



# Horizons

*Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow* 

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## **"HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION 2022" OUR DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI SPEAKER IS OUR OWN, DOREEN GORDON, OF THE CLASS OF 1980**

Each year Hauppauge High School hosts a "Distinguished Alumni" speaker. This year, we are proud to announce that Doreen Gordon, Class of 1980 graduate, and Director of Social Studies and Business, will speak at this year's Class of 2023 Graduation.

Doreen Gordon is currently the Director of Social Studies and Business for the Hauppauge School District, the Coordinator of the Hauppauge District Swim Program, and the President of HAAP (Hauppauge Association of Administrative Personnel). She is a proud graduate of the Class of 1980.

Mrs. Gordon grew up in the Pines and attended Pines Elementary School from Kindergarten through 6th grade, Hauppauge Middle School for 7th grade (the Middle School was undergoing construction so it only housed 7th grade and half of 8th grade), and grades 8th -12th in the high school. At this time Hauppauge had five elementary schools, one mid-



**Doreen Gordon,  
"Distinguished Alumni Speaker"  
with Kelly Barry and Anna DiTroia**



**Doreen Gordon  
with Ellen Robbins**

dle and one high school. The graduating class of 1980 had close to 600 graduates and was considered the smallest in the high school at that time. A highlight of the school year was the junior/senior week where the two classes competed in athletic and academic competitions to see which class was the best in the school.

Mrs. Gordon's love of history began when she was growing up and her father, John Bates, would tell stories about all of the places they went. She was lucky to have visited many historical sites with her father, John, her mother, Maureen, and siblings, also Hauppauge graduates, Patti and Johnny. This love of history and learning was fostered in high school with so many inspirational teachers. She was fortunate to have been taught by Russ Steyert and Tom Arnold. She later worked with Noel Gish, Carolyn Bogart, Barbara McCuster, and the rest of the social studies department and learned many valuable lessons. During high school, Mrs. Gordon was a member of the Varsity Swim/Dive Team and was captain in her last two years. She was an All-County and All-State swimmer, and credits her coach, Ron Bellucci, for pushing and encouraging her. Later, she enjoyed working alongside him when

## ***"Doreen Gordon, Distinguished Alumni"***



he was her assistant coach. Additionally, she was involved in the class of 1980 and was secretary of the National Honor Society. Mrs. Gordon also swam for the Hauppauge Sea Eagles swim team. In 1979 she began working for the District Swim Program.

After graduation, Mrs. Gordon attended George Washington University on an athletic scholarship. As a person who loves history, being in Washington DC during this time was an amazing experience. Ronald Reagan and Jim Brady were shot, Iranian hostages came home, a plane crashed into the 14th Street Bridge, a Presidential Inauguration, and so many more

events. She graduated with a degree in social studies education and went on to complete her Master's degree at Fordham University in Lincoln Center.

After graduation, Mrs. Gordon worked in an elementary and middle school in the Shoreham Wading River school district in the computer lab as a teaching assistant. She continued to work in the Hauppauge swim program. She also worked in the Connetquot district as a substitute teacher. During this time she married Brian, and had two daughters, Megan and Kristen. She was hired as the Girl's Varsity and Middle School Swim/Dive coach at Hauppauge and continued in this role for 12 years.

Mrs. Gordon was hired as a social studies teacher at Hauppauge HS. It was an opportunity to work with some of the teachers she had in high school and to be inspired by their dedication to teaching and history. In 2003, she was inducted into the inaugural class of the Hauppauge Athletic Hall of Fame. Along with Ms. Cono, Mrs. Gordon brought the AP World History program to Hauppauge. It was exciting to work on this project and also a bit overwhelming. Luckily they were able to "borrow" material from her daughters to help them along the way.

Her husband, Brian, encouraged her to work on her administrative certificate from Stony Brook University. After several years in the department, Mrs. Gordon applied to be the social studies administrator at Hauppauge. She has served in the position of Director of Social Studies and Business for 15 years.



***Doreen Gordon with her husband, Brian, daughters Kristen and Megan, and her son-in-law, Loren***



## ***"Doreen Gordon, Distinguished Alumni"***

Mrs. Gordon has enjoyed the challenge of the job and is very proud of both departments' numerous accomplishments. The teachers are truly hardworking and dedicated professionals that always put students first, Hauppauge is lucky to have them. In 2016 Mrs. Gordon was recognized as Long Island's Outstanding Social Studies Supervisor. She was nominated by the middle and high school social studies department. It was an exceptional honor and was made even more special by the entire department being a part of it. In 2017, she was presented with the New York State Social Studies Supervisory Association Outstanding Social Studies Supervisor Award. She currently serves as the president of the administrative bargaining unit (HAAP), and the Co-President of the Long Island Council for Social Studies (LICSS). She was selected to serve on the NYSED Curriculum Council for Social Studies and had shared her expertise through various presentations and conferences. Mrs. Gordon still works in the swim program because she loves swimming and teaching. She feels blessed to have attended Hauppauge and is forever grateful for the opportunities it has provided her and her family.

Mrs. Gordon resides in Smithtown with her husband Brian. Her daughter Megan, a social studies educator, lives in Texas with her husband Loren, and her daughter Kristen, a CFO, lives in Connecticut.

