

Highlights

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NEWSWORTHY

Beyond ComPEAR

Congratulations go to Sayville High School Food Service Worker Lori Jean Leigh-Manuell for taking third place in the dessert category at the First Annual Iron Chef Competition, sponsored by the NYS Nutritional Association. To showcase their skills and talents, the competitors were required to prepare either an appetizer, entrée, or dessert that serves 25, using one or more government commodities (such as cheese, chicken, beef, spaghetti, rice, canned fruits, or canned vegetables). Judged by her colleagues for creativity, presentation, and taste, Mrs. Leigh-Manuell's recipe for a Pear Strudel proved a winning treat.

Celebrate WITH DRAMA FEST '06

ONE-ACT PLAYS

Thursday* & Saturday
May 18* & 20
Sayville High School
Little Theatre 8pm

*Changed Date: Originally scheduled for Friday

Also

SHOWIN' OFF
SAYVILLE PLAYERS
THEATRE ARTS RECITAL
MAY 30
Sayville High School
Auditorium 7pm

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR AN UPDATED SCHEDULE OF THE BUDGET PROCESS

- May 8th PTA Council Sponsors
MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT
7:30pm Middle School
- May 9th Presenting the Proposed Budget
to the public at the Budget Public
Hearing, 7:30pm, High School
- May 16th Proposed Budget presented for
community vote

WORKING Wellness

During a week of seminars, the Middle School students were treated to healthy doses of Wellness topics.

- Sixth-grade students were introduced to

Railroad Train and Track Safety, reunited with Officer Ralph Clanton (right) from D.A.R.E., learned about Fire Safety, and discovered the answer to Ralph Marchese's



questions, "What is my disability?" After the students guessed possible answers, they were amazed when Mr. Marchese (right), an American Athletes for Disabilities volunteer, withdrew his hand from his pocket to reveal his prosthetic arm. Despite the injury he sustained years ago, Mr. Marchese shared with the students how he overcame personal challenges to pursue a healthy lifestyle in athletics. Also, a very special appearance was made by Chris Pendergast (below right), who has been an advocate for ALS awareness. Last year, his *Ride For Life* tour crossed Long Island, and *News12* won an Emmy covering his trek. Mr. Pendergast shared with the students his experiences and hopes for a cure.



- Through an array of presenters that included Bobby Lloyd, Alisty Keneth, Dawn Lloyd, members of ACCESS, and the Eighth-grade Leadership students, the Seventh-graders engaged in age-appropriate discussions about bias crimes, bullying, peer pressure, choices, and consequences.

- The Eighth-grade students dialogued with VIBS (Victim Information Bureau of Suffolk County) representatives, shared their thoughts about bias crimes, and attended a revealing

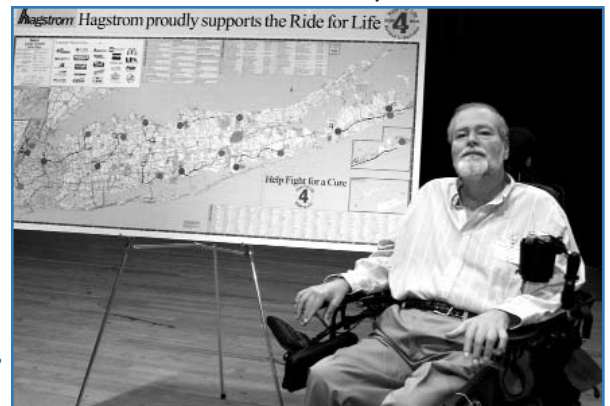
presentation by the Bay Shore Players on "Teen Issues" that encouraged overcoming adversity. In



addition, guest speaker Paul Failla (above), a police officer, actor, and educational consultant, gave a riveting three-period interactive-workshop presentation on character development to the Eighth-graders. Extolling such values as leadership, dignity, and respect, Mr. Failla recognized "real-life heroes"—both living and dead—who were listed in his special notebook. Through his anecdotes, Mr. Failla portrayed the everyday heroes as worthy models for the students.

His workshop yielded tremendous student feedback. Many expressed how Mr. Failla's unforgettable stories brought "good" tears to their eyes, "turned them around" to improve themselves or better appreciate their parents, and one student said, "There is not one person in this school that won't remember your words."

Having students long remember such important life lessons is the purpose of Wellness Week. Thanks to the impact of the guest speakers and the organizational skills of Middle School Student Assistance Counselor Paul Simonsen, Social Worker Dawn Lloyd, and LOTE teacher Deborah Reith, Wellness Week successfully closed its fourteenth memorable year.



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BOARD OF EDUCATION

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BOARD NOTES

AT THE APRIL 20TH BOE MEETING Staff Recognition was given to Gail Page, Food and Nutrition Director, for her 22 years of service (*photo: Mr. Belmonte congratulates Mrs. Gail Page*). Citations were also given to students (See details right).



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

1. Department Chairperson's Report
 - Julia Lang-Shapiro - Art
 2. Athletic Foundation Proposals
 - Charles Delargy
 3. 2006-2007 Proposed Budget
 4. Status of Kindergarten Registration for 2006-2007 School Year
 - Mrs. Lamanno
 5. Education Grants
 - Dr. Sullivan Keck
 6. Budget Vote and Election Dates
 - Tuesday, May 9th,
 - Voter Registration 4:30pm to 7:30pm High School Cafeteria C and
 - Public Hearing 7:30pm High School Cafeteria C.
 - Tuesday, May 16th
 - Budget Vote and Election 7am. to 9pm High School
- BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION
- Annual BOCES Budget Vote/Election

