



Horizons

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THE BOARD OF EDUCATION HONORS STUDENTS AND FACULTY AT JUNE 6TH MEETING

On Tuesday, June 6th, 2023, The Board of Education presented student and faculty recognitions. Below is a listing of the honorees and photos of those in attendance at the meeting.

Presented by Gary Campanelli, Director of Guidance - Military Students

Daniel Ward - Marines
Thomas Fitzpatrick - Navy



Thomas Fitzpatrick is pictured with Dr. Donald Murphy, Superintendent; Joseph Tasman, Deputy Superintendent; and Gary Campanelli, Director of Guidance

"BOE Recognitions"

Presented by Gary Campanelli, Director of Guidance - 100+ GPA Students

Connor Leddy
Kaitlin Stephens
James Aldaba
Ryan Capece

Karli Connolly
Catherine Dau
Sarah Douglass
Anthony Economico
Amanda Forgione

Nairah Fraser
Navya Gautam
Viraaj Hegde
Keertana Madhira

Dharmik Namineni
Leanna Sheridan
Riya Takhar
Roop Takhar
Emily Wolmetz



***The 100+ GPA Students are pictured with
Dr. Donald Murphy, Superintendent;
Joseph Tasman, Deputy Superintendent;
and Gary Campanelli, Director of Guidance***

Presented by Rebecca Bilski, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services - Skills & Achievement Credential

Joseph Agosta
Garrett Helmke
Damian Monroig Gualdarrama
Ian Palahnuk

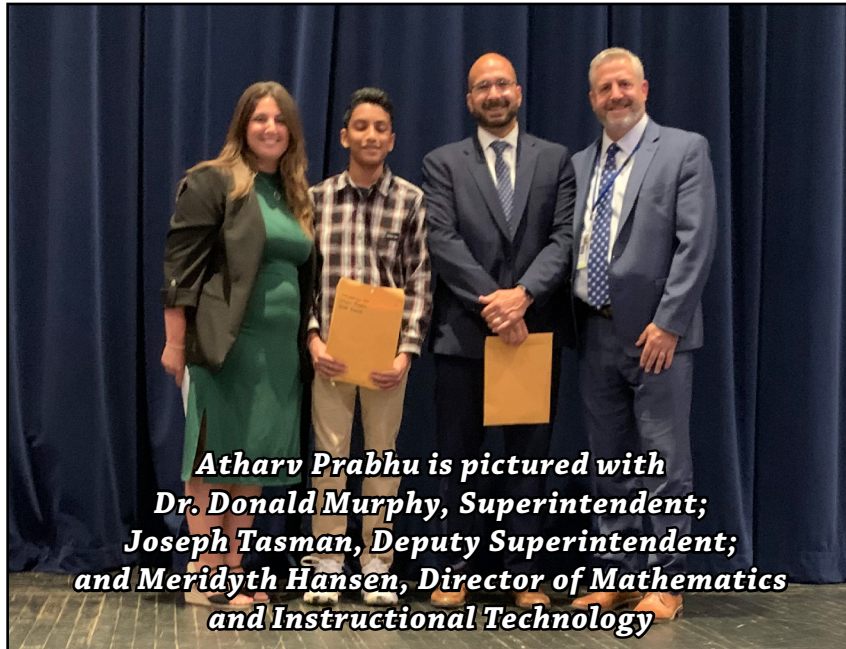


***The Students earning the Skills and Achievement Credential are pictured with
Dr. Donald Murphy, Superintendent; Joseph Tasman, Deputy Superintendent; and
Rebecca Bilski, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services,
and Danielle Hillier, Teacher***

"BOE Recognitions"

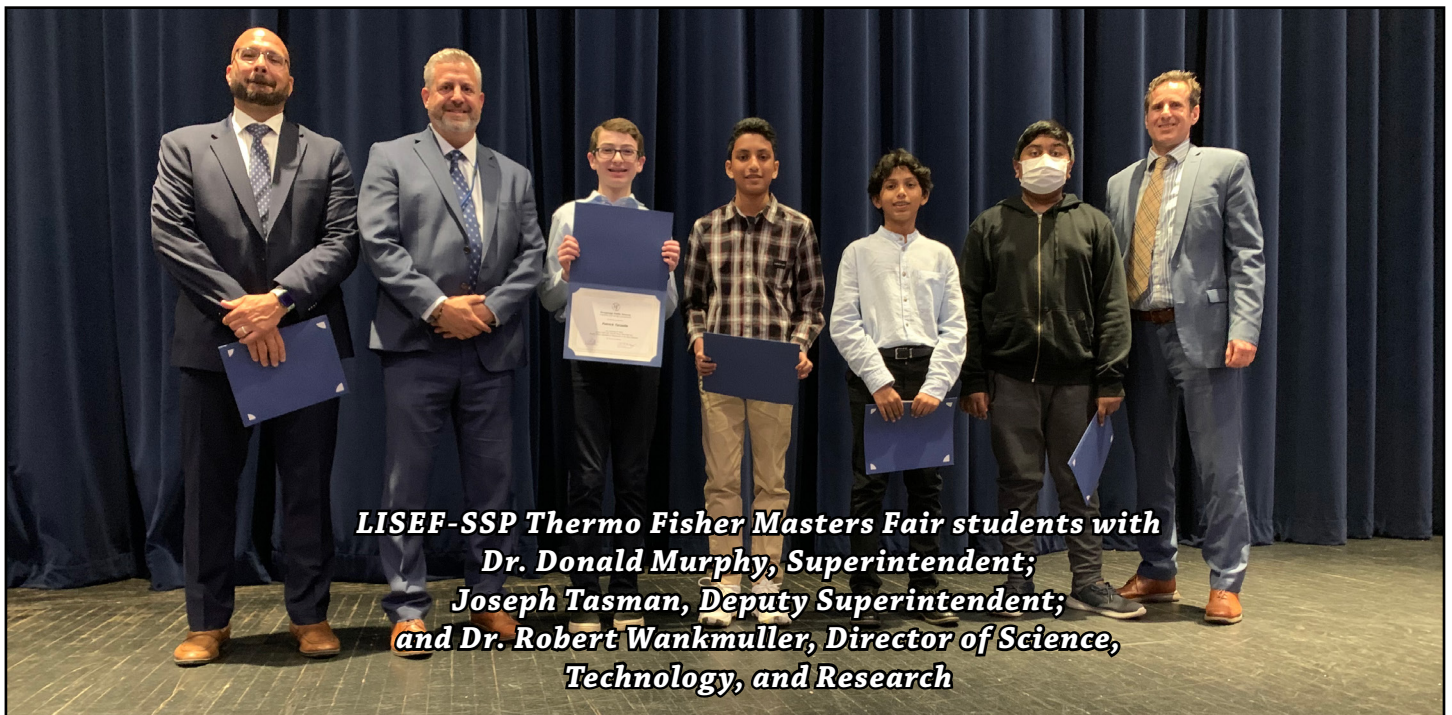
Presented by Meridyth Hansen, Director of Mathematics and Instructional Technology - Long Island Math Fair Award Recipients

Atharv Prabhu
Srihan Adabala



Presented by Dr. Robert Wankmuller, Director of Science, Technology, and Research
LISEF-SSP Thermo Fisher Masters Fair

Mihir Sathish Kumar
Samvath Karanam
Atharv Prabhu
Patrick Terzella



"BOE Recognitions"

Presented by Dr. Robert Wankmuller, Director of Science, Technology, and Research
Earth Day Poster Contest

