

Highlights

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of the Sayville School District

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NEWSWORTHY



2009 Commencement

(above) Among those in step with Superintendent Dr. Rosemary Jones and BOE President John Verdone were Assistant Superintendent for Business John J. Belmonte, Principal Joseph Buderman, Athletic Director Charles Delargy, and Director of Personnel Rosemary Camilleri. Also present were Music Department Chairman Neil Bernstein, Board Vice President Norm DeVenau, Board of Education trustees Thomas Cooley, Keith Kolar, Ray Nelson, and Deborah Van Essendelft. (below) Dr. Geraldine Sullivan Keck escorted Alumna Myra Roland DeGraff, Class of 1939, during the Alumni Walk.

A SHOW OF CLASS by the Class of 2009



Just in time for the Sayville Commencement Exercises, the glorious sun shoved aside the record-setting tempests that drenched most of June to beam warmly on the Class of 2009.

Everyone seemed ready to rejoice in the dry weather. As the Sayville High School Band, directed by Mr. Pete DeSalvo, struck the first chord, the hoots and hollers of families and friends rose from the bleachers to welcome the processional led by Superintendent of Sayville Schools Dr.



Rosemary Jones and Board of Education President John Verdone.

The cheering spectators roared louder when the graduates—a shimmering ribbon of purple and gold—paraded to *Pomp and Circumstance* and took their seats on the football field. Following the class were approximately sixty Alumni who participated in the traditional Alumni Walk. The oldest, Myra Roland DeGraff representing the class of 1939, was assisted by Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum Dr. Geraldine Sullivan Keck, and guided to the designated canopy nearby to observe the ceremony in shaded comfort.



This graduation marked real moments of pride for Sayville. Not only did this high-achieving class exceed accomplishments in every arena of academics, athletics, and the arts, they showed real class—the first in a long while—by giving utmost respect to all their speakers. For their exceptional model behavior during commencement, the Class of 2009 has won acclaim, approval, and the greatest thanks for starting this new tradition.



ALUMNI WALKING



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BOARD OF EDUCATION

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BOARD NOTES

AT THE JULY 1ST BOE

REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

- Deborah Van Essendelft was elected Board of Education President.
- Maureen Dolan was elected Board of Education Vice President.
- Keith Kolar, Ray Nelson, and John Verdore were sworn in as trustees.

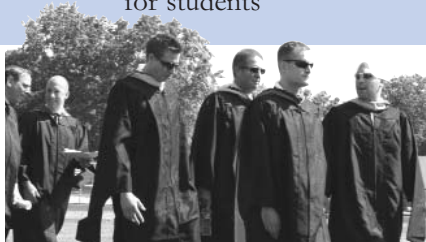
AT THE JULY 1ST BOE MEETING

DR. ROSEMARY F. JONES,
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS,
REPORTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. Energy Performance Presentation
 2. Bond Project Update
 3. BAN Borrowing Results
 4. Board Meeting Dates set for:
 - Wed, August 26, 2009 @ 6 p.m.
 - December 10, 2009 Business Mtg.
 5. Kindergarten Registration 2008-09 – Status Report – Ms. Lamanno
 6. Status of Secondary Summer School Program – Dr. Sullivan Keck
 7. Education Grants – Dr. Sullivan Keck
 8. School Messenger Service – Will Seus
- BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION**
- Policy Review
 - Request Pappas & Co meet BOE 8/26

UPCOMING EVENTS

- AUGUST 26 Scheduled for **Wednesday**,
Board of Education
Business Meeting, Admin.
Bldg. 6 p.m.
- SEPT 8 First day of School
for teachers
- SEPT 9 **Schools Open**
for students



During the 2009 Commencement ceremonies, Class Advisors Stephen Aronsen, Christian Bannon, and Adam Sznitken accompanied Assistant Principals Mike Dileo and Ron Hoffer, along with Music Chairperson Neil Bernstein in the processional.

CLASS OF 2009 SALUTATORIAN SAMANTHA ROSA “The Progression of Dependence”

Class of 2009 Salutatorian Samantha Rosa first greeted the assembly with thanks to the parents and educators who “helped shape us into who we are today,” for their input and insight.

Then, turning her attention to her classmates, whom she congratulated for their successful completion of High School, Samantha discussed their progression from dependence toward independence. She bypassed their recent memories “so near and dear to our hearts that I feel it is not necessary to revisit them today,” so as to offer her fellow graduates “something that will hold worth in the future.”

Describing Middle School as the safe nest where they were cradled and nurtured, Samantha traced their path through the “transitional period” of High School which marked their growth from “codependent youths to independent adults. We have learned to value the opinions of others, and more importantly, to value diversity and our individuality.”

