

# Highlights

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of the Sayville School District

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## A Holiday Message

Dear Parents and  
Community Members,

Who cannot be amazed by a child's jubilation?

That is why we adults do everything possible, and sometimes nearly impossible, to give our children such "joyful moments," especially during the holiday season. In striving to fulfill their wish lists, we surmount daunting, perhaps complicated challenges; sometimes we amaze ourselves. Through sheer determination, we manage to reach these goals.

This is also true about education. As Superintendent, I constantly observe our Sayville school community, along with our Board of Education, working diligently as a team to fulfill the amazing academic, artistic, and athletic wish lists of our students—whether or not our students are aware of these particular lists!

Overcoming somewhat challenging requirements, Sayville Schools endeavors to give our students "joyful moments" that will help them realize their own future goals. This is our hope, yearlong and lifelong!

As we ring out the old and bring in the new, I wish you all an amazing holiday season filled with joy.

Warm regards,

Dr. Rosemary F. Jones,  
Superintendent of Schools



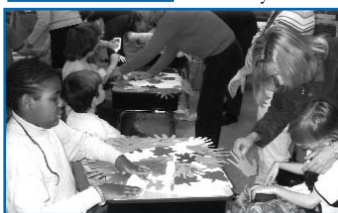
## A Return to Fine Dining



"Platters of succulent chicken breasts, mashed potatoes and gravy, served family-style with a side of string beans." This mouthwatering dish was the main menu at Sayville's Fourth Annual Fine Dining Luncheon. Hosted this year by Sunrise Drive and prepared by Food and Nutrition Director Linda Horrigan and her staff, the enchanting Fine Dining experience was enjoyed by the entire student body and invited guests.

To promote the learning standards of listening and conversing in a real social setting, Sayville Superintendent Dr. Rosemary Jones launched the annual Fine Dining event to give students the opportunity to practice these skills in a memorable way—and the kids eat it up every time!

This year, Sunrise Drive's gleaming new cafeteria was festively decorated with Thanksgiving motifs: Each round table, draped by tablecloths, was adorned with student-made centerpieces (photo left and below left). The Fifth-graders, standing attentively in uniform white and black, were hosts or waiters at assigned tables, while the younger students and adult guests, including local celebrity



winners (photos below) Michele Falco (*Deal or No Deal*) and Tom Westman (*Survivor*), were escorted to their seats.

Not surprisingly, the manners of the Sunrise Drive students rose impeccably to the occasion. Thanks go to Principal Rose Castello, Art Teacher Jeanette Ainslie, and all the members of the Fine Dining committee for a fine job!



# Highlights of the Sayville School District



## BOARD OF EDUCATION

JOHN VERDONE, PRESIDENT  
 NORMAN DEVENAU, VICE PRESIDENT  
 ALLISON J. CRUZ  
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## BOARD NOTES

### At the December 7<sup>th</sup> BOE Meeting

Board Citations were awarded to the following Middle School students (right).

**Dr. Rosemary F. Jones, Superintendent of Schools, reported on the following:**

1. Athletic Facility Presentation
2. Report on New Initiatives
3. Location of January Board of Education meeting

### BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION:

1. Board Reports

## UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER 23 - JAN 3

Schools closed for Winter Recess

- JANUARY 3** Schools Reopen  
**JANUARY 4** BOE Workshop Mtg, Admin. Bldg, 7 p.m.  
**JANUARY 10-13** SHS WINTER PLAY  
**JANUARY 11** BOE Business Mtg, 8 p.m. District Auditorium (Old Junior High)

New York State Education Law Section 409-H requires all public and nonpublic schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the periodic and potential use of pesticides throughout the school year.

New York State requires school districts to issue a notification 48 hours prior to each pesticide application during the course of the year to faculty, staff, and parents who request it. If you would like to receive this notification, please send a written request with your name, address, and phone number to the Office of the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, 99 Greeley Avenue, Sayville, New York 11782.

Check [sayville.k12.ny.us](http://sayville.k12.ny.us) periodically for updates.

Pesticide Notification

## BOE Citations AWARDED TO STUDENTS

Awards presented by Middle School Principal Dr. Walter Schartner, BOE President John Verdone and BOE Trustee Deborah Van Essendelft



(photo left) Shannon Litvin, Lindsey Kuri, Timothy Cowan, Kyle Tieman-Strauss, Allyson Marchan, Eileen Corrado, • Prudential Spirit of Community: Certificate of Merit

(Citations winners unavailable for photos)

- Taylor Callis • Prudential Spirit of Community: Certificate of Achievement Award and National Award Winner in the Brodard Fall School Catalog Cover Contest
- Krista Giardina • Poster Contest Winner: Long Island Speech & Hearing Association



(photo above) • Broadart National Fall Cover Contest Honorable Mentions: Qxiara Tomasetti, Kelsey Truglio, Kiera Muscara,



(photo above) Jesse Hirsch, Jacqueline Kalomiris, Zachary Stephan, James Klopp, Tiffany Bruno • Long Island Grade 6 Math Tournament Champions



(above) Performing delightful holiday melodies, the Fourth and Fifth-grade students from **Cherry Avenue's Select Chorus**, directed by Music Teacher Kristi Woerner, entertained the crowds at the December BOE meeting. The music department made the season merry districtwide with performances by many talented Sayville music students of all ages who shared their gifts for the holidays.

## Celebrating National Inclusive Schools Week

**"Inclusive Schools exemplify the very best in education by individualizing instruction and support to meet the diverse needs of ALL STUDENTS—from special needs to the gifted, and everyone in between."**

Celebrating its first National Inclusive Schools Week (December 4-8), Sayville District raised awareness for this annual event by organizing a districtwide poster contest and issuing printed pencils, donated by the Council of PTAs, to the elementary students.

