



Horizons

Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow 

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THE BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOGNIZES STUDENTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE, AND OUR FALL ATHLETES

At the Board of Education Meeting on Tuesday, January 9th, the Board recognized two of our high school students who are making a difference in our Hauppauge School Community. Colin Buscarino is the President of the “Eagle Food Pantry,” and Nicholas Sumwalt is the Vice President. Colin and Nick have endeavored to create a resource to help those in need and have worked hard with the help of fellow students to clear a space for shelves to store donations, and to fill them!

Kristy Pagliari, Assistant Principal at the Middle School, founded the “Eagle Food Pantry” while she was still the Assistant Principal at the High School, and she did this with the help of high school teacher, Jennifer Procaccini, and high school social worker, Shannon Griffin, and many other staff members and students.

Colin and Nick shared photos of their hard work at the meeting and each were awarded certificates “In Recognition of Their Exceptional Service to our Hauppauge School Community.”



Colin Buscarino and Nicholas Sumwalt



Colin Buscarino and Nicholas Sumwalt with Kristy Pagliari, Rob Scarito, Michael Buscarino, Rebecca Bilski, and Dr. Donald Murphy

Board of Education Meeting Recognitions

Dan Butler, Athletic Director, was proud to present the following students and their achievements:

Individuals

Ryan Budke - Varsity Soccer, All-County
John Margolies - Varsity Football, All-County, All-Division, 1st Team All-Star
Taylor Mileti - Varsity Girls Soccer, All-State, All-County
Allison Tonry - Varsity Gymnastics, All-County



Varsity Girls Swimming & Diving - Suffolk County Champions

Rowan Ashby
Marina Cerrato
Mackenzie Clarke
Aviary Genninger

Liana Gentile
Meghan Horigan
Gabriella Lanfranco
Lola McGuire
Kailani Sanchez

Mary Schroeder
Avery Wilcox - All-State, All-County
Hailey Wilcox - All County, All-League
Jenna Williamson



Board of Education Meeting Recognitions

Varsity Girls Volleyball - Suffolk County Class AA Champions

Lindsay Adams

Sarah Adams - All-County, All-County Tournament

League 4 Defensive Player of the Year

Stephanie Braun

Kayleigh Collins

Khloe Collins

Olivia Condos

Addison Drake

Haley Hutzler

Peyton Kulesa

Daniela LaChapelle

Melissa O'Connor - All-State, All-County, All-County Tournament

Class AA Tournament MVP, Suffolk County Player of the Year

Katelyn Oliveto

Emily Sciarrone

Brooke Tarasenko

Meredith Terracciano

Alison Tsororos - All-State, All-County, All-County Tournament,

League 4 Player of the Year

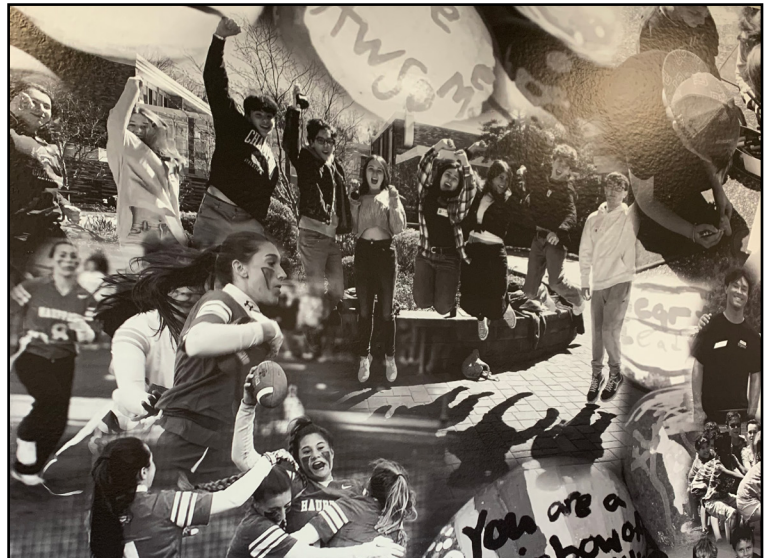
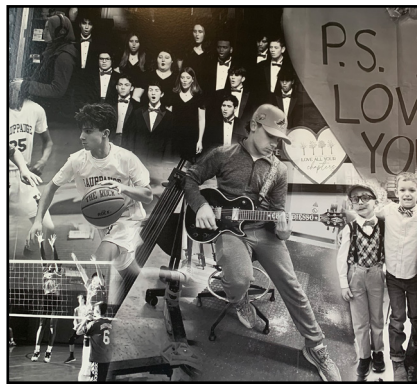
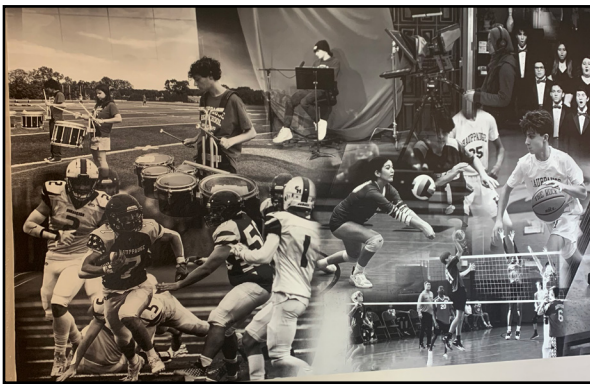


