

COLD SPRING HARBOR



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A REPORT ON OUR SCHOOLS

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New Appointment

Assistant Principal High School

The Jr./Sr. High School and the Board of Education extend a warm welcome to Mr. Dan Reardon, new Assistant Principal (Grades 10-12). He joins us from the Mineola School District where he was Dean of students and Supervisor of ENL and Dual Language in a 5-8 building. Prior to that he had administrative experience at Manhasset High School 2012-2016, while also teaching high school Spanish there from



2008-2016. Mr. Reardon earned his Bachelor's degree in Business Management from Franklin & Marshall College, a Bachelors in Spanish and a Masters in Secondary Education, both from Molloy College, and an Educational Leadership Program at Stony Brook University. Mr. Reardon is also a songwriter and recording artist and is currently working on releasing his new country record. He shared, "I am excited about the opportunity to work in a prestigious district such as Cold Spring Harbor which values academic excellence and emphasizes community, culture and tradition. I am also eager to interact with our students, staff and community members." Principal, Dr. Jim Bolen

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National Merit Scholarship Program 2019



Principal, Dr. Jim Bolen, Interim Director of Guidance, Barbara Donnellan, Semi-Finalist, Sterling Rosado, Guidance Counselor, Mary Jo Hannity, and Superintendent, Robert C. Fenter. Commended students, Theodore Farynick, Luca Magariello, Sibelle O'Donnell, Rafaello Sanna, Nicholas Suter, Grace Tauckus and Henry Tsekerides.

Congratulations to the following students for being named *Commended* and *Semi-Finalists* in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program. During the fall of their junior year, students across the nation take the PSAT, and the top scores are then established. The National Merit Scholarship Program, dating back to 1955, is an annual academic competition which identifies and honors high school students in the U.S. through recognition and college scholarships. Less than 3% of the 1.6 million students in 22,000 high schools who take the PSAT will become a recipient of the awarded *Letters of Commendation*. Seven of our students received the honor of Commended status: **Theodore Farynick, Luca Magariello, Sibelle O'Donnell, Rafaello Sanna, Nicholas Suter, Grace Tauckus and Henry Tsekerides**. In order to truly appreciate how rare it is to then be identified as a *Semi-Finalist*, less than 1% of stu-

dents nationwide advance as a *Semi-Finalist*, and this year that honor goes to **Sterling Rosado** who received this distinguished recognition at the high school. Superintendent, Robert C. Fenter shared, "We are very proud of our National Merit Scholarship winners, for this distinction recognizes the hard work and commitment of our students, the support they have received from their parents and teachers, as well as the community support for our fine schools." Congratulations to all! □



Welcome back to school! See opening week reports from our principals on pages 6-9.

A Message from the Superintendent...

Dear Community Member,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back to another exciting school year. As we begin the year, I want you to know that your leaders, teachers, and support staff have been hard at work over the course of the past several months to ensure that the school year ahead is a successful one for our students. In addition to our significant efforts to enhance District-wide security measures, we have developed, with the guidance and support of our Board of Education, district goals that will assist our educational community to focus on areas of importance to our students. This year, the instructional goals we will be working towards are as follows:

- To support the continuing development of curriculum and learning experiences to support the new learning standards in Math, English, Social Studies, and Science.
- To further develop our K-12 Literacy Continuum to ensure that students are developing critical reading and writing skills at all levels.
- To continue to incorporate inquiry and research experiences for students of all grade levels.
- To continue to expand and enhance our student-centered middle level program with effective teaming practices and cross-curricular connections.
- To continue to incorporate educational technology into our instructional program in a way that promotes student-centered and collaborative learning experiences.
- To continue to support the development of our social and emotional literacy program at all grade levels.

In Cold Spring Harbor, our teachers and leaders work very hard to ensure that our students develop the skills to be successful, not only in school, but for many years to come. By working towards our district goals, we can better ensure that our students will be prepared in the areas of writing, teamwork, research, the responsible use of technology, and the development of healthy and strong interpersonal relationships. We take great pride in these efforts and know that they will have an important impact on our students.

I would like to thank the community for their support of our efforts to provide the very best education for our students. I would also like to thank the Board of Education, our leaders, teachers, and support staff, and all of the wonderful parent groups, including the Cold Spring Harbor Educational Foundation, who have played an important role in the successful work of our schools.

Looking forward to a productive, exciting, and successful school year ahead!

