



# Horizons

*Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow*

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## HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR IS NAMED "SECTION XI DIVER OF THE YEAR"

Congratulations to high school Junior, Colin Buscarino! Colin has been named the "Section XI Diver of the Year!" Colin is part of the Hauppauge/Smithtown Swimming and Diving Team. The team has had a great season. They became League Champions and Suffolk County Champions. Colin and teammate, Noah Hutzler, moved on to the New York State Championships.

At their last meet of the year on January 19th, Colin broke the "Six-Dive" Hauppauge School Record of 294.86! The old record of 283.56 was held by Sean Rorke, and was set in 2016. Colin was ranked first this past season, and was undefeated in dual meets. He was also named one of "Newsday's Top 25!" His coaches are Richard Lionetti and Jeffrey Chu.

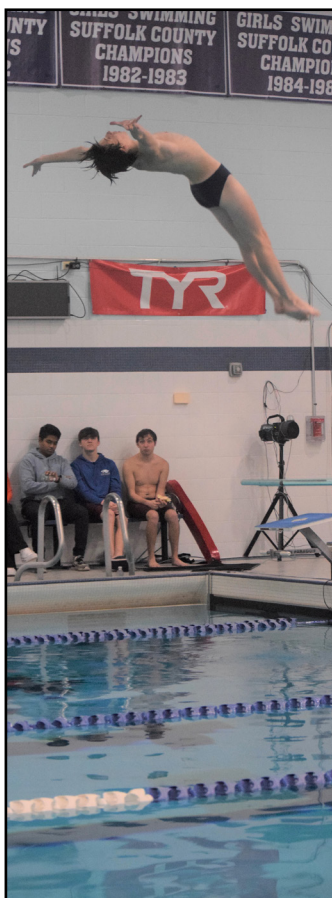
We congratulate Colin on this fantastic honor!



**Colin Buscarino**  
*"Section XI Diver of the Year"*



**Colin Buscarino**  
*with Coach Richard Lionetti*



## HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORE IS PLAYING IN THE "ALL-AMERICAN FOOTBALL BOWL GAME"

Congratulations to HS Sophomore, Saverio Barbera! Saverio was nominated and invited to play in the "All-American Football Bowl Game" at Sofi stadium in Los Angeles on April 8th! It is an incredible honor that he has worked amazingly hard for. These are the top 100 football players in the country!

We wish Saverio the best of luck!



# GO EAGLES !!!

## IB FILM STUDENTS ATTEND "17TH ANNUAL LOCUST VALLEY FILM FESTIVAL" AND ARE WINNERS!

On Thursday, March 30th, IB Film students attended the 17th annual Locust Valley film festival with their teacher, David Schaeffler. Hauppauge students entered four films, and two of them were winners in the Comedy category.

Winning films were:

"Dude Where's My Shoe" - 1st Place Comedy

"The Studio" - 2nd Place Comedy

### Student Filmmakers

Jack Collins  
Arianna Shafy  
Ryan Capece

Elizabeth Dolce  
Peyton Gribbin  
David Hendrick

Evan Maiorini  
Julianna Mooney  
Avery Vivinetto

Congratulations! Here are some photos from the event.



***"Locust Valley Film Festival"***



# HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR WOWS HIS TEACHERS AND CLASSMATES AFTER MAKING HIS OWN GUITAR

High School Senior, Chris Diesso, is a student in Mr. Dowd's Materials Processing class at the high school, which takes place in the new STEM Lab. He has completed his project of making his own new, vintage, "Les Paul Guitar." The guitar was made using the plans and specifications of a vintage "Les Paul Guitar."

Chris Diesso said the following regarding his amazing project, "The experience was definitely challenging because there was a lot of trial and error. Building a guitar is meticulous work. I spent a month on hand sanding alone. But, as far as the machine goes, once we got all of our measurements it was smooth sailing from there. The only thing after that was the very detailed hand work. I enjoyed every second of it."

Chris cut the guitar out of wood after using a foam prototype. He then assembled the guitar with the necessary hardware.

The ribbon-cutting for the new STEM Lab at the high school took place on Tuesday, December 13th, 2023. The teachers have use of a CNC machine, wood laser cutters, Venus Plasma Cutter, and 3-D printers. The students are making the most of this equipment and creating amazing things!