Varsity Girls Volleyball - Suffolk County Class AA Champions

THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE HAS A NEW FEATURE SHOWCASING OUR STUDENTS

Dr. Murphy, our Superintendent, decided that his office needed a little update, and what better way to do that than to include a wall wrap collage featuring our students.

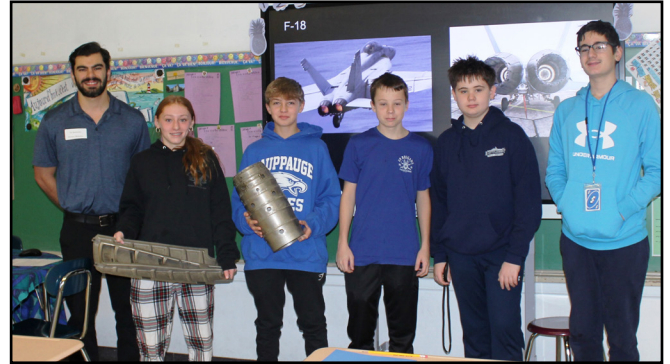
Here is a photo of this wonderful new feature! If you are in the building and want to stop in to see, please do!



MIDDLE SCHOOL CAREER DAY

On Friday, January 12th, the Middle School held their Career Day. The students welcomed a variety of presenters who introduced students to a vast array of career opportunities for students to possibly pursue in the future.

Here is a list of the presenters and photos from the event. We thank all those who took the time out of their busy days to be an informative resource for our students as they think about their future careers.

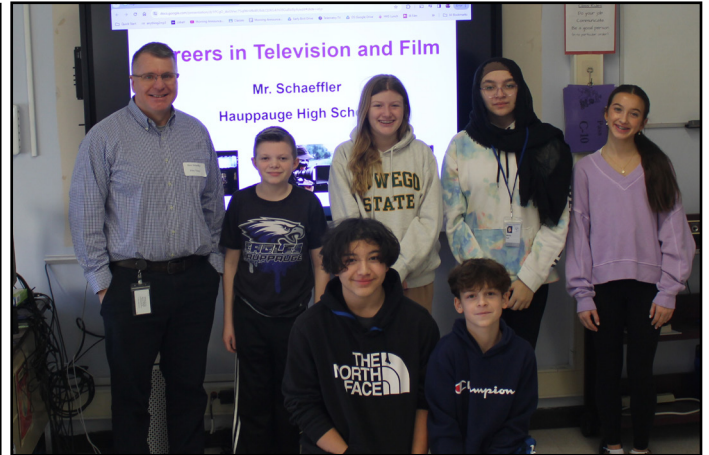
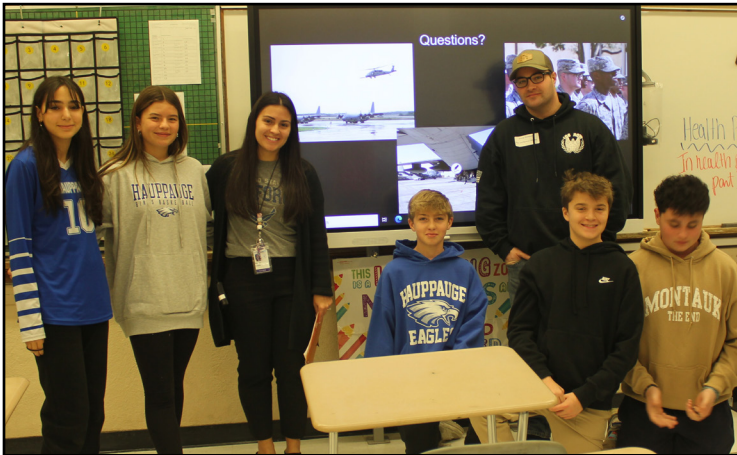