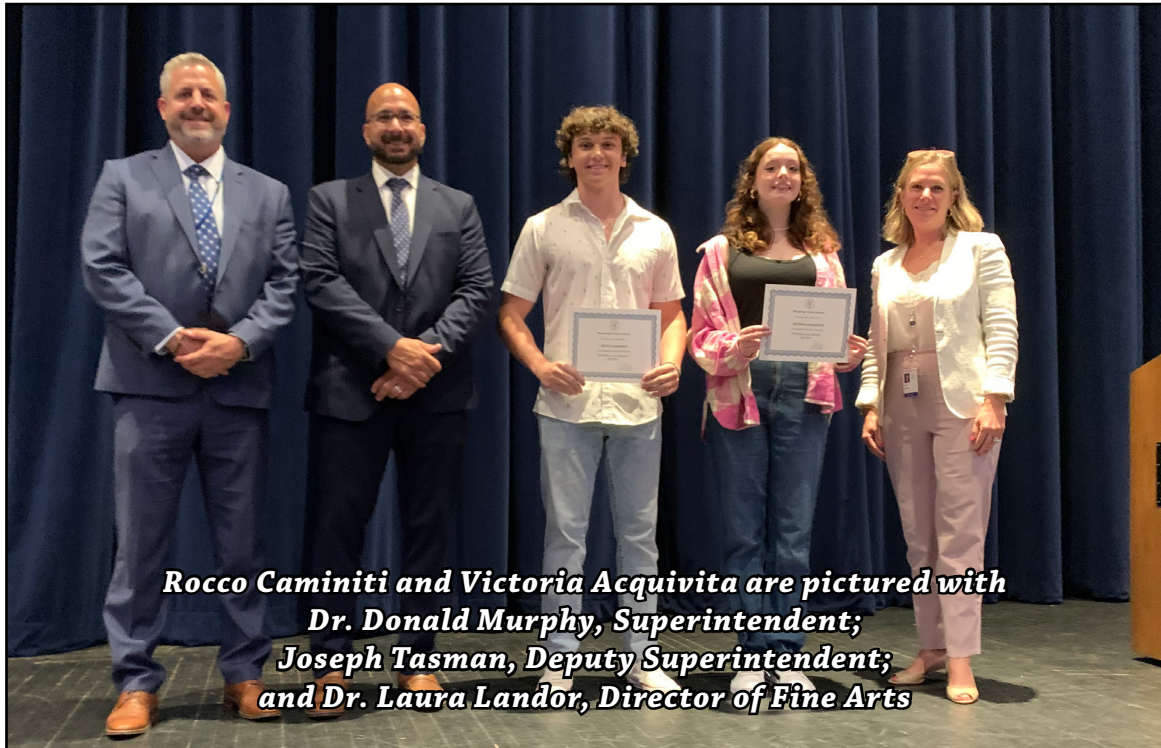
Aditri Arun



"BOE Recognitions"

Presented by Dr. Laura Landor, Director of Fine Arts - NYSSMA All-State

Rocco Caminiti
Victoria Acquivita



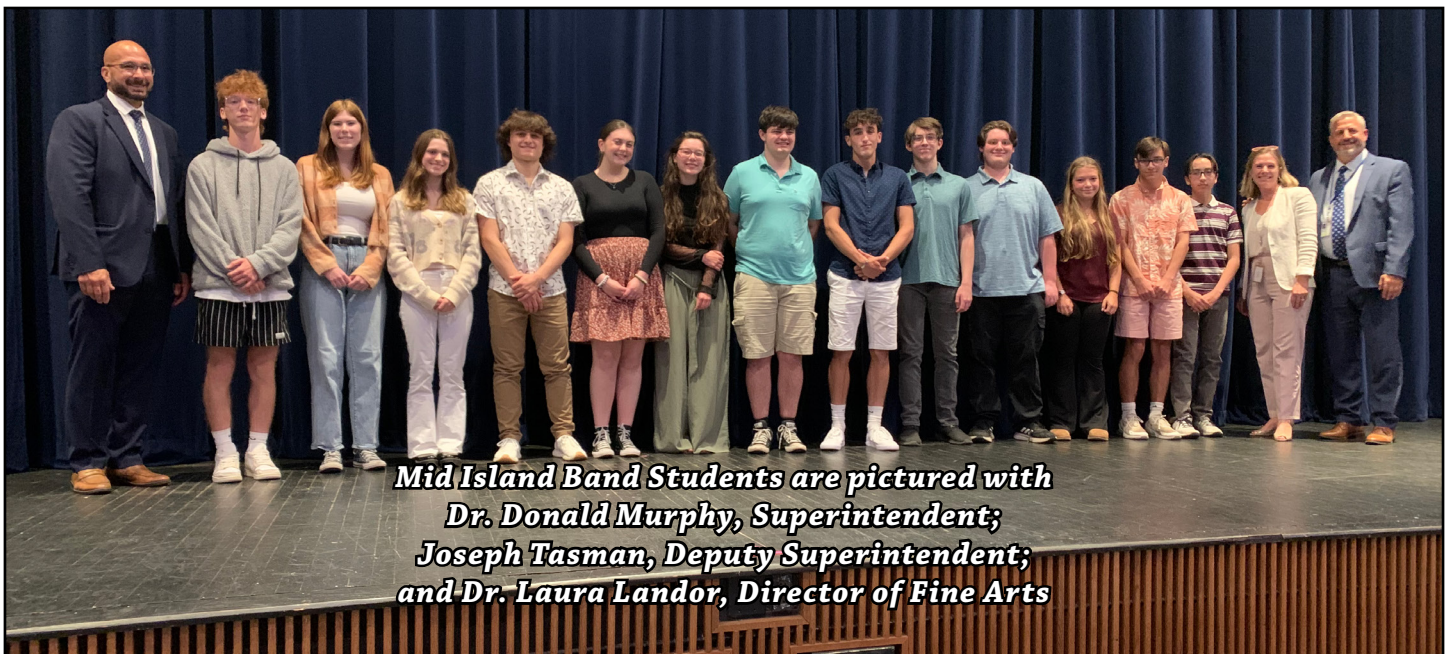
***Rocco Caminiti and Victoria Acquivita are pictured with
Dr. Donald Murphy, Superintendent;
Joseph Tasman, Deputy Superintendent;
and Dr. Laura Landor, Director of Fine Arts***

Presented by Dr. Laura Landor, Director of Fine Arts - Mid Island Band

Abigail Mensing
Liana Gentile
Mackenna Hogan
Kaitlyn Kerwick
Colin Hodgkinson

Megan Connolly
Gennady Borisov
Rowen Covino
Hunter Pipia
Rory Maggio

Aidan Bento
Samantha McGay
Christopher Primiani
Aiden Happe
Owen Orechovsky



***Mid Island Band Students are pictured with
Dr. Donald Murphy, Superintendent;
Joseph Tasman, Deputy Superintendent;
and Dr. Laura Landor, Director of Fine Arts***