Samantha projected a new landscape ahead, one that will not always have

“our best interests at heart... no longer be surrounded by a community of peers where everyone is working together towards a common goal.”

Encouraging her classmates to determine their individual passions that will motivate and propel them past obstacles, she suggested that “any one of us could be the next president,... Nobel Prize winner,...celebrated recording artist...” by channeling “the energy within ourselves.”

Drawing upon her personal successes as examples, Samantha concluded “it is time to light a fire ... to create your own future. No one can affect our future except ourselves, for life is lived by us and us alone.” Wishing them the best of luck in the future, Samantha urged the Graduates of 2009 to “savor every minute of today, for we truly deserve it.”

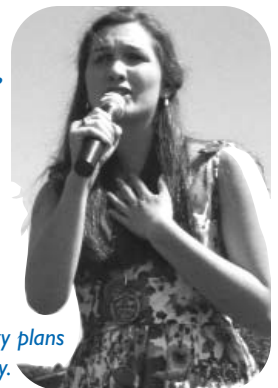


Musical Interludes



(right) The vocal selection **Home** from **The Wiz** was performed by the incomparable **Roxy York**, Winner of the Patricia Ann Kubelle Memorial Vocal Music Award, and a truly outstanding Sayville High School All-State vocalist. Roxy plans to pursue a career in musical theatre and will study at the Boston Conservatory.

The band accompanied the harmonious vocal talents of the High School Jazz Choir members, directed by Jeff Hoffman (left), **Seniors Ian Besso, Nick Esdale, Mark Moskwa, Kristina Schroeter, Roxanne York, Jared Linehan, and Thomas Mittiga**, assisted by Juniors Tess Buono and Alexis Minogue, for the *Star-Spangled Banner*, which officially opened the ceremonies.



SCHUMER'S CHOICE WORDS

U.S. Senator for New York Charles Schumer made a brief appearance to acknowledge Sayville as one of the best high schools on Long Island and to thank the five students entering the military. After reminding everyone about

his “class gift”—the law which gives Middle Class families a \$2,500 tax break for college tuition if they earn less than \$250,000 a year—Mr. Schumer tore up his prepared speech so the class could proceed with receiving their diplomas. His gesture drew tremendous cheers.

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CLASS OF 2009 VALEDICTORIAN MATTHEW COWAN "Today's Tomorrow"

Soft-spoken Matthew Cowan felt honored to be the Class of 2009 Valedictorian and expressed his good wishes, particularly to those among his peers joining the military.

Lightheartedly Matt opened by introducing himself to members of the sizeable class he had yet to meet, told all he aimed to accomplish the "lofty goal" of making them "laugh, cry, be motivated and just live a better life in general," and assured them, despite dire Mayan forecasts, that humanity would live past the year 2012. "I know it's pretty audacious challenging the ideas of the Mayans, but after some long, reflective thought, I have come to the conclusion that even if I am wrong, you won't be able to tell me 'I told you so.'"

Surveying the capped heads seated before him, Matt launched into the substance of his ingenious and insightful message. "Each one of us stands to make a difference..." To prove his point, Matt invited his classmates both to listen and to stand when he named the fields or professions in which each may "plan to enter. So, hopefully, in a short time, I will have all of you on your feet."

The following is a synopsis of Matt's predictions about futures in the

• MEDICAL OR HEALTHCARE PROFESSION
"Upon completion of your extended education, I think you will bring to our society: a cure for cancer; a cure for AIDS; a cure for the common cold; an increased

lifespan; and generally, a happier, healthier, and longer life—and you will make a tremendous amount of money."

• EDUCATION
"Your job is to educate the next

generation to fix the problems of previous generations and to leave a legacy of improvement. Without people like you, we wouldn't have doctors, healthcare professionals or any profession..."

• ECLECTIC FIELD consisting of lawyers, business persons, economists, bankers, and politicians. "You will be the captains of industry and the leaders of our nation."

• SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS "It is your job to clarify the way we see the world and to explain the currently unexplainable. Talk about a tough job, but I see some very intelligent people [standing, and]... able to rise to the challenge."

• THE ARTS (musicians, singers, actors, actresses, artists or anyone who will make an artistic contribution to society). "We rely on you to keep us happy when times are not looking too great and to entertain us when times are better, even to help us understand our lives... I do my best work listening to music—you are definitely a necessary part of the societal puzzle."

• ENGINEERING (Matt's personal favorite) including urban planners. "With you we entrust technological



advancements and future infrastructure, all the gadgets, gizmos, building, bridges...your job is to make our lives more manageable."

• TRADES AND SKILLED LABOR (mechanics, plumbers, electricians, carpenters...) "You are the foundation of America. ...you are the builders...the fixers...without you, our society would undoubtedly be in chaos."