Athletics - Dan Butler
Aviation/Mechanic - Matt Ward
Business/Financial Planner - Matthew Niegocki
Business - Chris Lynch
Business - Carolina Morel
Educator - Michael Caulin
Educator - Dr. Kristen Reingold
Engineer/Business - William Valet
Engineer/Software - Jillian Unkenholz
Film/Video - Dave Schaeffler
Fire and Rescue - David Hubbard
Health/Wellness (Accupunturist) - Dr. Joshua Gutierrez
Law Enforcement Police Officer - Richard Johnson
Law Enforcement - Police Officer Nick Slevin
Law Enforcement - Police Officer Derek O'Haire
Law Enforcement - Police Officer Jesse Levy
Lawyer - Jamie Ruiz
Librarian - Nicole Rivera
Librarian - Christa Zaros
Medicine (Physician's Assistant) - Leahana Molzahn
Medicine (Pharmacist) - Amanda Waldek
Military - Dave Hubbard
Music / Theatre - Ruthie Pincus
Real Estate - Debbie Menjivar
Science/Robotics - Sal Sparacino
Therapist - Kristin Hafke
Trade-BOCES - Robert Van Brunt
Trade-BOCES - Deanna Carlino - student
Trade-BOCES - Jesse Trabka - student
Trade-BOCES - Ryan Schofield - student
Trade-BOCES - Rachel Fontana - student
Trade-BOCES - Douglas Novell Jr - student
Trade-BOCES - Madison Wurtz - student
Trade-BOCES - Evan Mikulasovich - student
Visual Arts - Jenn Clark
Writer - Journalist - Dr. Timothy Horan

"Middle School Career Day"



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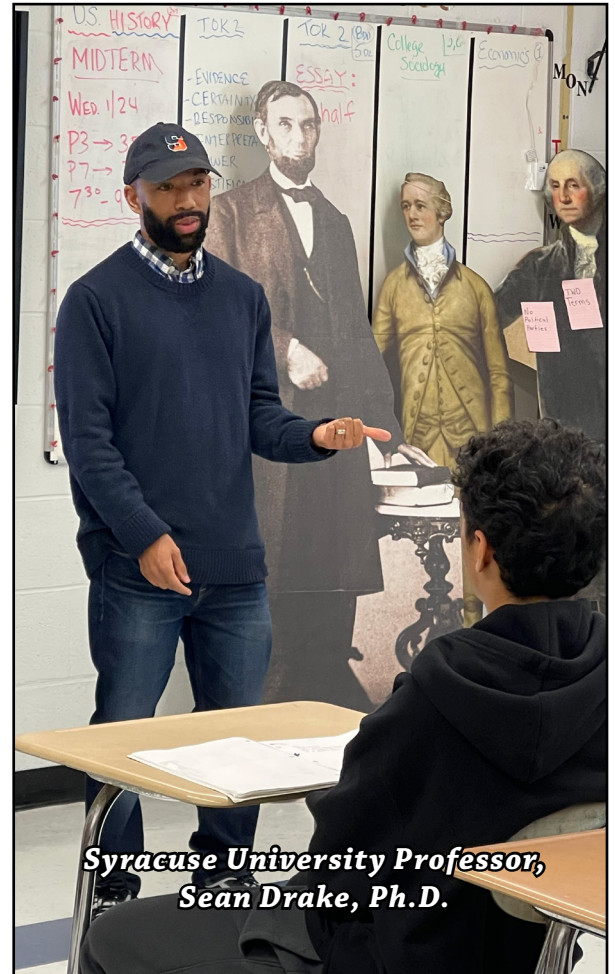
SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY SOCIOLOGY PROFESSOR VISITS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Professor Sean Drake, Ph. D. from Syracuse University visited Hauppauge High School to speak with students in Ms. Surian's dual-enrollment college sociology course. The visit provided a unique opportunity for students to be exposed to college faculty and ask questions pertaining to the coursework and what to expect in college.