Here are some photos of Doreen through the years!



***Doreen's parents,  
John and Maureen  
Bates***



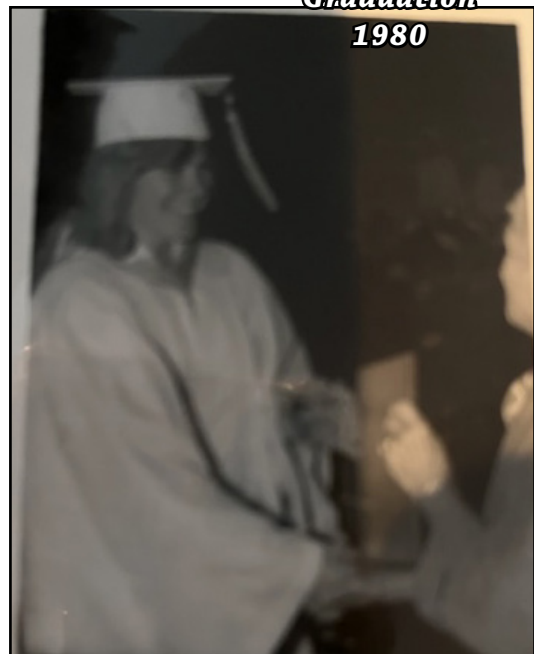
***Doreen***



***Doreen at  
Graduation***



***Doreen with her sister and brother,  
Patti and John Bates, and her cousins  
Christine and Paul Mullen***



***1980***



***"Doreen Gordon, Distinguished Alumni"***



***First Grade Bus Stop with  
Jeanne Eckland, Doreen, Tara Henry and  
her sister, Patti***



***Doreen with her brother, John,  
and her sister, Patti***



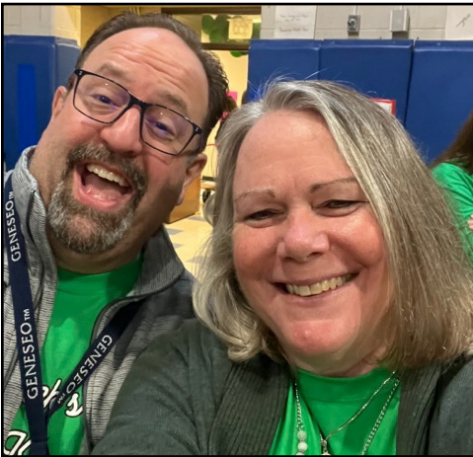
At a recent sports awards banquet at Hauppauge High School the following athletes were awarded outstanding players awards in their respective sports: seated from left: Wendy Blank, gymnastics; Doreen Bates, swimming; Maggie Dengler, tennis; standing: Mark Weber, soccer; Rick Rose, football; not pictured: Andy Cunningham, cross country; Donna Nielsen, field hockey.



***Doreen and her husband, Brian***

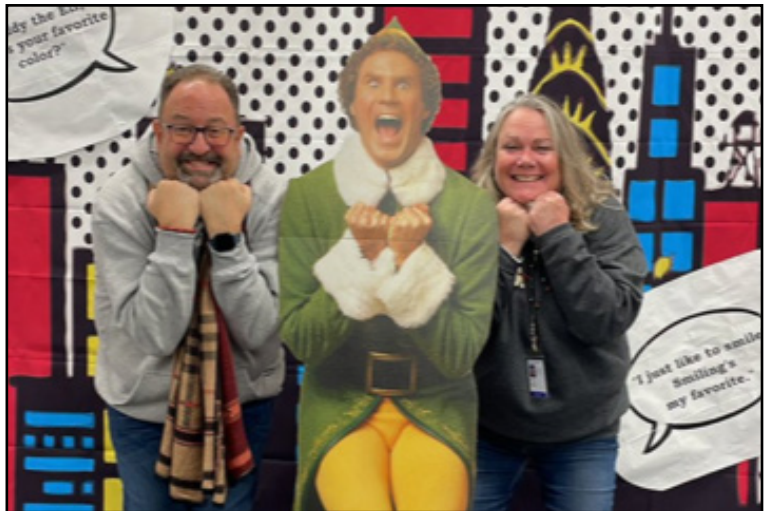
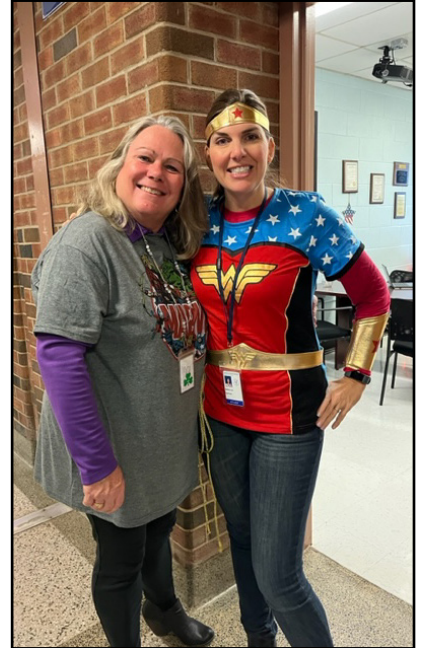


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# HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS "TAKE A WALK BACK IN TIME"





## ***“A Walk Back in Time - Bretton Woods”***

On Monday, June 12th, our high school seniors boarded buses in the early afternoon to take them to the elementary schools they attended so they could take a “walk back in time.” Each wore the shirt of the choices they have made for their future journeys.