Here are some photos of Chris with his brand new, vintage, "Les Paul Guitar!" Great work, Chris!



**Chris Diesso's  
"Les Paul Guitar"**



**Chris Diesso  
with his teacher,  
Mr. Christopher  
Dowd**



# HIGH SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY CLUB RAISES MONEY FOR "HABITAT FOR HUMANITY"

High School teacher, Brian Milleisen's, Technology Club was very busy recently. They raised \$1,000 for "Habitat for Humanity" by building and selling Christmas decorations, snowmen, trees, and a rocking horse.

The Technology Club then traveled to the build site to help landscape the yard by spreading top soil, raking out rocks, and digging up stumps.

Here are some photos of the group working hard to give back to their community.



## High School Technology Club



***Mr. Brian Milleisen and the Technology Club students presenting their Donation to "Habitat for Humanity"***

## NEW HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE TREATED WITH A WELCOME TO HAUPPAUGE HIGH SCHOOL BREAKFAST

During each school year, the high school welcomes new students. A welcome breakfast was held on Friday, March 31st, for new students. Approximately 55 students attended. A similar breakfast was held back in the fall.

The "Ignition Club" advisors, Greg Foster and Danielle Montera, were on hand with their club members to help with some icebreakers and games to make the new students feel more at home.

We welcome our new students! GO EAGLES!!!



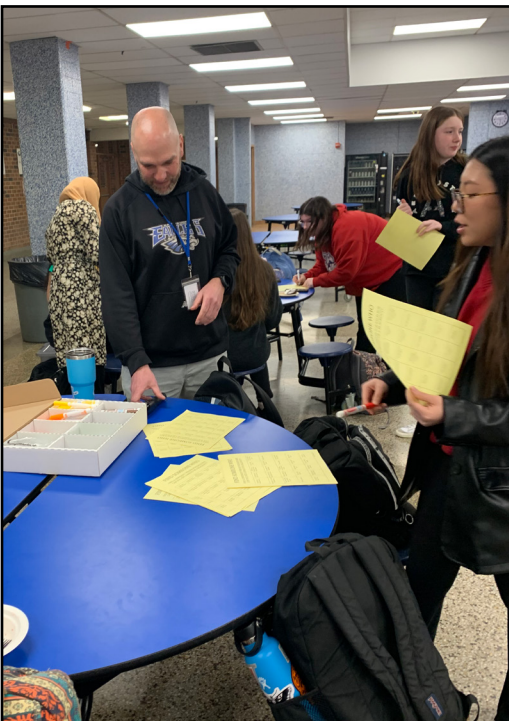
**High School Principal, Joseph Wieckhorst, with "Ignition Club" Advisors, Greg Foster and Danielle Montera**



**Joel Sidwell, Rebecca Bilski, Megan Gersbeck, Dr. Tim McCarthy, Joseph Wieckhorst, Kristy Pagliari**



## High School Welcome Breakfast



## HIGH SCHOOL INTERACT CLUB STUDENTS SUPPORT THE EAGLE FOOD PANTRY

High School Juniors, Nick Sumwalt and Colin Buscarino, are Co-Presidents of the Eagle Food Pantry. Teachers Jennifer Procaccini and Lindsay Conaghan are their Advisors.

