

Sean Gang  
Nicholas LaFemina  
Evan Mikulasovich  
Owen Prevendoski  
Dillan Sarrett  
Jesse Trabka

Jennifer Martino, Principal, at the Eastern Long Island Academy of Applied Technology, said the following about our students, "Honor Roll status is a big, but attainable goal. The Honor Roll is one of the most significant awards that a student can receive. It 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 each day."

We congratulate these students on this outstanding accomplishment.





## MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

Our Middle School recently held their annual Science Fair. Below are all of the winners, along with their project titles. Congratulations!

The community is welcome to come and see all of the entered projects on Wednesday, February 15th, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Middle School cafeteria.

Here are the winners:

### Grade 6

Mihir Satish Kumar

First Place: Clean, Green Energy Machine Mihir Satish Kumar

Vaibhavi Hegde

Second Place: How Can Gravity Store Energy?

Ryan Tjersland

Third Place: Heat Your Home; Does Color Matter?

Crosby Cadmus

Honorable Mention: Harvest Before It Bolts

Ishaan Maheskumar

Honorable Mention: What Type of Paint is the Most Stain Resistant?

### Grade 7

Atharv Prabhu

First Place: How pH Levels Affect the Rate of Corrosion

Chloe Coughlin

Second Place: Don't Lose Your Marbles

Aditi Gopa

Third Place: Dead Lead

Kierstan Drake

Honorable Mention: Dogs Hear Everything

Josiah Mattison

Honorable Mention: What Type of Drying System is Best to use in Drying Hands?

### Grade 8

Samvath Karanam

First Place: Better Bio-Batteries

Patrick Terzella

Second Place: Which Ingredients in Moisturizers is the Most Effective?