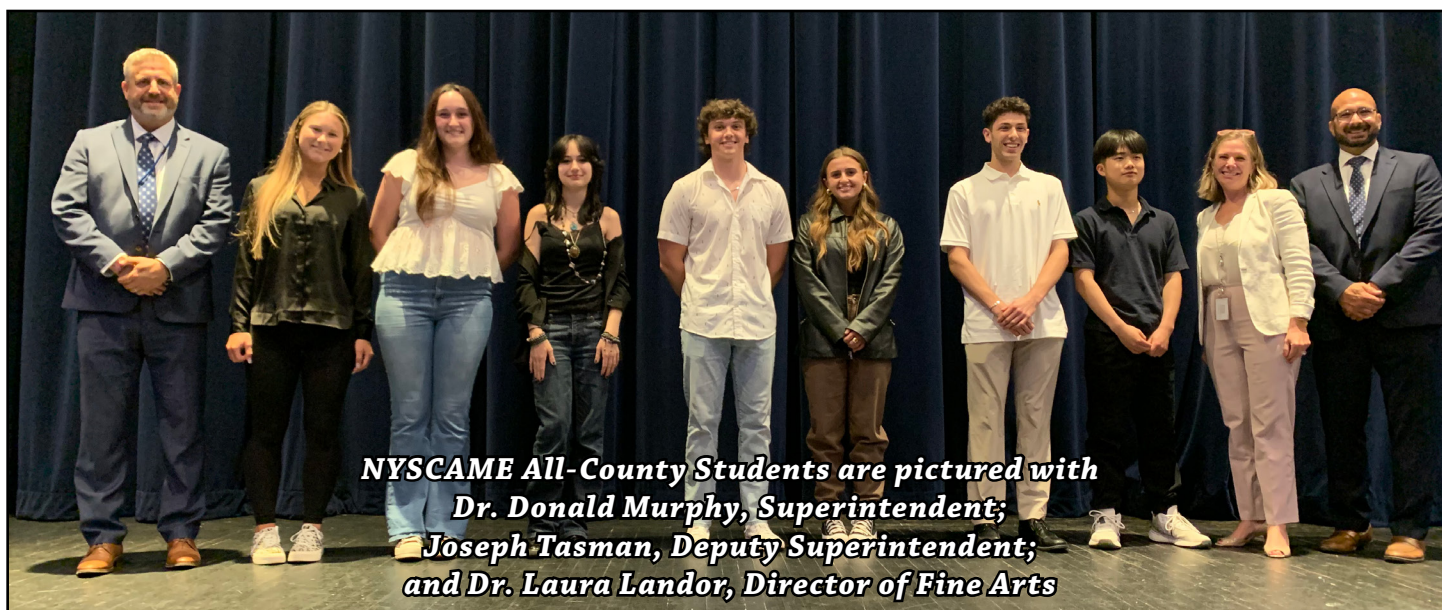
"BOE Recognitions"

Presented by Dr. Laura Landor, Director of Fine Arts - NYSCAME All-County

Lindsay Jenkins
Amanda Forgione
Arianna Shafy
Jordan Reilly

Rocco Caminiti
Ilina LoPresti
Naz'air Stith
Angelo Vargas

Delaney Dooley
Hailey Kulesa
Silas Lobenstein
Brady Park



Presented by Dr. Laura Landor, Director of Fine Arts - SCMEA All-County

Nicholas Piriz	Joshua Trope	Gennady Borisov	Vaibhavi Hegde	Mahir Satish Kumar
Aditri Arun	Brianna Talbot	Hayley Morello	Seth Hochman	Esther Kim
Ameera Hassan	Ava Fellin	Joel Mathew	Elasandra Garcia	Mia Importuna
Jacob Solomon	Ava Boakye	Rowen Covino	Skyler Dill	Madison Modica
Nolan Masaitis	Katheryn Choi	Patrick Terzella	Katie Park	Charlotte Carruthers
Jake Lewandowski	Liana Imbrosciano	Louis Constante	Sophia Cotgreave	Aiary Genninger
Carissa Postilio	Liam Daly	Emma Gill	Elle Mallebranche	Charlotte Grossman
Isabella Messina	Chase Cotgreave	Mia Inzirillo	Alyson Winiarz	Gregory Strachovsky
Alexa Oliveto	Regan Ashby	Joseph Kaydanov	Logan McKee	Pranav Ramkumar
Reagan Henselder	Emma Hartnett	Luiza Oliveira	Ryan Tjersland	Brooke Irwin
Carleigh Garofalo	Emma Tjersland	Medha Rao	Sofia Mariani	Nathan Poulos
Lina Cambardella	Mackenna Hogan	Mia Cabrera	Michael Malik	



***SCMEA All-County Students are pictured with
Dr. Donald Murphy, Superintendent;
Joseph Tasman, Deputy Superintendent;
and Dr. Laura Landor, Director of Fine Arts***

"BOE Recognitions"

Presented by Dr. Laura Landor, Director of Fine Arts - LISFA

Nicholas Piriz
Aditri Arun
Ameera Hassan
Brady Park

Silas Lobenstein
Lina Cambardella
Jesse Stone
Avril Castellanos



Presented by Dr. Laura Landor, Director of Fine Arts - Webster Bank Juried Art Show

Alexa Shafy
Amelia Vitale
Ayana Mendez
Tiffany Puerto

Michelle Pacifico
Wesley Masch
Jason Mansi



"BOE Recognitions"

Presented by Dr. Laura Landor, Director of Fine Arts
SCCC High School Arts Competition

Katherine St. Pierre

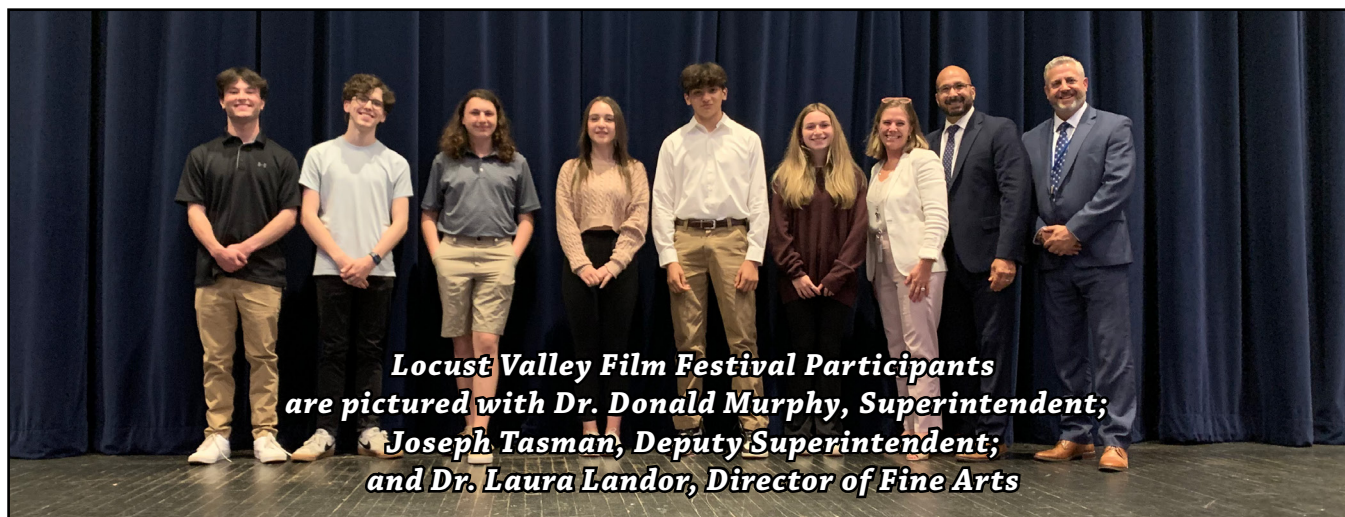
Presented by Dr. Laura Landor, Director of Fine Arts
SCALA Art Show

Alexa Shafy

Presented by Dr. Laura Landor, Director of Fine Arts
Locust Valley Film Festival

Evan Maiorini
Peyton Gribbin
Julianna Mooney
Jack Collins

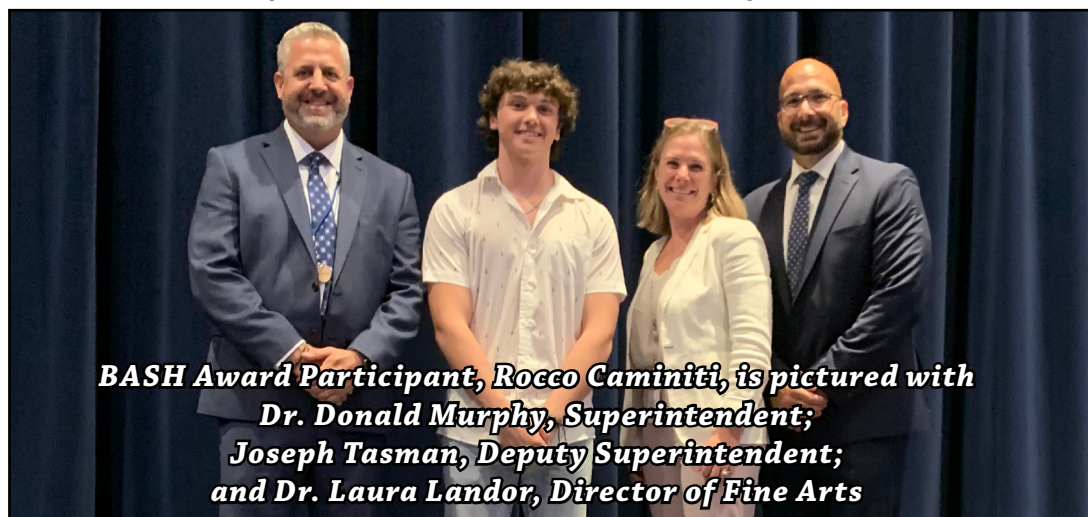
Arianna Shafy
Ryan Capece
Elizabeth Dolce
David Hendrick