• CIVIL SERVICE (police, fire, military). "Probably the single most noteworthy and important group, you will... continue to hold tightly to our freedom, protect us from harm, and save our lives... Thank you in advance!"

• UNDECIDED? "It is you that keep our future surprising. Some of you may create the next Google, Facebook,... Many of you will join others in professions I have already mentioned and do great things... Even if you have no idea, there is no rush. The appropriate career will come to you."

Noting finally that everyone was standing, Matt asked one more favor. "I want you to look around at everyone ...what you see is a nearly limitless wealth of untapped brilliance." Acknowledging they would be the promise of our future, Matt cited two quotes from his favorite alter ego Abraham Lincoln [earned by Matt's striking likeness last Halloween], "Stand with anybody that stands RIGHT. Stand with him while he is right and part with him when he goes wrong," and "People are just as happy as they make up their minds to be."

After thanking the Class of 2009 for making high school memorable, Matt concluded, "Together we are today's tomorrow. Congratulations ...!"

More Commencement coverage on page 4.

ALUMNI WHO WALKED

(below) While all may not have participated, the following names were on the Alumni Walk 2009 List:



•1939 Myra Roland DeGraff
•1943 Marjorie O'Grady Feeny
•1945 Ruth Colson Krsnak, Arthur Krsnak
•1946 Marilyn (Cejcka) Kussmaul, Ernest Kussmaul
•1947 William Paauwe, June Smith, Elaine Beebe
•1948 Charlene Tichy Schneeberg, Harold

Steenland Paauwe
•1955 William Schneider
1955 Fran Kaelin, Howard Jones, Bill Ludlem, Connie Ott, Janet Weedon Gianquinto
•1957 Charles Tichy
•1961 Marg Silverthorn Kussmaul
•1967 Gloria Lore Leach
•1968 Gary Roland
•1970 Thomas Reeve,

Karen Popecki, John Lore
•1971 George Ciresi
•1972 Cathie Occhiogrosso Ciresi
•1973 Cynthia Schneeberg Smith, Cathy Maltese
•1974 Gerhard Pagels, Tara Patin, Linda Pesch, Pat Ambrosio Williams
•1975 Vivian Demeusy Gerzog, Jay Gerzog, Lorelei Stephens, Angelo Occhiogrosso, Patricia Occhiogrosso
•1976 Kathleen Goldsmith, Christine O'Neil
•1977 Susan Reilly Wood, Paula Russell Szafranski, Howard Ryan, Joanne Colson

Hintze, Brian O'Neil
•1978 Nancy Russell, Carol Reevei, Lori Hodgkinson, Karen Campson, Susan Stoll Fanjoy, Margaret Combs King, Terry Ambrosio O'Neil, Jean Wahl Harris, Linda Sgrio Elton, Kathy Stevens Maro, Darlene Klassen Kempf, Carole LaFountain Reeve, Christine Engstrom, Sandra Van Essendelft, Jerry Cetta, Sharon Rogers Sputh, Carla DePompeo
•1979 Bob Russell
•1980 Matthew Russell, Brit Van Duyne Passin, Sally Stoll DePompeo, Phil

DePompeo
•1981 Patricia Russell, Steven Russell
•1982 Diane Hendra (Van Duyne), Linda Karszen Hunt, Kathleen McCaffrey, Carol Paulkner
•1983 Tom Casazza, Teresa Casazza
•1984 Michelle Moriarty (Van Duyne)
•1987 Kathleen Roland
•1990 Michelle Roland
•1996 Gary Roland
•2005 Giselle Quintero
•2006 Danny Russell, Mianna Molinari
•2008 Angelica Molinari, Robert Demeusy, James Goldsmith

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SUPERINTENDENT: "A True Beginning..."

Introduced by Principal Joseph Buderman as "the force behind our success in Sayville," Superintendent Dr. Rosemary Jones welcomed the assembly and thanked the High School faculty, staff, and administrators for their commitment, caring, and wisdom and for making the events of the day possible. While Dr. Jones also praised the parents, families, and community members for their support, she commended those who voiced concerns that challenged the entire district to accomplish the very best for the students.

"Over the years," Dr. Jones admitted to the Class of 2009, "I have seen many classes graduate, but you are especially dear to me. I came to Sayville when you were in Kindergarten. We have traveled



the last 13 years together, and I know a lot about you." The graduates laughed as Dr. Jones recollected their Barney backpacks, their Power Rangers Halloween costumes, their progression from the Playstation to the Wii, dancing the "cool" macarena, and of course, Sponge Bob.

In a more serious vein, Dr. Jones praised them for exceeding the academic requirements. "I saw you as my kids. Let me tell you, *my kids*, you have not let me down. You have been asked to do more than any previous graduating class" and achieved "more than any other graduating class in Sayville."

