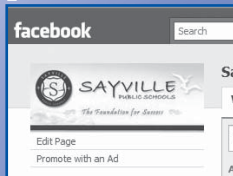


Gifts of Sweet Music
Brought Cheer to
the Holiday Season

Thanks
to the exceptional
talents of all our
music students,
audiences enjoyed
a wide variety of
vocal, orchestral, and
band rhythms that
soothed and moved.

Special thanks
go to our music
department for their
splendid direction.

Remember to visit
Sayville Public Schools



on FACEBOOK!

TIDINGS

FROM THE SAYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT



B.u.d.g.e.t.i.n.g E.a.r.l.y for State-aid Shortfalls from the 2% Property Tax Levy Cap

As Sayville School District begins the budget process for the 2012-2013 School Year, we are faced with the fiscal challenge introduced by New York State's new 2% property tax levy cap (not a tax rate cap—there is a difference; see excerpt below*).

To help explain this distinction, a comprehensive article entitled "Understanding New York's Property Tax Levy Cap as it Relates to Public Schools" has been uploaded to our Sayville School District Website under the *Business Office* link, so residents can read it in its entirety. This publication also provides some initial information that will dispel certain myths, misinformation, and misconceptions surrounding a 2% property tax levy cap. (Please note: NYS Comptroller's Office, State Education Department, and NYS Department of

Taxation and Finance must still finalize the details and provisions.)

The extent to which the new tax levy law results in the loss of educational and support programs will depend on the levels of State Education funding and whether State leaders offer any meaningful mandate-relief measures to help control rising costs.

Since the District is faced with a rather complex formula that is not necessarily limited to a 2% property tax cap, we have begun discussions earlier about the budget development process and the effect the tax cap will have on that process. Please check the Business Office website link often for updates and information, such as the schedule for Budget discussions, as well as links to the Rollover Budget Presentation and further developments.

" * DOES THE NEW TAX CAP LAW MEAN SCHOOL TAX LEVIES CAN'T INCREASE BY MORE THAN 2 PERCENT? No, the law does NOT PROHIBIT tax levy increases greater than 2 percent. Despite how it's been described by some politicians and the media, the legislation signed into law in June requires every district to calculate its own "tax levy limit." Two percent (or the rate of inflation, if less) is just one of eight factors in this calculation. The law also establishes a higher threshold of voter approval for a budget to pass if a district's proposed tax levy increase (before exemptions outlined in the law) exceeds its individual "tax levy limit." "

(RIGHT) Implications of the 2% Property Tax Levy Cap on the 2012-2013 Rollover Budget

While the budget discussion is still in its early stages, the District must explore different options in planning next year's budget. This excerpt from the first of the Business Office's online reports examines the "rollover" budget. Please review the full report at Sayville School District's website; click on the Business Office link.

Current 2011-2012 Property Tax Levy:	<u>\$54,820,720</u>
Total Adjusted Tax Levy Limit Cap: (See Tax Levy Cap Worksheet)	\$56,118,496 (2.37%)
Tax Levy for 2012-13 Pro-forma Budget:	- <u>\$56,915,767</u>
Under/(Excess) Levy Over Cap Formula:	(\$797,271)

The excess amount of \$797,271 over the 'Total Adjusted Tax Levy Cap' would need to be reduced from the Budget or additional revenues received to meet the requirements of the Tax Cap Legislation. Alternatively, if NO adjustments were made, the Budget would be required to pass by 60% of the voters.

The Board of Education awarded citations to the following students:



Board of Education

RAYMOND J. NELSON,
PRESIDENT
JOHN VERDONE,
VICE PRESIDENT

TRUSTEES
THOMAS COOLEY
NORMAN DEVENAU
KEITH KOLAR
MAUREEN DOLAN
DEBORAH VAN ESSENDELFT

**KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATION**

is scheduled for the week
of March 19-23, 2012 at
the Old Junior High.

All children born between
Dec. 2, 2006 & Dec. 1, 2007
are eligible for
kindergarten enrollment.
Letters will be mailed home
in January.

AT THE OCT. 13TH BOARD MEETING

ALL-STATE MUSICIANS AWARD (below) • **M. Iovino** Bass Mixed Chorus; **K. Tieman-Strauss** Violoncello String Orchestra; **P. Andrews** Jazz Baritone Saxophone-Alternate; **M. Lapinta** Jazz Alto Saxophone-Alternate; **C. Davidson** Violin Symphony Orchestra; **D. Natoli** Alto Women's Chorus, Jazz Soprano Voice-Alternate;
K. Harrison Alto Saxophone; Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Tenor Saxophone- Alternate;
K. Schnurman Bassoon Wind Ensemble.



