



# Horizons

*Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow* 

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## WELCOME BACK STUDENTS

On Tuesday, September 5th, students arrived for their first day of the 2023/2024 school year. The halls of our five schools; Bretton Woods, Forest Brook, Pines, Hauppauge Middle School, and Hauppauge High School were once again bustling with the excitement of a new school year!

The administration and staff of each of the schools were on hand when the buses arrived to personally greet the students, and anxious faces soon wore big smiles. Many students feel that their school is a second home. These positive and welcoming attitudes help ease them into a new school year where great things will be accomplished.

Each building was immaculate as the students entered. The custodial staff worked hard all summer to get the hallways and classrooms in pristine condition. The secretarial staff also helped to make the opening day run smoothly and efficiently. The grounds crew completed the picture with manicured lawns.

Dr. Donald B. Murphy, Superintendent of Schools, is excited to welcome back students as we embark on a new school year. In his welcome back letter to parents and guardians, Dr. Murphy said, "Throughout this school year, we will carry on our traditions in classrooms, and through building and district events. Additionally, we will expand upon our collaboration with the greater Hauppauge community. It is clear our students benefit from the connections made with our local heroes and role models. Please stay tuned for details on more district celebrations that highlight the strength of our school/community alliance."

Prior to Superintendent's Conference Day, Dr. Murphy surveyed his colleagues and asked them "What Makes Hauppauge Special?" Some of the responses he received are as follows:

- "The amazing support from the community, wonderful parents, students and staff."
- "Hauppauge is a close-knit community where the staff, parents and students are all closely involved in school related activities. This is a place that many people love returning to because of the atmosphere that has been established over many years."
- "Hauppauge is special because of the incredible students, parents, staff, and community partners who bring it to life each day. Hauppauge supports its students academically, socially, and emotionally, helping students pave the way to a better future for themselves."
- "I love the number of people, including myself, who make Hauppauge their home for multiple generations. I think that says it all."

Dr. Murphy also thanked everyone for the ongoing support and partnership. "I look forward to an incredible school year ahead," he said.

Here are some great photos from the first day of school. Welcome back!



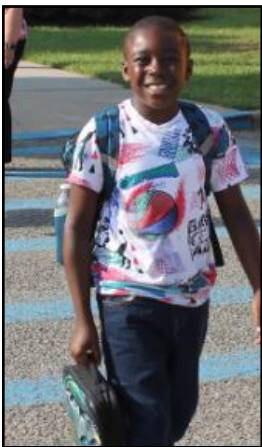
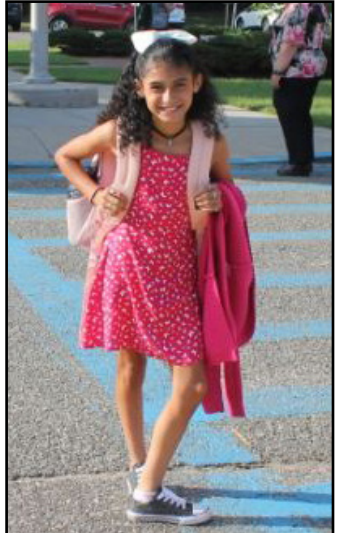


# First Day - Bretton Woods





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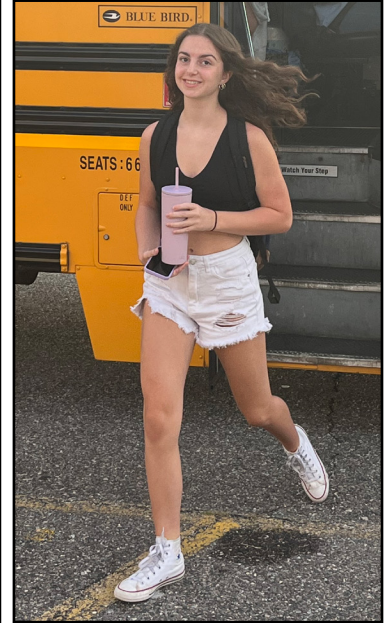


## First Day - High School





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## HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ENJOY A “SENIOR SUNRISE BREAKFAST”

The traditional “Senior Sunrise Breakfast” was held on the first day of school. This was a great opportunity to get together after a summer away and to enjoy some time with their friends, principals, and even the a group of our administrators. The breakfast took place on the football field track area and it was thoroughly enjoyed by all!

Here are some photos from this special event.





## Senior Sunrise Breakfast





## NEW TEACHER ORIENTATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL

On Thursday, August 24th, Hauppauge Public Schools held their new teacher orientation, welcoming new educators to the district for the 2023/2024 school year.

The district's administrators welcomed the new staff over breakfast and followed the morning meet-and-greet with professional development training.

The training was led by Director of Career and Technical Education, Digital Learning and Innovation, Leslie Brophy; Hauppauge High School Assistant Principal, Daniel Wald; Deputy Superintendent, Joseph Tasman; and Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Technology, Dr. Tim McCarthy. Topics such as instructional technology programs and Google Workspace for education were covered.