Presented by Dr. Laura Landor, Director of Fine Arts
BASH Awards

Moyo Awolowo
Lindsey Blankenship

Rocco Caminiti
Avery Vivinetto



"BOE Recognitions"

Presented by Dan Butler, Athletic Director - Winter Athletics

Stella Manikas
Natalee Manteiga
Angelina Holecek
Gina Vaughan
Colin Buscarino

Noah Hutzler
Gino Manta
Connor Sheridan
Frankie Volpe

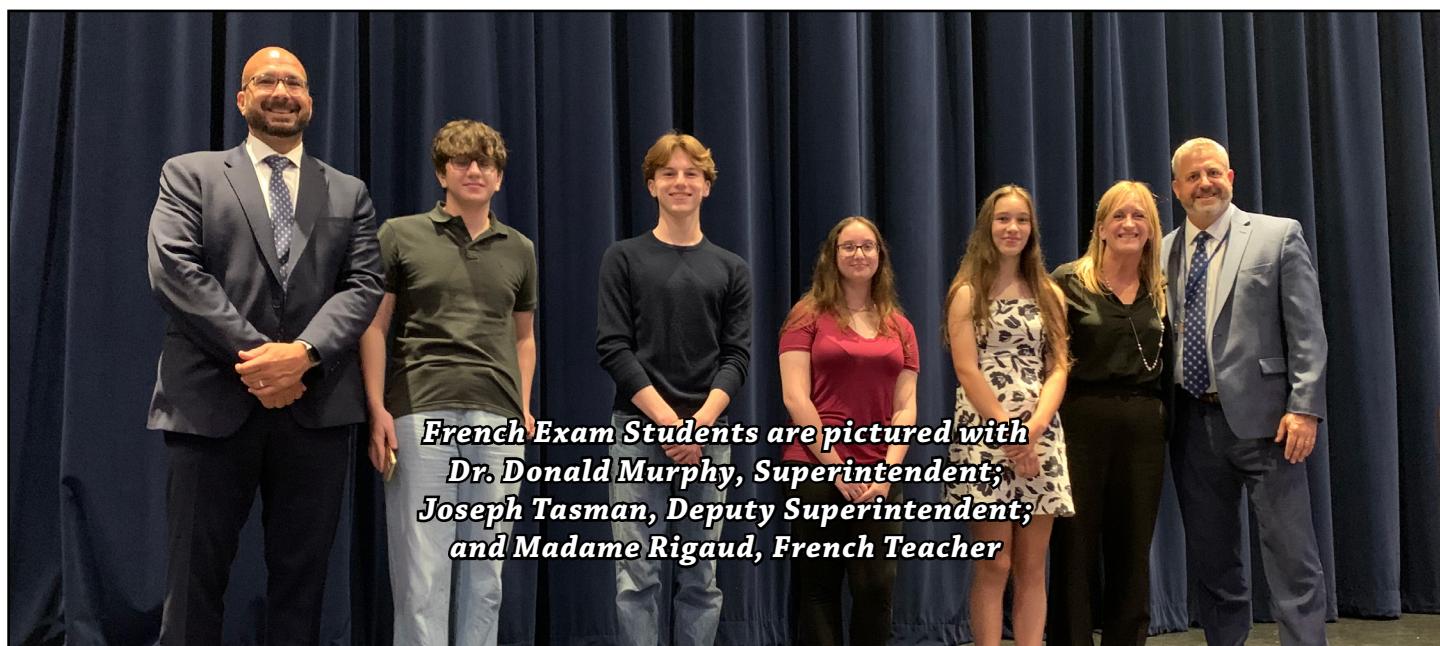


Presented by Madame Rigaud - High School French Exam

Trinity Garcia
Isabella Hochman
Elliot Tafla
Mihika Grandhi
Savvy Dusad
Tiana Yip

Jacob Wolmetz
Lucia Perez
Dominique Glasheen
Johanna Ward
Emma Tjersland
Matias Kalaitzis

Hayley Morello
LiAngela Ulloa
Kaylah Adam
Christian Miele
Colin Buscarino
Jamie Barshay

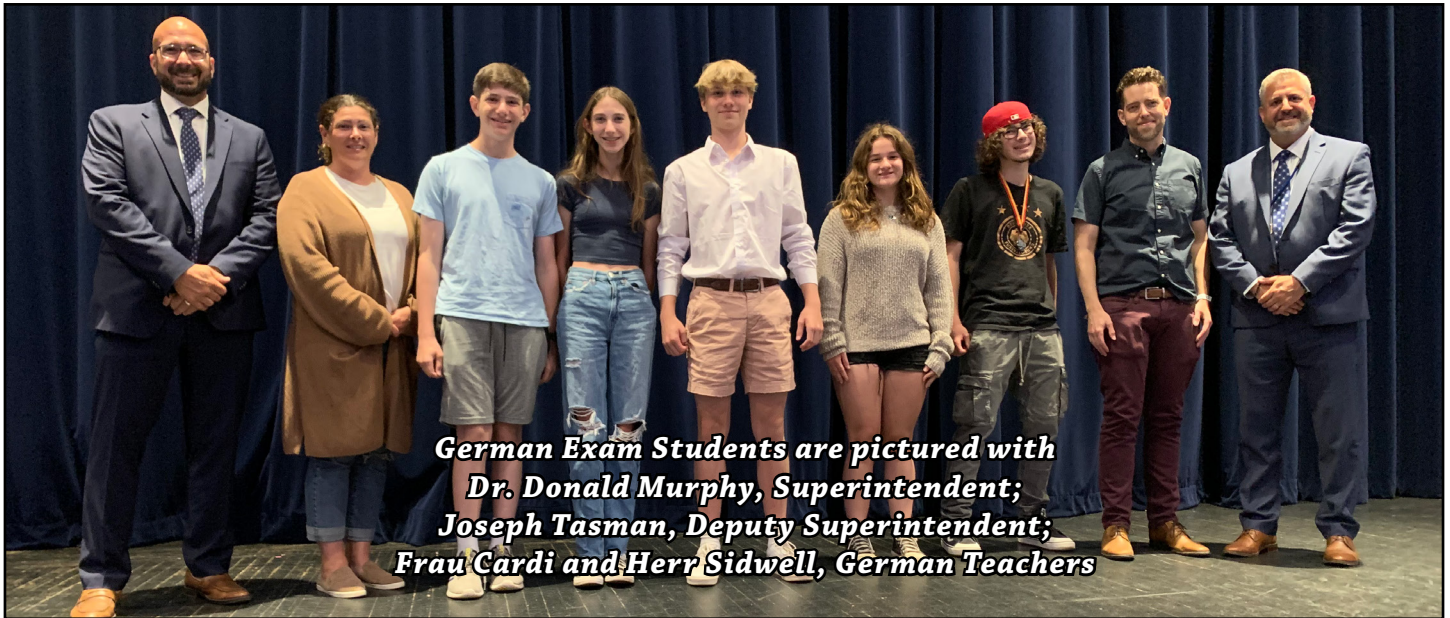


"BOE Recognitions"