AP SCHOLARS WITH HONORS (right) • J. Weaver, J. Sergison, A. Fisher, C. Siracusa, K. Truglio, S. DelGaudio, R. Arrasate, J. Rippert, (not present for photo: Gabrielle Pacia, Julianne Fiorillo, Tiffany Bruno, Daniel Nolan).



AP SCHOLARS WITH DISTINCTION (right) • P. Andrews, A. Brown, C. Mignone, J. Kalomiris, E. Weinberg, J. Mayrose, A. Mizzi (not present for photos: Caitlin Donnelly).



AT THE NOV. 17TH BOARD MEETING

FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING RESEARCH IN SCIENCE & ENGINEERING (RISE):



(above) **C. Brown, E. Weinberg, J. Kalomiris, A. Brown, C. Mignone, G. Boyce, A. Kinariwalla; J. Farese, M. Farese,** (below) **D. Hofmann, S. Monastero.** (Not present for photos: Tiffany Brown, Tiare Fridrich, Susan Mangaluz, Gabrielle Pacia, Kyle Tieman-Strauss, and Lucas Volle.

EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

(photo right) J. Hirsch: built benches for Sayville High School



VARSITY FOOTBALL TEAM HONORED AT DEC 8TH BOE MEETING



AT THE DEC 8TH BOARD MEETING

MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

RIGHT (GOLD: 100+ HOURS)

• Sierra Graygor, Shannan Flanagan, Savannah Votino, Kara Intermesoli, Sarah Bunk, Shreeya



Panigrahi, Tyler Lewis, Chloe Gaconnier, Christopher Keyser, Olivia Minogue, Elizabeth Gouvis, Emily Antos, Alyssa Racioppi, Emma Davis, Anna Murphy, Rebecca Mohrmann, Jonathan Verbeck, Amanda Minutello, Francis Reilly, Christine Guinessey, Sean McNally, Jessica Reisert, Brandon Walters, Alyssa Lofaro, Christopher Russo, Kate Neuschwender, Chase Hofmann, Shannon Rey, Mackenzie Burns, Gabrielle Giovan, Emily Sneddon;



ABOVE RIGHT (SILVER: 75+ HOURS)

• Dalen Ferreira, Haley Kroll, Bridget Pitre, Alexa Levin, Kayla Stockert, Amanda Gries, Andrew Cameron, Rachel Zarett, Jamie Monaco; BELOW (BRONZE: 50+ hours)



• Emma Prokesch, Christine Ward, Luke Kleppan, Jillian Brudi, Gianna Fraccalvieri, Elizabeth Pigott, Rowen Mahoney, Megan McElroy, Thomas Reilly, Brian Ferretti, Isabella Giovan, Shaina Garrett, Clare O'Connor, Sarin Baldante, Andrew McCarthy, William Gilligan, Julianna Giovan, Emily Hanrahan, Tara Litvin, Seamus Burns, Kalle Weik, Jillian Estelle, Calista Tomasetti, Taylor Kobel, Eric Lindfors, Lauren Colavito

GIRLS VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY TEAM • WINNERS OF THE SUFFOLK COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Olivia Cabral, Lindsay Carbone, Jacqueline Coffey, Caitlin Donnelly, Katherine Farrell, Julianna Fiorillo, Lindsey Kuri, Michelle Langton, Breana Lindquist, Shannon Litvin, Claire Luceri, Shannon Lynch, Allyson Marchan, Madison Mills, Taylor Mills, Gianna Minogue, Krista O'Malley, Justine O'Reilly, Meaghan Reilly, Olivia Russell, Jacqueline Ryder, Kelsey Schneider, Danielle Specce, Kerry Swike, Colleen Whitehurst



