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THE HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE OLYMPIAD PLACES SIXTH IN THE LONG ISLAND REGIONAL COMPETITION AND ADVANCES TO THE NEW YORK STATE COMPETITION

On Saturday January 27th, Hauppauge High School hosted the 2024 Eastern Long Island Division C Science Olympiad Regional Competition. Hauppauge had two teams compete amongst 60 total teams and they did a fantastic job! The teams earned 10 medals and our Team A earned 7th place overall, earning themselves an invitation to compete at the State Competition held in Syracuse on March 16th and 17th.

Coaches, Dennis Petercsak and Briana Becker are extremely proud of all the hard work the students continue to put in. Here are the results of the categories the students competed in:

Air Trajectory

3rd Place - Pranav Vijayababu and Tanner Klass

Astronomy

6th Place - Sadiq Shaik and Arav Prabhu

8th Place - Akhil Grandhi and Jace Cardamone

Chemistry Lab

6th Place - Ayaan Shah and Israel Rojas

Codebusters

7th Place - Israel Rojas, Sadiq Shaik and Arav Prabhu

Disease Detectives

9th Place - Savvy Dusad and Pranav Vijayababu

GeoLogic Mapping

6th Place - Arav Prabhu and Ayaan Shah

Microbe Mission

8th Place - Mihika Grandhi and Savvy Dusad

Tower

7th Place - Arav Prabhu and Ayaan Shah

Wind Power

9th Place - Mathew Payyanattu and Sri Sagiraju

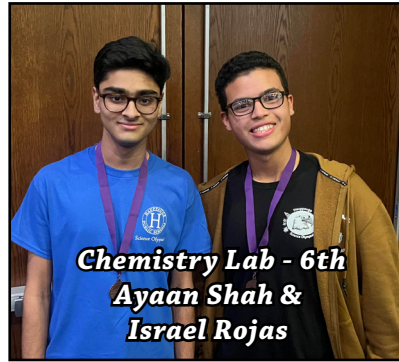
High School Science Olympiad



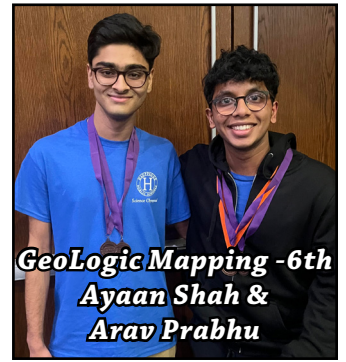
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Pranav Vijayababu



Astronomy - 6th
Arav Prabhu &
Sadiq Shaik



Chemistry Lab - 6th
Ayaan Shah &
Israel Rojas



GeoLogic Mapping - 6th
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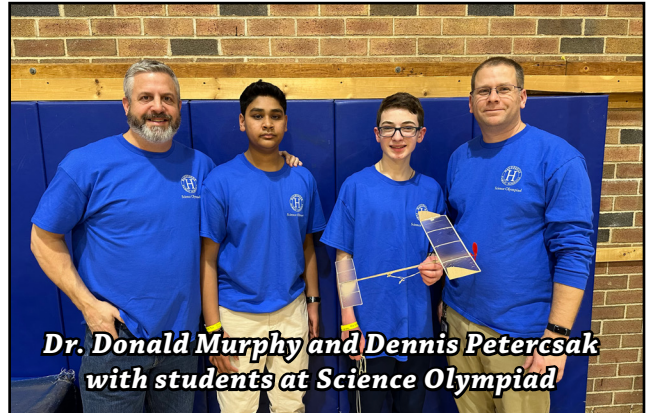
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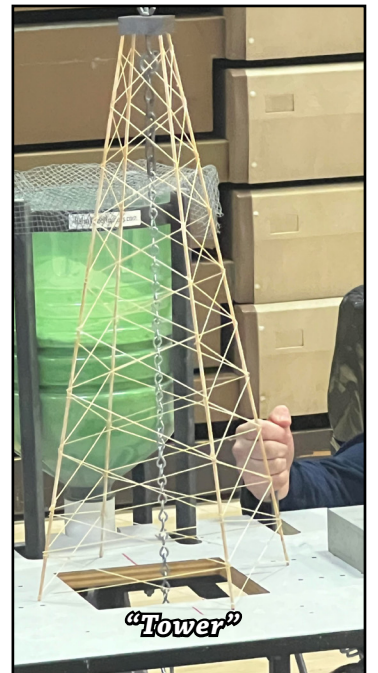
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Mathew Payyanattu