In addition, the Superintendent's Roundtable, held on December 5<sup>th</sup>, invited parents to talk about the topic as it



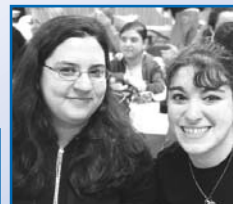
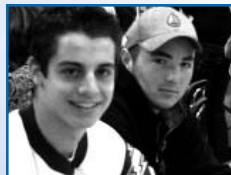
related to the cultural, ethnic, social, and academic spectrum of the community.

Many of those who attended the Roundtable enjoyed the meaningful dialogue and exchange of ideas with the panel of professionals. The topic also proved to be a springboard for other discussions that were on the minds of parents. (Check the School District website and Highlights for future notices about the next Superintendent's Roundtable. Call 244-6510 with topic suggestions.)

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## Senior Breakfast

Nearly nineteen years after Senior Class Advisor Mrs. Marie Joost-Cox and Principal Joseph Buderman developed the concept, the Senior Breakfast remains a popular tradition for Seniors, volunteering parents, faculty, and staff. What's not to love? Delicious food (provided by Parkville Deli), friends, and conversation make for the winning recipe that gives Seniors a healthy break in their hectic routines. Parent volunteers and staff like it too. Thanks go to this year's Senior Class Advisors Mrs. Censoplano, Mr. Nani, and Mrs. Sinishtaj, along with the clean-up committee and custodial staff for their successful teamwork.



## What is a Delayed School Opening?

There may be days when school is either closed or delayed due to inclement weather. Sayville Schools has rarely used delayed openings, but as Long Island weather patterns change, we must also be prepared to change to ensure the safety of our students and staff. The decision to close or delay school is based on many factors, including the following:

- condition of the roads
- availability of our bus transportation
- conditions of the school buildings and grounds

To keep you informed, the District has assembled some **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:**

**•What is a delayed school opening?**

When regular starting time for a school is changed because of weather-related problems.

**•Why is it necessary to have a delayed school opening?** To allow the Town and School District additional time to sand the roads, sidewalks, etc., ensuring a safer trip to school for our students and staff.

**Checking the School Website in case of inclement weather?**

The school closing or delay notification—*when activated*—will replace the scrolling news section on the homepage.

**•Would all Sayville private, parochial, and public school students be subject to the delayed opening regardless of the school attended? YES**

**•If a delayed opening were necessary, would dismissal time be the same? YES**

**•How would parents know about a delayed school opening?** In addition to the District's website [www.sayville.k12.ny.us](http://www.sayville.k12.ny.us), check with radio stations WBLI 106.1, WBAB 102.3, WALK 97.5, and television's News12 Long Island.

**•If my child attends a private or parochial school OUTSIDE the District and that school starts at the regular time, does my child still get picked up on a two-hour delay? YES**

**•If my child attends a Regional BOCES school, would he/she be subject to a delayed school opening.**

Since BOCES schools do not use delayed school openings, either the school is open or closed. All BOCES Regional students would be picked up at their regularly scheduled times as per BOCES Regional Directives. Questions for BOCES Regional Programs should be directed to Pat Martell, Transportation Administrator: (631) 472-6840.

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## Historic Fall Season for Sayville Sports Receive the Most County Titles EVER in One Season

It was a season for the record books. Athletic Director Charles Delargy reported that "three teams placed in New York State, one earned a Long Island Title, four won Suffolk County Championships and two achieved Small School Championships—the most county titles ever for one season." **CONGRATULATIONS FALL SPORTS!**

### BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY

3rd in NYS, Suffolk County & Undefeated League Champions

### GIRLS CROSS-COUNTRY

3rd in NYS, Suffolk County & Undefeated League Champions

### FIELD HOCKEY

Suffolk County, Small School & Division Champions

### FOOTBALL

Long Island Champions, Suffolk County & Big 4 Champions

### GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

4th in NYS, Small School & League Champions

### BOYS GOLF

Undefeated League Champions

(right) At Bethpage, Sayville Football wins the Long Island Championship

### BOYS SOCCER

League Champions & Semi-finalists in Suffolk County

### GIRLS SOCCER

Semifinalists in Suffolk County Championships

### GIRLS TENNIS

Suffolk County Tournament Qualifier

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

4th place in League VI



(below) Sayville Boys and Girls Cross-Country Teams at the State Championship Meet



## CHEERS for Sayville's Cheerleaders

All three Sayville teams in our cheerleading program placed in their first competition of the school year. The Varsity team, competing against Connetquot, Seaford, Brentwood and Westhampton teams, finished second to Sachem East at the LICCA Comsewogue Invitational.

The Junior Varsity and Middle School teams both finished First in their 'Rookie' competitions, held at Mount Sinai High School. What a great start to the competition season for our cheerleading program. Congratulations to all the coaches!

## ★ SHS Players Winter Presentations ★

### THEATRE LABORATORY

Tennessee William's  
**TONY AWARD-WINNING:**

## THE GLASS MENAGERIE

Backstage Theatre-in-the-Round

January 10th - 13th

Wed & Thurs performances 7 PM

**\$5 all seats:**

**Fri & Sat performances 8 PM**

**\$6 students \$7 adults:**

**Senior citizens free of charge  
with a district gold card.**

A Chamber Theatre  
Production

## "IT WAS GREEK TO ME"

Little Theatre - at 8 pm  
Friday, February 2nd &  
Saturday, February 3rd

Multimedia presentation will include  
segments from famous works by  
Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides,  
and Aristophanes'

**FREE OF CHARGE**

For details call 244-6600 or check the web: sayvilleplayers.sayville.site.eboard.com