Sincerely,



Bob Fenter
Superintendent of Schools

New Appointment, cont'd

said, "We are excited to have Dan here to round out our building administrative team. His background in teaching high school in a 7-12 build-

ing, coupled with his work as an administrator in a 5-8 building, gives Dan the experience to work well with all of our students here in Cold Spring Harbor." Welcome Mr. Reardon! □

New Appointment Interim Director of Guidance

Joining the staff this fall at the Jr./Sr. High School, is Dr. Barbara Donnellan, as the new Interim Director of Guidance. Dr. Donnellan worked as the Coordinator of Guidance in the Lindenhurst School District K-12 from 2001-2018. She currently is also an Assistant Professor at



New York Institute of Technology since 2006, and prior to that was an Adjunct Assistant Professor at St. John's University. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology at St. John's, her Master of Arts in Psychology at NY University, and her Doctor of Education in Educational Administration at Hofstra. She shared, "I am delighted to join the Cold Spring Harbor Jr./Sr. High School team this year as Interim Director of the Counseling Department, and look forward to using my skills honed over the years to promote the goals of the district." Superintendent, Mr. Robert C. Fenter expressed, "We welcome Barbara Donnellan as our Interim Director of Guidance for the 2018-19 school year and know that our students will benefit greatly by her many years of experience. Barbara possesses the knowledge and expertise necessary to provide quality supervision to our counseling program at the Jr/Sr high school." Welcome to the CSH family Dr. Donnellan! □

Mark your calendars

The "whodunit" mystery stage adaptation of *Clue* (based on the cult classic board game), will be performed by the **CSH Senior High Drama Club & Arts Booster Club** on October 26th-28th at the Performing Arts Center, directed by Mr. Marc Beja. Then, on December 8th and 9th the **West Side Musical** will perform *Music Man Jr.* also at the Performing Arts Center, directed by Ms. Jessica Beja. Please come out and support the arts!

SCHOOL SAFETY

District Administration and the Board of Education have implemented new security measures for the 2018-2019 school year. Listed below are some, but not all, of the steps addressing the important topic of safety and security.

- **Staff & Student IDs** – All students and staff at the Jr./Sr. High will be required to show their IDs upon entering the building.
- **Security Vestibules** – A two-door entrance will be constructed and used as a single point of entry at all schools for visitors, complete with bullet resistant glass.
- **Additional Security Cameras** – Additional cameras are being added to both the interior and exterior of all schools to provide 360 degree viewing at the security desks.
- **Door Ajar System** – This system is already in place at the Jr./Sr. High and Lloyd Harbor School and will be installed at Goosehill and West Side. This allows a signal to ring alerting security any time an exterior door is opened without authorization.
- **Unified Security Platform** – All the above measures will operate under a single centralized computer system allowing for rapid communication in a crisis situation.
- **SAVE Phone/RAVE System** – Hardwired phone lines have been installed at all schools with direct access to local authorities.
- **Greater Police Presence** – Local Police will be assigned to visit our district campuses on a regular basis.
- **Mental Health Efforts** – Each school is staffed with mental health professionals to provide support for those students experiencing anxiety or other issues that might impact their social and emotional well-being. In addition, at both the junior and senior high levels, drop-in centers are staffed by professionals where students have the opportunity to connect with peers and staff during the school day.

A Message from the Board...

Dear Resident,

Welcome back to the 2018-19 school year! On September 4th, our schools reopened to the 1,722 students of our community. From the very youngest, our kindergarteners experiencing their first “*first day*,” to the oldest, our graduating seniors having their last “*first day*,” the beginning of school stirred an undeniable sense of excitement for ALL of our students.

The start of another school year brings a host of new experiences. Among those are an expanded high school science research program, flexible furniture options to accommodate all learning styles, and the introduction of virtual reality. Our students may now take field trips across the globe without ever leaving their classroom! In addition, this year’s school opening marked the first in which every student at the Jr./Sr. High School had a district-issued Chromebook. None of this would have been possible if it were not for the continued support of the Cold Spring Harbor Educational Foundation and its generous donors.

This year we welcome several new members to our staff, including a new principal at West Side School and two new assistant principals at the Jr./Sr. High School. We also have a very familiar face, Mr. Kurt Simon, who assumed the role of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. We reluctantly said good-bye to two long-serving colleagues, Dr. Lydia Bellino and Dr. Helen Browne, who retired this past June. Both these individuals will be very much missed, and their legacies in Cold Spring Harbor will live on for many years to come.