Complimenting the class as a whole for their community involvement, Dr. Jones acknowledged the five students

joining the military for their sacrifice and service to our nation.

In addition, the Superintendent spoke with pride, when she noted, "The rigor of Sayville High School has provided you with the building blocks for going forward. When you are handed that diploma today, I know that diploma represents the best that public school has to offer. The rest is up to you."

Dr. Jones advised, "Take this commencement as a **true beginning**. Try new things. Interact with new and diverse friends. Get out of the comfort zone. Some of the things that make us uncomfortable are in fact the very tools necessary to make us grow."

"You are ready!" Dr. Jones stated with confidence, concluding with her signature statement, *Go out there, do good and do well*, Good luck and may God bless you!"

BOE President Verdone SPEAKS FROM THE HEART

"The world is a lot different than when you first started kindergarten," Board of Education President John Verdone remarked during his address. "Who would ever have thought that TWITTER would be something everyone could do? And to me, 'my space' was a spot you didn't want anyone in."

Reflecting on what he might share with the graduates today, his oldest son advised him to speak from the heart, to locate the "Aha

moment." So, rather than fill pages of his speech with events from his life or speak of heroes who influenced him, Mr. Verdone decided the focus should be on the graduates. "Today belongs to you. You start on your own journey, as tomorrow becomes your future, a future we have entrusted to you. You'll be the ones who will have influence, determination, and drive to change the world, to bring peace to the world."

Praising the Class of 2009 for being the brightest, the best, our future leaders and stewards of change, Mr. Verdone commended

them for their hard work and intelligence.

"When you leave here today," Mr. Verdone concluded, "treasure your memories of high school, the friendships you have made, the knowledge you have gained. Go with all your heart," and closed with wishes for success and congratulations.



"ALIVE"

CLASS PRESIDENT BRITTANY MCMAHON GAVE HER RESPONSE FOR THE CLASS, FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS TO THE CLASS OF 2009.

It was a simple, but deep question: "How long have you been alive?" With it, Class of 2009 President Brittany McMahon engaged her audience. She recounted how her life drastically changed in freshman year with two words—**spread kindness**—words that bespoke of a philosophy that helped her find herself, her mission, and her passion.

Brittany's journey of self-discovery collided with a question from Sociology Class: "What does it mean to be alive?" Sharing some answers drawn from her personal experiences, Brittany learned to be true to herself, love and cherish her family, and "embrace the moments that leave you

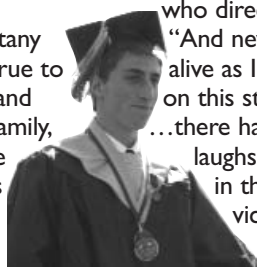
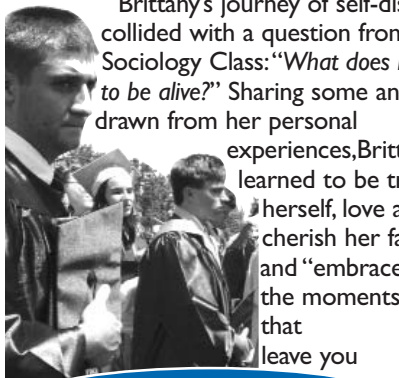
breathless." She also learned to find her passions and to focus on the fights worth fighting. "I love helping people and making them feel good about themselves. Bringing a smile to someone's face melts my heart. It probably would have taken me a lot longer to figure this out if it weren't for those two words."

With tears in her eyes and a trembly voice Brittany expressed her gratitude to Sayville High School friends and role models, teachers and peers, teammates and mentors who directly affected her life.

"And never have I ever felt as alive as I do right now standing on this stage in front of you all. ...there have been so many laughs, so many struggles, but in the end, so many victories have defined the past four years." Asking

her fellow graduates to consider the question "When will YOU embrace life...finally feel ALIVE," Brittany recommended "Find your passion, live your dream, follow your heart. In time you will realize that Abe Lincoln said it best: 'in the end, it's not the years in your life; it's the life in your years.'

Class of 2009, I urge you to **BE ALIVE!"**



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"Members of the Class of 2009 won significant honors both individually and collectively and have been tremendous representatives of our school."

• The graduates met and/or exceeded the academic standards: 96% of the students in the Class of 2009 will go on to further education; 96% earned a Regents Diploma this year.

• At the 35th Annual Scholastic Awards program, administrators, faculty, and staff presented 185 awards to 96 deserving students. Gold- or purple-ribboned medallions worn by the graduates indicated these awards. Special mention was given to the five students, **Alex DeLuca, Jasmine DePompeo, Richard Marciano, Matthew Muller, and Eric Schreck** who are entering the service.