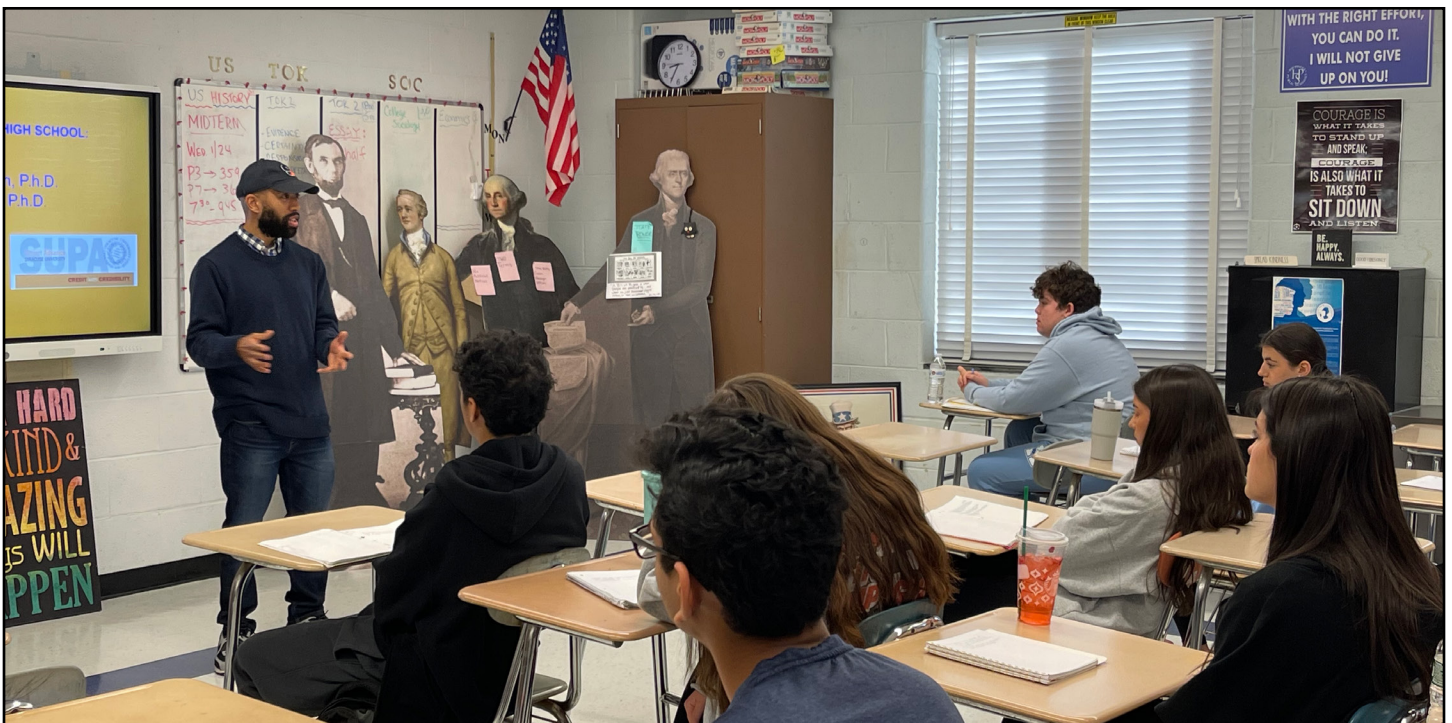
Professor Drake spent the period talking about his journey from undergraduate to graduate school, from Stanford University to Syracuse University. The discussion focused on C. Wright Mills' theory of "sociological imagination," noting that, "we are always a part of something larger than ourselves."

He also gave the students advice on freshman year and ways to make the most of their college experience such as going to professor's office hours, trying new classes, and more. The class ended with an enlightening question and answer session.