Hauppauge is excited to welcome this new group of outstanding educators to the district for the upcoming school year!



On Thursday, August 31st, the entire Administrative team met for their annual kick-off to the new school year which focused on goal-setting, professional development and team building. The group enjoyed a great day together which ended with a visit from Mr. Softee and a Cornhole game tournament!





## HAUPPAUGE PREPARES FOR A GREAT SCHOOL YEAR DURING SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY

Administrators, teachers, and staff members returned to Hauppauge School District on Wednesday, August 30th, for Superintendent's Conference Day. Led by Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Donald Murphy, district faculty and staff took part in a day of professional development, fellowship and preparation ahead of the district's first day of school, Sept. 5th.

Ms. Leanne Contino led Hauppauge High School's chamber choir who kicked off the conference by singing the National Anthem. Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology, Dr. Tim McCarthy, welcomed everyone back and thanked various members of the staff for their help in preparing for the conference, including custodians, maintenance, security, clerical staff, the IT department, STEAM teacher's assistants and the administrative team.

Deputy Superintendent Mr. Joseph Tasman highlighted all new administrators and new hires for the 2023/24 school year. He then recognized and congratulated those receiving tenure this year and those who held perfect attendance during the 2022/23 school year. Dr. Murphy mentioned that last year he started the Superintendent's Eagle Award, recognizing colleagues who shine through acts of altruism, kindness, resilience, leadership, collegiality, kindness and compassion. Teachers, Dr. Donna Vogel and Amy Thompson, were the first two recipients of the award, and Dr. Murphy said that he will continue this endeavor more frequently throughout the new school year.

Staff members delivered inspiring keynote speeches, beginning with Hauppauge High School Assistant Principal, Andrea Darbee. Her speech, "The Simple Magic of Reading!," encouraged staffers to remember the joy and importance of reading. High School Assistant Principal, Joy Ferrara, took the stage afterward with her speech, "In the Arena: Showing Up and Being Seen," about the value of taking risks and being courageous in life as opposed to missing opportunities by sitting on the sidelines. Nurse and varsity cross-country and track and field coach, Mary Nowotarski, delivered her keynote, "Never Give Up on Them!," about the importance of believing in and supporting students. Hauppauge High School Principal, Joseph Wieckhorst, spoke about "Your 80-Year-Old Self" and the importance of reflecting on special moments in order to stay present.

Superintendent Dr. Murphy then introduced the district's new branding, including the district's motto, "*Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow*." He presented the results of a summer survey which asked, "What makes Hauppauge special?" A resounding number of responses concluded that the dedicated staff, relationships, family atmosphere and community made Hauppauge a stand-out district.

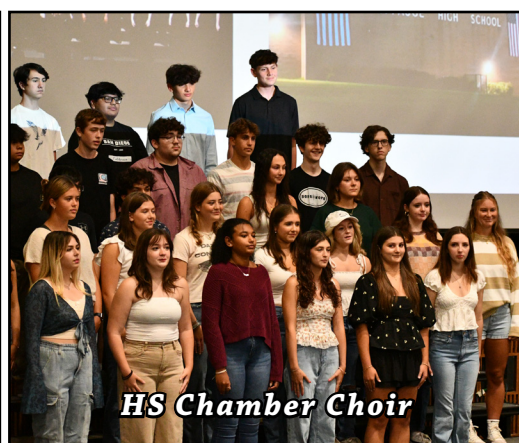
The conference concluded with Dr. Murphy asking attendees the question, "What can I do as a superintendent so that you come to work every day excited, vested and feeling part of a team?" He noted, "there's nothing more important than the health of faculty, staff and students." We look forward to a wonderful 2023/2024 school year!



**Dr. Donald Murphy**  
**Superintendent**



**Joseph Tasman, Deputy Superintendent;**  
**Joseph Wieckhorst, High School Principal;**  
**and Mary Nowotarski, Nurse & Track Coach**

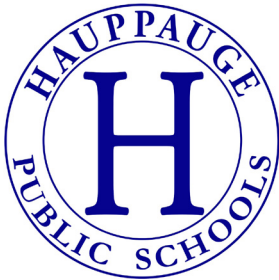


**HS Chamber Choir**



## HAUPPAUGE SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS A NEW LOGO, AND A NEW EAGLE

You may have noticed some new changes to our District's branding. A great deal of work has taken place recently to update our branding materials to align with our new slogan "*Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow*," which was approved by the Board of Education this past year. This effort was led by our Superintendent, Dr. Murphy. He said, "We believe this slogan best captures the notion that our students truly are the future leaders of this country and are destined to do great things. The Board also approved new Hauppauge logos symbolizing the history, culture and proud tradition of our district at their August 22nd meeting. You will begin to see our new "H" and "EAGLE" logos in publications, on social media, printed on clothing, and visible in our schools."