**Dr. Donald Murphy and Dennis Petercsak
with students at Science Olympiad**



**High School Science Olympiad Team with
Dennis Petercsak, Briana Becker, and
Dr. Robert Wankmuller**



"Tower"

High School Science Olympiad

The students who will be going to the New York State Competition on March 16th and 17th in Syracuse are:

State Qualifying Team - 7th Place School

Srihan Adabala
Savvy Dusad
Sreeja Geevanagari
Mihika Grandhi
Sweta Jha
Tanner Klass
Mathew Payyanattu
Arav Prabhu
Israel Rojas
Sri Sagiraju
Ayaan Shah
Svanik Shahu
Sadiq Shaik
Sajal Varshney
Pranav Vijayababu

Physics teacher, Briana Becker, said the following, "We would also like to thank all of the people who assisted in making the day a huge success. We could not have hosted this competition without each and every one of them!"

Rob Wankmuller, Director of Science, Technology, and Research

Carolyn Heck, HS Science Teacher

Christine Sammon, HS Science TA

Danielle Kramer, HS Science Teacher

Jocelyn Handley-Pendleton, Student Council Advisor

Stacey Lasurdo, Student Council Advisor

High School Administration Team

District Administration Team

High School Custodial Team

High School Security Team

Teacher/TA Chaperones

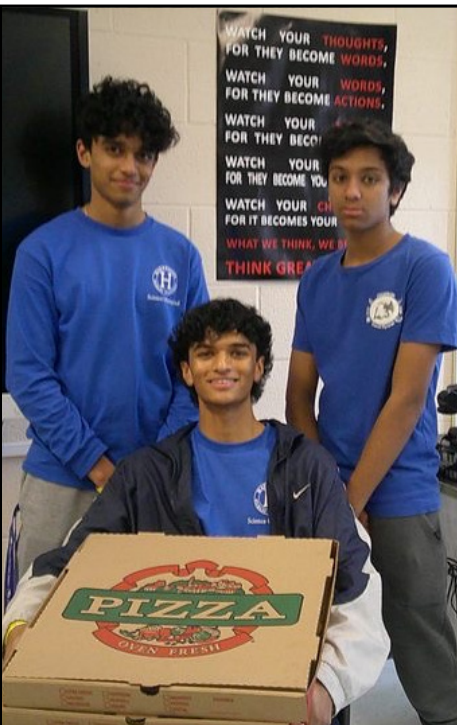
Student Council Student Volunteers

National Honor Society Student Volunteers



Exploring the World of Science

High School Science Olympiad



MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR

On Wednesday, January 24th, the Middle School Science Fair was held. The top five projects from each grade were selected and these students were interviewed in order to determine their placement.

Grade 6

1st Place - Aditri Arun

"Can Biodegradable Hydrogels Help Water Hydration in Farming"

2nd Place - Chris Michels

"I Love Caffeine Dew You: Examining heart rates of different body sizes after drinking a caffeinated beverage (Mountain Dew)"

3rd Place - Regan Ashby

"Paper Frogs"

Honorable Mention - Matilda Marek

"Dorito Durability"

Honorable Mention - Ella Muilenburg

"Electrolyte Showdown"

Grade 7

1st Place - Mihir Sathish Kumar

"BioPlast Clean: An EcoClean Solution for Microplastic Filtration"

2nd Place - Vaibhavi Hegde

"What Materials Work Best for Creating Biodegradable Plastic?"

3rd Place - Ashlyn Mathew

"Can Computers Identify Professionals?"