Syracuse University



*Syracuse University Professor,
Sean Drake, Ph.D.*



PINES, FOREST BROOK, AND BRETTON WOODS STUDENTS SHOWCASE THEIR SPELLING SKILLS IN INAUGURAL “SCRIPPS SPELLING BEE”

The buzz of anticipation filled the air at the Pines, Forest Brook and Bretton Woods Elementary Schools as fourth and fifth grade students showcased their linguistic skills in the highly anticipated “Scripps Spelling Bee.” The event marked a milestone for the school district as young participants showcased their spelling skills in a friendly competition. Students dedicated time to prepare for the bee, focusing on expanding their vocabulary and mastering spelling. The competition, held in front of an audience of peers, teachers, and parents, showcased the talents of participants and the supportive atmosphere within the school community. Dr. Kristen Reingold, Director of ELA and Reading, commended the students, saying, “The Scripps Spelling Bee reflects our commitment to providing diverse learning experiences. We’re proud of our students for taking on this challenge and demonstrating their dedication to academic growth.” The competition not only encouraged healthy rivalry but also emphasized the significance of literacy and language skills. Congratulations to the following students who will represent Hauppauge School District at the first regional competition in February:

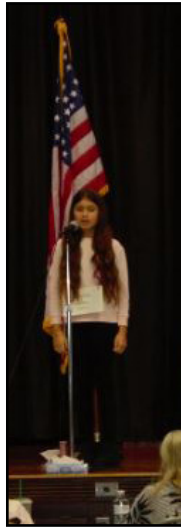
Riona Mittal
Ismael Morales
Lilly Muilenburg
Nisha Murugan
Aderinsola Ogunsakin
Mila Roxas

The inaugural “Scripps Spelling Bee” left a positive impact on students, reinforcing the importance of language and learning. The event is poised to become a recurring highlight, further promoting language proficiency among Hauppauge’s students.

Here are some photos of the students in action.



"Scripps Spelling Bee"



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT VISITS THE “NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE”

On Wednesday, January 3, 2024 Hauppauge Middle School student, Andrew Weir, was invited to the New York Stock Exchange for a tour and to watch the closing bell. He was joined by Mr. Brian Ferrara, Mrs. Amy Thompson, & Mrs. Christine O'Connor!



BRETTON WOODS PTA HOLDS KINDNESS-FOCUSED FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN CALLED “RAISE CRAZE”

Bretton Woods PTA just finished a kindness-focused fundraising campaign called “Raise Craze.” During the fundraiser, students showed their appreciation to donors by completing “Acts of Kindness” for others. At the end of the month-long campaign, the students raised over \$6,000 and completed 789 acts of kindness! It was so exciting and inspiring to see all the kind things our students were doing at home and throughout the community.

Students have done everything from returning their neighbor’s garbage can on trash day to visiting with residents at a local nursing home. They chalked the walk with kind messages, painted kindness rocks and wrote special notes to teachers, friends, family and soldiers. They left goodie baskets for delivery drivers, did extra chores and helped prepare meals at home. They donated to food drives, animal shelters and our local library. In addition to individual acts of kindness, some classrooms even did a group activity and decorated Thanksgiving placemats for the residents at the Stonybrook Veteran’s Home. The list goes on!

The students celebrated Friday, December 22nd with a school wide assembly. During the celebration, the top performing students got the honor of ‘sliming’ Mr. Gagliardi in front of the whole school!



Bretton Woods "Raise Craze"



Bretton Woods "Raise Craze"



HIGH SCHOOL WINTER CONCERT #2

The High School Winter Concert #2 was held on Tuesday, December 19th. Special thanks to Frank Bayer of Frank Bayer Photography for all of these beautiful photos showcasing our Fine and Performing Arts students.



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FOREST BROOK'S "CARE & SHARE" EXPRESSES THEIR GRATITUDE DURING THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

By: Chelsea Falco, School Counselor at Forest Brook

As we bid farewell to the holiday season and step into the new year, Forest Brook's "Care & Share" would like to take a moment to express our gratitude for the exceptional support and unwavering generosity towards our Holiday Giving Tree program.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the Forest Brook staff, "James' Helping Hands," "The Smithtown Children's Foundation - Hauppauge Chapter," and Marissa Cosentino, Real Estate Broker at "Scout Realty Group," for your invaluable contributions. Your dedication and commitment have not only brightened the holidays for many families within our school but have also left a lasting trail of kindness that continues beyond the holiday rush.



HIGH SCHOOL FRENCH STUDENTS ENJOY A “FRENCH CAFE”

By: Cara Russo
High School French Teacher

Madame Russo's class had the pleasure of enjoying some French treats and other foods from around the world. At the end of their food unit, students in grade 7 celebrated French culture and foods along with some other class favorites. "Food is such a big part of French life and culture, and I'm glad my students got to have a little taste."



