



SMITHTOWN BULLETIN



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SUPERINTENDENT *Message*

Dear Smithtown CSD Community,

I sincerely hope that you enjoyed a nice Thanksgiving break with your family and friends. It is always a wonderful time to reconnect with the people you care about. The holiday, coupled with the arrival of colder weather, is also a signal that winter is coming. While I am thankful for many things, I very much enjoy living in a climate that has four distinct seasons. As December begins, the holiday season will be fully upon us and I look forward to attending many of the school events that will take place. It is always a fun time of the year for our students. Regardless of the means with which you will celebrate the rest of the holiday season, please know I wish you and yours good health, happiness and joy in the days and weeks ahead.

Sincerely,
Mark Secaur, Ed.D.



CURRICULUM CORNER

SHARK TANK!



Seventh grade students in Mrs. Caputo's Tech Ed class at Great Hollow Middle School created and built a variety of games for students and presented their final technology projects to their classmates.

The project was to design, build, and test a therapeutic toy for a child with a disability. The students are given six different fictitious children to build a toy for. The profiles of these fictitious children range in age from 3-8 and have specific difficulties such as hand-eye coordination, wrist extension, and pincer grasp.

Students worked together to brainstorm ideas, collaborate with classmates, create 3D drawings, build tools and machines, and create a presentation discussing how they followed the engineering design process.

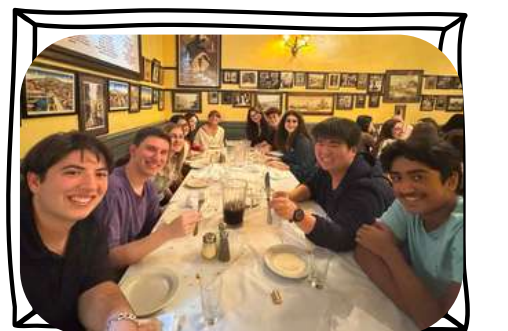


CULTURE AND CUISINE



The High School West Orchestra and Music Department recently attended an open rehearsal of the New York Philharmonic. All in attendance were impressed and inspired by the caliber of musicianship and quality of sound produced by the orchestra. Following the rehearsal, all students traveled uptown to Carmine's Italian Restaurant for an exquisite lunch.

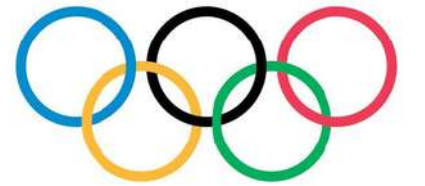
High School West junior Cordelia Comando stated, "I can not wait for next year!"



CURRICULUM CORNER



BUSINESS OLYMPICS!!!



Talk about a doggone great competition! On November 20, Smithtown School of Business hosted it's premiere event, the Business Olympics, at High School West. Congratulations to this year's winning team, "Bark n Buff" comprised of High School West students, Kate Braun, Charlotte Muratore & Madeline Sacco.

Over the last 30 years the students have been tasked with creating marketing campaigns, new products, eco-friendly businesses and imagining the 21st century classroom. This year's theme was "Smithtown's Petpalooza" and the students did not disappoint. They had to come up with a marketing campaign for a new product or service for a pet. The event also partnered with, Paws of War, and collected donations for the organization. There were over 200 students who competed from Smithtown High School East and West with 56 teams representing the schools.

Bark n' Buff is a fitness facility for pets and their owners to help promote a healthy lifestyle and increase longevity.

Special thank you to Career and Technical Education Director, Christine LoFrese for leading this tremendous event! A round of applause, as well, for the 80 judges between the preliminary and final round of competition, composed of members of the Smithtown Industry Advisory Board, Central Administration, Building Administration and the Board of Education. In addition, our IAB Partners were very generous and provided sponsorships so prizes were provided to all the winning teams. As always, thank you to IAB Executive Director, Phil Como, for his countless hours of work and dedication!



SCSD ACHIEVEMENTS

LEADING THE WAY

High School West students, Abigail Sorrells and Jenna Melucci, were recently honored for their work as Teacher's Helpers during the 2024 Smithtown Early Summer Youth Program (ESYP) that took place at Mills Pond Elementary School. Abigail and Jenna worked tirelessly for six weeks alongside classroom teachers helping to foster student learning in our summer educational program.

The Smithtown High School Work Based Learning program, coordinated by Mr. Phil Como, networks with over 500 Smithtown Industry Advisory Board partners to encourage workplace experiences which include paid employment, internships, shadowing programs and mentorship programs.

All of these programs are a part of a larger initiative that is embedded in our SCSD CTE Department, led by Director of CTE, Christine LoFrese.



THEY HAVE OUR VOTE! ✓

"If you vote for me, we will care for each other like brothers and sisters."

"I am considerate and caring."

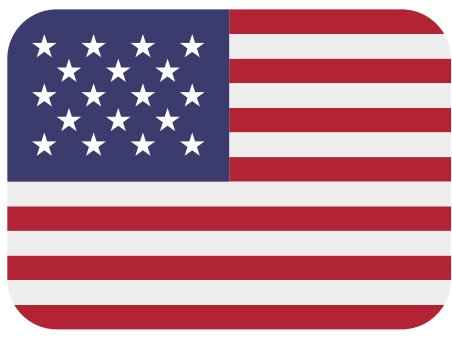
"I am ready to work and ready to help."