Honorable Mention - Ishan Mahesh Kumar

"Peltier and Seebeck Effect"

Honorable Mention - Mia Green

"What's on those Hands?"

Grade 8

1st Place - Atharv Prabhu

"Can Biodegradable Hydrogels Help Conserve Water While Farming?"

2nd Place - Joseph Lee

"How Air Pressure Shapes Objects' Motion"

3rd Place - Chris Dileep

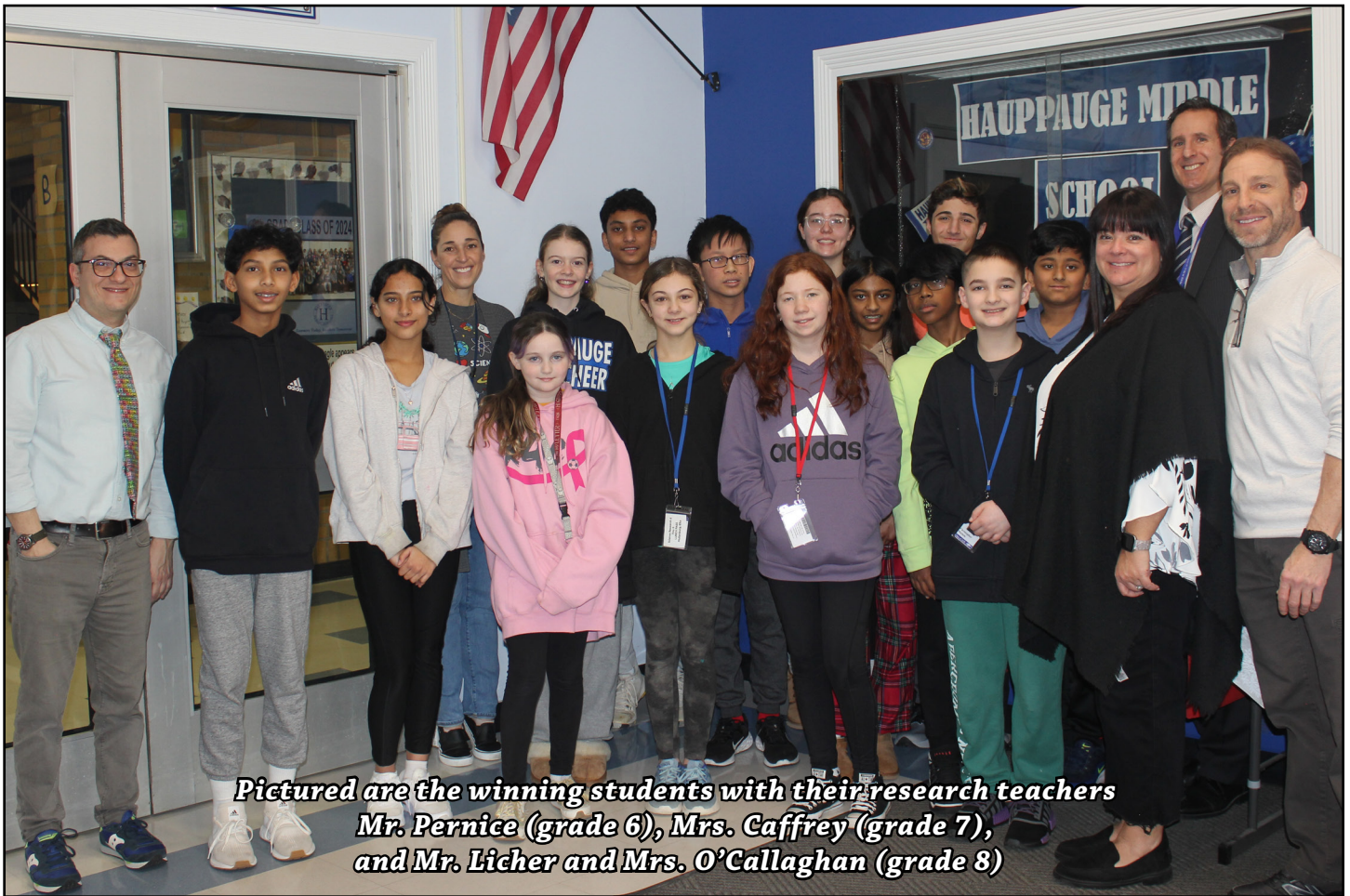
"Who is More Powerful? Mr Windturbine Mr.Hydroelectricity"

Honorable Mention - Samuel Gamble

"Sound Waves vs. Jenga: Understanding How Sound Waves Impact Materials Around Them"

Honorable Mention - Sophia Brown

"Which Filter Improves the Quality of Water the Most?"