Presented by Frau Cardi and Herr Sidwell - High School German Exam

Salvatore Moccia
Kate Marietta
Noah Hutzler
Kelsie Hyde

Robby Marietta
Riley Rosini
Mary Schroeder
Christian Giamundo



Presented by Senora Sanchez and Senora Torres - High School Spanish Exam

Roop Takhar
Catherine Dau

Katherine DiTuro
Sara Conquet



"BOE Recognitions"

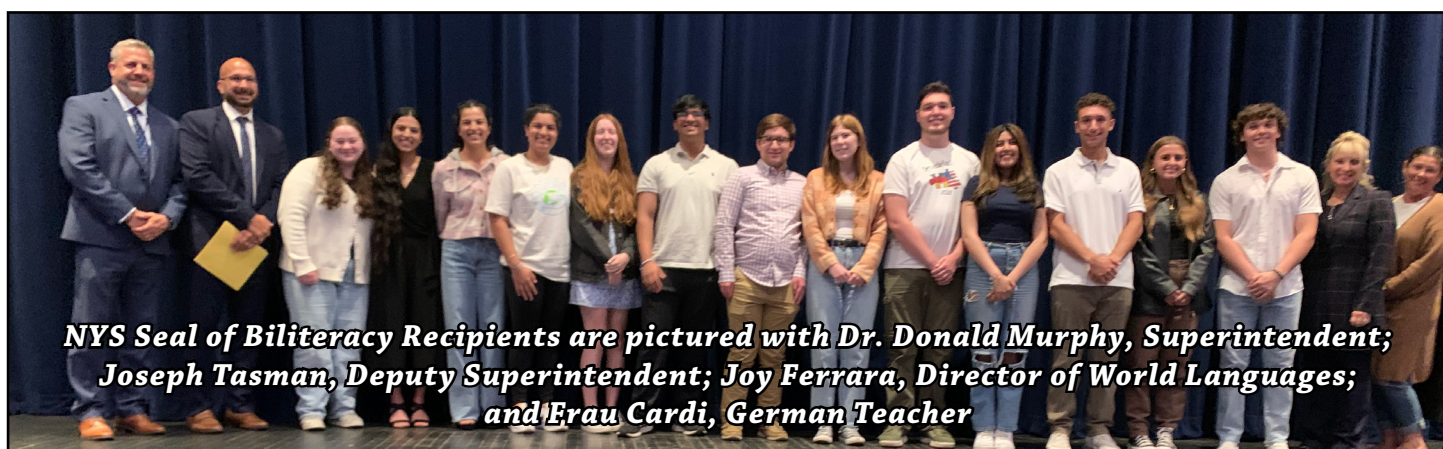
Presented by Joy Ferrara, Director of World Languages - NYS Seal of Biliteracy

Kay Barrett
Garrett Browne
Rocco Caminiti
Despina Cheilas
Deanna Clesse
Isabella Colonna
Karli Connolly
Catherine Dau
Olivia DiBenedetto
Delaney Dooley
Kailyn Douglass
Robert Doumazios

Sarah Douglass
Anthony Economico
Liam Edgeworth
Samantha Fehrenbach
Daniela Francisci
Narah Fraser
Navya Gautam
David Holdorf
Joanna Jacob
Luke Jata
Garrick Jean-Louis
Katie Kerwick

Connor Leddy
Isabella Lefebvre
Sean Leonard
Keertana Madhira
Sreenand Mallisetty
Jenna Marino
Abigail Mensing
Juliana Mooney
Emily Morris
Emma Munro
Dharmik Namineni
Sarah O'Brien

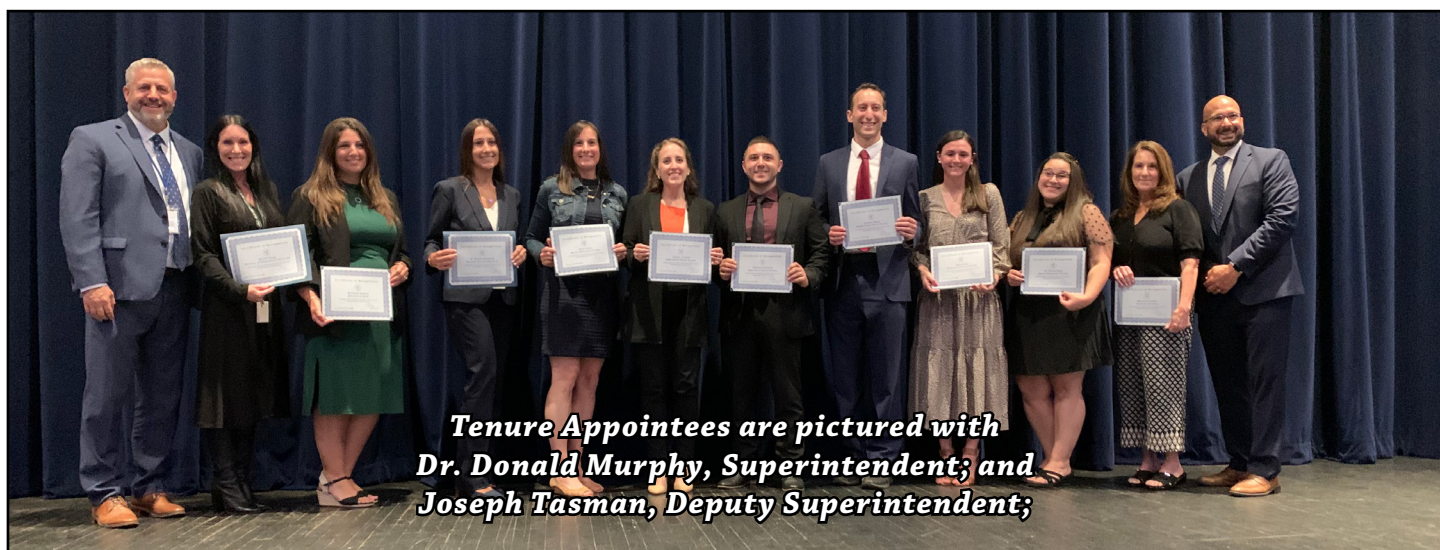
Tammy Papadas
Sharvani Rao
Leanna Sheridan
Amanda Son
Ashley Son
Kaitlin Stephens
Riti Takhar
Roop Takhar
Riya Takhar
Colin Terracciano
Marcus Traverzo
Sophia Wellisch
Emily Wolmetz



Presented by Joseph Tasman, Deputy Superintendent - Tenure Appointments

Meridyth Hansen - Director of Math
Dr. Kristen Reingold - Director of ELA, K-12 Reading
Norell Young - Director of Elementary PPS, ENL
Kelly Ryan - Elementary Teacher
Leanne Contino - Music Teacher

Kerri Paino - Special Education
Nicholas Converso - Music Teacher
Anthony Hayes - Music Teacher
Dr. Donna Vogel - Special Education Teacher
Maryann Endsley - Teaching Assistant



"BOE Recognitions"

Presented by Joseph Tasman, Deputy Superintendent - Retirees

Elisabeth Anziano, Art Teacher - 22 Years of Service
Andrew Becher, Science Teacher - 20 Years of Service
Lena DeLuca, Sixth-Grade Teacher - 33 Years of Service
Loretta Ehrlich, Music Teacher - 25 Years of Service
Michael Foley, Science Teacher - 25 Years of Service
John Giangarra, Custodial Worker III - 33 ½ Years of Service
Brian Gordon, Custodial Worker III - 26 Years of Service
Doreen Gordon, Director of Social Studies and Business - 36 years of Service
Carol Gross, Custodial Worker I - 20 Years of Service
Jack Hudson, Custodial Worker I - 38 Years of Service
Jean Liberti, School Monitor - 27 ½ Years of Service
Jacqueline Martinez, Office Assistant - 11 ½ Years of Service
Steven McCloud, Custodial Worker I - 6 Years of Service
Jeanne McManus, Special Education Teacher - 32 Years of Service
Dr. Christopher Michael, Director of ELA, Reading, and Library - 26 Years of Service
Frances Sartoris, Special Education Teaching Assistant - 20 Years of Service
Anthony Scali, Custodial Worker I - 13 Years of Service
Deborah Simonelli, School Monitor - 19 ½ Years of Service
Pamela Trapanotto, Elementary Teacher - 22 Years of Service
Ann Marie Wienckowski, Office Assistant - 22 ½ Years of Service



***District Retirees are pictured with
Dr. Donald Murphy, Superintendent; Joseph Tasman, Deputy Superintendent;
and District Administrators***

Congratulations

HIGH SCHOOL HOLDS FIRST ANNUAL JUNIOR ACADEMIC AWARDS

On Friday, June 2nd, our high school held the first annual "Junior Academic Awards Ceremony." Here is a listing of the students who received awards, as well as some photos from the event.

