



Horizons

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HAUPPAUGE STUDENTS REMEMBER THOSE WHO WERE LOST ON SEPTEMBER 11TH

In remembrance of those who were lost on September 11th, commemorative ceremonies were held on Monday, September 11th, 2023 in our schools.



Hauppauge High School students gathered in the auditorium for a special ceremony to commemorate “Patriot Day.” Their day began with morning announcements detailing the history of September 11th, 2001. Then, some of our students assembled in the auditorium along with administrators, Board members, staff, local police officers and first responders, unfurling a giant American Flag before taking their places around it. While holding the flag with reverence, the students stood for a moment of silence in memory of the first plane that crashed into 1 World Trade Center’s North Tower at 8:46 a.m. The students took another moment of silence for the South Tower’s plane crash that happened at 9:03 a.m.

Ms. Leanne Contino led the choir’s rendition of “The National Anthem” while teaching assistant, Ms. JeriLynn Hughes later sang, “God Bless America.” Circling around the flag, another group of students held a yellow ribbon symbolizing unity.

Assistant Principal Joy Ferrara reminded students that they may not know the person standing next to them, but they are all a part of the same school community. She noted the importance of focusing on their similarities rather than differences. The unification illustrated by the Hauppauge High School community mirrored the unwavering, collective spirit of a nation as they remembered and honored the lives lost on September 11th, 2001.



Forest Brook

At Forest Brook students gathered around the flag pole to recite the “Pledge of Allegiance,” and conducted a moment of silence after. The tribute was led by Principal, Michael Caulin.

At Bretton Woods, students weren’t able to go outside to gather around their flagpole due to the rain. Principal, George Gagliardi, spoke over the loudspeaker while students remained in their classrooms. He spoke about the significance of the day and led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Miss Ramirez, music teacher, played “God Bless America” over the loudspeaker for everyone to hear and sing along with.

Pines students were also unable to assemble at their flagpole due to rain. Instead they gathered in the gym to say the “Pledge of Allegiance.” Principal, Dr. Claudine DiMuzio, spoke to the students about September 11th, and after everyone sang “God Bless America.”

The Middle School students observed a moment of silence to remember those lost on September 11th. Here are some photos from this special day of remembrance.