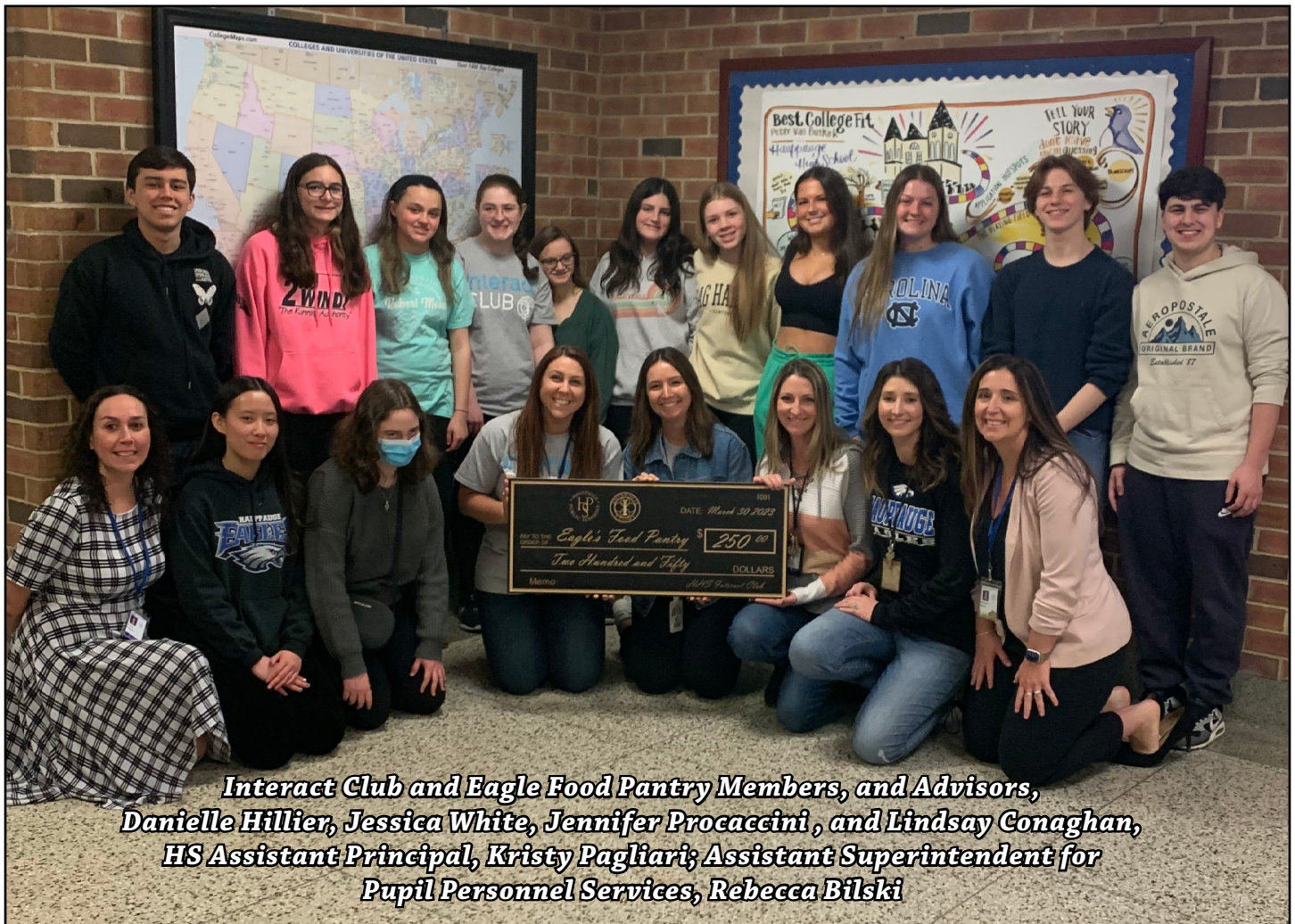
On Friday, March 31st, the Interact Club made a \$250.00 donation to the Eagle Food Pantry and presented them with a check. They raised this money by holding "Safe Halloween." The Interact Club Advisors are Danielle Hillier and Jessica White.

Nick and Colin said that they will use the funds to stock their shelves in order to support our Haupauge community. Nick recently made a generous donation to the Eagle Food Pantry of a refrigerator!

Here are some photos of these admirable students who work hard to do good things. Awesome job!



**Nick Sumwalt and  
Colin Buscarino,  
Co-Presidents of the  
Eagle Food Pantry**



**Interact Club and Eagle Food Pantry Members, and Advisors,  
Danielle Hillier, Jessica White, Jennifer Procaccini, and Lindsay Conaghan,  
HS Assistant Principal, Kristy Pagliari; Assistant Superintendent for  
Pupil Personnel Services, Rebecca Bilski**

# WORLD LANGUAGE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETIES

## 26TH ANNUAL INDUCTION CEREMONY

On Monday, March 20th, eighty-two students were inducted into the French, German, and Spanish National Honor Societies! The academic achievements of these students in their foreign language classes enabled them to receive such an amazing opportunity.