The logo and eagle were designed by Samantha Caylor who works in the Pupil Personnel Services office. Samantha has a background in graphic arts. She also has put together a Brand Book for the Hauppauge School District. The Brand Book is comprised of the primary logo to be used to represent us as a "united district of learners and leaders." Regarding our Eagle logo, "We are also all Eagles who love to show our pride in our home, school, and teams in ways big and small, on a wide array of materials, and for this we have our "Eagle Pride Logo."

Rebecca Bilski, Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Personnel Services, was part of the Brand committee and said, "One of the first things that struck me as we started our branding journey was the palpable sense of Pride that can be found in every building, classroom, office, and hallway throughout the District. It is more than pride - it's a feeling, and energy that connects everyone who calls Hauppauge home. It sets us apart from other places and is what makes our community truly special."

Ms. Bilski continued, "As we embarked on the branding journey, it became evident that our aim was not to just create a logo or a tagline; it was to capture and celebrate the unique identity that is Hauppauge. What emerged from this collaborative effort was a profound realization: Hauppauge is not just a school; it's a family. We share a collective sense of belonging and responsibility towards one another. This deep connection is at the core of what we wanted to convey through our branding project. By creating a brand that reflects our values and our shared Pride, we aimed to foster a sense of unity within our community."

Lastly, Ms. Bilski said, "Building a brand that is consistent isn't just about Hauppauge looking good on paper or on the web; it's about creating a lasting partnership between our school and our community. When we see our brand, we should be reminded of our values, the history we are proud of, and the future we are building together;

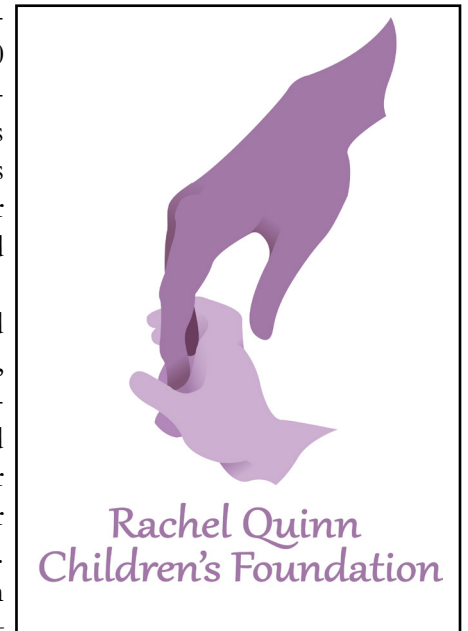
*Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow.*"



## BACKPACKS WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES DELIVERED TO HAUPPAUGE SCHOOLS BY THE “RACHEL QUINN CHILDREN’S FOUNDATION”

Due to the generosity of the Rachel Quinn Children’s Foundation, the Hauppauge School District received 150 backpacks for students in need. While 50 backpacks were distributed between Pines Elementary School, Forest Brook Elementary School, and Bretton Woods Elementary School, the remainder was split between Hauppauge Middle School and Hauppauge High School. Students will have the opportunity to pick a brand-new backpack filled with necessities for the coming year. The foundation provided quality items that will function and last throughout the year.

The Rachel Quinn Children’s Foundation is dedicated to the well-being and educational enrichment of children in the Long Island area, as well as spreading, inspiration and rewarding the characteristics of kindness that Rachel Quinn embodied. Rachel was an elementary school teacher at Bretton Woods and believed a good teacher could create a lasting and positive impact in a child’s life. Her husband, Nathan, was inspired by her kindness and wanted to find a way for her to still help children after her passing in 2021. Thus, the foundation was created. Bretton Woods Elementary School Teacher, Danielle Sukoff, serves as a liaison between the district and the foundation. She was Rachel’s friend and colleague at Bretton Woods and is also a member of the foundation’s board. “Collecting school supplies is a great way to get kids excited and motivated for the upcoming year,” said Danielle. “Knowing that they will have what they need and those items will blend seamlessly with the rest of their class, reduces anxiety and builds confidence in a student.”

