

# SMITHTOWN BULLETIN



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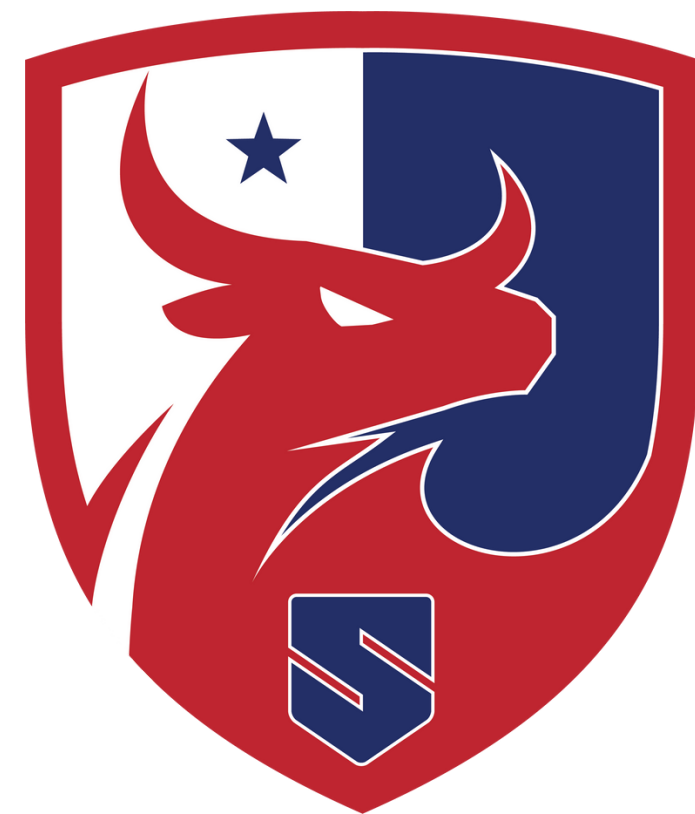
# SUPERINTENDENT *Message*

Dear Smithtown CSD Community,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving break and enjoyed your time with family and friends. Thanksgiving serves as a great reminder to reflect on what we are grateful for and to focus on the things that matter most. Holiday breaks, in general, provide us with valuable opportunities to disengage from the day-to-day and reflect. As Albert Camus, a French philosopher, stated, “In order to understand the world, one has to turn away from it on occasion.” I certainly hope that we all get to take advantage of these opportunities. To be truly impactful, we must make reflection a daily habit where we process and make meaning of all that has transpired in a given day. We won’t grow from our experiences if we don’t understand them and make changes based on what we’ve learned.

Regardless of the means with which you will celebrate the rest of the holiday season, I do hope that we all take the time to reflect. I also wish you and yours good health, happiness and joy in the days and weeks ahead.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Secaur





# CURRICULUM CORNER

## BUSINESS OLYMPICS!

The restaurant project titled “In Season,” earned the honor of best business plan at the 29th annual SCSD Business Olympics!

The 1st place team, comprised of HSW students Kate Braun, Reese Jurman, Charlotte Muratore and Madeline Sacco, created the restaurant using farm to table ingredients from local farms.

This year’s theme was “Smithtown Food Service Entrepreneur” and the students did not disappoint. There were more than 200 students who competed from High School East and West, with over 55 teams representing the schools.

Great job, everyone!



## ROAD TRIP FOR MARKETING STUDENTS

High school East and West College Marketing students toured the Smithhaven Mall with Simon Properties Director of Marketing, Jillian Friello.

The students were able to see the marketing concepts they had been learning about in class brought to life. Ms. Friello discussed the launch of bringing new brands to Long Island (Primark and Ford's Garage) and reinvigorating the traditional mall idea by bringing in healthcare facilities, such as Stony Brook Medicine. Students learned about careers in Marketing and Business Development.





# SCSD ACHIEVEMENTS

## WORKS OF ART

Five students from Mt. Pleasant Elementary recently participated and were among the winners in the Nesconset Fire Department, Fire Prevention Coloring Contest.

Congratulations to the following students: Kindergartener, Hasini Vemula (Second Place) Kindergartener, Cassie Mitchell (Third Place) Kindergartener, Calista Ramo (Honorable Mention) First Grader, Penelope Alambra (Second Place) Second Grader, Maia Elena Pallotta (First Place) and Third Grader, Faith Newman (Second Place)

Great job everyone!



## HITTING THE RIGHT NOTE



Fourth grade musicians Nicholas, Henry and Berkley from Dogwood Elementary School were recently chosen to represent their school and community at the 2023 SCMEA (Suffolk County Music Education Association) PEAK Festival. Select students from across the county got together at Northport High School for a morning of activities, workshops, and music-making.