Madame Rigaud, Frau Cardi, and Señora Tiedemann are so proud to be able to induct so many students each year into their Language Honor Societies. Each inductee has demonstrated mastery, as well as love for their language, whether it's French, German, or Spanish. They have each excelled in the classroom and have been heavily involved in many of the activities happening within their respective language clubs. Learning a new language opens many doors for the students and is a great way to set them apart from their peers. While learning a new language proves to be a challenging feat, the achievements of the new inductees promotes cultural understanding and paves the way for a better future.



***Señora Tiedemann, Kristy Pagliari,  
Madame Rigaud, Frau Cardi,  
and Joseph Wieckhorst***

Dr. Donald Murphy, Dr. Christopher Smalley, Joseph Wieckhorst, and Kristy Pagliari were in attendance for the ceremony, as well as the families and friends of newly inducted students. As each inductee received their certificate, the audience cheered in their honor. Hauppauge High School couldn't be more proud of this exceptional group of students!

### French National Honor Society Inductees

Srihan Adabala  
Matthew Barshay  
Edward Bullard  
Jason DiFrietus  
Owen Dixon  
Branden Emile

Savannah Fasner  
Sreeja Geevanagari  
Meghan Goutink  
Reagan Henselder  
Mackenna Hogan  
Brie Mallebranche

Dev Mehra  
Ryan Moleti  
Brady Park  
Arav Prabhu  
Jackson Ruple  
Kristin Scanlon

Sam Scarfo  
Svanik Shahu  
Brenna Sheridan  
Nicholas Sumwalt  
Meredith Terracciano  
Sajal Varshney  
Nasseh Younszada



***French National Honor Society***

### German National Honor Society Inductees

Sarah Bento  
Gennady Borisov  
Jack Campbell  
Thomas Capone III  
Emily Catalan-Castro  
Keira Choinski  
Tyler DiDio

Andrew Fanelli  
Mia Ficco  
Mac Ge  
Linda Lee Hargis  
Kelsie Hyde  
Christian Isernio  
Ryan Kneisel

Scott Lally  
Nicholas Lam  
Kaylee Mariani  
Lauren Masaitis  
Julianna Mooney  
Mathew Payyanattu  
Avani Rampersad

Jenna Romito  
Nicole Rykiel  
Mary Schroeder  
Matthew Sellitto  
Ayaan Shah  
Connor Sheridan  
Anthony Waldner



### Spanish National Honor Society Inductees

Meghan Barry  
Lina Cambardella  
Brandon Cardamone  
Grayson Coiro  
Sara Conquet  
Valerie Coreas  
Shyrynn Covino  
Sofia Dessart  
Brandon Dolce  
Connor Dunphy

Sabine Edwards  
Chase Filipe  
Rosalee Gay  
Jalissa Haskins  
David Hendrick  
Madeline Irwin  
Cindy Lam  
Ava Mariani  
Maya McFadyen  
Kylie McGuire

Emily Messana  
Sophia Mileo  
Delilah Morales  
Eleonora Nemickas  
Michael Oliveto  
Carissa Postilio  
Sharvani Rao  
Ryan Reed  
Ian Rivera  
Ryan Rivera

Brandon Rutley  
Ethan Segal  
Jackson Tacca  
Alex Theodorellis  
Christine Viteri  
Kaitlyn Weinstein  
Olivia Weisenburger  
Hailey Wilcox  
Cole Wood



## PINES STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN SCIENCE FAIR

Pines students recently participated in a Science Fair. Here is a great photo of this year's winners with their Principal, Dr. Claudine DiMuzio. Turn the page for the lists of winners by grade.

Congratulations and great job!



Kindergarten

First place - Christopher Calvanese  
Clearing Up the Science Behind My Foggy Glasses

Second place - Jonathan Matthew  
Which Hot Wheels Car Goes the Farthest?

Third place - Angelina McCarthy  
Dirt Washing Away at Laurel Park

First Grade

First place - Daniel Ford  
The Kodable Maze

Second place - Emily Fudens  
Germs: Are My Hands Really the Germiest  
Body Part when I Come Home From School?

Third place - Tessa Francis  
Do Dogs Have a Favorite Color?