Over the past few months, we had dedicated significant resources to review our security infrastructure and protocols. Student and staff security is of the utmost importance to our school board and administration. Over the course of the summer and in the upcoming weeks, we will continue to upgrade our facilities with new security technology and protocols. So that we can further review any additional ideas to enhance the safety of our schools, an upcoming Board of Education work session will be solely focused on security.

Finally, the Board of Education will begin to review the merits of a bond issue to fund capital projects throughout the district. This borrowing would replace retiring debt and would address security, infrastructure, and programmatic needs. It’s time to begin imagining the future of our schools for the next decade! Be sure to look for invitations to provide input into the plans later this year. Information about all Board of Education meetings is posted on our website. We have accomplished so much, yet there is still so much to do. On behalf of the Board of Education, I wish each of you a happy, healthy, and productive school year!



Board of Education members: (back row) Elizabeth Squicciarini, Mark Freiberg, Amelia Brogan, Janice Elkin, (front row) Anthony Paolano, Vice President, Ingrid Wright, President, and Mark McAteer.

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Music Honors

All-State Ensembles: In October, the Board of Education honored ten music students; **Mike Davis** (trumpet) and **Henry Tsekerides** (percussion) were selected for All-State Jazz Ensemble and Wind Ensemble respectively. **Raffi Sanna, Alexander Wang, Sisi Monti, and Kelly Gallagher** were selected for All-State Mixed Choir, while **Jillian Coughlin** and **Shelby Herling** were selected for the All-State Treble Choir. **Joseph Massa** (trombone) and **Sophia Wasserman** (violin) were selected as All-State alternates for the Jazz Ensemble and Orchestra respectively. They will perform at the All-State Conference in Rochester this December. K-12 Music Coordinator, Brent Chiarello, shared, *“This year we have a record number of students chosen for these prestigious All-State and All-National ensembles. This is a testament not only to the high level of commitment and dedication that these students have displayed in their art, but also the hard work and encouragement of their teachers. Congratulations to all on this wonderful achievement!”* □



Shelby Herling
LIAA Scholar Artist Award: Students must go through a rigorous application process that involves not only academic records and essays, but also performance credentials and an audition.

Shelby Herling was one of only twenty students on Long Island selected in the area of theater. Congratulations!

Myra Georgiou: Awarded Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher of the Year! Ms. Georgiou serves as president of the Long Island Family &



Consumer Sciences District, she is a cooperating instructor for student teachers at Queens College, and has been published in the Journal of Family & Consumer Sciences.

Dr. Jim Bolen added, *“Myra does an outstanding job in the classroom and also runs various clubs such as the Baking Club, Student Government, National Honor Society and is a staple at our International Night festivities.”* Congratulations!



Barbara Sellers inducted into the Hall of Fame: On Sept. 26th the Nassau County High School Athletics Hall of Fame honored former physical education teacher, Ms. Sellers, for her trailblazing contributions and accomplishments, exemplifying the highest standards of sportsmanship, ethical conduct and moral character. Ms. Sellers taught physical education for 37 years in CSH. She coached HS field hockey winning 335 games leading her athletes to four championships. She was named Nassau County Field Hockey “Coach of the Year” twice, and coached HS field hockey in the first NYS Empire Games winning a gold medal. She has served on numerous committees, and is most proud of being named CSH High School first girls’ Athletic Director. Congratulations on this prestigious honor! □

New Staff

A warm welcome to our newest staff! Each year an orientation is held to acclimate new staff to the district, and the culture of the community. This new teacher orientation is one part of a larger district initiative aimed at providing in-depth assistance and guidance to all new teachers throughout the tenure process. The mentoring program includes approximately forty new and seasoned staff, under the direction of Kurt Simon, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Joey Waters, Assistant Principal; and Jeanette Wojcik, New Teacher Mentor Coordinator. □



(Bottom row) Jonathan Woods, Guidance, Jessie Moran, Orchestra, Jeanette Wojcik (Mentor Coordinator), Leah Bayer, Reading Teacher GH. (Top row) Jessica Beja, Music LH/WS, Alison Incarnato, Physical Education and Health LH/WS, Jessica Skirbe, 5th/6th Grade WS, Michelle Cucolo, Kindergarten GH.