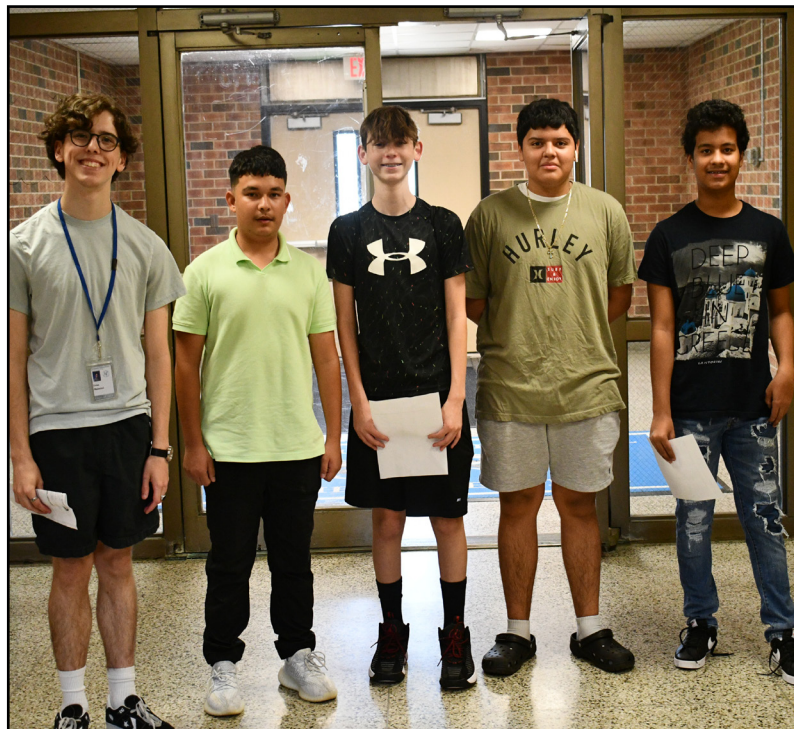




## NINTH-GRADE STUDENTS ENJOY A FRESHMAN ORIENTATION

On Thursday, August 31st, our high school held a Freshman Orientation for the incoming ninth-graders. Student leaders welcomed the incoming Freshman class. Through guided group tours, the students leaders and the new students walked through the building for the first time. They explained what the new students could expect in their first year and offered tips for success.

Here are some photos from this fun, and informative day. Good luck to our Freshman Class!





## SIXTH-GRADERS ARE READY TO NAVIGATE THE MIDDLE SCHOOL HALLS, AND OPEN THEIR LOCKERS!

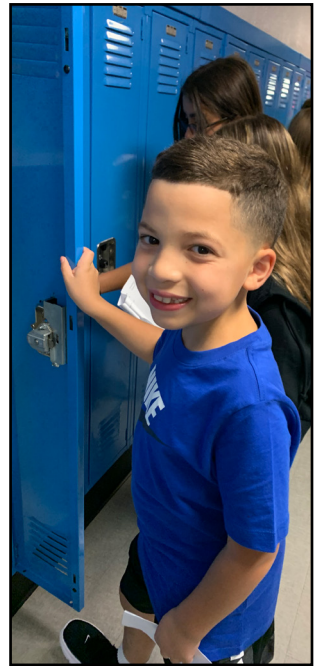
On Friday, September 1st, the Middle School held an orientation for their incoming sixth-graders. The students started their day in the auditorium and listened to an informative talk by the Middle School Principal, Christine O'Connor. Mrs. O'Connor spoke to the students about goals for the year which included:

- Goal #1 - Contribute towards maintaining a safe school
- Goal #2 - Develop a growth mindset
- Goal #3 - Demonstrate respect for yourself and others at all times
- Goal #4 - Show respect for our resources
- Goal #5 - Work hard academically, emotionally, and socially to be the best version of yourself!

Mrs. O'Connor also spoke about available supports including guidance counselors, social workers, teachers, TA's, school nurse, monitors, clericals, custodians, security and administrators. She also said that extra help is available through classroom teachers, Homework Club, and the instructional support team.

After Mrs. O'Connor spoke to the students, the Leadership Club and National Junior Honor Society students took the new sixth-graders on a tour of the school, and then to the hallway where their lockers are located. Opening their lockers was at first a challenge for some, but fun for them when they succeeded.