Second Grade

First place - Vincent Calvanese  
5 Second Rule Breaker

Second place - Violet Radonis  
Get Your Garden Groovin

Third place - Brayden  
Battle of the Bridges

Third Grade

First place - Zoey Puttagio Carniol  
Cleaning the Oceans: Helping Creatures and  
Our Planet

Second place - Gavin Maggio  
Will Video Games Rot My Brain

Third place - Lilly Muilenburg  
pH...It's Basic: Testing pH Balance in  
Different Bodies of Water

Honorable Mention - Giuliana Cerulli  
Catapult Launch

Honorable Mention - Abigail Bonn  
What Effect Does Salt Have on Floating?  
Welcome to Egg Floatopia

Fourth Grade

First place - Matthew McHugh  
Where is that Dirty Air?

Second place - Lucas Tremanoli  
Ready, Fold, Fly

Third place - Logan Sudama  
What is the Best Way to Keep Apples from Browning?

Honorable Mention - Mollie Kiss  
Does the Sniffer Differ?

Honorable Mention - Cole Perstadt  
Soccer Science: Will a Soccer Ball Travel Farther When  
Kicked if Filled with Helium or Normal Air?

Fifth Grade

First place - Ashleigh Leteri  
A Bright Idea

Second place - Micaela Paniccia  
How Long is a Sound Wave

Third place - Pranav Ramkumar  
Food Unwasted

Honorable Mention - Alex Mariani  
Density vs. Temperature

Honorable Mention - Ella Muilenburg  
Got Juice?



## HIGH SCHOOL GERMAN STUDENTS COMPETE IN “LONG ISLAND SPRACHFEST”

Students from Hauppauge Middle School and High School took part in the annual “Long Island Sprachfest,” hosted by the “American Association of Teachers of German.”

Students boarded a bus early on Saturday morning, March 25th, to travel to Massapequa high school to compete against other middle and high school students of German in language and cultural competitions. They were accompanied by their teachers Frau O’Hara, Frau Cardi and Herr Sidwell.

Several students won awards for their outstanding efforts in baking and German trivia. It was a fantastic day of friendly competition as students from across Long Island and upstate got to meet each other, celebrate their victories and sample German treats!

Here are some great photos from “Sprachfest!”



*Frau O’Hara with her  
Middle School Students*



*Frau O’Hara and  
Herr Sidwell*



## ***"Long Island Sprachfest"***



***Middle School Students  
Working Together in a Competition***



***Middle School and High School  
German Students at Sprachfest***

## ROBOTICS CLUB TEAM #358 COMPETES IN "FIRST ROBOTICS COMPETITION"

The Hauppauge Robotics Team successfully built a robot to compete at the FIRST Robotics Competition at Hofstra University this past weekend. The next competition will take place at the MVP Arena in Albany, and the competition will be able to be seen on Twitch.

The FIRST Robotics Competition as described on their website, "is a high school level robotics competition where students experience first-hand the miracles that a career in science and technology can produce. The unique part of this program is that students are expected to work hand-in-hand with professional engineer volunteers to design and build in six weeks, a robot about the size and weight of a high school student (up to 150 lb & 5 feet tall) to play a game that changes every year. This is a challenge for both student and engineer creativity."

Teams are formed in the Fall with an annual game Kickoff the first weekend in January starting the six-week design & build. Competitions of 40 to 70 robots take place in March and April in arenas across North America, and in Israel capped by a double championship event involving 600 teams each.

If you would like to read more about the team, [click here](#).



***Hauppauge Robotics Team #358***

# PINES STUDENT COUNCIL ORGANIZES CONTEST TO DESIGN A NEW PINES ELEMENTARY FLAG

In November, Pines Student Council organized a school wide contest to design a new Pines Elementary school flag. Thirteen students submitted designs which were then voted on by Student Council officers & narrowed down to six.

The top six designs were displayed on Google slides and presented to the Pines students and staff for voting. The votes were calculated and the winning designer was 5th grade student Jackson Schwartz! Congratulations to him and we hope to have a new flag before the end of this school year!

Within this contest, they also picked a part of Landon Kram's design to be the Pines' new school mascot. Be on the lookout for that next year!