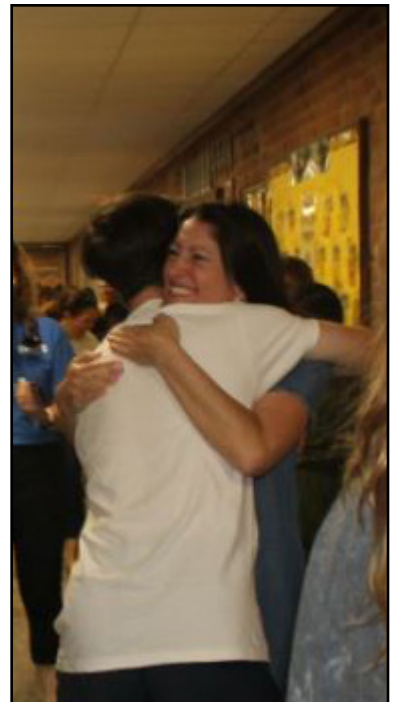
Current Kindergarten through fifth-grade students lined the hallways to applaud, high-five, and say good luck to the seniors who walked those halls before them. They were able to see what their futures look like, and visualize that some day in the not-so-distant future, they will take their own “walk back in time.”

Here are some photos of this much-loved tradition.





***"A Walk Back in Time - Bretton Woods"***





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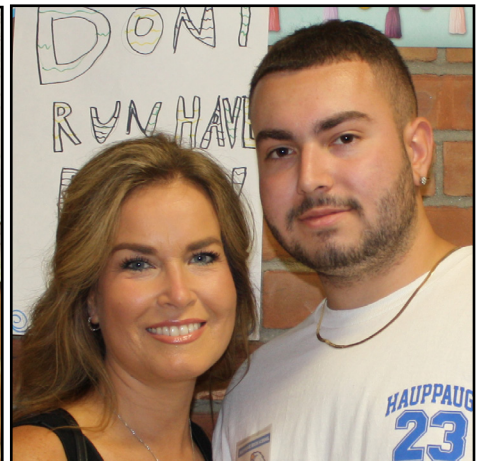


## ***"A Walk Back in Time - Forest Brook"***





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## ***"A Walk Back in Time - Forest Brook"***





***"A Walk Back in Time - Pines"***





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# HAUPPAUGE SCHOOLS DOMINATE AT BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LAB SCIENCE FAIR

Here are the winners and project titles from this past Saturday's Brookhaven National Lab Elementary Science Fair.

Advika Arun - First Grade, Bretton Woods - Honorable Mention  
"The Perfect Straw to Delight Your Taste Buds"

Vincent Calvanese - Second Grade, Pines - First Place  
"5 Second Rule Breaker"

Taran Sathish Kumar - Third Grade, Bretton Woods - Honorable Mention  
"Go Green with Bioplastics"

Aditri Arun - Fifth Grade, Bretton Woods - First Place  
"How to Keep Batteries from Draining in Extreme Weather"

Mihir Sathish Kumar - Sixth Grade, Middle School - Honorable Mention  
"Clean, Green Energy Machine"



*Dr. Robert Wankmuller, Director of Science, Technology, and Research, and Bretton Woods Principal, George Gagliardi, with Science Fair Winners, Advika Arun and Aditri Arun*

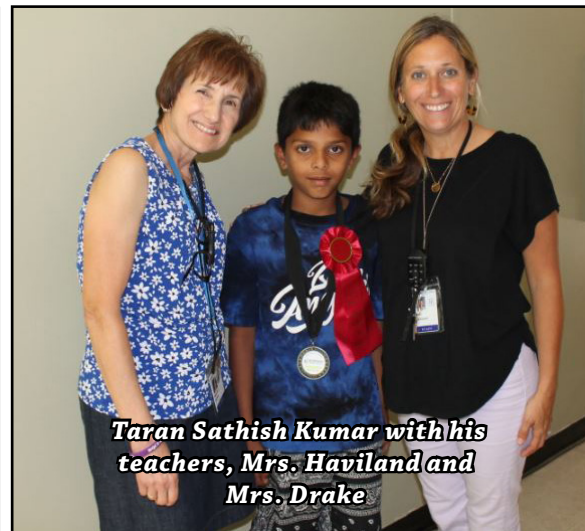


*Dr. Robert Wankmuller with Pines Principal, Dr. Claudine DiMuzio, and Science Fair Winner, Vincent Calvanese*



*Dr. Robert Wankmuller with MS Principal, Christine O'Connor, Michael Pernice, Katherine O'Callaghan, Teachers, and Science Fair Winner, Mihir Sathish Kumar*







## FRENCH STUDENTS ATTEND "AATF AWARD CEREMONY"

Several of our high school students attended the "AATF (American Association of Teachers of French) Award Ceremony on June 6th. French students who received awards are:

Trinity Garcia (Bronze- level 2)  
Jacob Wolmetz (Bronze- level 2)  
Tiana Yip (Bronze- level 2)  
Elliot Tafla (Silver- level 4)  
Kaylah Adam (Silver- level 4)  
John Nelson (3rd in Suffolk- level 2B)



***French Teachers Simone Pavlides and Christine Rigaud, are pictured with  
l-r: Trinity Garcia, Jacob Wolmetz, Tiana Yip, and Kaylah Adam  
(John Nelson is absent from photo)***



## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS EARN “THE NEW YORK STATE SEAL OF CIVIC READINESS”

The Hauppauge High School Social Studies Department is proud to announce that 181 students have earned the “New York State Seal of Civic Readiness.” This is the first year students were eligible to earn this seal.