Nathan Fernandes

Third Place: How Clothing Affects How People Will Treat You

John Stein

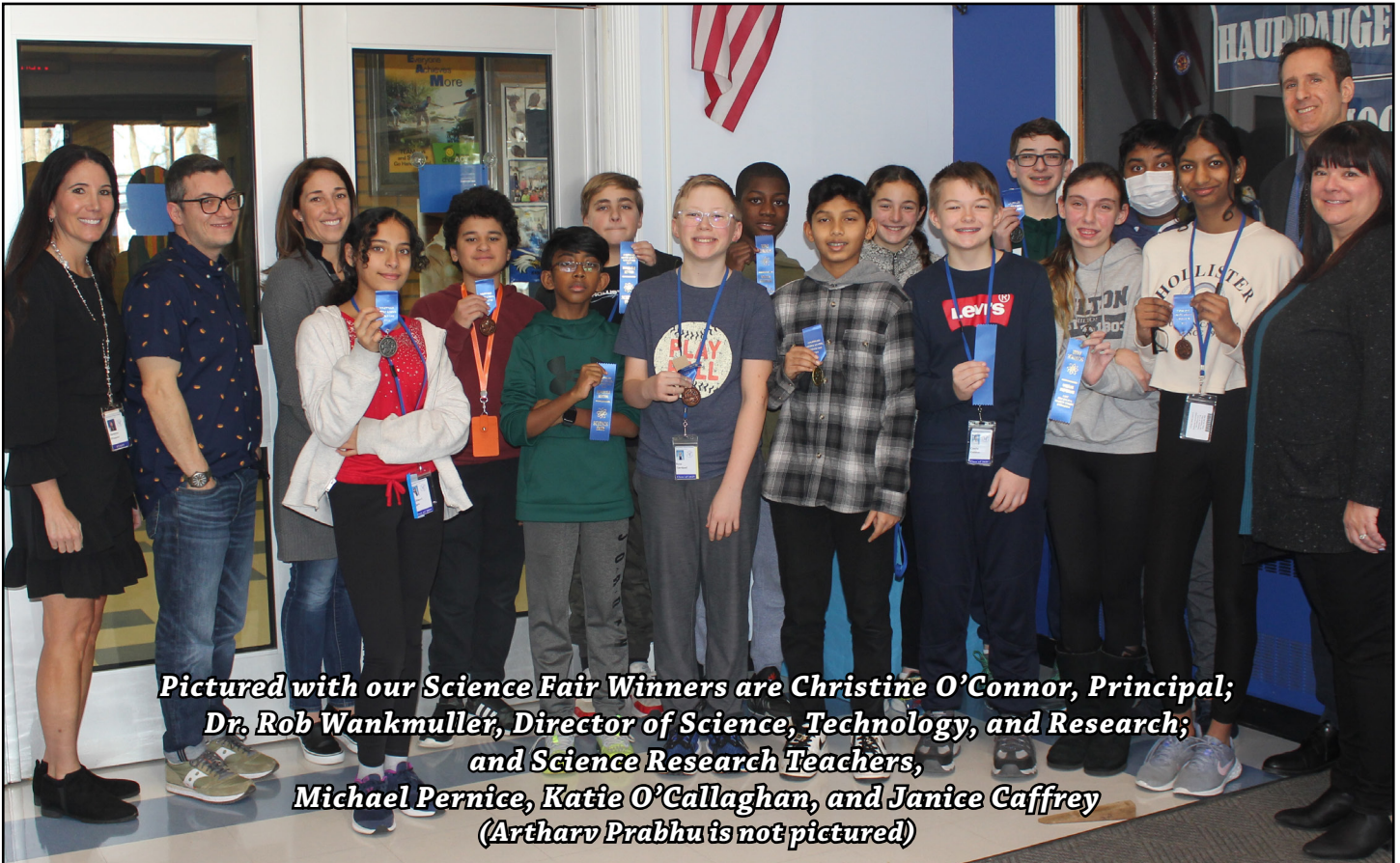
Honorable Mention: Green Pennies

Rebecca Spiegel

Honorable Mention: Temperature Bounce



## ***Middle School Science Fair Winners***



***Pictured with our Science Fair Winners are Christine O'Connor, Principal; Dr. Rob Wankmüller, Director of Science, Technology, and Research; and Science Research Teachers, Michael Pernice, Katie O'Callaghan, and Janice Caffrey (Artharv Prabhu is not pictured)***

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## **BRETTON WOODS MATH STUDENTS ACHIEVE 100% FLUENCY IN ALL OPERATIONS**

Our Amazing Bretton Woods Math Students are using Reflex to boost their fluency in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. ALL of the students pictured have achieved 100% fluency in all operations. We are so proud of all of them!



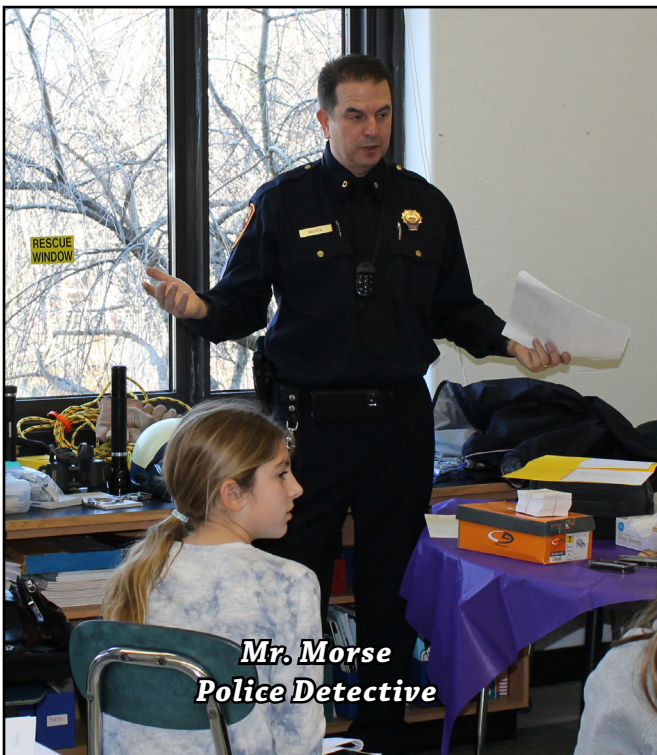


# PINES ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ARE THINKING ABOUT THEIR COLLEGE AND CAREER FUTURES

Pines Elementary School held its annual College and Career week during the week of January 23rd. The week kicked off with staff and students wearing college attire. On Tuesday, students participated in a virtual college tour of Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania. Wednesday was Dress for Success Day. Students were encouraged to dress in clothing that represented a future career of interest. Also on Wednesday, in addition, all students attended an NED Mindset Assembly, learning about the Power of Yet, how to Spark Courage, and how to Keep Learning and Grow. On Thursday, the theme was Focus on Self-Care Day. Students took part in a self-care discussion in their classrooms. In keeping with our on-going work with gratitude and mindfulness, students will continue to learn the importance of making self-care a part of everyday life. The week culminated with Career Day where many parent volunteers presented their careers to our 4th and 5th grade students. Special thanks to our Career Day presenters:

Mr. Abrams - Television Production  
Ms. Boll - Senior Director of Energy & Sustainability  
Mrs. Hoffmann - Forensic Accountant  
Mr. Keuchler - Occupational Therapist  
Mrs. Kriss - Nurse Practitioner  
Mrs. Kump - Sales Account Manager  
Mr. Morse - Police Detective  
Mrs. Muilenburg - Acupuncturist  
Mrs. Pena - Physical Therapist  
Mrs. Poulos - School Counselor  
Mrs. Rosas - Massage Therapist  
Mr. Trivino - Aircraft Maintenance Technician

Here are some great photos from this special week of activities, courtesy of Karen Kerr, Pines Secretary.