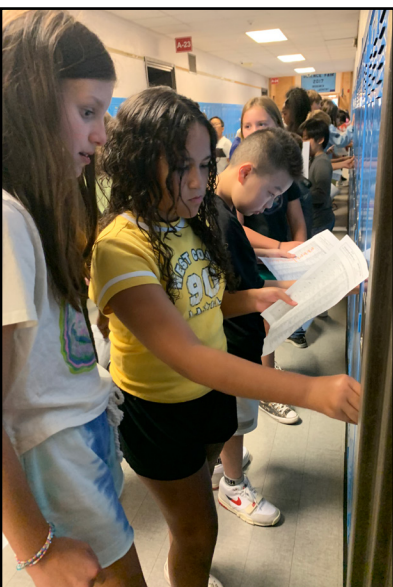
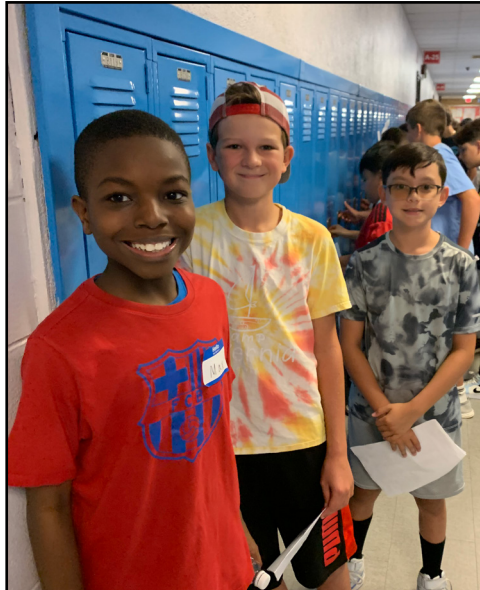
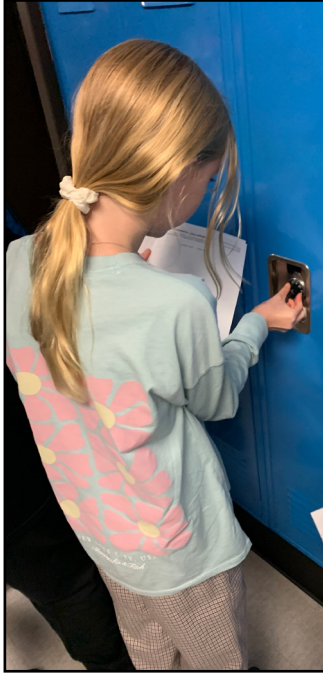
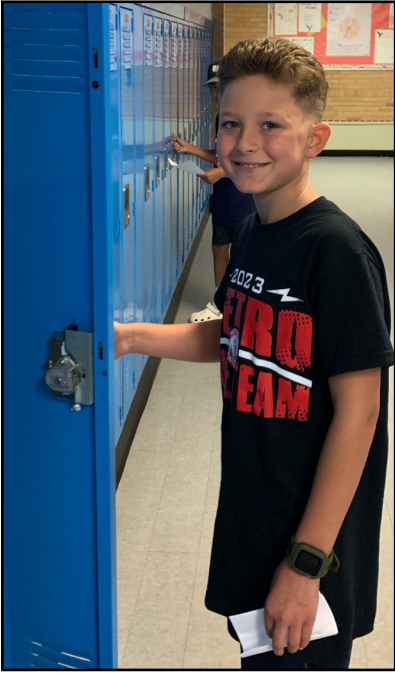
Here are some photos from the orientation. Good luck to our new sixth-graders!



***Middle School Principal, Christine O'Connor,  
speaks to the sixth-grade students***

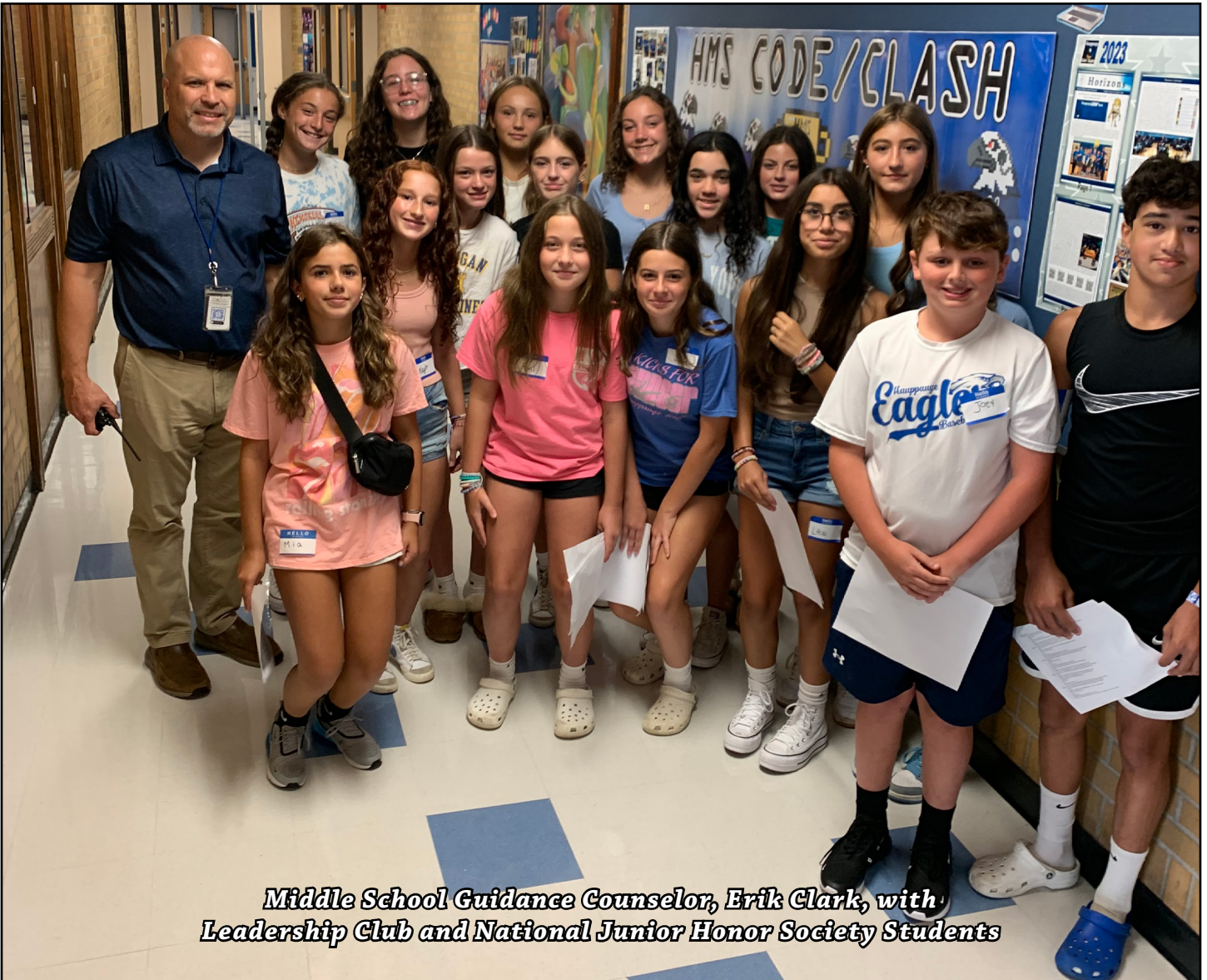
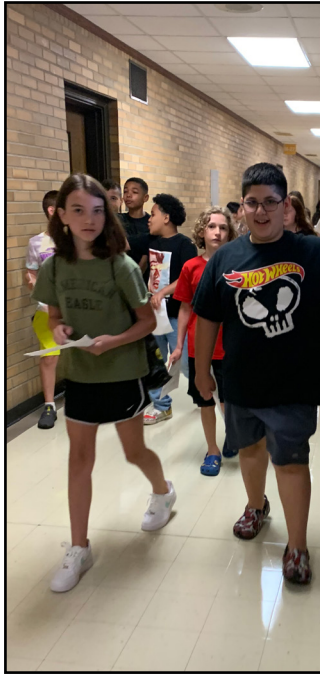