Twelfth-grade teachers, Mrs. Stebbins, Mr. Matura, Mr. Reiff and Mr. Shehigian, worked with their students so they could be successful on this New York State recognition. Students will receive the Seal of Civic Readiness on their diplomas and graduation cords.

The criteria for the “New York State Seal of Civic Readiness” is as follows:

“In order to obtain the Seal of Civic Readiness, a student must complete all requirements for a New York State local or Regents diploma and earn a total of six points with at least two points in Civic Knowledge, and at least two points in Civic Participation. Students may also earn points by completing a middle school Capstone project or a high school Capstone project.”

Congratulations to the following students on this impressive achievement.



Antonia Triolo	Jose Gutierrez	Nairah Fraser	Dylan Braun
Peter Cataldo	John Juliano	Olivia Byrne	Ryan Capece
Anthony Palermo	Livia Larosa	Emily Congema	Deanna Clesse
Tara Griffin	Kathryn Patus	Jack Krause	Jack Collins
Giovanni Torquato	Kevin Riepe	John Aquilino	Rachel Dasari,
Anthony Volpe	Tyler Rosenwald	Yan Buryanskyy	Olivia DiBenedetto
Caitlin Regan	Giovanna Salvaggio	James Byrne	Robert Doumazios
Isabella Lefebvre	Julianna Scafa	Jillian Cunningham	Nadeen Hassan
Bella Trocchio	Joanna Swienc	Kadie Cain	Kaitlyn Kerwick
Lindsay Arcoleo	Vincent Barbera	Rhianna Leopold	Connor Leddy
Sean Gang	Amber Barsony	Thomas Doyle	Seth Lewin
Delaney Dooley	Lindsey Blankenship	Christian Giamundo	Sara Mirarchi
Isabelle Colonna	Michael Chiquitucto	Emily Hom	Dominick Moccia
Michael Krilovitch	Kelsey Hawkins	Tristan Machado	Sarah O'Brien
Daniel Derby	Christopher Hintze	Corrado Mazzuca	Zanaib Rana
Logan Dubshinski	Luke Jata	Julianna Mooney	Destiny Santana
Samantha Fehrenbach	Piper Kirby	Alexa Shafy	Cameron Scarito
Sabinne Asimbaya	Elissa Lazzari	George Sourlis	Joseph Sellitto
Sofia Federico	Grace Link	Isaac Villegas Cardona	Riya Takhar
Natalee Manteiga	Aryanna Manigault	Jake Brzezinski	Roop Takhar
Laura Blanda	Jason Mansi	Brayden Crusi	Ella Walsh
Tyler Machado	Frank Pagnotta	Savannah Datre	Matvey Baranov
Matthew West	Joseph Valenza	Julianna Mooney	Angela Chen
Alexa D'Amico	Morgan Demirci	Aidan Doherty	Miguel Cuevas
Ashley Pozen	Garrick Jean-Louis	Samantha Errante	Evan Delgado
Meghan Bowden	Kevin Ludizaca	Mariana Giakoumas	Viraaj Hegde
Liam Edgeworth	Moyo Awolowo	Abigail Gilmore	Gianna Hennessy



***"New York State Seal of Civic Readiness"***

Joanna Jacob	Navya Gautam
Sean Leonard	Rithika Katla
Iliana Lopresti	Krishna Kurppassery
Jason Mansi	Marlon Londono
Ryan O'Connor	Keertana Madhira
Sharvani Rao	Morgan Mahoney
Victor Rocha Velazco	Sreenand Mallisetty
Amanda Son	Jenna Marino
Ashley Son	Emily Morris
Riti Takhar	Emma Munro
Derrick Cadet	Dharmik Namineni
Stefania Abruscato	Jack Scarfo
James Aldaba	Kaitlin Stephens
Kailyn Douglas	Emily Wolmetz
Elias Doumazios	Rachel Yang
Anthony Economico	Noreen Ahmedy
Conner Foley	Kay Barrett
Daniela Francisi	Rocco Caminiti
Alexa Ingrassia	Paul Chung
Nicholas La Spina	Alexa Dobbs
Abigail Mensing	Sarah Douglass
Brandon Mileti	Amanda Forgione
Frank Moccia	Robert Gennari
Steven Richardson	Aiden Happe
Leanna Sheridan	Joe Holder
Jadyn Smith	Rory Maggio
Riley Sottile	Kaylee Mariani
Colin Terracciano	Tammy Papadas
Sophia Wellisch	Mark Petre
Sophia White	Brandon Ress
Kaustubh Benkal	Marcus Traverzo
Garrett Browne	Colin Hodgkinson
Despina Cheilas	Carlie Maggio
Karli Connolly	Gabriella Niola
Catherine Dau	Madison Schmalfuss
	Jullianna DeCicco

*Congratulations!*



# BUSINESS AND MARKETING STUDENTS ARE INDUCTED INTO "THE BUSINESS AND MARKETING HONOR SOCIETY OF NEW YORK"

This Spring, 18 students were inducted into the "Business and Marketing Honor Society of New York." The primary purpose of this Honor Society is to recognize students who have demonstrated outstanding achievement in business and marketing education at the secondary level.