LONG ISLAND & SUFFOLK COUNTY DIVISION III CHAMPIONS & 2011 RUTGERS TROPHY WINNER • UNDEFEATED VARSITY FOOTBALL

(PHOTOS ON PAGES: 2-3) Jeffrey Albergo, Matthew Ali, Tyler Anderson, Christopher Belcher, Kevin Bethea, Dylan Bonacore, Alexander Bortzfield, James Burke, Lucas Ciancimino, Tyler Collins, Ethan Cooley, Brandon Cunniffe, Brett Daigle, Donald DeKenipp, Thomas Dieckhoff, Daniel Farinella, Steven Ferreira, Andrew Fisher, Zachary Fitzgerald, Patrick Fleming, James Giattino, Benjamin Gudesblatt, John Haggart, Brendan Halton, Thomas Hannan, Raymond Herrmann, Logan Hillery, William Hudson, Matthew Iovino, William Johnson, Lucas Kahn, Sean Kelly, Thomas Krug, Liam Lankowicz, Nicholas Lanzilotto, Christopher Lorenzo, William Lutcha, Ryan McKenna, Dylan McManus, Thomas Monahan, Connor Mulry, Dylan Murphy, Sean Murphy, Kyle Murray, Matthew Neuschwender, Robert Newell, Kevin O'Connor, Connor O'Neill, Brendan O'Toole, Jonathan Ratel, Spencer Rey, Robert Reyes, Christopher Ross, James Rupp, Colson Schadt, Jake Sichenzia, Zachary Sirico, Matthew Starr, Patrick Waters



Lowering THE Tax-Rate Increase to 6.65%

Again this year, the Sayville School District and the Board of Education were able to lower the homestead tax-rate increase from the original voter-approved 7.39 percent that was passed during the May 2011 Budget Vote.

The 2011 Tax-Rate increase has NOW been REDUCED to 6.65 percent!

After the Town of Islip makes its annual determination regarding the "Assessed Valuation" and "Base Allocation" of all properties in Sayville, the District and the Board of Education set the final tax levy.

1. **ASSESSED VALUATION** • This is the 4th consecutive year that we have seen a total decrease in our assessed valuation. The assessed valuation is reflective of all taxable properties throughout the Sayville community. Unfortunately, as this number decreases, every resident picks up a little bigger piece of the pie.

2. **BASE ALLOCATIONS** (between homestead and nonhomestead properties). Again, there has been a 1% shift from homestead (residential) to nonhomestead (commercial) property values.

It is to the Board's credit that again, as in the previous years, the projected tax rate increase has been reduced to rates lower than originally proposed at Budget time. We would like to assure the community that we are working hard on your behalf. We also wish to thank you for your continued support of the educational opportunities for our students.

VISIT TIDINGS ONLINE FOR
MORE PHOTOS AND INFORMATION
KILLING with KINDNESS

The Sayville Players presented a classic comedy this fall with ARSENIC & OLD LACE



In the screwball comedy of **Arsenic & Old Lace**, presented by the Sayville Players Theatre Laboratory, the sweet old Brewster sisters deliver charity of a lethal kind to unsuspecting lonely souls. Homemade elderberry wine, laced with arsenic by the biddies, puts the miserable out of misery and sets the backdrop for the hilarious interplay of inherited delusion and cold reality. (See the full article and photos: Tidings Online sayville.k12.ny.us)

In their high-antics-comedy roles Matt Spina, Kailey Schnurman, Liam Hofmeiser, Cassie D'Agostino, Kim Colavito, Gabrielle Kalomiris, and Jake Vail (who played potential victims) delivered their characters with convincing flamboyance that was in nice contrast with the straighter, but no less funny, performances of Kaitlin McNamara, Nicolle Ferremi, Melanie Anderson, Kimberly Miller, and Kiera Muscara as the Brewster sisters.

While "murdering" may run in the Brewster family, thanks to the guidance of Director Hailey, the enthusiasm and hard work of all the High School actors, the efficient lighting technicians, along with the amazing scenery and stage crews, the Sayville Players "killed" the audiences with their three-evening productions of a classic comedy that left audiences chuckling.



During the "Most Wonderful Time of the Year," Sayville students, school district personnel, faculty, staff, and parents, showed remarkable generosity through a variety of districtwide drives that help those less fortunate.

High School

Bringing joy and good cheer to so many children this year, our High School held its annual Holiday Toy Drive, sponsored by the Senior Class. The outpouring of donations from the school community allowed the seniors to collect approximately 200 presents for the John Theissen Children's Foundation which services children in hospitals and child-care facilities as well as families across the Island. (PHOTO L-R): Senior Class officers Haley Nicolino, Kelsey Schneider, Thea Bordeau, Derek Hartnett, and Colleen Whitehurst worked with Class advisors (not in photo) Amy Thomas and Mike Pace to collect toys for children in need.