• Four students were recognized by the *National Merit Scholarship* foundation for academic excellence: **Karl Hart, Jeremy Pomerantz, Samantha Rosa, and Garret Stephens**

• So far, 86 students received academic or community scholarships that value well over 2.2 million dollars.

• Our **Art** students earned numerous awards and received great recognition at

FOR THE CLASS OF 2009

Enumerating (see below) the statistics of class accomplishments with a "great deal of pride and satisfaction," Mr. Buderman also announced the Community Scholarship winners.

such exhibits as SAVA, SMBA, the BAFFA High School Student Invitational Art Exhibit, the Hecksher Juried Art Competition, and a number of works were entered at the 28th Annual Congressional Arts Competition.

• Our **Music** Department held many outstanding concerts throughout the year and the **Wind Ensemble**, directed by Mr. Peter DeSalvo, received the highest award possible, **Level 6 (Gold) Rating with Distinction** at the *New York State Festival*. Sayville is again a **Grammy-Award** winning school and named one of the **Top 100** schools. Our music students have been recognized locally and throughout the county, state, and nation with awards from NYSSMA, All-State Awards in Band, Orchestra, Chorus, and Jazz, National School Choral and Orchestra Awards, Long Island String Festival Awards, SCMEA All-County Awards, a NYSCAME scholarship, John Philip Sousa Band Award, Louis Armstrong Jazz Award, and Chopin Piano Award; and if an award were available, the music department would have earned one with their performance of **Mozart's Requiem**. It was clearly an outstanding year for the Music Program.

• Our Theatre Arts program, under the direction of Mr. Steven Hailey, successfully held the **Fall Play (*The Crucible*), Winter Play (*Simon's Girls*)** and Senior-directed/written **May One-Act Plays**. In addition, the Music Department worked collaboratively with Sayville Theatre Arts and successfully produced this year's outstanding musical **BEAUTY & THE BEAST**.

• In Interscholastic Athletics, 22 of our 26 varsity teams participated in postseason competitions and this year, we set another record: All 26 varsity teams are NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Teams, earning our Athletic Program the *Scholar-Athlete New York State School of Distinction Award*. Sayville Varsity individuals and teams won championships in 10 sports; with **DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS** in **Girls: Tennis, Soccer, Field Hockey, Winter Track, Swimming-Diving, Spring Track, and Lacrosse & Boys: Football, Swimming-Diving, Lacrosse; COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS** in **Football, Softball, Girls and Boys Lacrosse; LONG ISLAND CHAMPIONSHIP TITLES** in **Football, Boys Lacrosse, and Varsity Cheerleading**. Our Cheerleading team represented Long

Island and advanced to the semifinals at the Nationals in Disney World.

COUNTY FINALISTS in **Girls: Tennis, Swimming-Diving, Soccer, Field Hockey, Winter Track; Boys: Golf, Track, Swimming-Diving, Wrestling**. An unprecedented number of our athletes were named to All-State and All-American teams in **Football Boys and Girls Swimming-Diving, Boys Lacrosse, Girls Soccer**. Eight student-athletes in the Class of 2009 earned Gold Key awards from Section XI this year.

• High School Service Organizations provided volunteers, support, and raised money for *The Special Olympics, The American Heart Association, The Lupus Foundation, The Salvation Army, The American Cancer Society, The March of Dimes, LI Blood Services, Relay for Life, The 7th Annual March to the Sea to Fight Leukemia, The Keith Nintzel 5K Memorial Event, Mitch Cangelosi Memorial Run* and raised thousands of dollars and tons of food, clothing, and toys for the less fortunate on Long Island. Additionally, as a result of such service to our community, our Anchor Club was named Number One in the northeast region.

During his final remarks, Principal Joseph Buderman thanked all for their support throughout the academic and cocurricular careers of the students. After the Jazz Chorus led the assembly in *God Bless America*, Mr. Buderman

closed the Commencement program, emotions evident in his voice: "As the representative of our faculty, staff, and administration, it has been my pleasure to have worked with you for the past four years. Ladies and gentleman, I

congratulate the Class of 2009, and wish you success, health, and happiness in all your future endeavors!" At that moment, the well-mannered Class of 2009 exploded with unrestrained joy, cheers and caps flying skyward!



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Moving Up through Elementary Moments

On different days and at varying times, Lincoln, Cherry, and Sunrise created their own distinctive programs that included music, guest speakers, the Principal's Address, recognition to outstanding students (see lists below), nostalgic essays or slide presentations about their learning experiences through the years, and a PTA-sponsored reception enjoyed by all the students and their guests.



(above & below) At their **MOVING-UP CEREMONY, LINCOLN AVENUE FIFTH-GRADERS** received recognition and awards for all their outstanding accomplishments.