Advanced Science Research Students Attend Stem Cell Session at CSH Laboratory

On October 3, eight students from the Advanced Science Research Program attended the session on Stem Cells at the "Mechanisms of Aging" meeting at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. In addition to listening to eleven talks by scientists from around the world, the students had lunch and discussions with one of the session chairs, Dr. Leanne Jones from UCLA. Dr. Jones told to the students that to solve problems, they need to "think outside the box". The students had a very positive experience and returned to school with many new ideas for their own research projects. Thank you to Science Research teacher, Mr. Jaak Raudsepp, and Director of STEM, Meridyth Hansen, for making this program available to our students. □

District Goals Adopted:

Instructional

To build teacher capacity and deepen understanding of our current K-12 curricula and the Next Generation English Language Arts and Mathematics Standards, Next Generation Science Standards, and the Social Studies C-3 Framework. ★ To further develop the K-12 Literacy continuum, incorporating an articulated skills progression, clear student learning targets, and common academic vocabulary across all disciplines. ★ To expand K-12 research experiences providing students with greater opportunities to engage in authentic inquiry, design, and presentation. ★ To continue to expand and enhance the middle-level experience for students through best practices in teaming and cross disciplinary connections, with an emphasis on the unique needs of the adolescent learner.

Technology

To evaluate and enhance the integration of technology to support student-centered learning in collaborative learning environments and redesigned instructional spaces.

Health, Wellness & Safety

To evaluate and enhance our approach to social-emotional well-being by teaching self-awareness, good decision-making, and strengthening and cultivating healthy relationships between and among our students and the wider school community

Facilities

To develop a plan to address the district's infrastructure and programmatic facility needs during the next decade for a possible bond referendum in the fall of 2019.

Finance

To develop a budget which balances the programmatic needs of the district with the constraints of the tax cap and rising costs while also ensuring stability and long-term financial health.

Safe Driving

On September 20th Principal Jim Bolen held the annual Safe Driving Presentation, mandatory for all seniors. The mission for this evening each year, is that academics are secondary to student safety, and repeated lessons never get old when it comes to our children getting behind the wheel. The high school still maintains an open campus policy allowing seniors to drive off campus for lunch or free periods. Students know that driving is a privilege here, and our students have taken this privilege seriously, and have been responsible for it throughout the years. Distracted driving has become the number one killer for young drivers, surpassing drunk driving. This night serves as an impetus for dialogue with parents and children, and is the start and continuation of many conversations to keep children safe and responsible on the road. Guest speakers included, Police Officer John Groshans, Director of the Bellmore-Merrick Community Parent Center, Wendy Tepfer, and Director of Dedicatedd, Marge Lee. All three presenters left a powerful impact on both students and parents; most of whom could not help but shed a tear. Principal, Jim Bolen shared, "*No matter how many times I see this presentation, I am always moved. It is truly sobering for a family to experience together. The impact is real and the message is clear. We want to keep our children safe and having conversations about distracted driving is one of the best ways to do so.*" Thank you to our speakers for the powerful messages and presentation.d their parents learning about distracted driving. Part of our mandatory meeting for off campus privileges. Drive safe Seahawks! □



SEPTO adopts special education class in St. Thomas:

Thanks to the generous efforts of the Special Education Parent Organization, a special education classroom on the island of St. Thomas received 12 boxloads of donations for their classroom. Due to the devastating effects of Hurricanes Irma and Maria, students lost everything when their school was condemned. SEPTO collected both new and used supplies and shipped them over the summer just in time for the start of the school year, making many students and teachers happy!

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Goosehill Report

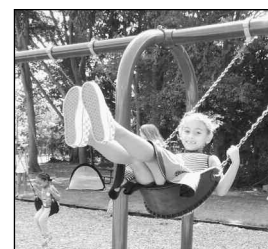
From Lynn Herschlein...

21 new families, (218 students)

It was an exciting opening with 24 new families joining the Goosehill Primary School community. Thank you to the GPFA for their help at the New Family Orientation and August Open House, where 218 students and parents visited classrooms and toured the school. Over the summer, many renovations were completed including new hallway bathrooms and updates to the cafeteria making it a bright, welcoming space. Teachers worked hard over the summer preparing for the school year. They fine-tuned lessons in science and math, and developed a new SEL unit on respecting differences. This year's focus on mindfulness will build on the themes of the past two years, kindness and diversity, helping students become more aware of their emotions and develop self-regulation and empathy. Teachers asked the children on the first day of school, "How do you feel?" One student responded, "I was worried that I wouldn't be big enough for first grade." It is important to continually check in with young children, as adults can be surprised by the simple things they may be concerned about or need to learn. Some children didn't even know what recess was! The teachers are busy building community in their classrooms and teaching skills that will ensure their students' success. To celebrate the opening of school, The GPFA organized a fun-filled, family-favorite event-- The Welcome Back Picnic. The Goosehill teachers, staff, parents and students are looking forward to a terrific school year!