Middle School

HOPE CLUB DELIVERS FOR HOLIDAYS



Students in the Hope Club, under the direction of co-advisors Mrs. Jean Galima and Mrs. Pamela Rooney, showed tremendous commitment to the annual Food Drive so that local families could have a wonderful holiday season! Prior to the campaign, Hope Club members had visited all homerooms to both explain the fundraiser and solicit help donating nonperishable foods. Each homeroom was given a bag, decorated with turkeys, for their Hope Club collections. As the donations accumulated, the Hope Club members made labels on sorting tables to categorize the foods, organize the items, and expedite the boxing for presentation to the families.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS HELP CHILDREN IN SHELTERS WITH BIRTHDAY-IN-A-BOX PROGRAM



Through the *Family-to-Family's Birthday-In-A-Box Program*, Middle School Health Teacher Mrs. Jodi Maurici and her advisory students "adopted" four children from shelters who receive assistance from VIBS (Victims Information Bureau). "*Family-to-Family* is a not-for-profit organization," Mrs. Maurici explained, "that connects families in need with other families that can help. Their website is family-to-family.org and they are a phenomenal resource!"

As they worked to assemble, organize, and box a "birthday party" for each child, the students shared their thoughts about the project:

"Everybody brought something to fill up the boxes. Things like cake mix, books, toys, goody bags, and candy," stated enthusiastic advisory students Franchesca Piro, Gianna Scoleri, Taylor Grandfield, Megan Havranek, Tyler Prior, and Emily Levin. "We brought in boxes and started wrapping them. The next step was to make them look pretty by putting ribbon and bows on them. In our minds, while we were wrapping, we thought how happy we would be making these kids."

"I felt great," added Jack Marshall. "It made me feel like I was making a difference."

"Helping the less fortunate is definitely heartwarming," offered Joe Harclerode. "This project made me feel like I was making a huge difference," while Anthony Etergineoso remarked, "It makes me feel happy to give kids a good birthday and know they will have a smile on their face when they see the presents for their birthday."

All the students agreed that it was "wonderful that people in this organization [*Family-to-Family*] created **A Birthday in a Box** program!"

It was My Favorite Year FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL

MY FAVORITE YEAR, the musical presented by Sayville Middle School, had such demanding comic timing, intricate staging, and challenging musical score that it could have fallen short of being anyone's favorite anything. Yet, the talented performers and stage crew, under the remarkable guidance of their directors, worked great magic (as they do every year), resulting in a show with comic characters that charmed, singing that more than satisfied, sets that transformed magnificently, and acting that was so believable, it was only "unbelievable" when one realized the performers were Middle School students!

The year, 1954, was "not my best year, not the year I had the most success, but my favorite year," says junior Comedy Show writer Benjy Stone (*defly portrayed with genuine likeability by Sean McNally*) because it was the year he finally would meet his favorite swashbuckler movie idol Alan Swann.

Once smashingly famous, now mostly smashed Alan Swann (*played with a proper balance of dash and poignancy by Sean Velazquez*) must fill an otherwise empty guest spot on the popular "live" TV variety hour, the King Kaiser Comedy Show. Benjy's important mission is to keep Swann sober and out of trouble before his guest appearance in *THE MUSKETEER SKETCH*. This is an especially challenging task since "funnyman" and show star King Kaiser (*amusingly blended with bluster and bluster by Raymond Ebarb*) is renowned for his absurd tantrums and superstitions that intimidate his entire staff.

Relying on Benjy's success are his professional cohorts: head writer Sy Benson (*puffed to generous proportions by Jamie Baio*), co-writers Leo Silver and Herb Lee (*played humorously by comic duo Mark Ambrosini and Dylan Finder*), as well as Alice Miller (*brought to life by the fabulous Rowen Mahoney*), who is the beleaguered comedienne and perpetual "second banana" to the spotlight-hogging King Kaiser. Yet, it would be all work and no play for Benjy if it were not for his love interest—the only person employed at the show missing a funnybone—K.C. Downing (*comically delivered by the lovely voiced Mary Nichols*).