**Mr. Morse**  
**Police Detective**



**Mrs. Hoffman**  
**Forensic Accountant**



# ***Pines College & Career Days***



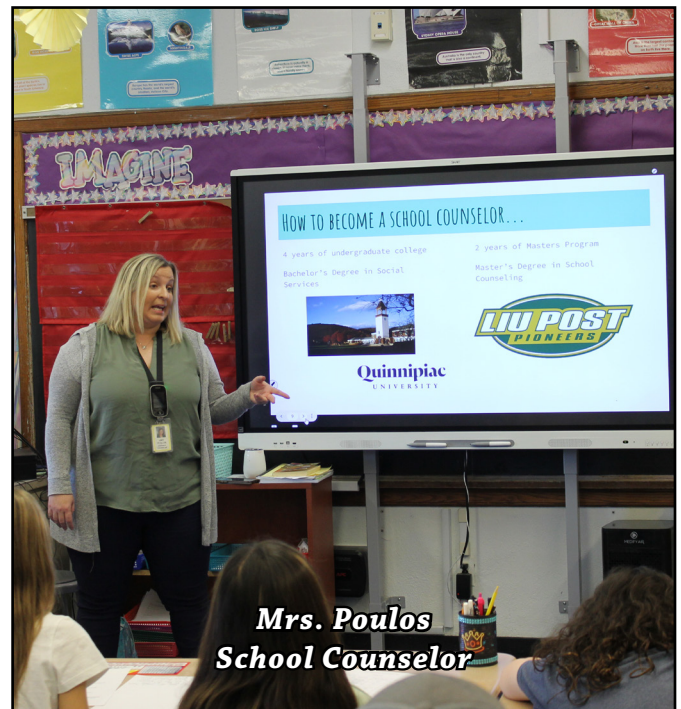
***Mrs. Kriss, Nurse Practitioner,  
Demonstrating CPR***



***Mrs. Muilenburg, Acupuncturist,  
Demonstrating Acupuncture on  
Mrs. DeRose***



***Mrs. Kump  
Sales Account Manager***



***Mrs. Poulos  
School Counselor***



***Mrs. Rosas  
Massage Therapist***



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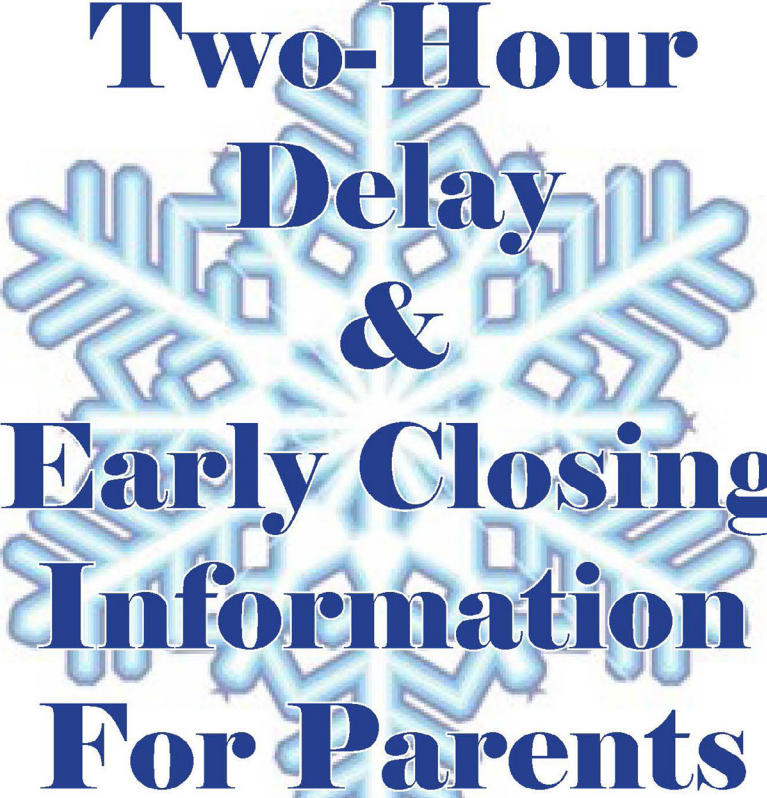
## *Pines College & Career Days*





## TWO-HOUR DELAY & EARLY CLOSING INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Winter is here! In order to be prepared for those days when we may have a two-hour delay or early release, please [click here](#) to see a "School Delay and Early Release FAQ for Parents." You can also view High School and Middle School Delay Schedules.



**Two-Hour  
Delay  
&  
Early Closing  
Information  
For Parents**



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**NATIONAL**

**FROZEN**

YOGURT DAY



**Monday**  
**February 6, 2023**  
**4-10 pm**

**Swirls & Twirls Frozen Yogurt**  
**248 Smithtown Blvd. Nesconset**

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