Pines

Bretton Woods - September 11th



Bretton Woods - September 11th

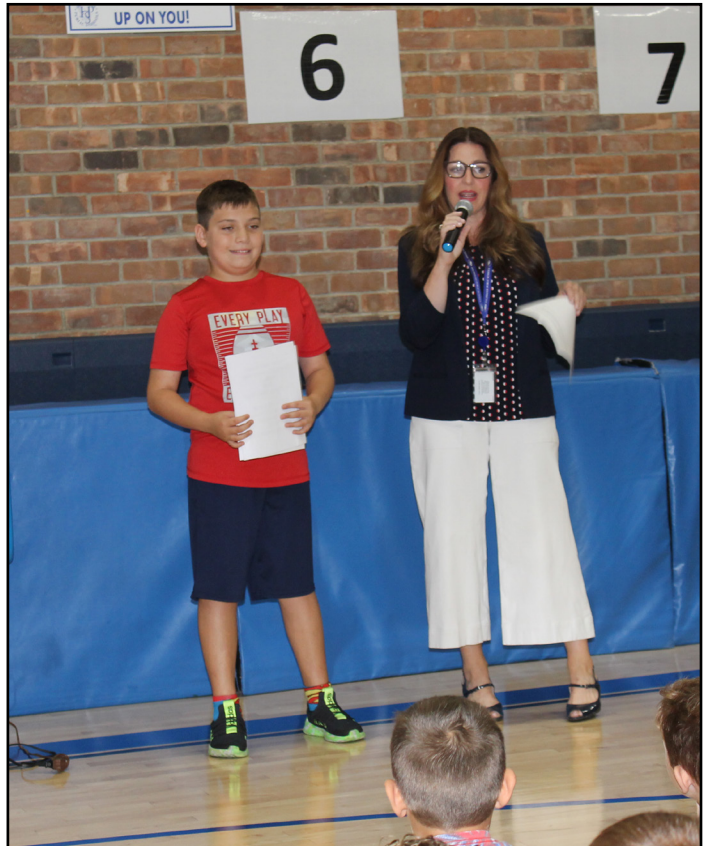


Forest Brook - September 11th





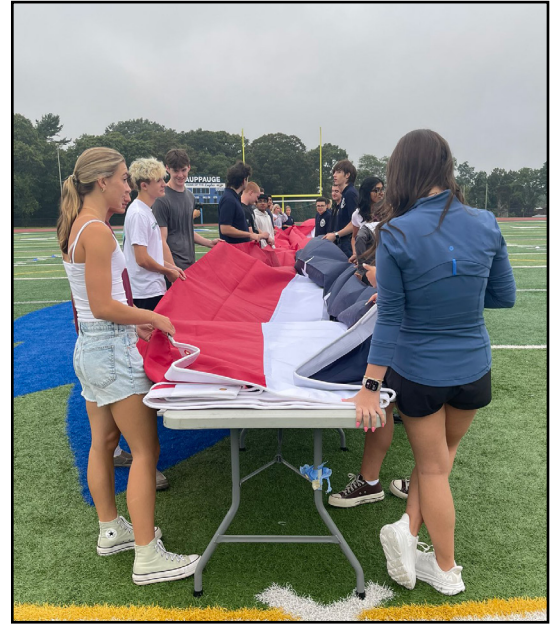
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High School - September 11th





HIGH SCHOOL CHAMBER CHOIR PERFORMS AT HAUPPAUGE FIRE DEPARTMENT 9/11 REMEMBRANCE

The High School Chamber Choir performed at the Hauppauge Fire Department's 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony on Monday, September 11th. The ceremony took place at the Hauppauge Fire Department. In attendance were members of the community, and the entire fire house's volunteers and staff. The Hauppauge Fire Department invites the Chamber Choir to perform each year at this event.

Speakers at the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony were:

Edward Giannelli, Recording Secretary & Fire Fighter
Deacon Edward R. Vigneaux, Pastoral Staff at St. Thomas Moore
Ex-Chief and Current Commissioner, Louis Zara
1st Assistant Chief, Christopher Crean

The Chamber Choir performed four songs throughout the Ceremony including "The National Anthem," "A Parting Blessing," "Bright Light," and "God Bless America."

Here are some beautiful photos courtesy of Frank Bayer of Frank Bayer Photography.



High School Chamber Choir



High School Chamber Choir



Leanne Contino Leading the High School Chamber Choir

HAUPPAUGE VARSITY FOOTBALL HOSTS “A SALUTE TO SERVICE NIGHT”

On Wednesday, September 13th, the Hauppauge Varsity Football Team held “A Salute to Service Night” before their home game against East Hampton.

The opening coin toss was by NYPD Officer Brett Boller. There was a special helicopter flyover of the field courtesy of Mike Buscarino and the Suffolk County Police Department. [Click here](#) to view the video on our “X” (“Twitter”) page.

Congratulations to the Varsity Boys on their 30-7 victory over East Hampton! Here are a few photos from this special night.



***High School Principal, Joseph Wieckhorst, with
NYPD Officer, Brett Boller***



***Joseph Tasman, Dr. Lawrence Crafa, Dr. Tim McCarthy and daughters,
Dr. Christopher Smalley, Dr. Donald Murphy, Joseph Wieckhorst***

HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM

GO EAGLES!

Our Hauppauge Eagles Varsity Football is undefeated 3-0! They had an amazing points rack-up against Rocky Point winning 61-22. In other recent games, they beat Amityville 48-6, and East Hampton 30-7!

Come down to their next home game on Friday, September 22nd to see them do it again! GO EAGLES!



Boys Varsity Football Team



*Football Team Action Photos Courtesy of
Frank Bayer of Frank Bayer Photographer*

HAUPPAUGE MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT SELECTED AS A “JUNIOR INNOVATOR” IN THE “THERMO FISHER SCIENTIFIC JUNIOR INNOVATORS CHALLENGE”

The Hauppauge School District congratulates seventh-grader, Mihir Sathish Kumar, on being selected as one of the top 300 Junior Innovators in the 2023 “Thermo Fisher Scientific Junior Innovators Challenge,” a program of the Society for Science. To earn this honor, Mihir submitted a project, “Clean, Green Energy Machine.” Mihir is one of the top 300 students selected from 1,828 submissions from throughout the United States.

On September 20th, 30 finalists will be announced from the top 300 Junior Innovators. These students will be invited to finals week of the competition held in Washington, D.C. starting October 28th.

Conratulations, Mihir!



***Mihir Sathish Kumar with sixth-grade Science Research Teacher, Michael Pernice;
Hauppauge Public Schools Director of Science and Research, Dr. Robert Wankmuller;
and Hauppauge Middle School Principal, Christine O'Connor***

HAUPPAUGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS RECEIVE NYSSMA ALL-STATE RECOGNITIONS

Hauppauge High School 12th grader and cellist, Silas Lobenstein, has been selected to participate in the NYSSMA All-State Symphony Orchestra during the NYSSMA Winter Conference in Rochester. Silas is one of only 16 cellists from New York State to receive this honor. He has also been named a Scholar Artist by The Long Island Arts Alliance, and is one of only 20 students from across Long Island to receive this honor.