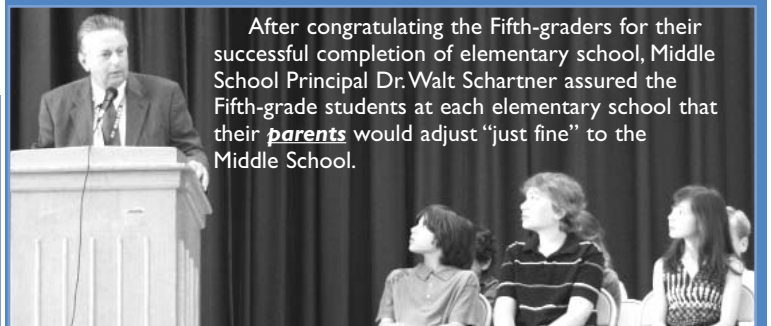
During her address, Lincoln Avenue Principal Mrs. Gunther, proudly remarked how this Fifth-grade, "earned the highest achievement, higher than any other Fifth-grade class as measured by the Fifth-grade social studies test, the state English language arts test, and the state math exam, with 99% of the students or more scoring at the proficient level with many scores at the highest level score of 4."

Mrs. Gunther also recognized the many Lincoln Avenue families who were making their **BIG MOVE** away with the students moving up.

Mrs. Gunther recited a cleverly paraphrased ABC's of Growing Up, which included messages such as "Never give up, Open your mind, Plant miracle seeds..." In conclusion, Mrs. Gunther, who became principal when the children entered kindergarten, expressed how "incredible" it was "to observe the metamorphosis associated with [the students' maturity]...it is very difficult to give this fine group up, yet, I am so very proud."



Under the direction of music teacher Ms. Senatore, the Lincoln Students perform **For Just A Little While**.



After congratulating the Fifth-graders for their successful completion of elementary school, Middle School Principal Dr. Walt Schartner assured the Fifth-grade students at each elementary school that their **parents** would adjust "just fine" to the Middle School.

The following is a list of Fifth-grade 2008-2009 Presidential Academic and Physical Fitness Award Winners...

LINCOLN AVENUE

PRESIDENTIAL ACADEMIC FITNESS AWARD (GOLD)

Courtney Barone
Elias Kalomiris
Eric Bartlett
Rebecca Kranz
Mackenzie Brennan
Paige Liskiewicz
Chelsea Burnside
Sean Lomando
Sean Caraher
Samantha Mayo
Hailey Comiskey
Cielle Pappalardo
Dominick Danzi
Elizabeth Pigott
Sierra Graygor

Tyler Powers
Christine Guinessey
Emily Sneddon
Jessica Hand
Sean Velazquez
Kathleen Herbst
Savannah Votino
Melissa Hunter
Katelyn Wallace
Samantha Wilson
(SILVER)
Angelina Acevedo
Christopher Ferremi
Corrine Caminske
Alex Henry
Derrick Fatigate
Kaitlyn Ross
Rayana Webster

PRESIDENTIAL PHYSICAL FITNESS AWARD

Hunter Bauland
Brian Burgos
Sean Caraher
Hailey Comiskey
Christine Guinessey
Michelle Kontryn
Rebecca Kranz
Paige Liskiewicz
Dominic Pernicario
Elizabeth Pigott
Kaitlyn Ross
Katelyn Wallace
TRIPLE C AWARD
Kaitlyn Ross
Elizabeth Pigott

SUFFOLK ZONE AWARD WINNERS

Alex H.
Kaitlyn R.

Lincoln students who received the first Erin Halliday Duffy Award Scholarships were Danielle K., Rachel Z., Hailey C., Paige L. and John P.



CHERRY AVENUE

PRESIDENTIAL ACADEMIC FITNESS AWARD (GOLD)

Nicole Bevilacqua
Emily Hollmann
Emily Perun
Travis Brown
Victoria Keghlian
Maggie Roath
James Daly
Ryan Luciano
Michael Rolland
Anna Harris
James McKeon
Jack Saracino
Mackenzie Hart
Daniel Martucci
Daria Zeman
Logan Henke
Matthew Oskey
(SILVER)

Nicholas Benedetto
Haley Kroll
Angelina Perrone
Emily Carmelitano
Charles Lipari
Bridget Pitre
Jakob Diehl
Jamie Meere

Mikhaila Seibert
Raven Dushnick
Eileen Monahan
Nicholas Villez
Julia Howland
Jaclyn Parcelluzzi

PRESIDENTIAL PHYSICAL FITNESS AWARD

Michael Nadeau
Ryan Close
Victoria Keghlian
Mikhaila Seibert
Julia Howland



TRIPLE C Jack N. and Daniel S.



COMPTROLLER AWARD Michael N.



COUNTY EXECUTIVE STEVE LEVY PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD Mackenzie H.