## Middle School Sixth-Grade Orientation





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***Middle School Guidance Counselor, Erik Clark, with  
Leadership Club and National Junior Honor Society Students***



# HIGH SCHOOL BAND CAMP IS HELD TO PREPARE FOR THE 2023/2024 SEASON

The Hauppauge High School Marching Band took to the football field during their annual summer camp to begin rehearsals for the upcoming school year.

Led by Band Director Andrew Monsen, students in grades nine through twelve met for one week in August along with the Kickline team and color guard to learn the show music, marching drills, and pep music for the season ahead. The band will perform at all of the home football games, including the Homecoming Game and the “Kicks for Cancer” event.

According to Monsen, the camp is a great opportunity for students to collaborate and fine tune their skills. “I’m very much looking forward to this upcoming year in the band program,” said Andrew Monsen. “We have a great group of senior students taking on leadership roles which helps the ensemble to reach its full potential!”

Here are some photos of the marching band practicing during their summer camp, and the Kickline Team, who learned routines set to the marching band’s music.





## Marching Band Summer Camp





## HAUPPAUGE PINES STUDENTS SING “THE NATIONAL ANTHEM” AT METS GAME

On Saturday, August 12th, Pines Elementary School chorus students in third, fourth, and fifth grade had the exciting opportunity to sing The National Anthem before the start of the Mets game at Citi Field.

Beginning in February, students began rehearsals for the event, meeting five times outside of school hours to practice. Practices were led by music teacher Theresa Wray-Dolgin, and students were required to attend all the rehearsals in order to perform.

This has become an annual event with the first group of Pines Elementary students singing at Citi Field in March 2018. Pines Elementary School PTA event coordinator, Janine D’Elia, organizes the event each year.

“We were filled with great anticipation, and the day met all of our expectations and more! It was a magical experience,” said Ms. Wray-Dolgin. “Our thanks go out to Mrs. Janine D’Elia who makes this all possible, and I thank her most sincerely for giving me the opportunity to be their musical director for this joyous occasion”