Additionally, 12th grader and cellist, Brady Park, was selected as an alternate for the NYSSMA All-State Symphony Orchestra.

We congratulate both Silas and Brady on their outstanding musical accomplishments!



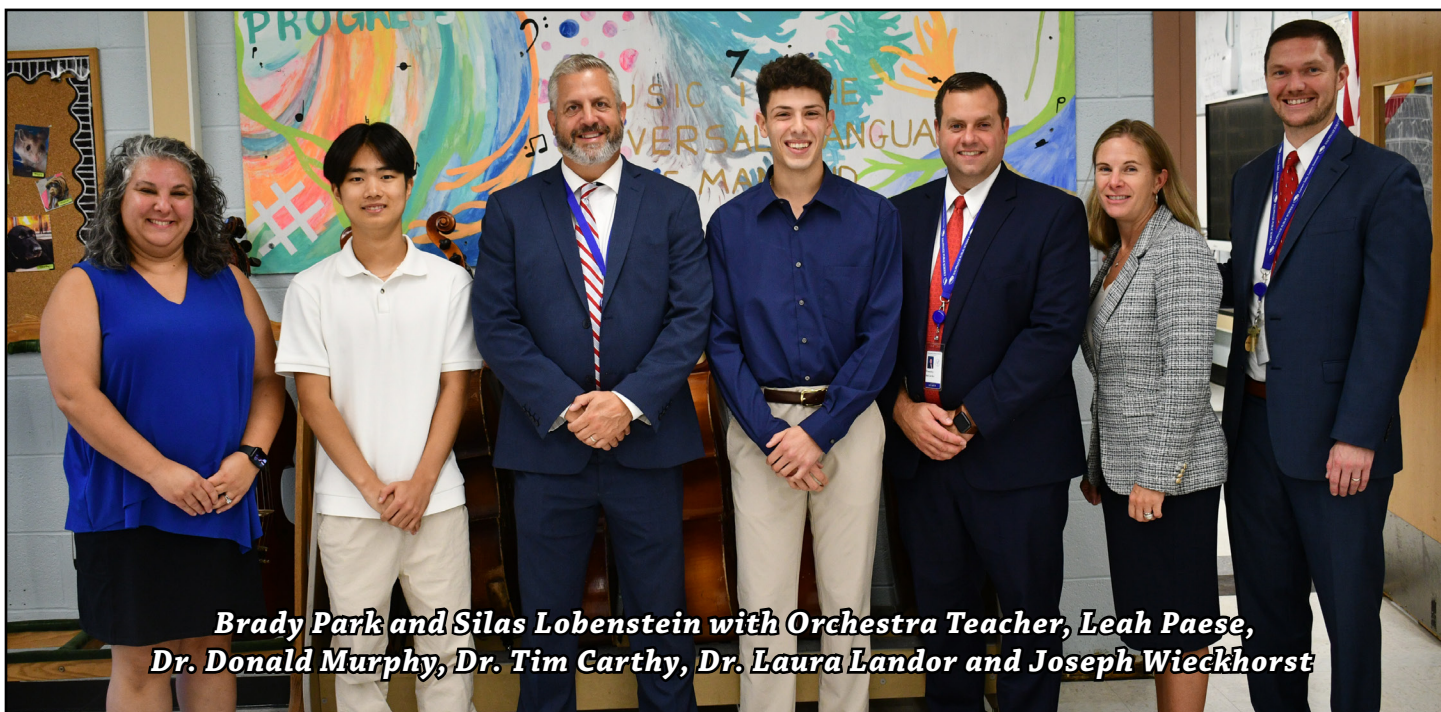
Brady Park



***Brady Park and Silas Lobenstein
with Orchestra Teacher, Leah Paese***



Silas Lobenstein



***Brady Park and Silas Lobenstein with Orchestra Teacher, Leah Paese,
Dr. Donald Murphy, Dr. Tim Carthy, Dr. Laura Landor and Joseph Wieckhorst***

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS ONE BUS AT A TIME WITH THE PEACEFUL SCHOOL BUS PROGRAM

By: Dr. Claudine DiMuzio, Pines Principal

In the years since its inception, the number of bus related incidents have decreased significantly thanks to the Peaceful School Bus Program. At Pines ES, a proactive approach has been in place for over a decade to help students and staff experience a great ride on the bus every single day. Over 10 years ago, the Shared Decision Making Team at Pines Elementary School, implemented the Peaceful School Bus Program. The program was designed to reduce the number of student behavior problems on the school bus by creating a greater sense of community and responsibility among students riding the bus in an effort to make every child's experience on the bus more enjoyable.