Students participated in workshops including chorus, folk dancing, ukulele, drumming, and musical theater.

Music teacher Mr. Weinstein and Principal Carpenter said “Bravo, young musicians!”





# SCSD ACHIEVEMENTS

## EVA'S ESSAY IS A WINNER

Eva Supa is this year's winner of the Mildred Smith Scholarship Essay, sponsored by the Smithtown Historical Society. Eva will be awarded a \$2,000 scholarship for her essay addressing the theme, "The Immigrant Experience in Smithtown."

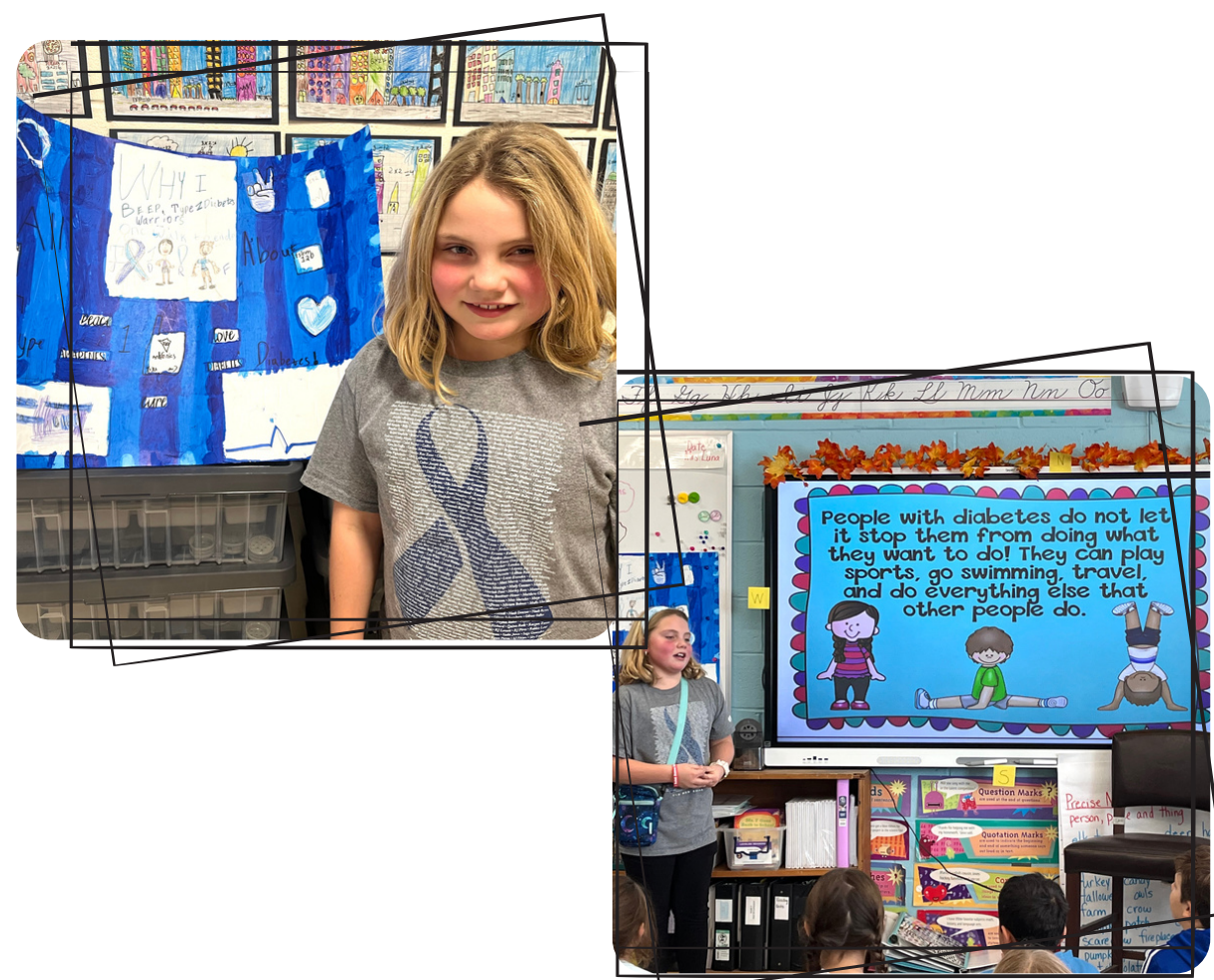
Eva did extensive research in the L.I. Room at the Smithtown Library and wrote about the history of Irish immigrants in Kings Park.



## THANK YOU, AMANDA!

Students and staff at St. James Elementary School wore blue on Nov. 14 to mark World Diabetes Day and support third grader, Amanda Denton.