HAUPPAUGE WRESTLERS DEFEAT WESTHAMPTON

The Hauppauge Wrestling Team defeated Westhampton High School 48-24 this past Thursday, January 4th. Outstanding matches were turned in by Junior Devin Brophy with a 7-5 victory at 124 lbs, followed by a first-period pin in :42 seconds at 145 lbs by Junior Jackson Tacca.

The most exciting match of the night was turned in by Senior Nick DiTuro with a come-from-behind victory, 5-4, in the last second of the 152 lb match.

Winning by pin for the Eagles were Sophomore Ben Vallone at 131 lbs, Seniors Charles Olaechea at 160 lbs, and Heavyweight Brayden Dickneider at 215 lbs. Freshman Trevor Patrovich at 101 lbs, along with Juniors Connor Sheridan at 108 lbs, and Gino Manta at 116 lbs, all sealed the victory with pins.

GO EAGLES!!!



BRETTON WOODS TEACHERS KICK OFF THE NEW YEAR WITH A FRIENDSHIP BRACELET ACTIVITY

On Wednesday, January 3rd, Bretton Woods Principal, George Gagliardi, got his staff together to kick off the New Year with a team building activity. Teachers were broken up into groups and given friendship bracelet kits. Their goal was to make a friendship bracelet with an inspiring word and give it away to another colleague.

This fun activity was a great way to start 2024 on a positive note and bring everyone together for some fun. Here are some photos of the group enjoying this heartwarming activity.



Bretton Woods - Friendship Bracelets



BRETTON WOODS PHYS ED CLASSES ENJOY A VISIT FROM A YOGA INSTRUCTOR

For the first week in January, Bretton Woods physical education classes were visited by a Yoga instructor. The instructor taught the kids basic poses as well as breathing and focus. Yoga is a great way to help students manage stress, emotional regulation, flexibility, posture and concentration.

The kids really enjoyed it!!



HAUPPAUGE DECA IS RECOGNIZED FOR ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL CHAPTER CAMPAIGN

Hauppauge DECA was recently awarded the Achievement Level Chapter Campaign for the 2023-2024 school year. The results were announced on decadirect.org.

Each fall, DECA recognizes leading chapters that have built strong local programs focused on serving an exceptional number of members, advisors, alumni and business partners. These chapters and individuals dedicate their year to academic and career preparation, community service projects, membership recruitment, school outreach activities and other DECA-related endeavors. The chapter's advisor and student leaders have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to DECA.

DECA's membership campaign is designed to help chapters grow by making the DECA experience available to more student members, keeping alumni involved and engaging professional members such as administrators, teachers, parents and business partners.

Of the 3,800 DECA chapters, only 789 chapters earned recognition in DECA's chapter campaigns and only 986 chapters earned recognition in DECA's membership campaign.

DECA is a career and technical student organization that prepares emerging leaders and entrepreneurs with a career interest in marketing, finance, hospitality, and management. DECA enhances the preparation for college and careers by providing co-curricular programs that integrate into classroom instruction, apply learning, connect to business and promote competition. DECA student members leverage their DECA experience to become academically prepared, community oriented, professionally responsible, experienced leaders. DECA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with nearly 250,000 members in 4,000 high school and college chapters in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and Germany.

For more information about DECA, visit www.deca.org.



FOREST BROOK STUDENTS GET IN THE SCHOOL SPIRIT DURING THEIR “SPIRIT DAYS”

This past week, our Forest Brook students participated in “Spirit Days!” The days were as follows:

Monday - Pajama Day

Tuesday - Animal Day

Wednesday - Wacky Wednesday

Thursday - Holiday Day

Friday - School Colors Day

Everyone got in on the action! Here are some great photos from this fun week!



Forest Brook - Pajama Day



Forest Brook - Animal Day



Forest Brook - Wacky Wednesday



Forest Brook - Holiday Day



Forest Brook - School Colors Day



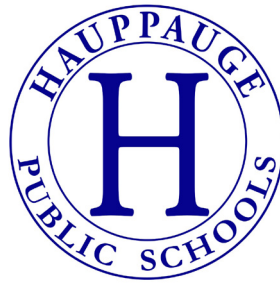
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