The program has several components that support one another with the overall goal of providing each and every student with a safe bus ride to and from school. We start by meeting in large grade level groups for our first bus meeting to introduce and review the PSB program. It's a fun way to learn about the program, as well as important bus safety information.



Next, we host a Bus Drivers Breakfast to welcome the drivers into this learning community and enlist them as partners in the Peaceful School Bus program. We share food and stories to come together as active problem-solvers and build our circle of support with our bus drivers.

Thanks to our generous Pines PTA, along with funds raised through school activities, every student and staff member receives a PSB t-shirt to wear at each meeting. Throughout the remaining school year, we have planned PSB meetings where students on the same bus route/bus team have the opportunity to meet together as a mixed cohort bus group in the school building. These meetings help students get to know each other and learn how to behave and act responsibly on the school bus. This program supports the students' needs to understand the responsibilities of a walker/bus rider, so all students meet with a bus group, even if they do not regularly ride the bus. After all, Peaceful School Bus rules and behavior are in play for field trips also!

Time and time again, we emphasize the importance of mentorship and peer interaction. Students teaching other students is an extremely effective educational tool. Oftentimes, we tie in these PSB lessons with our Books of the Month to help reinforce these concepts in a more student-centered way. Priority one in HPS is, and always will be, the safety of our students.

With that in mind, Peaceful School Bus Safety Rules are shared with all students, bus drivers, and community families to help all of us play a role in this important part of school safety.

"Peaceful School Bus Safety Rules"

Stay seated in your assigned seat; an adult may tell you where to sit. Buckle up!

Always respect others; the bus driver, the bus and yourself.

Flinging things in or out of the bus is not allowed.

Eating and drinking on the bus are not allowed.

Talk quietly and kindly; no yelling or hurtful words.

You are responsible and accountable for your actions.

Our creative Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Beyer, has created a fabulous reward system for students to encourage and reward positive behavior on each school bus. Students can earn "compliments" from the bus drivers, and each bus compliment earns the group a pie piece that is a color of the rainbow. Each bus has a tire on the bulletin board near the Pines main entrance, where the pie piece is posted in the tire. When the tire is filled with all seven colors of the rainbow, the bus students can vote on a reward; either a recess with their bus group or a free homework pass for each student. Individual compliments from the driver can also add to the color wheel.

In the years since its inception, the number of bus related incidents have decreased significantly thanks to the Peaceful School Bus Program. Thank you to the Hauppauge community for supporting this program for so many years!!



Pines "Peaceful School Bus"



Dr. Claudine DiMuzio, Pines Principal, speaks to the students about the Peaceful Bus Program



THE PINES PTA HOSTS A WELCOME BACK BREAKFAST FOR PINES STAFF

On Friday, September 8th, the Pines PTA hosted a Welcome Back to School breakfast for the Pines staff. It was also Volunteer Day, where Pines parents volunteer to help teachers with tasks such as photocopying, cutting, laminating and other helpful projects.

Many delicious items were served at the breakfast. A big thank you to the Pines PTA for being so thoughtful and providing such a lovely breakfast. Here are some photos from the festivities!



Little Gifts



Balloons, Muffins, and Breakfast Pizzas



Pines Staff Enjoying Breakfast

BRETTON WOODS WELCOMES BACK THEIR BUS DRIVERS WITH APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

Mr. Poveromo, Guidance Counselor, and Mrs. Sheehan, Administrative Assistant, put together a beautiful welcome back appreciation breakfast for our bus drivers. There were bagels, juice, fruit, coffee and homemade crumb cake.

We are so grateful to our bus drivers and all that they do to get our children to and from school safely. Here are some photos from this special event.



THREE PINES STUDENTS GET THE “LUCKY TRAY”

On Wednesday September 13th, Pines Elementary School had its first “Lucky Tray Day” of the year during lunch hours. Ms. Bernstein, advisor of the “Be the Sunshine Club,” started “Lucky Tray Day” last year. On this day, three lucky students per grade received their hot lunch on a randomly selected tray with a star marked on it. Later they each received a prize!

Here are a few pictures of the lucky winners!



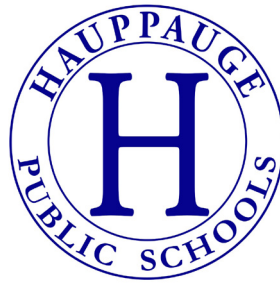
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