Amanda, who has Type 1 diabetes, gave a morning announcement to remind the school to wear blue and presented to every class on her grade level to teach them about diabetes and how she manages. Great job!





# COMMUNITY NEWS



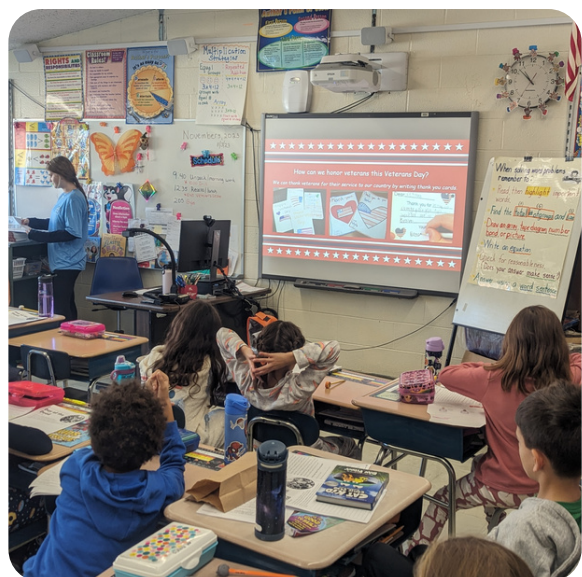
## HONORING OUR VETERANS



Mills Pond Elementary hosted its first "Veterans Parade" where Veterans related to students and staff were invited for a breakfast and parade.



SCPD officer, Marine Corps Veteran and SEL "Dad" Matias Ferreira, visited Smithtown Elementary to talk to students about the importance of Veterans Day and being kind to students whose parents may be overseas.



Students in Mrs. Havranek's Junior Leadership classes at HSW visited elementary schools to facilitate a lesson about the special day and engage in a thank-you letter writing activity.



National Honor Society students from High School East worked together and wrote some thank-you cards for local veterans!

The students are delivering them to the Long Island State Veterans Home at Stony Brook University. Great idea!





# COMMUNITY NEWS

## NESAQUAKE COLOR RUN!

What happens when you meet AND exceed your Color Run PTA fundraising goal?

At Nesaquake Middle School, Principal Dan McCabe and Assistant Principal Derek Solomon found out!

The two were "pie-faced" by Nesaquake PTA President and Vice President Claudia Pira and Brittany McGrath!

The PTA Color Run raised more than \$18,000 for the Cultural Arts program and all PTA events.

Great job everyone!



## THE LAND OF OZ!

As a result of being the top fundraiser for the Accomsett Elementary Fun Run, Oz Kai Koc was awarded the prize of "Principal for the Day."

Oz Kai, a first grader who raised \$3,125 for our cultural arts program, helped lead the school's evacuation drill with the Suffolk County Police Department.

Throughout his tenure as principal (which lasted for a day), Oz met with AEL staff members and students. He even held a meeting with SCSD Superintendent, Dr. Secaur!





# SPORTS ZONE

**THE CHAMPS ARE HERE!!!**



**HSW GIRLS SOCCER**  
Long Island Champions  
(State Runner-Up)  
League Champions



**HSW BOYS SOCCER**  
Long Island  
Champions  
League Champions



**SCSD BOYS  
CROSS COUNTRY**  
League Champions



**HSE BOYS SOCCER**  
League Champions



**SCSD SWIM/DIVE**  
200 Medley Relay  
State Champions/3x  
County Champions



**SCSD GIRLS  
CROSS COUNTRY**  
League Champions





# SPORTS ZONE

THE CHAMPS ARE HERE!!!



**HSE GIRLS  
Volleyball  
League Champions**



**Anya Konopka  
State Tennis  
Qualifier**



**Isabella Spilotros  
State Tennis  
Qualifier**



**Doug Antaky  
State Cross Country  
Runner-Up**



**Bayla Goldberg  
State Gymnastics  
Qualifier**





# **SPORTS** *ZONE*

## **SECTION XI**

# **OUTSTANDING SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD**

## **FALL 2023-24 SEASON**

### **ACCOMPSETT**

**Girls Soccer - Coach Danielle Bambola**  
**Boys Cross Country - Coach Neil Murtha**

### **GREAT HOLLOW**

**Boys Soccer, 8th grade team - Coach Tom Vulin**

### **NESAQUAKE**

**Football - Coach Cerullo, Coach Cameron, Coach Andreas**

### **HIGH SCHOOL EAST & HIGH SCHOOL WEST**

**Varsity Girls Cross Country - Coach Bayne, Coach Willman**

### **HIGH SCHOOL EAST**

**JV Girls Tennis - Coach Joe Toth**  
**JV Football - Coach Bill Bauer, Coach Matt Capell**  
**Varsity Boys Golf - Coach Bob Woods**