To be eligible students were required to be currently enrolled in a business course and be on a path to successfully complete three business courses prior to graduation with a GPA of 88 or higher. In addition, students demonstrated character, leadership, and service through participation in DECA, Investing Club, or Coding Club.

Students inducted this year are:

Svanik Shahu - Grade 10  
Colin Buscarino - Grade 11  
Gabrielle Catanzaro - Grade 11  
Jordan Conter - Grade 11  
Janiyah Dennis-Green - Grade 11  
Owen Dixon - Grade 11  
Linda Lee Hargis - Grade 11  
Andrew Master - Grade 11  
Jillian Cunningham - Grade 12  
Virraaj Hedge - Grade 12  
Matthew Mangafas - Grade 12  
Frank Moccia - Grade 12  
Emma Munro - Grade 12  
Anthony Palmero - Grade 12  
Giovanna Salvaggio - Grade 12  
Bryana Sulinski - Grade 12  
Giovanni Torquato - Grade 12  
Emily Wolmetz - Grade 12



***Business and Marketing Honor Society of New York State  
are pictured with Doreen Gordon, Director of Social Studies and Business,  
and Business Teachers, Frank Hufnagel, John Salvaggio, Kathryn Donnelly***



## HAUPPAUGE VARSITY AND FLAG FOOTBALL TEAMS ATTEND "NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM"

Members of the Hauppauge Varsity Football and Flag Football Teams recently attended the Inaugural Leadership Symposium presented by the National Football Foundation. The day consisted of leadership conferences led by prominent names in sports, business, and medicine.

Hauppauge Varsity Football was represented by Brandon Mileti and Mike Esposito who were joined by Flag Football Team Members, Melissa O'Connor, Bryana Sulinski, Julianna Mooney, Frankie Gatien, Stephanie Braun, Meredith Terracciano, Taylor Mileti, Emma Condos, Meg Goutink and Head Flag Football Coach Steve Mileti. Freshman Taylor Mileti was also selected as a participant in the upcoming Quarterback Challenge. Go Eagles!



*Mike Esposito and  
Brandon Mileti*



*Girls' Varsity Flag Football Team with Coach Mileti*



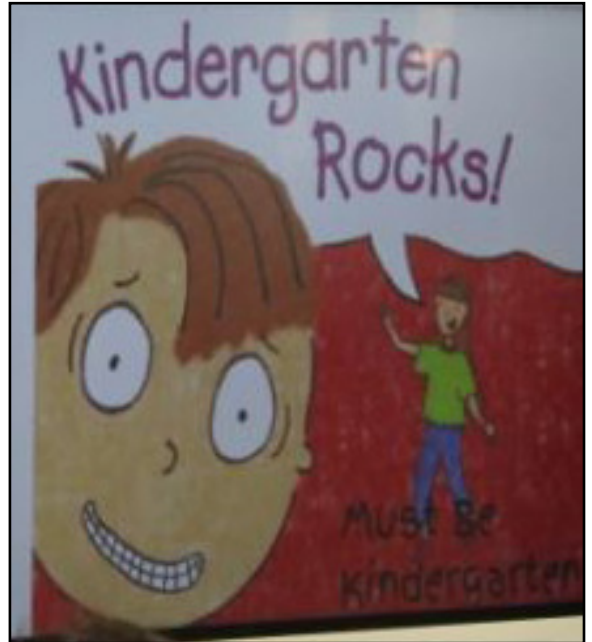
# BRETTON WOODS KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

On Friday, June 9th, Bretton Woods held an orientation for all of our incoming Kindergartners who will be joining us here at Bretton Woods in September.

The Kindergarten teachers put together a great show performed by our current Kindergartners. After the show, the children were given a tour of the building by our Student Government students and other Bretton Woods staff.

Parents were able to stay back and mingle with one another and enjoy some breakfast sponsored by our amazing PTA. It was a great morning!! We are looking forward to seeing you all in September.

Here are some great photos!





***"Bretton Woods Kindergarten Orientation"***





## BRETTON WOODS CLASS PARTICIPATES IN “EARTH DAY RECYCLING & RESCUE CHALLENGE”

For the month of April, in honor of Earth Day, Mrs. Trapanotto's third graders participated in a "Earth Day Recycling & Rescue Challenge." Students and their families collected and redeemed bottles and cans at their homes. The money collected was donated to the New York Marine Rescue Center, located at the Long Island Aquarium in Riverhead. Each \$50 collected was used to adopt a marine animal who is either currently in rehabilitation, or has been released back into the sea by the Rescue Center. Adoption donations go directly towards rescued animals' food, medical care, and even satellite tracking after the animal is released. Class 3-4 collected \$300, and was able to adopt 6 animals (2 sea turtles, 2 seals, and 2 dolphins)!

The message learned by Mrs. Trapanotto's students was: You can make a difference in the world!





