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SUPERINTENDENT *Message*

Dear Smithtown CSD Community,

I hope this message finds you well as we begin the New Year! While it may be cold outside, the district has been very active within our buildings providing learning opportunities and meaningful experiences for our students. We hope you enjoy this synopsis of what has happened thus far in January.

As we have shared previously, our goal for the Smithtown Bulletin is to provide our school community with updates and information about our schools and the wonderful programs within them. The Bulletin was discussed and developed with the help of the district's Communications Committee and we are very proud of the work we have done in this area. At a recent Board of Education Committee meeting, Mr. Jamie Stuart shared an impressive presentation on this topic and it can be accessed [HERE](#).

Sincerely,
Dr. Secaur



CURRICULUM CORNER

DIVING INTO HISTORY AT HSE AND HSW

High School East and West students are enjoying some new Social Studies electives this year. In “New York City and Long Island History,” students examine the social, political, cultural and economic history of both New York City and Long Island, and how the changes in greater metropolitan New York affected American life.

Students in the “History Through Film” class examine how film has portrayed historical events and how films have impacted culture and collective memory. One student said, “History Through Film was one of my favorite classes I've taken, and I couldn't wait to come to 4th period every day.”

In “History of Sports in American Society,” students study the development of sports through various historical and cultural perspectives while analyzing the relationship between sports and social, economic, cultural, and political forces within the United States as well as the world.



A HEAD START ON THE NEXT STEP

Students from the College and Career Planning classes at HSW & HSE attended the College Awareness Day at Adelphi University. Students were able to choose three workshops to attend such as; Studying Abroad, Workplace Skills, Living on Campus and College Lingo. The workshops enhanced what students learn in College and Career Planning and exposed them to life in college. The day ended with a tour of the campus and College residency. College and Career Planning is offered through the CTE Business Department.



SCSD ACHIEVEMENTS

REGENERON SCHOLAR!

Congratulations to High School East senior, Dylan Shen, on being named a top-300 scholar in the 83rd Regeneron Science Talent Search!

The Regeneron Science Talent Search is the nation's most prestigious pre-college science and mathematics competition and recognizes the best and brightest young scientists for demonstrating exceptional scientific leadership potential, according to the district.

Dylan's project, titled "A Novel Algorithm for Measuring Forest Incursions Using Pixelated Remote Sensing Data," involved creating an original computer program which exploits a rolling disc methodology that efficiently and swiftly analyzed deforestation areas.

We are proud of you, Dylan!



MUSIC TO THEIR EARS

Smithtown Elementary fifth graders received some great news this month. Six students were accepted to the Suffolk County Music Educators' Association (SCMEA) and one student was accepted to the Long Island String Festival Association (LISFA).

The SCMEA All-County Festival is a series of concerts that include musicians in grades 5-10 throughout Suffolk County. The Long Island String Festival brings together exceptional string players from Nassau and Suffolk County school districts to perform challenging orchestral pieces over a few days, culminating in a concert directed by esteemed conductors and educators.



SCSD ACHIEVEMENTS

HSW'S "PENUMBRA" MAKES HEADLINES

Penumbra, the High School West Literary Magazine, has earned the Excellence award from the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE)!

The program publicly recognizes excellent literary magazines produced by students with the support of their teachers.

Congratulations to our students and advisors, Mr. Gunsell and Mr. Kuletsky



MASTER OF HER CRAFT!

Congratulations to High School West's Renee Chalmers on been accepted to the Master Teacher Program!

The program recognizes outstanding K-12 public school STEM teachers who share a passion for their own STEM learning and for collaborating with colleagues to inspire the next generation of STEM leaders.

Mrs. Chalmers has taught for more than 20 years at HSW. Well done!



AVA KNOWS BOOKS

Great job by Nesaquake Middle School sixth grader, Ava Rekus, who designed this Martin Luther King Jr. book recommendation bulletin board for the NMS Book Club this month!



COMMUNITY NEWS

RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR!

Students at SCSD elementary schools had a ball ringing in the new year.

At Dogwood Elementary, kids enjoyed a New Year's Ball with dancing and music thanks to physical education teachers Mr. Mason and Ms. D'Auria!

At Mt. Pleasant Elementary, Times Square had nothing on the Mt. Pleasant Elementary New Year's celebration.

Led by Principal Ierano, every grade had a special celebratory lunch and an apple juice toast!



BUSINESS IS BOOMING!

Did you know Accomsett Middle School eighth grade student, Max Karmel, has his own baking business?

It's called "MAXimum Confection" and it's a big hit! Roughly two years ago, Max said he saw lemonade stands in his neighborhood and, with the help of his mother, started his first bake sale. The idea was then born for an online business!

Max says he would like to be a full-time baker when he grows up and says the one thing he's learned throughout this experience, is patience.

"If you rush it won't be good and I want it to be as good as possible."

Amazing!



COMMUNITY NEWS

HSW GIVES BACK

The High School West girls varsity lacrosse team, in conjunction with the local food pantry, collected food and other needed items for community members during the holiday break. Some of the team members delivered the items to the Smithtown Food Pantry.

Go West!



ATHLETES HELPING ATHLETES

Members of the Smithtown East club, Athletes Helping Athletes, attended a Sportsmanship and Civility Leadership Conference at Adelphi University.

Students focused on the importance of civility, and how these behaviors relate to sportsmanship on the field.



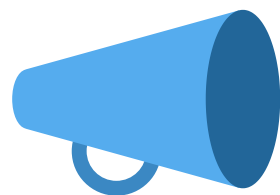
SPORTS ZONE

RECORD BREAKER!

Congratulations to HSW track and field star, Sophie Fasano on setting the new mark in the weight throw with a score of 32-1 & 1/4 feet!



CHEERS TO US!!!



Our High School West and High School East cheer teams are getting ready to head to Nationals!

HSW recently was named Small Varsity Game Day Regional champions and HSE placed first in Class A at the Sachem competition.

Both teams will be competing at the Nationals Cheerleading Competition on February 9th-February 11th!