Of course, what junior comedy writer in the 50s doesn't have a Jewish mother? Benjy's mother, Belle May Steinberg Carroca (*performed with both convincing accent and splendid voice by Jillian Brudi*), is a well-intentioned meddler who has finally found her own happiness with the goodhearted exfighter Rookie Carroca (*played as the strong, silent type by Tyler Powers*) and Belle wants Benjy to have the same chance at happiness.

Yet, as the story unfolds through the song and dance numbers, Benjy discovers that "happiness" can be elusive even for the famous. Mending broken hearts, broken lives, and broken dreams may be an enormous undertaking for one junior writer, but the lessons Benjy learned about life and love remained as fond memories in his favorite year.

My Favorite Year deserves applause for every performer, from the leads to the supporting cast, including those amusing Brooklyn relatives Uncle Morty, Aunt Sadie, city dwellers, Maxford House Girls, and **COMEDY SHOW** crew. Bravos also go to the Middle School musical's experts: Director Jeff Hoffman, Musical Director Fred Diekmann, Producer Kristi Woerner, Sound Andrew Giammalvo, Lighting Steve Hailey, Set Construction Ken VanEssendelft, and Artwork Cora Sparwasser, as well as the smooth operators among the production crew, high school volunteers, and parent volunteers. Also a special mention should be given to Sean Mac Production (*Sean McNally*) for providing the entertaining "movie sequence" within the play. Thanks to their efforts, this year's production was indeed a favorite for so many!



Holidays Were Filled with Food & Fund Drives AND THE Annual Giving Trees

Cherry Avenue

Once the Cherry Avenue Student Council received this year's wish list from needy families, the students created special cut-out ornaments—each depicting one specific wish—for decorating the Giving Tree. In November, Cherry Avenue families were invited to an evening event around the Giving Tree to select those ornaments and fulfill the gift ideas.

“Cherry Avenue families and staff generously supplied over 100 presents



for five families in time for the holidays,” said school social worker Noemi Barczak. The

students who helped sort the gifts included Avery Rosado who offered, “I think it’s nice because then kids have something to look forward to on Christmas,” while Christopher Pitre adds, “I like it because it makes kids happy and the gifts keep them company.”



Lincoln Avenue



New unwrapped books were placed by many Lincoln Avenue students under the **Giving Tree** in the main entrance hallway. Every child who donated a book was given an ornament that was used to decorate the tree.

This unwrapped book program was done in conjunction with the annual **Lights of Love** program. Lincoln Avenue Social Worker Lauri Carluccio organized the **Lights of Love** program that helped give families in need a happy holiday. Lincoln families and staff chose a “light” with a child’s gift preference, and once the gift was purchased, it was dropped off to Lincoln Avenue and delivered in time for the holidays.



Sunrise Drive

COMMUNITY SERVICE INCLUDED:

- Over 300 gifts which were collected for local needy families as well as for the soldiers deployed overseas from our annual Giving Tree Drive;
- 25 boxes of goodies were sent to our troops for Veterans Day with letters from students and staff (right: excerpt of serviceman’s letter);
- 10 Thanksgiving baskets were assembled for local needy families;
- Student Council students were asked to earn \$1 to \$5 by doing chores that would raise money to buy turkeys—

Olivia Boucher, Kylie Buck and Emily Benedetto raised \$65 by recycling bottles and cans;

- \$12,000 was raised during our annual Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser;
- Girl Scout Troop 1361 baked goods and delivered them to Ronald McDonald house on 11/11/11—**Emma Clark, Morgan Zane, Michaela Re, Victoria Eavolino, Rhyan Christiansen, Diana Raden, Katie Menze, Meghan McLaughlin, Julia Zaun, Grace Bennett, Jennifer O’Leary;**

To the Young Men and Women of the Sunrise Drive Elementary School,
I CAN'T THANK EVERYONE ENOUGH FOR THE CARE PACKAGES THAT YOU SENT. I CAN TELL HOW MUCH EFFORT AND LOVE WAS PUT INTO THEM AND WE TRULY APPRECIATE IT. THE PACKAGE GAVE US A TASTE OF HOME DURING THIS TIME AWAY FROM OUR FAMILIES OVER THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY. ALL THE CANDY AND ITEMS THAT WERE IN THE PACKAGES WENT TO GREAT USE. I PERSONALLY HAVE READ ALL OF YOUR LETTERS AS DID MANY OF MY GUYS. I'M GOING TO TRY TO ANSWER AS MANY QUESTIONS AS I CAN.