# HIGH SCHOOL DRAWING & DESIGN FOR PRODUCTION CLASS HOLDS A “SODA BOTTLE REGATTA”

Chris Dowd’s high school class, Drawing & Design for Production Class held a “Soda Bottle Regatta” in the high school pool. The students made boats using empty soda bottles to keep them afloat and raced each other. Here are some photos from this fun learning event!





## PINES STUDENTS CREATE A "KINDNESS ROCK GARDEN"

Pines students and The Gardening Club have created a “Kindness Rock Garden” in the Courtyard. In the Spring of 2023, Dr. DiMuzio inspired us all with ideas to create it and find just the right place for it.

Pines artists painted messages of love, hope and kindness in Art class with Ms. Anziano and Pines PTA volunteers. The Gardening Club and Mrs. DeRose weeded, cleared and mulched a beautiful large Pine Tree corner in the courtyard and placed the painted rocks. Together, our Pines family created a lovely nook to sit and read and enjoy nature in our Pines outdoor classroom. A bench was donated to the "Kindness Rock Garden" by Ms. Elisabeth Anziano. It reads, "May All the Children and Staff of the Pines enjoy art in the garden for days to come, as much as I have enjoyed making art with all of you!" Ms. Anziano is finishing out her last weeks at the Pines before her retirement.

We wish Ms. Anziano all the best in her retirement!





***"Pines Kindness Rock Garden"***





## HAUPPAUGE BOOTED EAGLES HAVE WON "THE 2023 LONG ISLAND CUP"

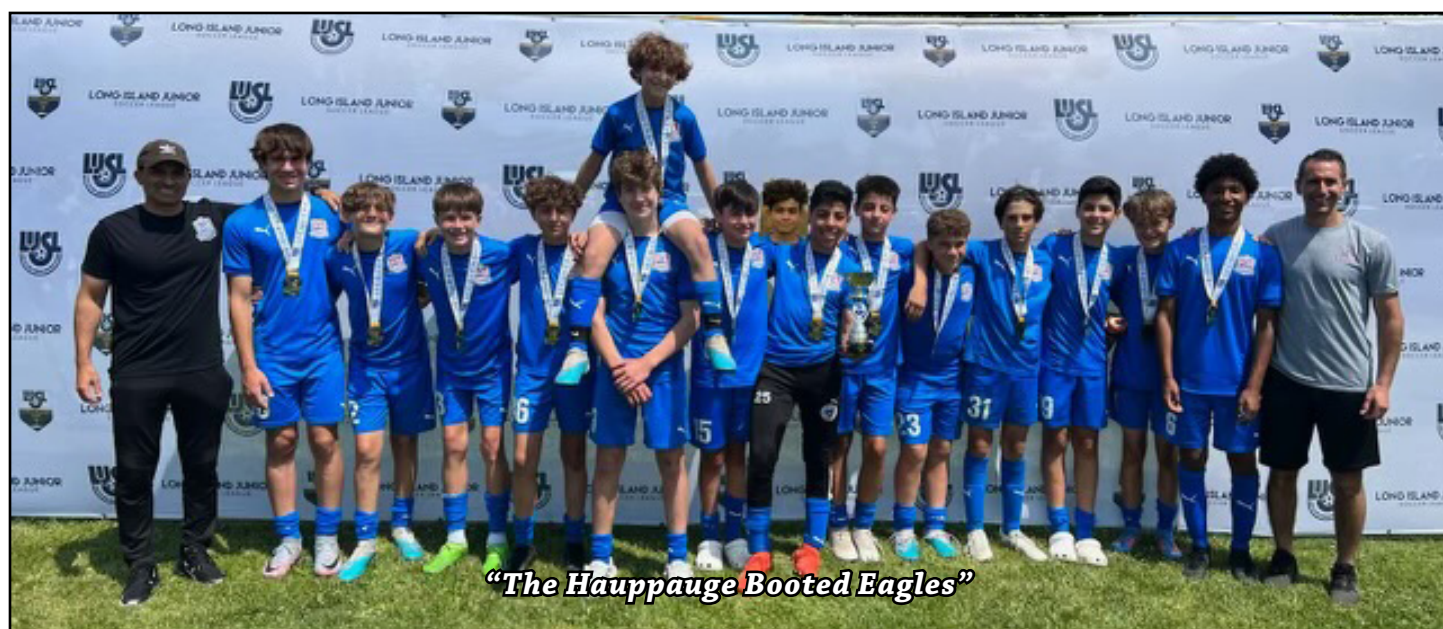
The Boys U14 Hauppauge Booted Eagles won the Long Island Cup this past weekend! Aligned in the Top 11v11 soccer bracket of 71 teams across Nassau and Suffolk, they won this knockout tournament, in which initial rounds of play began back in March. Their experience culminated on Saturday at the Finals with the boys lifting the Long Island Cup together.

This group of All-Hauppauge Middle School students and multi-sport athletes have previously earned LIJSL (Long Island Junior Soccer League) Premiere Division Championships. They have consistently matched up against neighboring big clubs and programs over the years, but had yet to win the demanding once a year Long Island Cup Title. Their hard work and dedication is deserving of them bringing the Cup home to Hauppauge.