The students who participated are:

Landon Kram

Ella Titone

Erin Gleason

Connor White

Abigail Bonn

Adrian Faris

Grant Carruthers

Ella Muilenberg

Vincent Calvanese

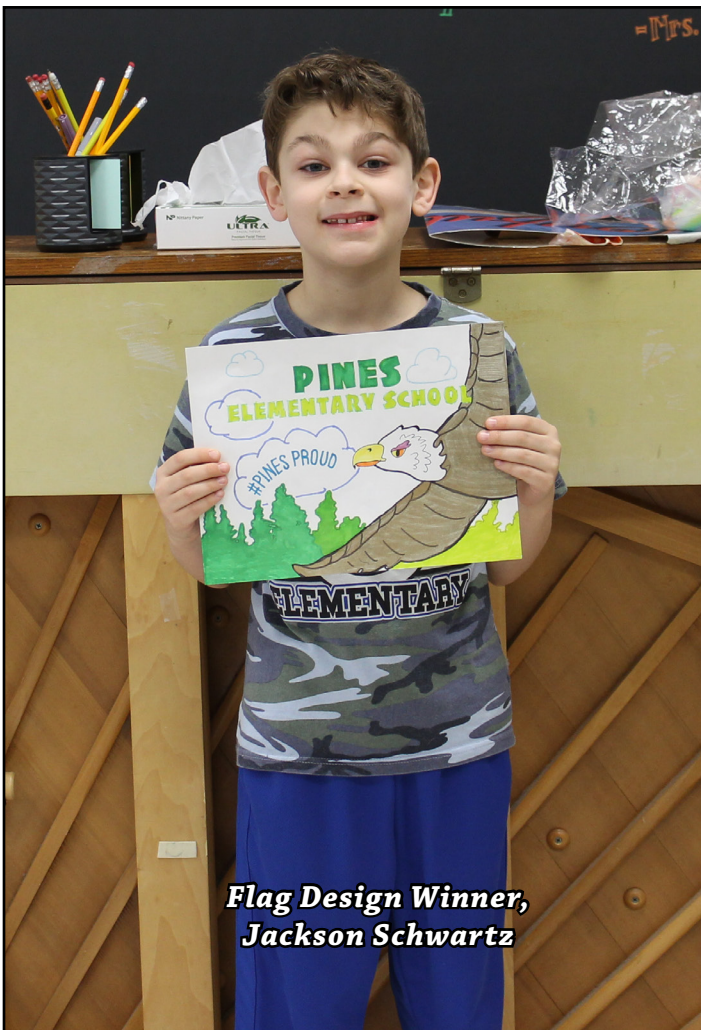
Sylvia Bonn

Matthew McHugh

Dominic Somma

Jackson Schwartz

Here are photos of the students with they flag designs.



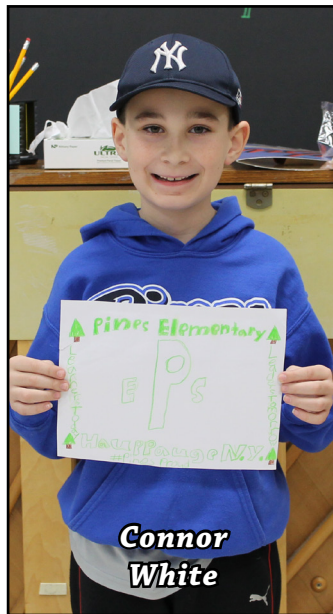
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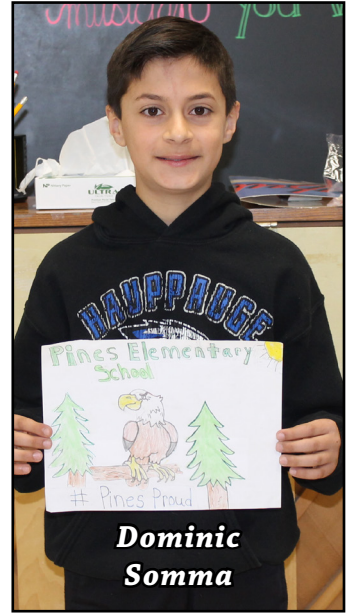
**Abigail  
Bonn**