-I GOT A LOT OF QUESTIONS ON WHY I'M IN THE NAVY? DO I LIKE IT? AND WHAT DO WE DO?
I LOVE BEING IN THE MILITARY. I'VE BEEN IN THE NAVY FOR 10 YEARS. THE FIRST 2 YEARS I SPENT IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA TRAINING TO BECOME A SEAL. THE REST OF THE TIME I HAVE BEEN STATIONED IN VIRGINIA.

WHEN WE AREN'T DEPLOYED, WE TRAVEL ALL OVER THE COUNTRY AND SOMETIMES OVERSEAS TO TRAIN. SEAL STANDS FOR SEA, AIR AND LAND WHICH COVERS ALL FACETS WITHIN OUR JOB. WE SPEND A LOT OF TIME SKY DIVING, DIVING (UNDERWATER) AND CONDUCTING A LOT OF WEAPONS AND SPECIALTY TRAINING. I STARTED HAVING AN INTEREST IN THE SEALS AT A PRETTY YOUNG AGE. I WAS ALWAYS PATRIOTIC AND APPRECIATED WHAT OUR ANCESTORS HAVE DONE TO PROVIDE US THE FREEDOM WE HAVE TODAY. I WANTED TO HAVE A DIRECT IMPACT ON PROTECTING OUR COUNTRY AND BE A PART OF THE BEST UNIT IN THE US MILITARY.

-WHAT SPORTS DID I PLAY?
I PLAYED BASEBALL AND SOCCER UP THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL. IN COLLEGE I PLAYED BASEBALL AND RUGBY.

-WHAT WAS MY FAVORITE SUBJECT IN SCHOOL?
HISTORY.

-IS IT HARD TO BE FAR AWAY FROM HOME?
IT'S ALWAYS TOUGH TO BE AWAY FROM FAMILY NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES YOU HAVE BEEN GONE.

(page 1 of Serviceman’s letter. See serviceman’s full letter on our website at TIDINGS Online, “Spreading Good Cheer”)

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM THE TRANSPORTATION OFFICE

THIS REQUEST MUST BE FILED FOR EACH SCHOOL YEAR.

Requests for transportation to private and parochial schools and childcare locations (i.e., LEAP, New Life, In-Home) must be **filed by April 1st** and forwarded to:

SAYVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS Transportation Office 99 Greeley Avenue Sayville, NY 11782

Forms can be found on the Sayville Public School website www.sayville.k12.ny.us under Transportation. Transportation is provided to in-district and out-of-district schools to a maximum of 15 miles. State statues and a referendum of Sayville voters have set this limitation.

AN ATHLETE WHO'S GOT IT COVERED



Dakota Edwards was selected by MSG Varsity Magazine for his outstanding contributions to Sayville Soccer, which included seven goals and nine assists, earning the Sayville High School Varsity Soccer Team its first New York State Class A Championship. Dakota, flanked by his parents, holds a framed copy of the Fall 2011 issue cover.

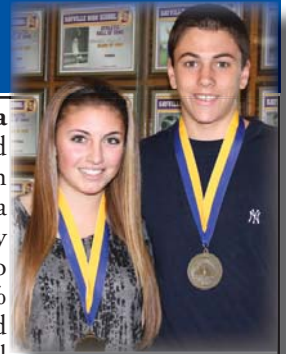
CAREER HIGH POINT FOR EMILY



Senior E. Meier, who played Lacrosse midfielder when Sayville earned the Suffolk County Championship title in 2009, signed to High Point University, North Carolina, to play Lacrosse. Coach Adam Sznitken had the highest praise for Emily's smart playing and knows she will be a great asset to High Point Lacrosse.

CONNIE NIELSEN & CHRISTOPHER SIRACUSA

Sayville Seniors who demonstrate excellence in the classroom and on the athletic field are 2011 NYSAPHERAD SUFFOLK ZONE WINNERS



With a 100 weighted GPA, **Connie Nielsen** scored at the Presidential level in our nation's fitness testing, maintains a 100% average in physical education, is an honor roll recipient and a member of the National Honor Society. Connie is also a member of the Anchor Club, Interact Club, SADD and SWEEP. She selflessly volunteers at a local physical therapy practice and hospital, where she assists with the treatment of disabled patients of all ages and disabilities.

