



Artwork by Otis Choi, grade 2, Nysa Shah, grade 7, and Jocelyn Park, grade 9.

ENHANCING Our Educational Facilities

Herricks continues to focus on improving its educational facilities and is always striving to achieve this throughout the district, while enhancing and supporting the academic program. Our goal is to create learning spaces that are accessible to every student and contribute to the overall learning experience.

Recently completed capital projects throughout the district include renovated art classrooms, new playground equipment, and upgrades to various libraries and the High School auditorium.

The school year kicked off with art classroom renovations at Center Street, Denton Avenue and Searingtown elementary schools and Herricks High School. All the art rooms received a complete makeover that include new tables, chairs, wall cabinets and window treatments.

Elementary students

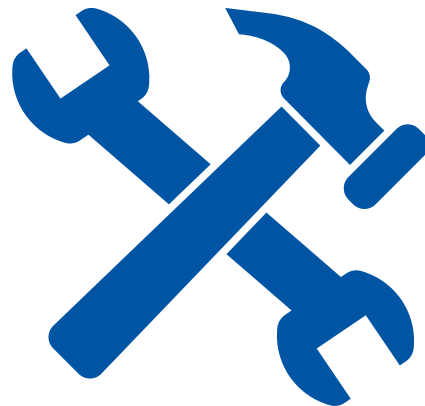
at Denton Avenue and Searingtown schools have a new place to play during recess. With the recent installation of new playground equipment and ground resurfacing underneath, the students will enjoy spending time outside climbing, sliding and playing with friends on the colorful new play structures.

The district was pleased to celebrate the opening of the new Library Learning Suites at the middle school and high school. In both buildings, the newly renovated space offers a modern, welcoming atmosphere with flexibility for students. The suites will allow students to collaborate in large or small group settings, explore creative possibilities or simply read a book. The Middle School Library Learning Suite also features a wellness center for students to unwind.

Most recently completed is the high school auditorium

project, which included increasing the size of the stage, updating the stage flooring and painting the ceiling. We also installed new seating, display case shelving throughout, and upgrades to the stagecraft room.

Throughout this issue of Dateline, please take note of the photos highlighting some of the various capital projects mentioned. The district continues to take great pride in providing our students with the means to reach their potential.



A Message from *The Board of Education*

Dear Herricks School Community,

Points of districtwide pride are not only limited to academic, athletic, musical or philanthropic achievements, but they also include the condition of our buildings along with ongoing upgrades, improvements and repairs. These upgrades and improvements are typically categorized as capital improvements that are either funded by a bond or through the general fund. The Board of Education's responsibility as part of these capital projects is to monitor the finances associated with each project. Our supervisory role is to ensure projects are being done according to plan, in a timely manner and within the allotted budget specifically preset by the bidding process put in place. We also monitor midproject changes, which can sometimes include rebates in the original pricing, or increased costs due to unforeseen circumstances.

Some of the projects across the district include:

- Site improvements such as installation of a turf field, new bleachers and a comfort station.
- Renovated high school auditorium.
- New high school fitness center.
- Renovated middle school auditorium.
- Renovated high school cafeteria.
- Renovated high school wellness center.
- Renovated middle school wellness center and library learning suite.
- Renovated high school library learning suite.
- Renovated art room in elementary schools and high school.
- Upgraded playground equipment at the elementary schools.
- Renovated student bathrooms throughout the district.
- New classroom lighting and upgrades throughout the district.
- New science labs.
- New windows and doors.
- Masonry work.

As you can see, the highlights in this issue of the Dateline demonstrate the Board of Education's shared vision with the administrative team to continue making improvements to the various physical plants across the district. It ensures the integrity of our educational programs' successes that take place not only in the classrooms, but in almost every corner of the Herricks School District. These capital improvements and renovations are certainly a point of pride for our entire community.

Sincerely,
Herricks Board of Education

SPOTLIGHT ON Capital Improvements



The new playground at Searingtown.



The renovated auditorium at Herricks High School included new seats, a refinished stage and new curtains.



Herricks High School students collaborate in the school's new innovative classroom, a part of the renovated library.



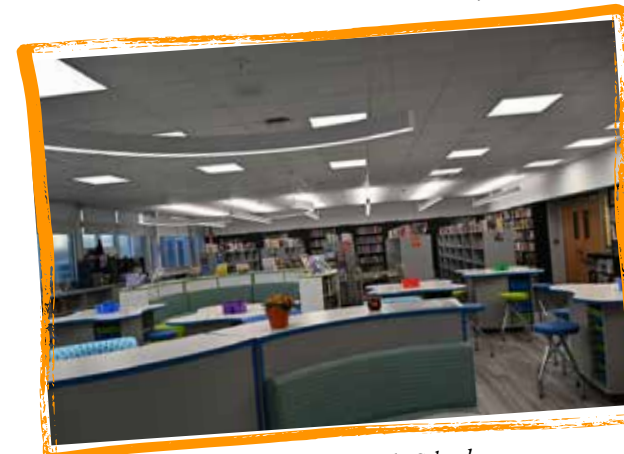
Art rooms throughout the district have been renovated. Pictured is the new art room at Center Street.



The new playground at Denton.



Students at Denton work on projects in the school's new art room.



The new library at Herricks Middle School.



Improvements have also included the renovation of the high school library.

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Winter Sports HIGHLIGHTS

The district congratulates all student-athletes for an outstanding winter season! Every varsity winter sports team achieved Scholar Athlete Team status. Other notable highlights included:

- The boys bowling team finished the season with a 746.0 average, the eighth highest in Nassau County. They completed the season as conference champions.
- The girls bowling team rounded out the season with a 612.6 average, the fourth highest in the county. They were also conference champions!
- Senior Joseph Mattei was the Nassau County champion wrestler in his weight class and finished No. 2 at the state championship. Junior Joe Manfredi qualified for the state championships for the third year in a row!
- Senior Sebastian Raam Ravishankar competed in the New York State Championships for winter track and field.
- The following members of the boys swimming team competed in the New York State Championships at Ithaca College: Matt Chang – 200 medley; Ranjan Rasquinha – 200 medley, 100 back; Rohit Rasquinha – 200 medley, 100 fly, 100 breaststroke; Eduardo Santana – 200 medley, 100 fly, 500 free; and Andrew Simons – 500 free.
- Senior Eduardo Santana received the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Sportsmanship Award.
- Senior All-County/New York State Girls Swimming Championship finalist Kailey Simons is the winner of the News12 Scholar Athlete Award sponsored by Bethpage Federal Credit Union. Kailey will receive a \$1,000 college scholarship as the recipient of this special award.
- Sebastian Raam Ravishanker ran in the intersectional relay for Section VIII in the New York State Winter Track Championships held at the Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex in Staten Island.