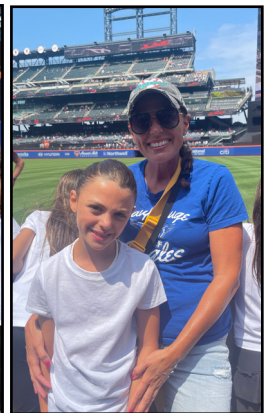
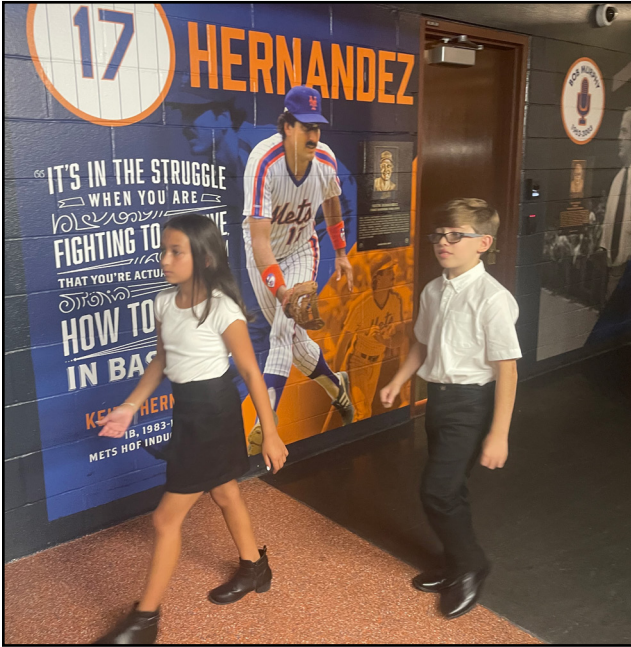
Following the students’ dazzling rendition of the national anthem, retired Pines Elementary Art teacher, Ms. Elisabeth Anziano, was asked to throw the honorary first pitch of the game as a celebratory gesture toward her many years of dedication to her students.

Here are some photos of the students exploring Citi Field, and practicing for this special moment.





## ***Pines Students at the Mets Game***





## NEW FOREST BROOK PRINCIPAL, MICHAEL CAULIN, HOLDS “MEET THE PRINCIPAL PRETZELFEST”

On Tuesday, August 22nd, the students and parents of Forest Brook Elementary School had the opportunity to meet their newly appointed principal, Michael Caulin, before the school year began. A morning and an early evening session was held where students and parents came to the Forest Brook playground to say hello to Mr. Caulin and have a bag of pretzels.

Introductions were made, fun was had, pretzels were eaten and some anxieties were eased! Mr. Caulin said: “It was so wonderful to meet so many students and parents before the school year started. Getting to know one another through pretzels and play was a fun first encounter. I look forward to meeting everyone as the school year gets underway! It’s going to be a great year and I can’t wait!”





# HAUPPAUGE HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATES STUDENTS AWARDED WITH ACADEMIC HONORS FROM COLLEGE BOARD NATIONAL RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

Students at Hauppauge High School earned academic honors from the “College Board National Recognition Programs.” These programs celebrate students’ hard work in high school and showcase their strong academic performance. The academic honors for rural area, Black, Indigenous, and/or Latino students are an opportunity for students to share their strong academic achievements with colleges and scholarship programs that are seeking to recruit diverse talent.

At Hauppauge High School, six students received this academic honor. They are:

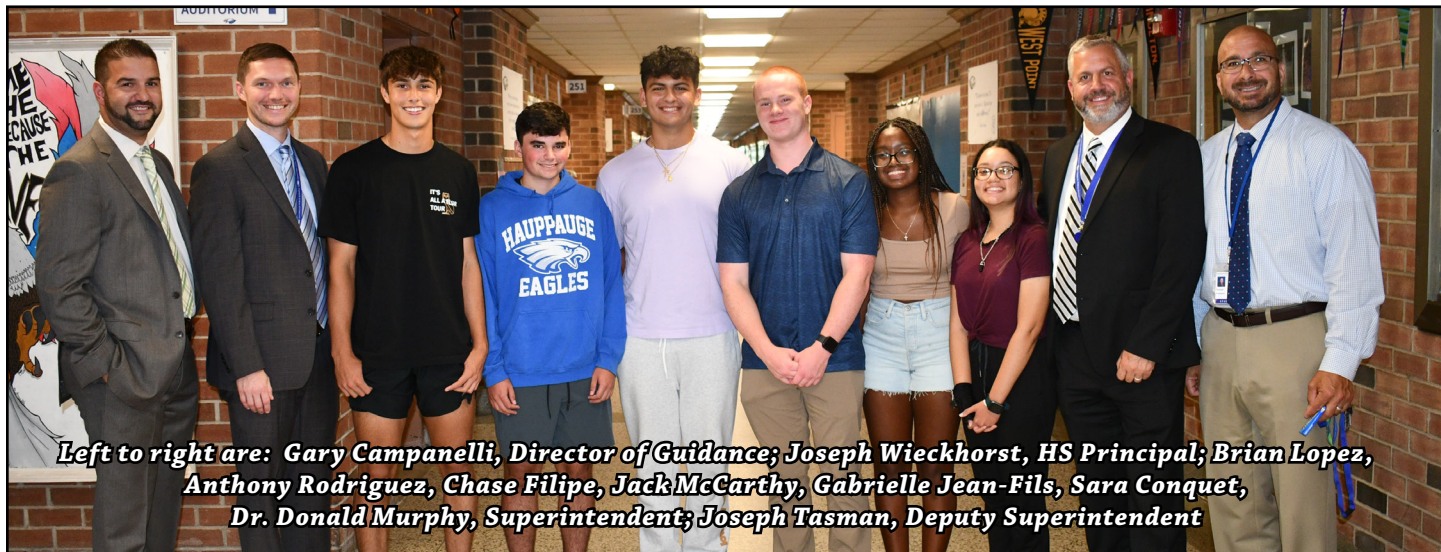
Anthony Rodriguez - National Hispanic Recognition Award (NHRA)  
Brian Lopez - National Hispanic Recognition Award (NHRA)  
Chase Filipe - National Hispanic Recognition Award (NHRA)  
Sara Conquet - National Hispanic Recognition Award (NHRA)  
Gabrielle Jean-Fils - National African American Recognition Award (NAARA)  
Jack McCarthy - National African American Recognition Award (NAARA)  
- National Hispanic Recognition Award (NHRA)  
- National Indigenous Award (NIA)