Pictured are the winning students with their research teachers Mr. Pernice (grade 6), Mrs. Caffrey (grade 7), and Mr. Licher and Mrs. O'Callaghan (grade 8)



HAUPPAUGE MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTS "SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL JR."

Hauppauge Middle School proudly presented their production of "Seussical the Musical Jr." in the school's auditorium on January 26th and 27th.

"Seussical the Musical Jr." is a fast-paced and fun journey through the lives of well-known Dr. Seuss characters such as Horton the elephant, JoJo the Who, and the Cat in the Hat, along with many other friends. The middle school actors spanned all grades and worked incredibly hard through months of rehearsals to bring the beloved characters to life.

The show was directed by Hauppauge Middle School's Elise Siegel. "The actors worked so hard to bring everyone's favorite Dr. Seuss stories to life through song and dance," said Ms. Siegel. "They are a very talented group of students."

The students put on a special preview show for their fifth-grade peers ahead of their debut date and were graciously met with laughter, admiration and applause. Then, on January 26th-27th, the auditorium was packed with family and friends, cheering the students on. The district congratulates the students on their exceptional performances and thanks the staff and parents who were instrumental in assembling the production!



Middle School - "Seussical The Musical Jr."



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VARSITY GIRLS' TRACK AND FIELD TEAM TURNS IN STELLAR PERFORMANCES

The Varsity Girl's Track and Field Team had some stellar performances at the "Art Mitchell Meet" at Suffolk Community College.

Kate Marietta finished 1st in the sophomore triple jump! Other gold medal winners included: Emma Tjersland in the soph 1500, Ava Dellicurti in the soph 55H and the 4x2 relay team of: Alex Wetterhahn, Ava Dellicurti, Kylie McGuire and Rachel Budke!

Silver medalists were: Julianna Heck in the Frosh 3000, Rachel Budke in the soph 55 and Aryanna Ress in the soph 1500.

Bronze medals went to: 8th grader Ava Lingen in the Frosh 3000, Chloe Coughlin in the Frosh LJ, Gwen Tafla in the soph LJ and the 4x8 relay team of Ava Lingen, Julianna Heck, Reese Coughlin and Julie Stopanio.

It was also a great day for our seniors who celebrated their Senior Day.

Allegra Levine did an amazing job with the long and triple jumpers.

Emily Flynn led the sprinters, Jenny Dove the mid distance runners, Reese Coughlin the distance group, Tara Murphy the race walkers and Haley Hutzler the high jumpers!

Coach Mary Nowotarski said, "I am so grateful for all of these girls and am so proud of their leadership! Congratulations to all who ran yesterday and best of luck to all who are moving on to the post season meets!"



Rachel Budke, Ava Dellicurti, Kylie McGuire, Alex Wetterhahn



Ava Lingen, Reese Coughlin, Julianna Heck, Juliana Stopanio

IT'S A BIRD... IT'S A PLANE...IT'S CHOOSE LOVE!