Junior Awards Ceremony

Alfred University Scholars Award

Katelyn Hachadoorian

Boston College Book Award

Gabrielle Catanzaro

Bowdoin College Book Award

Reese Coughlin

Brandeis University Book Award

Stevie Donna Rosenfeld

Brown University Book Award

Allegra Levine

Bucknell University Yo-Yo Award

Israel Rojas

Chatham University Rachel Carson Healthy Planet Book Award

Stevie Donna Rosenfeld

Clarkson University Achievement Award

Sri Sagiraju

Clarkson University Leadership Award

Hailey Kulesa

Elmira College Key Award

Brianna Burton, Christopher Primiani, Sofia Kalaitzis, Robert Marietta, Megan Connelly

Johns Hopkins University Book Award

Jamie Barshay

Keuka College George H. Ball Community Achievement Award

Natalie Cartafalsa, Linda Lee Hargis, Avery Marchese, Tara Murphy, Kristen Tarasenko

Le Moyne College Heights Award

Alexandra Monahan Nick Sumwalt

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal Award

Israel Rojas

Rochester Institute of Technology Business and Leadership Award

Colin Buscarino

Rochester Institute of Technology Computing Award

Kairan Zhang

"High School Junior Awards"

Rochester Institute of Technology Science and Math Award

Alex Ofgang

Rochester Institute of Technology Women in STEM Award

Mihika Grandhi

Russell Sage College Student Sage Award

Max Ofgang Ryan Budke Savvy Dusad Riley Rosini Vincent Crafa Joseph Kiley

St. Michael's College Book Award for Academic Achievement and Social Conscience

Samantha McGay Gina Vaughan

Tulane University Book Award

Haley Hutzler

University of Chicago Book Award

Kaylah Adam

University of Rochester Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award

Sadiq Shaik

University of Rochester Frederick Douglass & Susan B. Anthony Award

Colin Buscarino

University of Rochester George Eastman Young Leaders Award

Arav Prabhu

University of Rochester Xerox Award for Innovation & Information Technology Award

Andrew Fanelli

University of Virginia Jefferson Book Award

Vanessa Mosad

Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award

Liana Gentile Kayla Weir

Wesleyan University Book Award

Elliot Tafla

Wilkes University Colonel Emerging Leader Award

Anthony Rodriguez Lydia Abruzzo Nicolas LaFemina Emily Sciarrone



Junior Academic Award Recipients

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS EARN “NEW YORK STATE SEAL OF BILITERACY”

On Thursday, June 8th, the Seal of Biliteracy Committee at the high school hosted an Awards Breakfast for the recipients of the Seal in the Main Commons.

The students who earned the “New York State Seal of Biliteracy” are:

Kay Barrett - Spanish	Isabella Lefebvre - Spanish
Garrett Browne - Spanish	Sean Leonard - Spanish
Rocco Caminiti - Spanish	Keertana Madhira - French
Despina Cheilas - French	Sreenand Mallisetty - German
Deanna Clesse - Spanish	Jenna Marino - French
Isabella Colonna - Spanish	Abigail Mensing - French
Karli Connolly - Spanish	Julianna Mooney - German
Catherine Dau - Spanish	Emily Morris - Spanish
Olivia DiBenedetto	Emma Munro - French
Delaney Dooley - Spanish	Dharmik Namineni - French
Kailyn Douglass - German	Sarah O'Brien - French
Robert Doumazios - Spanish	Tammy Papadas - Spanish & Greek
Sarah Douglass - Spanish	Sharvani Rao - Spanish & Hindi
Anthony Economico - Spanish	Leanna Sheridan - French
Liam Edgeworth - Spanish	Amanda Son - German
Samantha Fehrenbach - Spanish	Ashley Son - German
Daniela Francisci - German	Kaitlin Stephens - Spanish
Nairah Fraser - Spanish	Riti Takhar - Spanish
Navya Gautam - French	Roop Takhar - Spanish
David Holdorf - German	Riya Takhar - Spanish
Joanna Jacob - Spanish	Colin Terracciano - French
Luke Jata - Spanish	Marcus Traverzo - German
Garrick Jean-Louis - French & Creole	Sophia Wellisch - German
Kaitlyn Kerwick - French	Emily Wolmetz - French
Connor Leddy - Spanish	



HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR, STEFANIA ABRUSCATO, IS NAMED “GATORADE NEW YORK STATE SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR”

In its 38th year of honoring the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Stefania Abruscato of Hauppauge High School is the 2022-23 Gatorade New York Softball Player of the Year. Abruscato is the first Gatorade New York Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Hauppauge High School.



Stefania Abruscato is pictured with Dr. Donald Murphy, Superintendent; Dan Butler, Athletic Director; and Joseph Wieckhorst, High School Principal

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Abruscato as New York’s best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Abruscato joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Jordyn Bahl (2020-21, Papillion-La Vista High School, Neb.), Megan Faraimo (2017-18, Cathedral Catholic High School, Calif.), Rachel Garcia (2014-15, Highland High School, Calif.) and Cat Osterman (2000-01, Cypress Springs High School, Texas).

The 5-foot-7 senior catcher batted .655 with nine home runs this past season, leading the Eagles (18-6) to the Class A, Section XI championship game. Abruscato scored 39 runs, drew 29 walks and struck out just once. Ranked as the nation’s No. 13 recruit in the Class of 2023 by Extra Inning Softball and a member of the USA Softball Under-18 National Team, she swiped 15 bases and drove in 42 runs while posting a .769 on-base percentage and a 1.431 slugging percentage.

Abruscato has volunteered locally at the Hauppauge Youth Organization and as a youth softball coach. She has also donated her time to multiple community service initiatives through her church. “Stefania is a special ballplayer,” said Marie Racano, head coach of Deer Park High School. “She is physically strong and has a unique sense of the game, well above those she plays with and against.”

Abruscato has maintained a weighted A average in the classroom. She has signed a national letter of intent to play softball on scholarship at the University of Missouri this fall.

The Gatorade Player of the Year program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track & field, and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade Player of the Year Selection Committee, which leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

Abruscato joins recent Gatorade New York Softball Players of the Year Atalyia Rijo (2021-22, Corning-Painted Post High School), Shannon Becker (2020-21 & 2019-20, Mahopac High School), and McKenzie Stiles (2018-19, Deposit High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Being a Gatorade Player of the Year means paying it forward for the next generation. Through Gatorade's Play it Forward initiative, every Player of the Year receives a grant to give to one of Gatorade's social impact partners, supporting Gatorade's ambition to fuel the future of sport. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 organizations.

For nearly 40 years, Gatorade has honored high school athletes at the top of their game as teammates, supporting their communities and achieving academic success. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes and community leaders, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport.

Congratulations, Stefania!