Coupled with her extensive academic success and leadership roles, Connie is a three-sport athlete playing soccer, basketball and lacrosse, receiving All-County honors in lacrosse. She shows "intensity, hustle, commitment to excellence, enthusiasm, competitiveness, positivity and selflessness," and these characteristics, along with with her dedication to reaching her greatest potential, have led to Connie's academic, athletic, and community service successes.

Putting her team above herself, Connie's qualities of sportsmanship, healthy competition, and fair play, tempered with compassion, make her PE classes much more fulfilling for her peers and teachers. Connie hopes to attend and play lacrosse at either Springfield College, University of Scranton and Sacred Heart next fall.

Christopher Siracusa has an 103 weighted GPA, is ranked 14th in a class of 263, and is a National Honor Society member. He has also maintained a 100% average in PE classes and scored at the Presidential level for national fitness. In addition, Chris is a member of the Anchor Club, History Club, Athletes Helping Others, volunteers his time coaching youth soccer, youth wrestling, and is very active in our community.

Possessing a natural curiosity about life and the world, Chris has established himself as a scholar who relishes every learning opportunity, measuring his academic satisfaction with what he understands rather than what he achieves.

As an accomplished, physically gifted, two-sport athlete, competing in soccer and wrestling, he is impressive. Yet, it is his spirit that he brings to competition which truly differentiates this fine young man among his peers. Chris was selected by his teammates to captain both the varsity soccer team and wrestling team this year. That honor speaks volumes.

On a personal note, Chris is most remarkable for his humility. Self-contained by nature, devoid of arrogance or swagger, Chris traverses the social boundaries across an eclectic group of friends. Having truly left his mark here at the High School, Chris will attend Wesleyan University on an academic and athletic scholarship in the fall.

SAYVILLE ATHLETIC FALL SEASON

VARSITY GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

- Suffolk County Playoff Runner-Up
- Overall Record 15-3
- NYS Scholar-Athlete Team

TEAM MEMBERS:

Kayla Mergl•ALL-COUNTY, ALL-COUNTY TOURNAMENT TEAM, NEWSDAY'S ALL-LONG ISLAND TEAM; **Kelly Leach**•ALL-CLASSIFICATION, DEFENSIVE-PLAYER-OF-THE-LEAGUE, ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM; **Alexis Brown**•ALL-CLASSIFICATION, ALL-COUNTY ACADEMIC, ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM; **Helen Tristano**•ALL-LEAGUE; **Victoria Poli**•ALL-LEAGUE
Debbie Urso VARSITY COACH OF THE YEAR
Tiffany Rowan JV COACH OF THE YEAR

(CONTINUED FROM BACK PAGE)

VARSITY BOYS VOLLEYBALL

- Suffolk County Playoff Runner-Up • Overall record 9-7
- NYS Scholar-Athlete Team

TEAM MEMBERS

Peter Rende ALL-LEAGUE
Kevin O'Neil ALL-LEAGUE
Scott Litvin ALL-LEAGUE
Daniel Feuring ALL-DIVISION
Matt Kollegger ALL-DIVISION
RJ Theofield ALL-DIVISION
Joseph Black ALL-COUNTY
Matthew Seeba ALL-COUNTY

VARSITY BOYS GOLF

- 2nd Place Finish in League
 - NYS Scholar-Athlete Team
- INDIVIDUAL TEAM MEMBER AWARDS
 TO BE DETERMINED IN THE SPRING

VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS

- Overall Record 9-7
- NYS Scholar-Athlete Team

TEAM MEMBERS

Emily Gallagher ALL-LEAGUE, SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD
Stefanie Ebo ALL-LEAGUE, ALL-COUNTY
Gabrielle Pacia ALL-LEAGUE
Stephanie Seredenko ALL-LEAGUE

JUNIOR VARSITY TEAMS

JV GIRLS SOCCER • FINISHED FIRST IN LEAGUE

- UNDEFEATED WITH 13-0 RECORD
- JV COACH OF THE YEAR: DAN CAMERON

JV GIRLS VOLLEYBALL • OVERALL RECORD 10-3

JV FIELD HOCKEY • FINISHED FIRST IN DIVISION

- WITH 13-1-1 RECORD

JV BOYS GOLF • OVERALL RECORD 9-1

JV FOOTBALL • OVERALL RECORD 6-2

SAYVILLE ATHLETIC PROGRAM'S **AMAZIN' FALL SEASON**

For a second year in a row, all our varsity teams participated in postseason play and all our varsity programs were recognized as scholar-athlete teams.