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CHERRY AVENUE FIFTH-GRADE MOVING UP included speeches, awards, a slide show, and a musical performance of *Another Step Up*, directed by music teacher Kristi Woerner.

During his address, Principal John Stimmel explained why he felt sentimental about this class: they began as Kindergarteners when he started as Principal. For his closing comments, Mr. Stimmel enlisted the help of some Fifth-graders to hold props (right).

This year's addition to the lantern, megaphone, telescope, *Meet the Robinsons* poster, and clock, Mr. Stimmel added Book Ends, marked K and 5, to commemorate their six years together at Cherry Avenue. Allowing that their "time at Cherry is done," he proudly admitted it was "time for a new school" and "time for new challenges," and thanked them for their time together.



At **SUNRISE DRIVE'S MOVING-UP CEREMONY**, Principal Rose Castello (left) praised the Fifth-graders for their accomplishments that have prepared them for the future. She especially expressed her pride in their generous community service efforts that included book collections, clothing drives, and 980 pounds of canned goods, and urged them to continue making a difference.

After each teacher announced the names of the students who were moving up and awards were distributed, the students performed various songs, which included a humorous paraphrased version of *Penny Lane* that recapped their elementary education.

During a special part of the ceremony, the retiring Miss Joanne Hamilton (right) was honored for her 37 extraordinary years of service to Sayville students.



(above) Middle School Assistant Principal Thomas Murray attended and congratulated the Sunrise Drive students.



The following is a list of Fifth-grade 2008-2009 Presidential Academic and Physical Fitness Award Winners...

CHERRY AVENUE cont.



KEMPER AWARD
Raven D. and Meghan O' with Mr. Kemper

SUNRISE DRIVE

PRESIDENTIAL ACADEMIC FITNESS AWARD (GOLD)

- Angelica Albanese
- Jared Bergen
- Jillian Brudi
- Nicole Farese
- Caitlin Flanagan
- Madison Gallagher
- Shaina Garrett
- Lara Beth Hirsch
- Daniel Lumley
- Kylie McCoy
- Sean McNally
- Kimberly Monitto
- Shane O'Donoghue
- Joseph O'Leary
- Christopher Palmeri
- Alexandra Severin
- Gabrielle Stallone
- George VanDorn

(SILVER)

- Liam Bailey
- Robert Broome
- Nicholas Burkel

- Ryan Butler
- Alexander Cappellino
- Kevin Esposito
- Brendan Gregory
- Meghan Kelly
- Rowen Mahoney
- Melanie McNeill
- Samantha Robinson
- Luke Solak
- Joseph Tristano

PRESIDENTIAL PHYSICAL FITNESS AWARD WINNERS

- Nicole Farese
- Kyle Matson
- JD Verbeck
- Joe Tristano
- Jillian Brudi
- Liam Bailey
- Melanie McNeill
- Maddie Gallagher
- Alex Annarumma
- Meghan Ali
- Zachary Schulz

- Jay Burghardt
- Shane O'Donoghue
- Richie Ward
- Kylie McCoy
- Kevin Smith
- Kimmy Monitto
- Caitlin Flanagan



TRIPLE C WINNERS
(above) Jared B., Jillian B.



(above left) **COMPTROLLER AWARD** Daniel L.



(left) **COUNTY EXECUTIVE STEVE LEVY PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD** Shane O.



SUFFOLK ZONE WINNERS

- Jaclyn P.
- Victoria K.
- Ryan L.

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On the M.O.V.E

Music by the 7th Grade Orchestra cued the Eighth-grade Moving-Up processional to file into the David M. Jones Auditorium. After Anna Corso sang the *National Anthem*, the Jazz Band played *The Final Countdown*, and the Select Chorus performed *Stand By Me*, Principal Dr. Schartner greeted the assembly. He reflected on the students' birth year of 1995,



(r) Anna C. sang the National Anthem.

“rechristened” them the Class of 2013, and offered statistics (*see below*) on their accomplishments.

“The High School has limitless opportunities,” Dr. Schartner observed. “What you do next in High School will be on a permanent record—kept forever—but you will be building a resume for your next step, either college, career or whatever steps you take to become a productive citizen.”

Noting on how quickly fourteen years have flown, Dr. Schartner reminded the parents that the next four years will go even faster. He recommended

they stay involved and keep an open dialogue with their children.

Finally, Dr. Schartner urged the students to make themselves and their parents proud, asked them to stand and face their parents, and parted with the final words, “Congratulations,

Good Luck!” which were drowned out by applause and cheers. Immediately following the ceremony, the students attended their Eighth-grade dance.