A lasting team accomplishment for the Booted Roster: Mario Chavez, Dominic Cozzi, Devan Delarosa, Lucas DiClemente, Anthony DiVito, Philip Halpin, Johnny Irwin, Aaron Kyle, Nico Mieles, Michael Miller, Liam O'Connor, Trevor Patrovich, Thomas Tursellino, Ethan Wukich, Daniel Youngworth.

Highlights of their Long Island Cup run include a Semi-Final thriller under the lights at Diamond in the Pines, training indoor to prep during the recent outdoor Smoke Shutdowns, and their 1-0 Final Win vs a talented East Hampton squad. Parent and Community support for these boys was tremendous throughout - including consistent celebratory clanging of the cow bell. Let's Go BOOTED. Let's Go EAGLES.

All respectfully remember Dave Wolmetz, instrumental in assisting to form this team and others six years ago. He volunteered his time inside and outside of soccer for the good of the kids in our community.





## PINES ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ENJOY A GREAT FIELD DAY

On Friday June 9th, Pines staff and students had perfect weather to enjoy Field Day. Pines PTA provided lunch and Italian ices for a refreshing treat, along with a DJ to dance to and an entertaining show performed by Jester Jim. Students had a great time participating in field and water games! Fun was had by all!





# "Pines Field Day"





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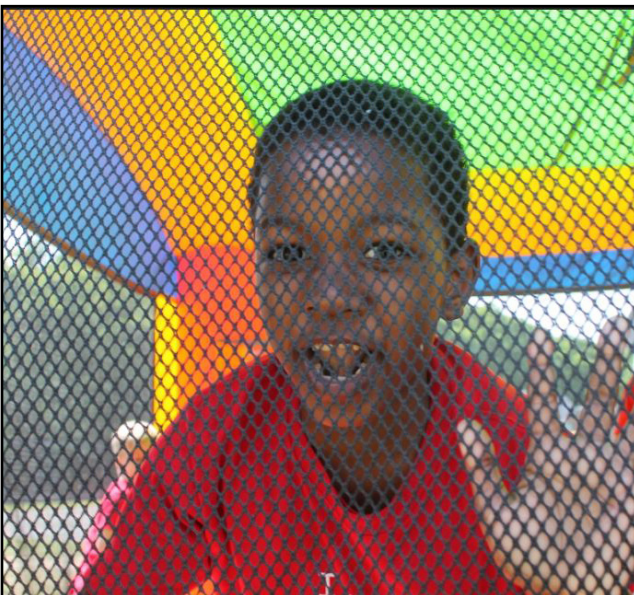
# BRETTON WOODS HOLDS A CARNIVAL FOR THEIR STUDENTS

Thursday, June 15th was the Bretton Woods Carnival! It was a wonderful day which included blow-up playsets, face painting, cotton candy, Mr. Softee, music, games and a chance to dunk your favorite teachers and principal in the Dunk Tank. A fantastic time was had by all.





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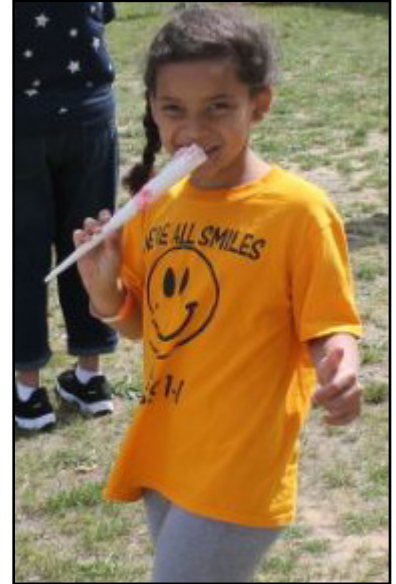


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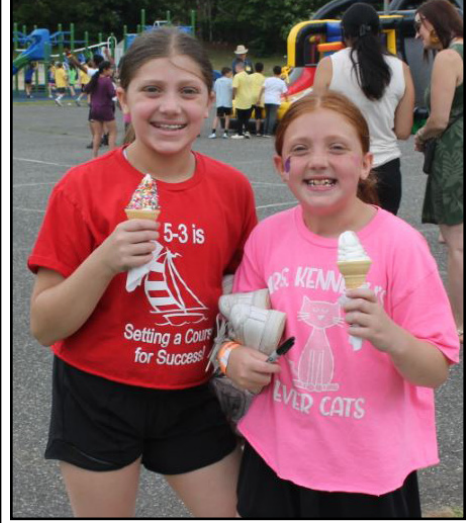


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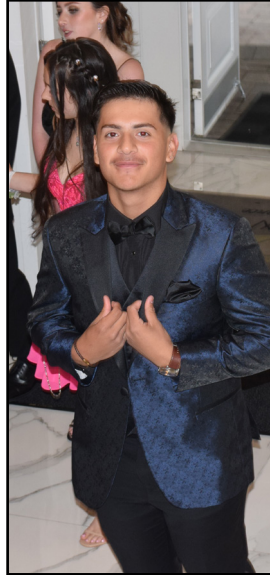