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**STEFANIA
ABRUSCATO**



**NUTRITION AND
EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY**

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR IS RECIPIENT OF “STANYS OUTSTANDING ACADEMIC AWARD”

We are proud to announce that High School Senior, Keertana Madhira, received the STANYS (Science Teachers Association of New York State) “Outstanding Academic Award.” Keertana was presented her award on Wednesday, May 24th at Villa Lombardi in Holbrook.

Keertana’s Science teacher, Jocelyn Handley-Pendleton, said, “This award is given annually to one graduating senior. The purpose is to recognize an outstanding Science Scholar who has demonstrated commitment to pursuing Science throughout high school and who has gone above and beyond in the field of Science during their high school career.”

Congratulations, Keertana!



HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR IS RECIPIENT OF “AMERICAN CHEMICAL SOCIETY AWARD”

Congratulations to high school senior, Roop Takhar! On May 5th, Roop received an award from the “Long Island American Chemical Society.”

“The Long Island American Chemical Society” recognized outstanding high school chemistry students from high schools in Queens, Nassau and Suffolk counties at a dinner ceremony at Adelphi University. This, the 34th year, saw the return to an in-person event with 41 students representing 38 High Schools. The event was emceed by Frank Romano of Agilent Technologies.

Attendees were entertained and informed with Prof. Paris Svoronos’ talk on the history of ether and anesthetics. Long Island ACS Chair Terrence Black and New York ACS Chair-Elect Ping Furlan presented the students with their plaques.

While all the students honored are scholars in the field of chemistry, their future plans are range from studying actuarial science to starting a fashion line. The New York ACS congratulates them, their parents and teachers, and wishes them all well in all their future endeavors.



DRAMA STUDENTS ARE NOMINATED FOR “ISLIP ARTS COUNCIL TEENY AWARDS”

Drama teacher, Ruthie Pincus is proud to announce that the following students have been nominated for “Islip Arts Council Teeny Awards” based on their performances in either “26 Pebbles,” their Fall Drama. or “Anything Goes,” their spring musical at the high school.

These awards are based on being adjudicated by judges from the Long Island theatre community as they attend performances by high schools in the Town of Islip.

Students acknowledged for their work behind the scenes are:

Alexa Shafy - Art Design
Corrado Mazzuca - Art Design
Emily O’Leary - Stage Management
Elizabeth O’Leary - Stage Management

Students acknowledged for their work on Stage:

Na’zair Stith - Actor
Megan Connelly - Actress
Elizabeth Dolce - Actress
Jordan Reilly - Actress
Destiny Santana - Actress
Tara Murphy - Supporting Actress
Jake Morris - Supporting Actor
Angelo Vargas - Supporting Actor



“ISLIP ARTS COUNCIL TEENY AWARDS” ARE HELD, AND THE WINNERS ARE.....

Hauppauge Swept the Teenys! On Sunday, June 4th, the Islip Arts Council held the “15th Annual Teeny Awards” and the following students received recognition for their hard work in our theatre department!

The full cast of 26 Pebbles was awarded the Outstanding Ensemble Performance in a Comedy or Drama for 26 Pebbles:

Jake Morris - for Supporting Actor in a Comedy or Drama - 26 Pebbles
Tara Murphy - for Supporting Actress in a Comedy or Drama - 26 Pebbles
Nazz Stith - for Leading Actor in a Comedy or Drama - 26 Pebbles
Lizzie Dolce - for Leading Actress in a Comedy or Drama - 26 Pebbles
Megan Connelly - for Leading Actress in a Comedy or Drama - 26 Pebbles

The following students were recognized for their art work on the Productions:

Alexa Shafy & Corrado Mazzuca

These students were recognized with multiple awards for their work as stage managers:

Elizabeth O’Leary & Emily O’Leary

Destiny Santana was awarded a scholarship for her work in the theatre

Jordan Reilly was nominated for Leading Actress in a Comedy or Drama

Angelo Vargas was nominated for Supporting Actor in a Comedy or Drama

Congratulations to our students!



MIDDLE SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM CELEBRATES AMAZING 9-1 RECORD AND OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCES

The Hauppauge Middle School Baseball Team finished up its season with a come from behind 11-9 victory over Udall Middle School on the turf at West Islip High School. At season's end the team had an amazing 9-1 record with many outstanding performances from all of the team's members! The pitching staff, anchored by starters Michael Economico and Kyle Magill, consistently shut down opponents. Other pitchers, including Lucas DiClemente, Troy Madison, Logan McKee, Matt Oliveto, Brennan Sudama, Ethan Williams, Luke Vazquez, and James Migliore made it tough for opponents' offenses each and every game!

The team defense was outstanding as the players consistently executed in key situations and made the tough plays that needed to be made. Strong infield work highlighted by shortstop, James Migliore, and 1st baseman, Matt Oliveto was seen each and every day! The outfield defense of Damon Condos and Xavier Chavez was very impressive! Catcher, Skyler Fernandez, was a true backstop and quiet leader who did great work with the pitching staff!

Each and every game different team members contributed on offense with big at bats and key hits! Players like Brendan Accardi, John Alvonitis, Nick Battista, James Carty, Chris Colon, Brady Kraus, Nick Lombardi, James LoVerde, Logan McKee, Michael Miller, and John Passannante all made key contributions on offense, in the field, and by being great teammates!

Team manager, Jack Ryan Sullivan, continually helped with the scorebook, team cheers, and words of encouragement! All in all it was a great season! One to remember! The overall team effort and sportsmanship was both a pleasure to see and left a strong impression on Coaches Sanderson and Wellinger!

Congratulations boys on a truly remarkable season! Thank you to Coach Wellinger for this terrific write-up!



PINES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL "POLICE AND FIREFIGHTER RECOGNITION DAY"

On Thursday, June 1st, 2023, Pines Elementary School hosted its first Police and Firefighters event to recognize and celebrate our local heroes throughout our community.

Approximately 50 police officers and firefighters gathered in our bus circle to kick off a parade, led by bagpipe player and retired NYC police officer, Mr. Kevin McManus, who is Pines teacher Jeanne McManus' husband. As the guests walked our circle twice, they were greeted and cheered by all K-5 students and staff members. Students had police and firefighter decorations to wave in support and the front of our two-story school was decorated with beautiful decorations designed and hung by our own Carmela Quinn. The mood was absolutely festive!

After the parade, all guests and students gathered on the blacktop in the back of our school, where we held a ceremony to honor our distinguished guests. Student Council members presented our guests with flowers from our Pines PTA as they walked to our blacktop area, which was beautifully decorated by Kate Llanos, Amiee Barshay, Stephanie Garbedian, Jonica Ficeto and Jessica Garbedian.

The posting of the colors was done by our Pines Girl Scout Troop, 231 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, led by our Pines Student Council President, Thomas Savastano. Our whole school community followed by singing "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Dr. DiMuzio gave a warm welcome to our guests and was followed by Fire Commissioner, Scott Monroe Jr, and the Captain of Company Three of the Hauppauge Fire Department, Vincent Calvanese, as they presented plaques of recognition to Dr. DiMuzio and classroom teacher, Kelli Serocki, for leading the organization of this event. Next, all firefighters and police who have served our community were asked to stand to be recognized for their important contributions to our community. Student speeches were given by Julia Furuno, from class 5-1 and Charlotte Rodgers, from class 5-3.