Principal Herschlein welcomed students off the bus...



Music class: Welcome to new music teacher Ms. Jessica Beja!



Goosehill Picnic: The annual "Welcome Back Picnic" was held on September 14th to the delight of both students and parents. Bounce houses, music, pizza and fun were enjoyed by all. Definitely a family favorite event. Thank you GPFA!

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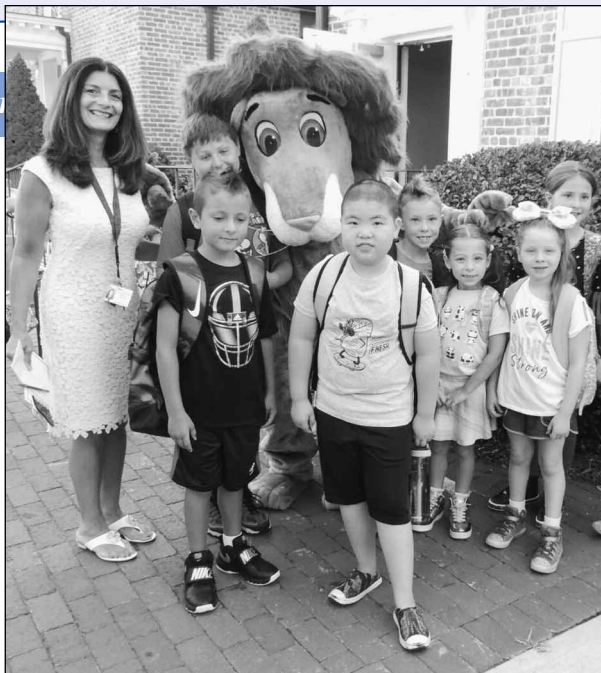
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Lloyd Harbor Report

*From Valerie Massimo...
17 new families (355 students)*

At Lloyd Harbor School, we were thrilled to welcome our 355 students, including 24 new children! In line with tradition, we had our New Family Orientation and student tour guides, which were coordinated by the PTG. On the first day, the PTG organized the second-grade shadow program to help our newest students find their way. *Leo the Lion* joined us as the buses arrived. The children loved taking their pictures with him and giving hugs and high-fives. LHTV was up and running thanks to our LHS News Team, which included Director of Technology, Joe Monastero, along with new teacher leaders running the TV station. New Assistant to the Principal, Mrs. Schnurr, and I assumed the roles of anchors and musicians for the first week of broadcasts. It was certainly a surprise for the students! Student council officers and class representatives were voted in and will take the reins, continuing with our daily reports on Top Stories, *Words of Wisdom*, and student celebrations.

Following tradition, we had all grade level town meetings with children, faculty and staff to discuss expectations for the year. School-wide goals will focus on kindness and respect... *"everyone has the right to feel safe and comfortable, and no one has the right to take that away."* The LHS family welcomed several new faculty and staff, including a new assistant to the principal and head custodian. In the area of building updates, we are in the process of finishing two music rooms that will give our children a better space in which to learn. The chorus room is now larger and brighter and students in all grades will have access the this space. Flexible seating opportunities have finally come to the grade 5 team. Ms. Conroy's classroom, in which all fifth graders study math, has been furnished with items that will allow students choices for their learning spaces.



Principal Massimo and "Leo the Lion" greeted students on the first day of school...



Seating includes large and small ottomans, skate tables and more. Children think and react differently about learning in this environment. We are all looking forward to a wonderful and exciting year here at Lloyd Harbor. Thank you to all the staff, teachers, and PTG for their incredible support to make all this possible for a successful school opening! □



Back to school reports from Our

West Side Report

From Michael Loughren...