SUPERHEROES INSPIRE STUDENTS TO MAKE HEROIC DECISIONS

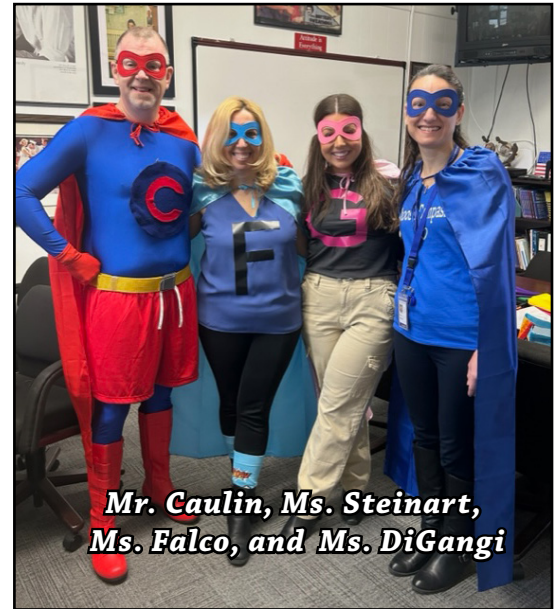
On January 31st the students at Forest Brook Elementary School were visited by some very special guests who were OUT OF THIS WORLD! Captain Courage, The Great Gratitude Girl, The Fabulous Forgiveness and The High-Flying Compassion Buddy! These four superheroes flew in to talk to the students about the four pillars of the Choose Love Movement, a Social Emotional Platform and the formula that creates safer and more loving communities that are suited for all ages of life.

The Choose Love Movement was founded by Scarlett Lewis after losing her son tragically in 2012 at Sandy Hook Elementary School. On that day, her son, Jesse, undoubtedly saved nine other children's lives because of his courageous actions. From his courage as well as the gratitude, forgiveness and compassion that this little hero possessed, The Choose Love Movement was born.

Although, the Choose Love Movement has been weaved throughout the fabric of all of Hauppauge Schools within the past several years, more emphasis is being placed on intertwining these threads to make the fibers more visible within the vibrant, comforting blanket that encompasses all of the experiences children have while they grow, develop and mature at Forest Brook.

With the theme from The Superman Movie loudly bouncing off the walls of the gymnasium, the superheroes entered confidently adorned in their masks and capes. The music faded and Captain Courage (a.k.a. Mr. Caulin) provided the learning goal for the assembly and discussed the reason why Courage, Gratitude, Forgiveness and Compassion should be a part of their everyday utility belt; to make heroic decisions instead of reactive ones. Captain Courage further discussed courage and had some very brave Junior Superhero volunteers speak into the microphone with their own definitions and examples of courage.

Following Captain Courage, each of the other three Superheroes provided their insight and knowledge of the pillar they represented; The Great Gratitude Girl (a.k.a. Miss Falco), The Fabulous Forgiveness (a.k.a Mrs. Steinert) and The High-Flying Compassion Buddy (a.k.a. Mrs. DiGangi). All of the superheroes engaged the students in a fun and important assembly that will further the already wonderful, loving culture at Forest Brook!



**Mr. Caulin, Ms. Steinart,
Ms. Falco, and Ms. DiGangi**



Forest Brook - "Choose Love"



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS EARN HONOR ROLL AT BOCES GARY D. BIXHORN TECHNICAL CENTER

Nicole Zergebel, Principal of the Gary D. Bixhorn Technical Center; and Chris D'Ambrosio, Assistant Principal, are proud to announce that the following Hauppauge High School students have achieved first-quarter honor roll by demonstrating outstanding achievement.

Deanna Carlino
Katie Cimato
Madeline Exposito
Abram Pimentel
Ryan Rudden
Madison Wurtz

Principal Zergebel said the following: "Honor Roll is a big but attainable goal, and is one of the most significant awards a student can receive. It defines a student who pays attention in class, takes relevant notes, reviews assignments before submission and engages in improvement, communicates with teachers, has disciplined work habits, creates an assessment calendar in order to plan for and set aside time for studying, maintains a positive attitude, and puts forth solid effort each day."

Principal Zergebel also said the following about our students, "These students have shown responsibility in the classroom, commitment to their work ethic, and have maintained a quarterly average of ninety or above with fewer than five absences."

We congratulate these students on their success and look forward to celebrating their future accomplishments throughout this school year!