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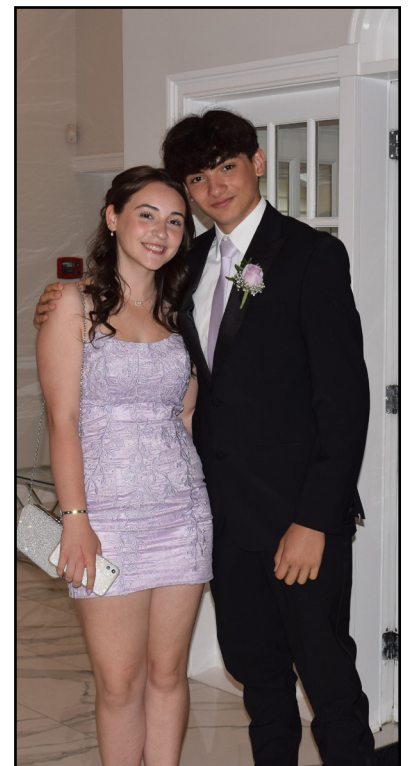


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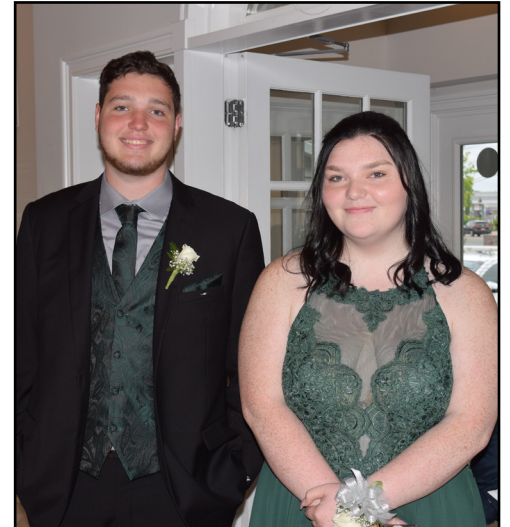


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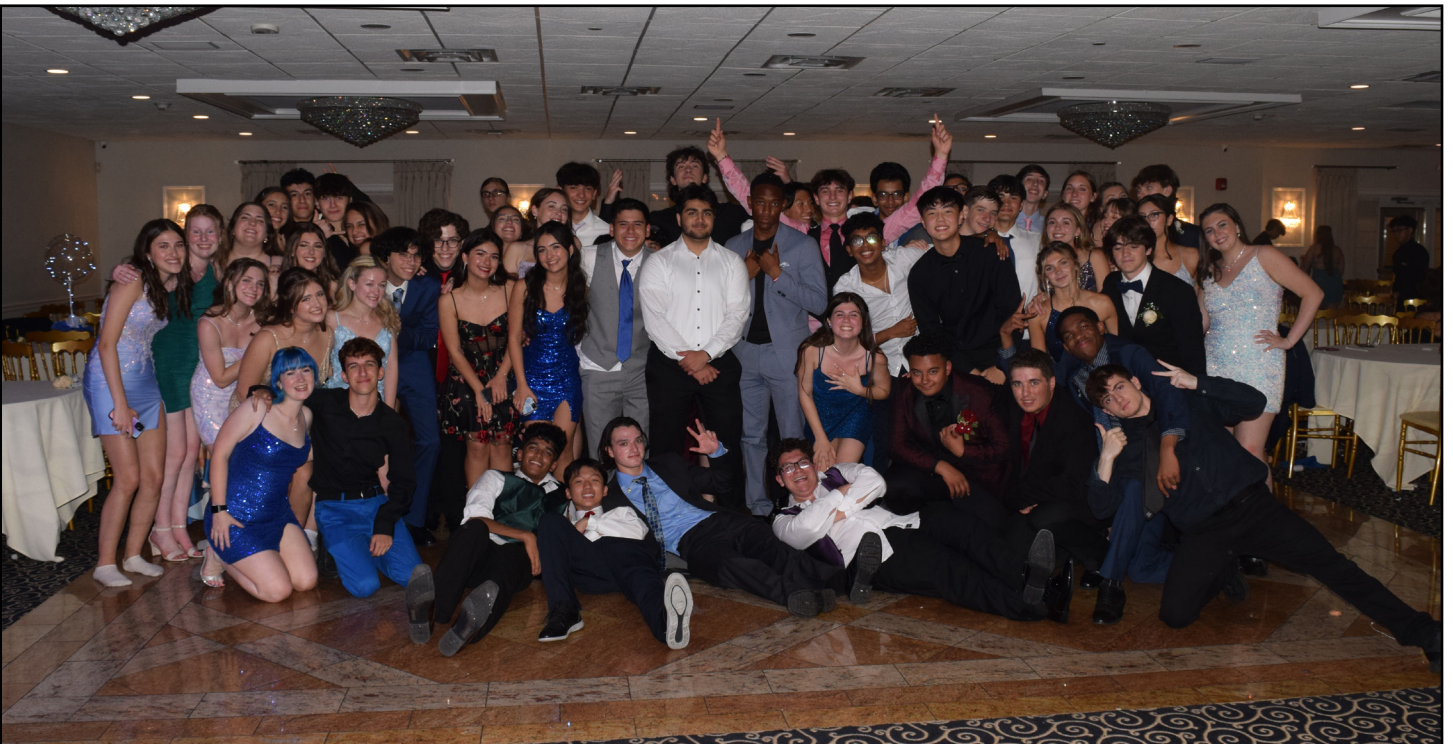


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