14 new families (234 students)

This is an exciting year for me as it is my first, and I am incredibly grateful to all the staff, teachers, custodians, and PTG for all their hard work and dedication. I experienced my first “ringing of the bell” on opening day, and I was shocked by how loud it was! What a great message to tie us to the history and the culture, and I felt privileged to be a part of that. It was my honor to also meet former principal, Mr. Ted Hilton. We opened our doors to 234 students and 14 new families. Student Council members showed their leadership skills at morning assemblies and conducting orientation tours. The school supplies were ready, and teachers welcomed all with a nurturing learning environment. Our summer reading celebration proved to be a terrific engagement with the students. I have witnessed great professionalism and listened to how special West Side is, and I thank former Principal, Kurt Simon, for setting the foundation for great routines, great kids and teachers, and such a supportive staff. I am looking forward to our musical *Music Man Jr.*, and I thank the community for being so welcoming. It’s not easy transitioning, but I feel the support and know this is a great place to be. It is my goal to make the 229th year the best one ever at West Side. □



Students welcomed their new Principal, Mr. Michael Loughren to West Side...



Lunch with the Principal: “It is hard to believe that we have just completed the first full week of school and it has been very nice to settle into the regular routine. As part of this routine, it has been my great pleasure to get to know each of our students better by having lunch with small groups throughout the week. They have shown themselves to be an absolutely remarkable group of young people, and it has been a joy to get to know each of them a little bit more while learning about their interests.”

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Jr./Sr. High School Report

From Dr. Jim Bolen...

12 New families (920 students)

It certainly was an exciting and busy start to the school year. My second year here definitely gave me a breather as I knew what was coming this time around. We had lots of events upon school opening... Our kick-off started in August with schedule changes prior to the start of school. This was a new initiative whereby all schedules were fixed prior to opening day, to the relief of all students and parents. In August, the 7th grade BBQ and Orientation was held, which included all new families welcomed into the CSH Jr./Sr. High. The watermelon and cold drinks quenched everyone's thirst during the unbearable heat of opening week. We paired up our new students with peer mentors, and the kids were fantastic helping out and trading phone numbers. I would like to thank the CSH Educational Foundation for the Chromebooks; all students in grades 7-12 now have their very own. The first week we welcomed 920 students, including 12 new families. We held grade level assemblies, which is something I love the most as I have the privilege to speak to all the kids 7-12. The Code of Conduct nights were held, security procedures were reviewed, new student ID cards were distributed, and discussions of kindness and treating each other with respect were reviewed. Students spoke up and asked for more school spirit events, and they preferred to be included as a member of their class, not their team. So, we listened and came up with the numbers game, pennies for peace, wearing Seahawk shirts, and tracking classes with the most participation. Stay tuned! The Caumsett Park challenge trips for junior high happened in September, and back-to-school nights were a success. The new *Flexible-Furniture* has been installed in the Nest, library and Computer Science Lab, and the students are loving it! We are all set for a great year, thanks to a very dedicated team of staff and teachers and the ongoing support of the PTG. See you in the hallways, on the fields, and at our performing arts events. Welcome back!



Principal, Dr. Jim Bolen, and Superintendent, Robert Fenter, welcomed both newly appointed Assistant Principal Dan Reardon (Grades 10-12) and Assistant Principal Joey Waters (Grades 7-9).



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Caumsett Park Challenge Days

Both the 7th and 8th graders had the opportunity to participate in a “Challenge Day” program at Caumsett Park in September; a very unique and supportive learning environment. Students participated in ice-breaker games and were placed in carefully selected groups meant to take kids out of their comfort zones, break down cliques, barriers and create new friendships. In addition, students worked on team building and problem-solving skills. Challenges included activities such as **Cooperative Games** “icebreakers,” **Initiatives** “problem solving tasks,” and **Low Ropes Course** “physical challenge.” All groups were facilitated by a BOCES trained teacher as well as co-supervised by a member of the CSH faculty. It truly is an amazing day, where students can be heard screaming “*This is impossible!*” only to find that team communication, not frustration, led to completing each task. One



7th graders screamed, “*There is no way!*” While another responded, “*Yes, there is a way!*” Eighth graders were taken on a new journey this year at Caumsett, where groups were left at different drop points with maps and compasses in hand, challenging themselves to make it back to base camp! We are very grateful to the staff at the Caumsett State Historic Park, and the Nassau BOCES Environmental Education Center for a fabulous day. □



Orientation BBQ

The **Junior High** welcomed 7th graders and new students on August 28th for the annual BBQ and Orientation, where students and parents met the faculty, and walked the halls to find their scheduled classrooms with the help of