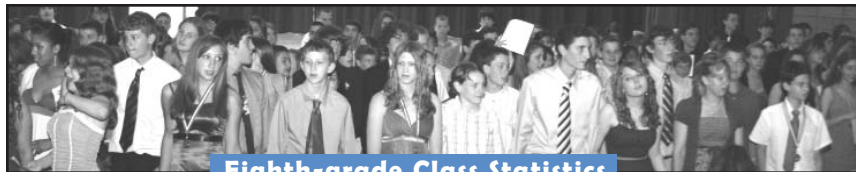
7th-Grade Orchestra: Processional



Jazz Band: The Final Countdown



Select Chorus: Stand by Me



Eighth-grade Class Statistics

- 109 students received the Presidential Academic Award
- 76 Eighth graders were NJHS members, having a 95 average or better for 4 consecutive quarters
- Fifty students have received nearly 4 HS credits before their Freshman year.
- There were many award-winning Artists
- There were many award-winning Musicians
- Over 20 were High School Athletes
- Eighteen students received Presidential Service awards for 50-74 hrs of service
- With combined Math and Verbal scores of 1250, 1170, and 1100 on the SATs, three students received recognition from the Johns Hopkins Talented Youth Search.

The 8th Grade 2008-2009 Presidential Awards

(Students who maintained a 90+ average for 11 marking periods)

Erin Abraham
Samantha Bishop
Amanda Bonkoski
Thomas Bonney
Curran Boyce
Kiona Bustamante
Anthony Cappellino
Harrison Cassetta
Kelly Cavanagh
Jacqueline Christensen
Jacqueline Coffey
Michelle Coffey
Olivia Coley-Bishop
Anna Corso
Amy Dean
Caroline DeLuca
Lucy DeStefano-Pearce
Melanie Ann

Drinkwater
Daniel Dufrenoy
Stefanie Ebo
Daniel Esposito
Katherine Farrell
Brittnee Fatigate
Kaytlee Ferremi
Emily Fox
James Giattino
Christopher Greco
Melina Guida
Melina Haas
Faith Haller
Peter Hayes
Jennifer Henck
Emma Henderson
Angelica Hernandez
Madison Hoon
Tara Imbrenda

Matthew Iovino
Samantha Jarvis
Jacqueline Johnson
Kerry Keenan
Elizabeth Koehler
Rebecca Laterza
Kelly Leach
Casey Lodol
Janine Loesch
Claire Luceri
Jayme Lyons
Sam Massenkeil
Kailey Mauro
Robert McCauley
Kelly McElroy
Taylor Mills
Gianna Minogue
Thomas Monahan
Rebecca Monastero
George Mallowney

Connor Mulry
Kaitlyn Mulry
Meagan Mulry
Kyle Murray
Valerie Murray
Jordyn Nadler
Denise Natoli
Conor Nordland
Brian Novak Jr
Timothy O'Leary
Krista O'Malley
Connor O'Neill
Lorelei Olk
Katie Oskey
Caroline Pace
Gina Palumbo
Sara Philbin
Jessica Poretta

Danielle Post
Meaghan Reilly
Sean Reutter
Deborah Rico
John Riess
Alexandria Roppelt
Sara Rossi
Jacqueline Ryder
Nicole Sala
Christa Saracino
Alexandra Savini
Christian Savini
Meaghan Scheck
Samantha Schenkel
Dylan Schreiber
Emily Sellitti
Eliot Simon
Hillary Slavik

Steven Smith
Matthew Spina
Nicholas Stallone
Matthew Stephan
Maria Stuvan
Michael Sugarman
Courtney Takats
Ronald Theofield
Meagan Tomasso
Katherine VanDorn
Travis Villez
Lucas Volle
Rachael Wachter
Patrick Waters
John Weisheit
Marissa Whitby
Abigail Winiacki

NYS Comptroller's Award • LUCY DESTEFANO-PEARCE
Triple C Award • LUCY DESTEFANO-PEARCE

8th GRADE AWARDS

2008-2009 DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS

ENGLISH • KATHERINE FARRELL
SOCIAL STUDIES • CURRAN BOYCE
MATHEMATICS 8 • JOHN HAGGART
ALGEBRA • CURRAN BOYCE
LIFE SCIENCE • ANGELICA HERNANDEZ
LIVING ENVIRONMENT • REBECCA MONASTERO
TECHNOLOGY • CHARLES VERBECK
COMPUTER APPLICATIONS • MARIA STUVEN
CONSUMER & FAMILY SCIENCE • AMANDA BONKOSKI
PHYSICAL EDUCATION (BOYS) • ZACHARY SIRICO
PHYSICAL EDUCATION (GIRLS) • EMILY SELITTI
BAND • KIERAN HARRISON
ORCHESTRA • CRAIG DAVIDSON
CHORUS • SHANNON LYNCH
ART • LORELEI OLK
SPANISH • ERICA FERER
FRENCH • DENISE NATOLI