PINES ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ARE ANNOUNCED FOR THE “CHOOSE LOVE RECOGNITION PROGRAM”

Pines Elementary School is very excited to announce the “Choose Love Student Recognition Program” recipients for the month of January. Every teacher recognized one student from their class who has exhibited one of the four pillars: Courage, Gratitude, Forgiveness, and Compassion in Action.

Our January recipients for Compassion who exemplified understanding of a problem, the suffering of another and acting to solve the problem are as follows:

Lana Ruiz
Ryan DeLuca
Emily DeLuca
Lily Berti

Joseph Cerulli
Vanessa Rubino
Luke DeKams

Hannah Gjoni
Aleesa Arzomand
Luke Duggan
Addison Rodgers

Our January recipients for Courage who demonstrated the willingness and ability to work through obstacles despite feeling embarrassment, fear, reluctance, or uncertainty are as follows:

Nicolas Villa
Madelyn Thomas
Maddox Garbedian
Brielle Dougherty

Makayla McKeithan
Sabrina Lima
Kylie Petersen

Ashly Algeria
Xavier Velez
Aryana Grier
Ismael Morales

Our January recipients for Forgiveness who chose to let go of anger and resentment towards themselves or someone else, surrendered thoughts of revenge, and demonstrated the ability to move forward with their personal power intact are as follows:

Prithvi Ramkumar Kaleb Norheim

We are also very excited to announce that the Choose Love Student Recognition Program will also be taking place at Forest Brook and Bretton Woods Elementary Schools commencing in February. Please stay tuned to see the names of students across all the elementary schools who are making our school community more thoughtful, and considerate of others.



BRETTON WOODS FIFTH-GRADERS ENJOY A CELEBRATION

On Friday, January 26th Bretton Woods fifth-graders stayed after school for their Fifth-Grade Celebration! This time of the year marks their halfway point to stepping up and moving on to the Middle School.

In honor of our fifth-graders, the Bretton Woods Fifth-Grade Committee put together a great celebration for them. The theme was NEON and all of the kids dressed accordingly. The gymnasium was decorated and there was a DeeJay with giveaways and refreshments.

The kids had an awesome time dancing and being with their friends. Thank you to the Bretton Woods Fifth-Grade Committee for this fantastic event! Here are some photos of the students.



Bretton Woods - "Fifth-Grade Celebration"



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PINES STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN “COLLEGE AND CAREER WEEK”

During the week of January 22 - 26, 2024, all Pines Elementary School students and staff participated in “College and Career Week.” The week kicked off with staff and students wearing college attire and hanging their college logos on their classroom doors. On Tuesday, students watched a Google Slide presentation about Columbia University and learned what it would be like to attend a college in an urban environment!

We all had so much fun on Wednesday for “Dress Crazy from Head to Toe Day,” in collaboration with Student Council Wacky Wednesdays. Thursday was “Community Give Back Day” where Pines Elementary School participated in a building-wide food drive to support the Long Island Cares Harry Chapin Food Bank. Mrs. DeRose, Mrs. Lombardo, Mrs. Ratner and the Student Council had a great time making our Pines Elementary Food Train out of recycled boxes.

Throughout the entire week, grades K-3 were fortunate enough to have so many parent volunteers in their classrooms and share all about their careers. The week culminated with Career Day, where many parent volunteers presented their interesting careers to our 4th and 5th grade students and the students “Dressed for Success,” representing a future career of interest. We loved seeing all of the interests that were shared on this day and the excitement that was created through this culminating activity. A very special thanks to our Career Day presenters:

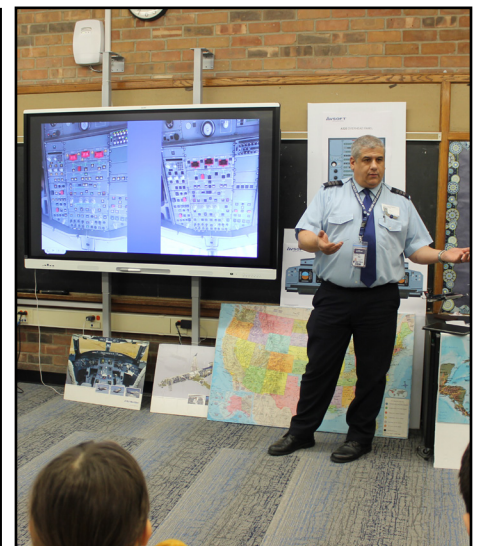
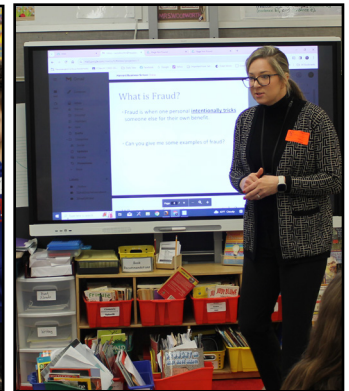
Mrs. Alexander, Police Officer
Mr. Guercio, Pizzeria Owner
Mrs. Hawkins - Social Worker
Mrs. Hoffmann - Forensic Accountant
Mrs. Kiss - Nurse Practitioner
Mrs. Muilenburg - Acupuncturist/Nurse
Mr. Pagano, Power Plant Operator
Mrs. Rosas - Massage Therapist
Mrs. Spitaleri - College Admissions Counselor
Mr. Titone - Pilot



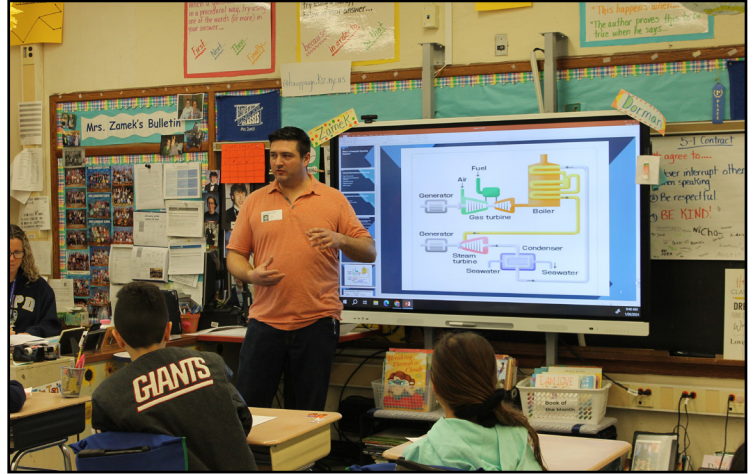
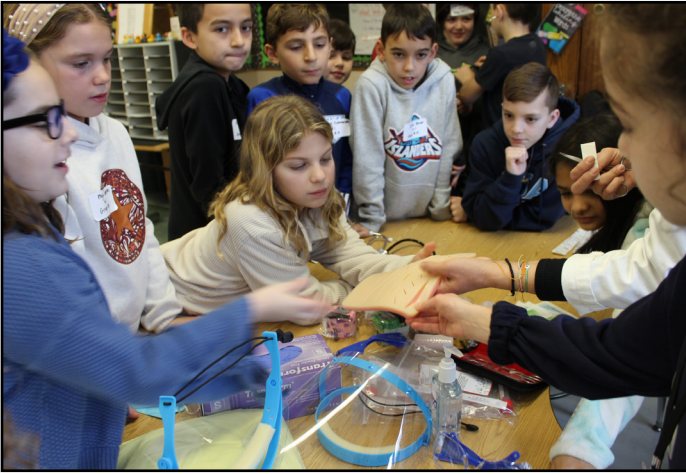
Pines - "College and Career Week"



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HAUPPAUGE HIGH SCHOOL IS SEEKING “2024 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI”

Hauppauge High School is seeking the “2024 Distinguished Alumni!” The Distinguished Alumni Award has been created in an effort to recognize those graduates of Hauppauge High School who have succeeded in their careers and lives, and who serve as a role model to Hauppauge High School Students, while exemplifying values of the broader Hauppauge community.

[Click here](#) to view the letter and application to nominate the “2024 Distinguished Alumni.”