Seahawk Ambassador upperclassmen. Students met new friends, decorated their lockers, and received their new Chromebook and team t-shirts for the class of 2024! Afterward, everyone had a chance to mingle and enjoy refreshing watermelon, lemonade, burgers and hot dogs. Welcome to the CSH Jr./Sr. High School! □



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Chromebook Distribution

Google Chromebooks were distributed to incoming 7th graders and new students marking the completion and first FULL year that all grades 7-12 will have a Chromebook as part of the 1:1 initiative (one device for every student). Our sincere thanks to the CSH Educational Foundation for their financial support of this initiative, and their continued support of programs and district goals. Due to the generosity of our community, and the dedicated teaching staff who participated in countless professional development classes to prepare the students, the 1:1 initiative rolled out one year ahead of schedule! Superintendent, Robert C. Fenter, shared, “*By learning programs like Canvas and Google Docs, our students will be better prepared to achieve great success in a world where they will be expected to function in global, technology-based and collaborative learning work environments. I am incredibly proud of the dedication of our teaching staff, the efforts of former Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Dr. Bellino, Director of Technology, Mr. Monastero, and the CSH Educational Foundation for making all this possible.*” □

“Our sincere thanks to the CSH Educational Foundation . . . the 1:1 initiative rolled out one year ahead of schedule!”



Students enjoying the new flexible furniture in the Computer Science Lab...



It's all smiles with the new flexible furniture in the Junior High Library NEST...

Flexible Furniture

The New Classroom

Due to the generous donation from a grant acquired by the CSH Educational Foundation, the Jr./Sr. High School Computer Science Lab, Senior High Library and the Jr. High Library “Nest” were updated with new “flexible furniture.” Both Ms. McLees and Mr. Mendreski notice a definitive change in the relaxed new setting. The space now allows for greater open collaboration. The students are enjoying a more collegial coffee-shop environment, rather than the clinical setting of desks facing the wall in a u-shape with their backs to each other. *“We see the student’s personalities coming through by their choice of seating. Some love the relaxed feel of the couch, others love the swivel chairs with cup holders, while others prefer the high counter top desks which have proven to be a big hit,”* shared Ms. McLees. And now that everyone has their own Chromebook, everything is paperless with the use of *Canvas* and the removal of the desktops.

Both in the senior high library and junior high *Nest*, flexible furniture spaces have been designated for quiet studying or group work. School Psychologist, Dr. Suzanne Main, has seen an increased number of students visiting the *Nest* and utilizing the space since the new furniture has arrived. Students especially enjoy congregating by the couches and appear to take pride and ownership of keeping the space clean. The *Nest* will now be open during all periods for student centered work, as well as during lunch periods. Both the *Nest* and Room H-1 are drop-in spaces used as an informal alternative area during lunch hours, where students can sit quietly or connect with friends, catch up on work, or meet with supportive adults. Both are staffed by a school psychologist or social worker to provide support when needed for students. □



The NEST.....

“The space now allows for greater open collaboration. The students are enjoying a more collegial coffee-shop environment . . . Psychologist, Dr. Suzanne Main, has seen an increased number of students visiting the Nest and utilizing the space since the new furniture has arrived.”



Senior High Library...



West Side 6th graders enjoy their new furniture. One student said, “I feel like I’m at Panera!”



Lloyd Harbor 5th graders love their choices for new seating each time they enter the classroom...

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Story Faces

Lloyd Harbor: "I am a painter and a storyteller, and this is how I tell my stories." These are the words of Christopher Agostino, who tells folktales of transformation and wonder through face painting. His one-of-a-kind performance delights audiences using a combination of skillful storytelling through the spoken word, while illustrating the journey through face painting. He has an extensive repertoire of tales that fit grade level curriculum or cultural studies. Thanks to the Cultural Arts Committee, his unique presentation came to Lloyd Harbor in September, and soon will be coming to West Side. Focusing on mysterious journeys through magical lands, students were taken on adventures as volunteers had their faces painted with dramatic body painting as marks of personal identity. Mr. Agostino brings these tribal cultures to life, saying, "The face is my canvas...I bring together the imaginary and the supernatural to bring legends to life." As the stories unfold, the face painting changes and comes to life. A truly clever and fascinating way to tell a story! □

Movie Night

West Side hosted a "movie under the stars" night on Oct. 4th... except the weather had other plans! Due to the pouring rain, the venue was moved inside, and the kids snuggled in on comfy blankets and pillows. Students and parents watched the original version of *Jumanji*. Thank you to the PTG for hosting this wonderful family event. The show must go on! □