**Adrian  
Faris**



**Connor  
White**



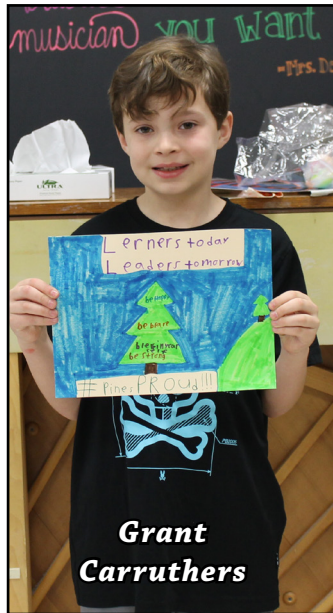
**Dominic  
Somma**



**Ella  
Muilenberg**



**Ella  
Titone**



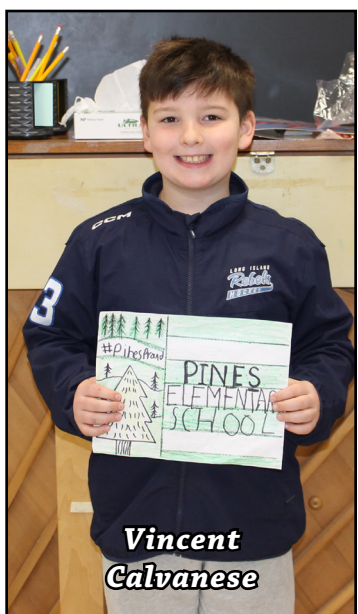
**Grant  
Carruthers**



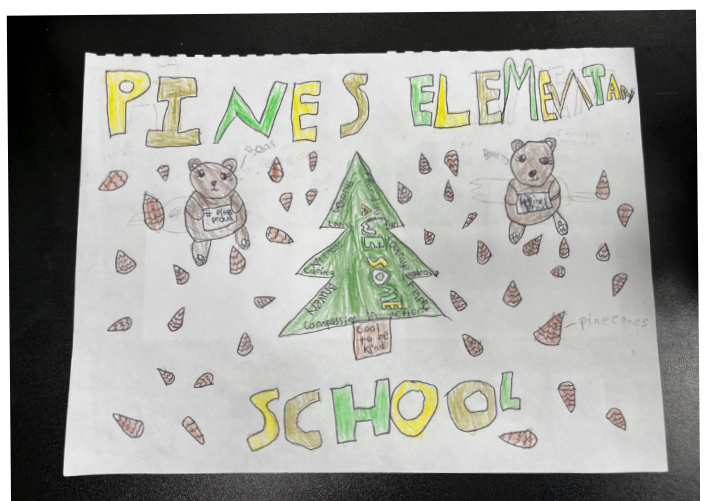
**Matthew  
McHugh**



**Sylvia  
Bonn**



**Vincent  
Calvanese**



**Erin  
Gleason's  
Flag**

## FIVE....., SIX....., SEVEN....., EIGHT..... !!!!!

Pines proudly presents the first annual Tap Club! This March, fourth and fifth grade students from Pines Elementary School had the opportunity to join in on the fun. Those who were new to the art, learned the basics of a flap, shuffle, cramp roll and even a time step. Dancers with more experience, used the opportunity to brush up on some more advanced skills and improve their technique.



Over the course of eight sessions, the dancers worked on a short dance routine while having a great time. If you look closely, you will even notice Mrs. Lewkovich joined in on the fun. Overall, the club was a success and Ms. Dorman is looking forward to offering it again next year.

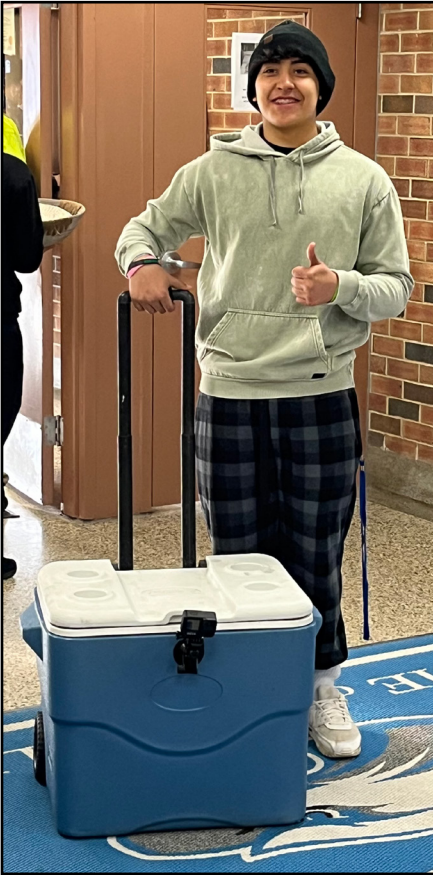


## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS BRING THE FUN ON "ANYTHING BUT A BACKPACK DAY"

As their March Madness series winds down, on Friday, March 31st, it was "Anything But a Backpack Day" at the high school. The students there brought the fun for sure! Thank you, Denise Malandrucolo for the photos!