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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI 2024 **APPLICATIONS SOUGHT**

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Anyone can nominate an alum, though the nominee must have graduated from Hauppauge High School in or prior to **2009 (15 years ago)**. Each year a selection committee, consisting of a combination of Hauppauge Administration, Hauppauge alumni, and staff will review the applicants.

Nominees should all have the following qualifications in order to be considered:

- Attended Hauppauge High School for all four years of High School.
- Has a sense of community and a record of service.
- Excels or is in some way distinguished in their field(s) of expertise.
- Will be able to give our graduating class important advice as they leave our high school.

If a recipient is selected, the Hauppauge Distinguished Alumni Award recipient will be notified in May, and they will be recognized at graduation on **Wednesday, June 26, 2023 at 6 pm**. The recipient must be able to attend the graduation, and they will be asked to briefly address the audience at graduation.

Please submit any recommendation via mail to the following address or via email at wieckhorstj@hauppauge.k12.ny.us. You will receive an email or phone call confirming receipt:

Joseph Wieckhorst, Hauppauge High School Principal

Hauppauge High School,

500 Lincoln Boulevard

Hauppauge, New York 11788

Pre-Registration
Begins March 1
Pre-Registration
For wait list
Begins April 1



SCOPE Education Services Hauppauge School District 2024-2025

Open
Registration
Begins
May 1

Before & After School Program

Program Hours: AM: 7:00 AM until start of school / PM: Dismissal until 6:30 PM

Programs are licensed by the OCFS and meets/exceeds all regulations

- *Safe, fun, caring environment
- *Dedicated Homework Time
- *Character Development
- *STEAM Activities
- *Literacy Activities
- *Special Events

- *Arts and Crafts
- *Enrichment Opportunities
- *Age-appropriate educational and recreational activities
- *Fitness Activities and Healthy Snacks
- *1:10 Staff to Student Ratio

Locations:

Bretton Woods AM & PM (K-5)
Forest Brook AM* & PM (K-5)
Pines Elementary AM & PM (K-5)

Monthly Tuition:

PICK YOUR DAYS (Part time) Child attends a minimum of 5 days monthly

All days must be pre-selected online by the 15th of the month prior.

AM- \$92.00/month (5 day minimum) \$18.40 each additional day

PM- \$115.00/month (5 day minimum) \$23.00 each additional day

CONSISTENT SCHEDULE (Full time) Child attends every day

AM- \$306.00/month (every day)

PM- \$384.00/month (every day)

AM/PM Multi Rate: \$669.30/month

There is an annual non-refundable registration fee of \$40 (\$60 per family) payable upon enrollment.
September tuition will be charged July 15, 2024.

Notes: There is a 20% sibling discount for 2nd child; 40% for 3rd child

Subsidies are available to income eligible families

Fees are subject to change

Tuition is non-refundable after August 10, 2024.

Registration: Registration is on-line only. Go to: scopeonline.ce.elevo.com

A new contract must be submitted each school year and placement is confirmed in the order in which contracts are received. Placement and start dates are dependent upon space and staffing restrictions. A wait list will be established when the program has reached capacity.

New SCOPE parents must create an online account before registering a contract.

PRE-REGISTRATION –MARCH 1 for current SCOPE child care students and a limited number of Kindergarten students; **APRIL 1** for those waitlisted **prior to June 30** for the current school year.

OPEN REGISTRATION - MAY 1 until enrollment reaches capacity. **If you register after August 1 and there is still availability, your start date is not guaranteed for the beginning of school.**

For additional information, please call Barbra B @ 631-360-0800 x237

*MINIMUM ENROLLMENT REQUIRED



HAUPPAUGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

EAGLES PANTRY

Details: If you or your family are in need of food, clothing, school supplies, or hygiene products, please use the QR code or phone number below for further details regarding our pantry and the resources it provides.



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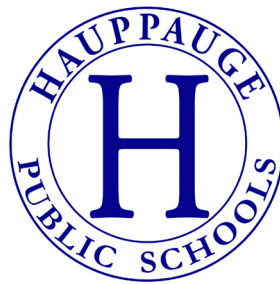
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