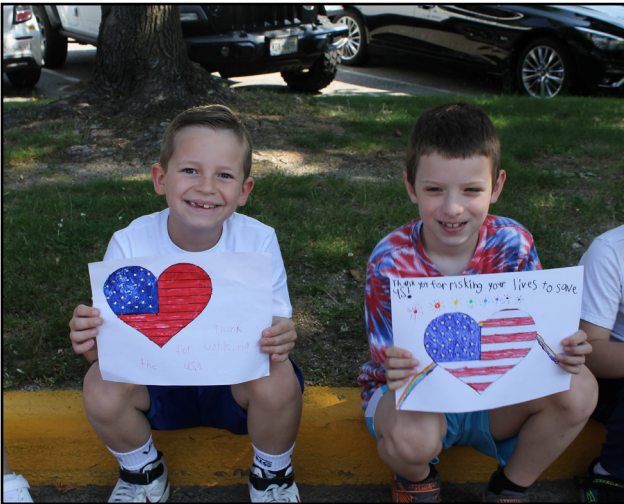
The Alexander Family



"Pines Police and Firefighter Event"

In closing, the full student body sang, "God Bless the U.S.A," followed by the retirement of the colors by the Pines Girl Scout Troop, 231. All guests and students were invited to head to the upper field, where emergency vehicles were proudly displayed for students to explore and police canine dogs were stationed for visitors. At approximately 10:50 am, a police helicopter landed on the upper field and was excitedly greeted by staff and students alike. Students were able to explore the helicopter and the emergency vehicles and speak to the first responders about their work. Refreshments for guests were provided by the Pines PTA.

It was a tremendous day for all. We are so proud of the staff members on the committee who volunteered their time to bring this event to our students and so grateful for the time dedicated by the first responders at our school on this day!!



"Pines Police and Firefighter Event"



"Pines Police and Firefighter Event"



"Pines Police and Firefighter Event"



***Dr. Claudine DiMuzio with
her son, Patrick***



"Pines Police and Firefighter Event"



BRETTON WOODS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL "POLICE AND FIREFIGHTER RECOGNITION DAY"

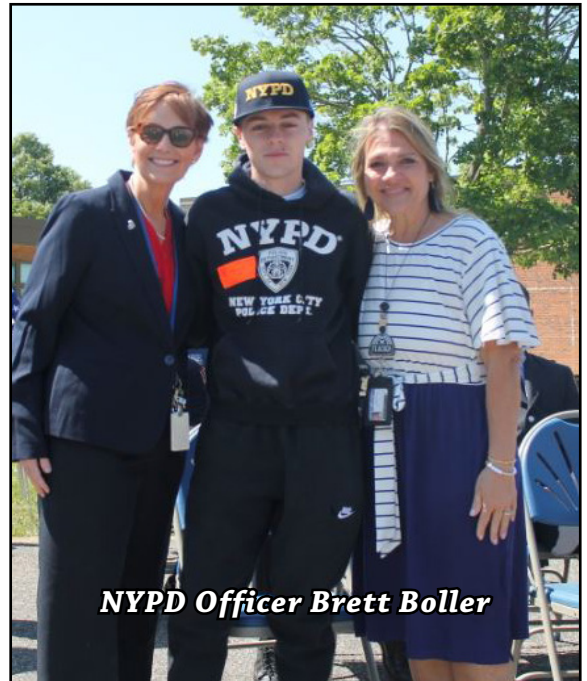
On Thursday, May 25th, Bretton Woods hosted their first Fire Department/Police Department appreciation day. The event began with a parade around the front circle. Students and staff lined the parade route and held up beautiful signs of appreciation with messages of thanks and encouragement for our first responders. The parade included vehicles from the police department and fire department and was led by the NYPD marching band, as well as the Suffolk County bagpipers. George Gagliardi, principal of BW was our master of ceremonies and led the parade to the back of the school for the rest of the day's events.

Mr. Gagliardi was joined by our Superintendent, Dr. Murphy, as well as other members of the Hauppauge School District Administrative team. Some members of our Board of Education were also in attendance including BOE Vice President, Rob Scarito and Michael Buscarino who is also a member of the Suffolk County Police Department and came in full SCPD uniform.

The ceremony began with the Pledge of Allegiance and was followed by the National Anthem led by Bretton Woods music teacher, Mrs. Koehler. We were also joined by special guest speakers, FDNY Chief, Joseph Jardin (father of 4th grade teacher, Kim Wind) and NYPD Housing Chief, Martine Materasso (former parent at BW) who both spoke about their jobs and their gratitude for the special recognition.

NYPD officer Brett Boller was also in attendance along with his family. Officer Boller is a graduate of Bretton Woods and was seriously injured on the job this past April after being on the force for only a few months. Brett was presented with some gifts by Chief Materasso and the NYPD, and was also honored by his former teachers, Mrs. Kennedy (3rd grade) and Mrs. Phelan (5th grade).

The ceremony ended with a grand finale. Suffolk County police officer Joseph Bagley (father of 4th grader, Patrick Bagley) from the Aviation division flew in and landed a SCPD helicopter right on the field while everyone looked on. It was an amazing end to a memorable day that we look forward to doing for many years to come. Special thanks to everyone who helped make this a special day for everyone involved.



NYPD Officer Brett Boller



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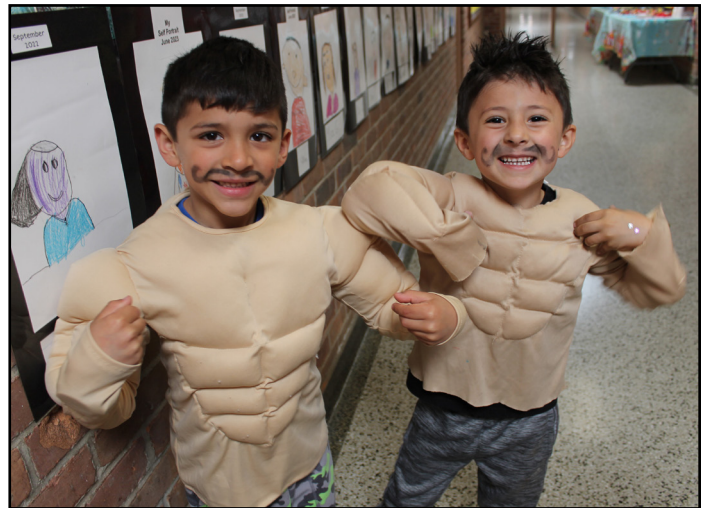


THE CIRCUS ARRIVED AT PINES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND IT WAS SPECTACULAR

The circus came to town at Pines Elementary School! Kindergarten students gave a spectacular performance at the Pines annual Kindergarten Circus. The acts included fierce lions, funny clowns, daring tightrope walkers, skillful acrobats, trained elephants, powerful strong men and talented spotted dogs.

Kindergarten teachers Mrs. Rand, Mrs. Marcus and Mrs. Serocki, Mrs. Gemmell and Mrs. Hassett spent many weeks practicing songs and acts with their students and their hard work was validated by the cheering crowd! Once again, Mrs. Brady did a fantastic job as the Ringmaster.

Here are some beautiful photos courtesy of Karen Kerr, Pines Secretary.



"Pines Circus"



"Pines Circus"



BRETTON WOODS STUDENTS ENJOY A GREAT FIELD DAY

Thursday, June 1st, was Bretton Woods Field Day. It was a great day and lots of fun for everyone. Parents were able to come and watch all the field day games as well as enjoy a picnic with their children.

Here are some photos from this fun event!



"Bretton Woods Field Day"



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FOREST BROOK STUDENTS ENJOY THEIR "SPRING FLING"

On Thursday, June 1st, Forest Brook students enjoyed their "Spring Fling!" The event was put on by the Forest Brook PTA.

Here are some great photos of our students enjoying event!



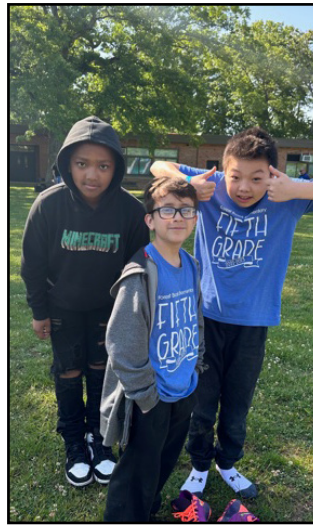
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