Those were just some of the pledges Mt. Pleasant Elementary students made while they were running for Student Council. Students cast their ballots, congratulations to the following:

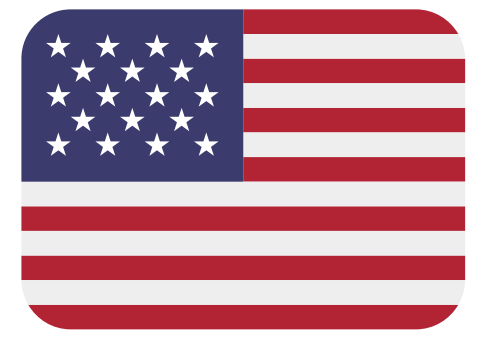
- 3rd grade Secretary- Cecilia Maringione
- 4th grade Vice President- Liliana Nazario
- 5th grade President - Fiona Goodwin



COMMUNITY NEWS



SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS



High School East and West Leadership students educated elementary school classes about Veterans Day and helped write letters to veterans. National Honor Society Officers, under the guidance of High School East science research coordinator, Maria Zeitlin, visited the Long Island Veterans Home and delivered hand-made cards.



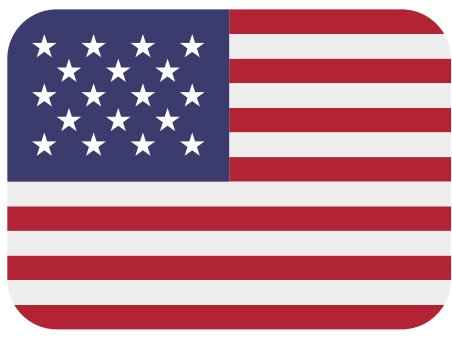
Members of Smithtown Elementary School's Pay It Forward Club introduced representatives from the organization, Paws of War.

Dogs Boba and Bailey, along with speaker Mike Kilano, stopped by for multiple assemblies to educate students about the organization.

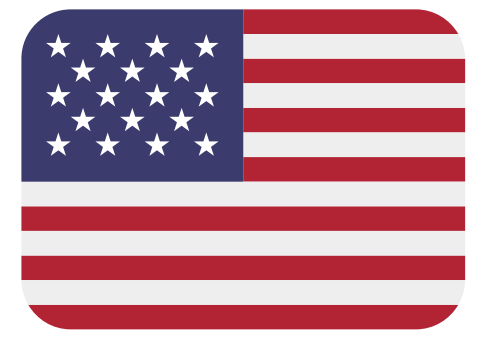
Paws of War supports veterans, active military members, and first responders with services through the rescue and training of service dogs.



COMMUNITY NEWS



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St. James Elementary School Principal, Adam Javidi, held the school's first "Gratitude Celebration," inviting veterans who are family members, neighbors and friends of our students and staff. The veterans were treated to a breakfast courtesy of the school PTA, a visit from the Hofstra ROTC Color Guard and songs and poems from students.



Mills Pond Elementary Principal, Ireen Westrack hosted the second annual, Mills Pond Veterans Parade. The veterans walked down a red carpet with their student relatives, were served a hot breakfast, were serenaded with patriotic songs from our students, received thank-you certificates and participated in a parade in front of the school!



COMMUNITY NEWS

TRICK-OR-TREAT!

Fifth graders at Mills Pond Elementary visited the St. James Health Care Center to trick-or-treat with the seniors.

Great conversations, great smiles, great job!



NESAQUAKE PTA COLOR RUN!

Nesaquake Principal Mr. McCabe was a great sport Friday afternoon, getting “slimed” for a great cause!

The Color Run PTA fundraising efforts raised more than \$20,000 for the school Cultural Arts program and all PTA events. Nesaquake PTA President Claudia Pira did the slime honors!



JOIN OUR TEAM!!!

There are several openings in the Smithtown Central School District. Those interested can submit a letter, resume, and two professional references to Assistant Superintendent for Personnel Neil Katz at: employment@smithtown.k12.ny.us

**WE ARE
HIRING!**

**JOIN
OUR TEAM**

Special Education Aides: various shifts available for all levels including elementary, middle and high schools.
\$20.39 per hour. Minimum 3 hours per day.

Elementary School Monitors: shifts are 2.25-2.5 hours per day between 11:45 AM-2:15 PM. \$17.00 per hour.

Food Service Worker and Custodial Worker positions also available.

> NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

> WORK THE STUDENT CALENDAR

> SUMMERS, WEEKENDS, NIGHTS AND HOLIDAYS OFF

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TO APPLY

SEND A RESUME AND LETTER OF INTEREST TO: EMPLOYMENT@SMITHTOWN.K12.NY.US
TO APPLY OR CALL (631) 382-2170 FOR MORE INFORMATION.



SPORTS ZONE

STATE CHAMPS!



Congratulations to the Smithtown/Hauppauge Swim-Dive team on winning the STATE Championship on Nov. 23. It's the team's second state title in three years!

The girls brought home the gold in the 200 Medley Relay and 200 Freestyle Relay.

Individually, West's Sara Lucca placed first in the 50 Freestyle and 100 Butterfly, setting the new pool record in the butterfly!

Her sister, Julia, placed second in the 50 freestyle and third in the 100 backstroke.

A special shout out to Great Hollow MS 7th grader, Ellianna Esposito for being part of the team!



TOUCHDOWN!

For the first time since 2013, Smithtown West varsity football advanced to the Suffolk semifinals!

The Bulls defeated West Babylon 49-20 in the Suffolk quarterfinals.

The Bulls finished the season with a record of 8-2.



COUNTY CHAMPS...AGAIN!

Congratulations to the High School gymnastics team on winning another Suffolk County Championship!

It's the second county title in three years for the team!

Additional applause for Bayla Goldberg, Amanda Burns, Brooke Dunn and Mary Saul on reaching the state tournament in March.