“We’re thrilled to celebrate our students and recognize them for the great work they’ve been doing. We’re proud of their strong academic performance in the classroom and on College Board assessments like the PSAT/NMSQT®, PSAT™ 10, and AP® exams,” said Joseph Wieckhorst, High School Principal. “There’s so much that makes our students unique, and receiving this honor reinforces this as an asset for their future.”

The criteria for eligible students include:

- GPA of 3.5 or higher.
- PSAT/NMSQT or PSAT 10 assessment scores that are within the top 10% of assessment takers in each state for each award program or earned a score of 3 or higher on 2 or more AP Exams in 9th and 10th grade.
- Attend school in a rural area or small town, or identify as African American/Black, Hispanic American/Latino, or Indigenous/Native.

“It’s becoming increasingly hard for students to be ‘seen’ during the college recruitment process. We’re exceptionally proud of the National Recognition Programs for celebrating students who are at times overlooked but have shown their outstanding academic abilities,” said Tarlin Ray, senior vice president of BigFuture® at College Board. “This is a benefit not only for students but also for colleges committed to recruiting diverse and talented students.”



***Left to right are: Gary Campanelli, Director of Guidance; Joseph Wieckhorst, HS Principal; Brian Lopez, Anthony Rodriguez, Chase Filipe, Jack McCarthy, Gabrielle Jean-Fils, Sara Conquet, Dr. Donald Murphy, Superintendent; Joseph Tasman, Deputy Superintendent***



## HAUPPAUGE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS “PAINT THEIR PARKING SPOTS”

On Aug. 31, Hauppauge High School students gathered in the student parking lot for the first paint day where students had the chance to individualize their designated parking spaces by painting colorful designs.

With the help of family members and friends, students meticulously planned and carried out their artistic vision, transforming black asphalt into their well thought out one-of-a-kind design. The students look forward to using their spaces during the 2023/24 school year.





## Paint the Parking Lot



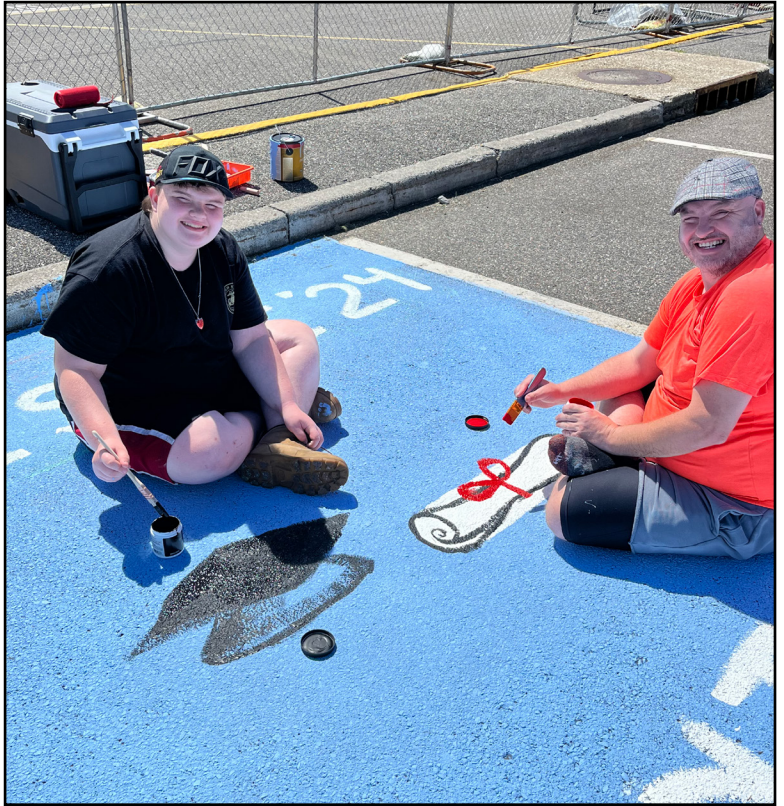


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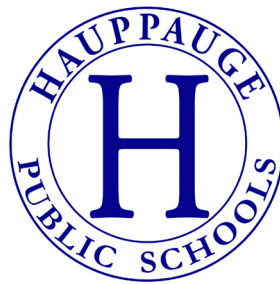
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