VARSIITY FOOTBALL

(Football photo courtesy Ray Nelson)

- Rutgers Trophy Winner for 2011
- Undeclared Conference III Champions
- Long Island Conference III Champions
- Suffolk County Conference III Champions
- New York State Scholar-Athlete Team



Steven Ferreira *ALL-COUNTY, DIVISION III MVP; BOOMER AWARD WINNER; MSG VARSITY PLAYER OF THE MONTH (OCT); & NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION PLAYER OF THE WEEK*

Zach Sirico *LONG ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP OFFENSIVE MVP*

Matt Ali *ALL-DIVISION (1ST); LONG ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP DEFENSIVE MVP*

TEAM MEMBERS

James Rupp *ALL-COUNTY; SUFFOLK COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP MVP*

Thomas Hannan *ALL-COUNTY*

John Haggart *ALL-COUNTY*

Chris Lorenzo *ALL-DIVISION (1ST)*

Billy Johnson *ALL-DIVISION (2ND)*

Tom Dieckhoff *ALL-DIVISION (1ST)*

Spencer Rey *ALL-DIVISION (1ST)*

Tyler Anderson *ALL-DIVISION (2ND)*

Matt Iovino *ALL-DIVISION (2ND)*

Rob Hoss *DIVISION III COACH OF THE YEAR*

VARSIITY FIELD HOCKEY

- Division II Champions Undeclared
- Suffolk County B Champions
- Suffolk County Small Schools Champions
- Long Island Runner-up
- Overall Record 19-1
- NYS Scholar-Athlete Team



(Field Hockey photo courtesy of Rich Minogue)

Olivia Cabral *ALL-STATE, ALL-COUNTY*
Shannon Litvin *ALL-STATE, ALL-COUNTY*
Taylor Mills *ALL-STATE, ALL COUNTY*
Julianna Fiorillo *ALL-COUNTY*
Gianna Minogue *ALL-LONG ISLAND, ALL-TOURNAMENT*

TEAM MEMBERS

Michelle Langton *ALL-LONG ISLAND, ALL-TOURNAMENT*

Olivia Russell *ALL-CONFERENCE*

Lindsay Kuri *ALL-DIVISION*

Madison Mills *ALL-TOURNAMENT*

Claire Luceri *ALL-TOURNAMENT*

Zoe Norton *ALL-TOURNAMENT*

Patti Fedelem *DIVISION II COACH OF THE YEAR*

VARSIITY BOYS SOCCER

- League Champions • Overall Record 14-3-1
- NYS Scholar-Athlete Team

Jared Van Brunt *ALL-STATE, ALL-COUNTY*

Dakota Edwards *ALL-STATE, ALL-COUNTY*

Justin Liu *ALL-LEAGUE*

Christopher Siracusa *ALL-LEAGUE*

Cory Santangelo *ALL-CONFERENCE*

Rob Hammerle *ALL-CONFERENCE*

Christopher Beni *ACADEMIC ALL-LEAGUE*

VARSIITY GIRLS CROSS-COUNTRY

- Finished First in League • Overall Record 5-1
- NYS Scholar-Athlete Team

Robyn Schaefer *ALL-LEAGUE, ALL-COUNTY*

KerriAnn Culhane *ALL-LEAGUE, ALL-COUNTY*

Rose Bastian *ALL-LEAGUE, ALL-COUNTY*

VARSIITY BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY

- Overall Record 2-3 • NYS Scholar-Athlete Team

Kieran Harrison *ALL-LEAGUE, ALL-COUNTY*

Peter Hayes *ALL-LEAGUE*

VARSIITY GIRLS SOCCER

- League Champions • Overall Record 17-1
- NYS Scholar-Athlete Team

Amanda Famularo *ALL-CONFERENCE*

Elizabeth Koehler *ALL-CONFERENCE*

Emily Selletti *ALL-CONFERENCE*

Kimberly Marra *ALL-COUNTY; SUFFOLK COUNTY SMALL SCHOOL PLAYER OF THE YEAR*

Madison Hoon *ALL-COUNTY*

Emily Meier *ALL-COUNTY*

Connie Nielsen *ALL-COUNTY*

VARSIITY GIRLS SWIMMING

- Undeclared League Champions • NYS Scholar-Athlete Team

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