*"Anything But a Backpack Day"*



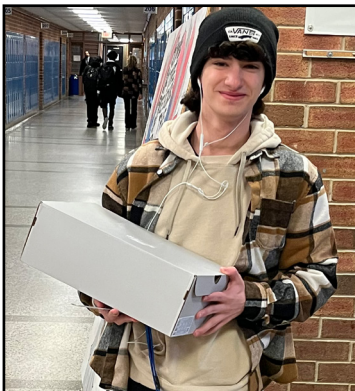
***"Anything But a Backpack Day"***



## *"Anything But a Backpack Day"*



# "Anything But a Backpack Day"



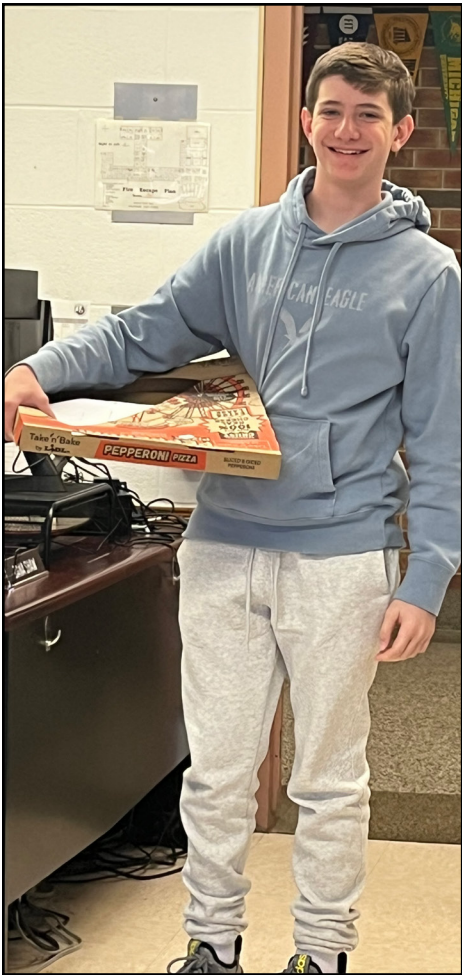
## ***"Anything But a Backpack Day"***



***"Anything But a Backpack Day"***



*"Anything But a Backpack Day"*



## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STAFF ON “GROUFIT DAY”

As part of their “March Madness” series, students and staff celebrated “Groufit Day” last week. Groufit was created from the combination of the words grey and outfit, thus starting the fashion trend groufit.

Here are some photos of the students and staff.



## "Groufit Day"



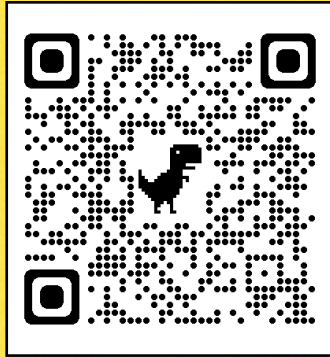
# *Attention Hauppauge High School Seniors!*

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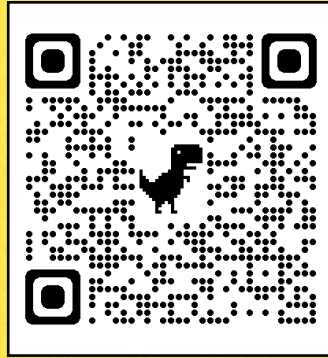
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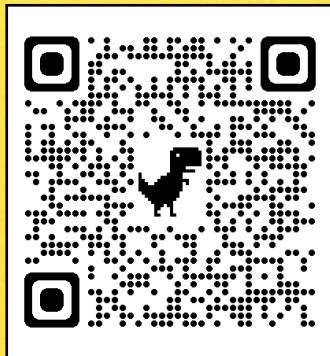
*You can also stop by the Counseling Center for more information.*



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