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 4 Board of Education Workshop Mtg, Administration Building, 7pm
- May 6 SMBA "Evening in Celebration of the Arts," Middle School, 6pm
- May 8 Meet the Candidates, 7:30pm Middle School
- May 9 **Voter Registration**, High School, 4:30-7:30pm & **Budget Hearing**, 7:30pm High School
- May 10 HS Spring Concert II, 7:30pm
- May 11 **Last day to Register to Vote** 9am to 3pm, Administration Building
- May 11 Board of Education Meeting, Administration Building, 8pm
- May 15 Cherry Avenue Spring Concert, 7pm Old Jr. High
- May 16 Budget Vote and Election, High School Lobby, 7am to 9pm
- May 17 MS Spring Concert II, 7:30pm
- May 18 Sunrise Drive Spring Concert, 7:30pm, Middle School
- May 22 Lincoln Avenue Spring Concert, 7pm Old Jr. High

BOE Student Citations:

Student Awards were presented by Principal Rose Castello (SunriseDrive) and Principal Michelle Gunther (Lincoln Avenue) along with BOE President Kevin L. Spelman, BOE Trustees Allison J. Cruz, Maureen Dolan, Norm deVenau, Raymond J. Nelson, and John Verdone.



(left) Sunrise Drive QUIZ BOWL TEAM Wins First Place in SUFFOLK COUNTY COMPETITION



(right) SUNRISE DRIVE REFLECTIONS WINNERS FOR PHOTOGRAPHY, LITERATURE, AND VISUAL ARTS:

(left) SUNRISE DRIVE SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS



(left) LINCOLN AVENUE QUIZ BOWL WINNERS:



(above, l-r) LINCOLN AVENUE REFLECTIONS WINNERS: (Music) Award of Excellence: and Award of Merit:



(right) LINCOLN AVENUE SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

(below) LINCOLN AVENUE SHARP SHOOTERS



(below) LINCOLN AVENUE GEOGRAPHY BEE WINNER:



SAVE THESE DATES

SATURDAY, MAY 6TH
SMBA'S EVENING IN CELEBRATION
 Middle School • 6pm

SMBA's largest fundraiser showcases our students' talent. Certificates, Grants and Awards, and Senior Scholarships will be awarded to students during this annual celebration of the arts.

SATURDAY, MAY 13TH
KRISTEN'S WALK TO THE WATER

REGISTRATION 8:30AM, WALK BEGINS 9:30AM
 for details: WWW.KRISTENSWALKTOWHER.COM

FRIDAY, JUNE 2ND
SAVA ALL-DISTRICT ART SHOW
 Middle School • 7-9pm

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Ojo de DIOS

The National Art Honor Society High School students helped Petite Fleur Nursing home residents make a recreational craft, called **Ojo de Dios** (God's Eye), based upon an ancient artifact originally made by the Huichol Indians of Mexico and the Aymara Indians of Bolivia. In the Mexican tradition, the "central eye," made from a bit of yarn, began when a child was born. Each year, another layer of yarn was added until the

child's fifth year, at which time the Ojo de Dios was complete. In Bolivia, the artifact was made specifically as an altar offering to the gods for protection.

In a thank-you note to NAHS Advisor Kim Kamensky and the art students (Erika Bailey, Maggie Cerveny, Kerri Dougherty, Marissa Foti, Jennifer Gozaloff, Alexandra Mallilo, Erica Van



Essendelft), Petite Fleur Recreational Director Pam

Peyton wrote that not only did the residents greatly enjoy the project, but



the students were welcomed back for future crafts.

Keeping Current BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Keeping current with current events, the High School Social Studies Department organized the following diverse activities to encourage student participation beyond the classroom:

• Is Wal* Mart Good for America?

was a hot topic that served to fuel a heated debate among members at all

grade levels. Divided into **Pro Wal*Mart** and **Anti Wal*Mart** teams (supervised by Mr. Tornetta and Mr. Bennett, respectively), the students were required to select researchers and debaters among their teammates. Both sides spent weeks gathering evidence and preparing major arguments as Wal*Mart remained a headliner in the general news media. On debate day in the Little Theatre—before a full house of students and faculty—the **Pro Wal*Mart** team (Steve Baio, Stephanie Morgan, Drew D'Agostino, Matt Spelman, Evan Martel, Nicole Todaro) clashed with the **Anti Wal*Mart** Team (Karyn Carey, Cory Faragon, Ali Fuering, Emma Levy, Bishnu Panagrabi, Rima Pancholi, Stephen Tuozzolo) in a close conflict over ideologies and economics. When the dust settled, debaters had passionately presented many legitimate arguments that provoked the audience.

• For the third year in a row, a **Habitat for Humanity** project enlisted the services of Social Studies student volunteers (photo below) who picked up hammers and nails and invested a little sweat equity in the homestead construction of those in need.



Wal*Mart Debate

• Forty Sayville students were among the 500 high school students Islandwide who were invited to **Darfur Awareness Day**. This "day of education, awareness, and activism in response to the ongoing genocide in Sudan," was sponsored by Congressman Steve Israel in collaboration with the Suffolk Center on the Holocaust, Diversity, and Human Understanding. The conference's guest speaker, Yahya Osman, a refugee from the Darfur Region, recounted the atrocities inflicted upon the ethnic populations in the Darfur region of Africa since 2003. (In September of 2004, the United States went on record to declare this violence as genocide. However, the international response to the massive genocidal counterinsurgency war has been slow and inadequate.) Bringing America's youth to this awareness, the Conference suggested forms of action that could be taken by students worldwide to aid the victims of genocide, such as enforcing economic sanctions against companies that have ties to the Sudanese Government and calling upon the U.N. to be more effective.

• To dispel the negative stereotypes and misconceptions that students may have about Muslims and their religion, Mr. Tawab Hamidi (photo right), a guest speaker from the Bay Shore Mosque (the largest on Long Island), was invited to share his knowledge and insights with the Global History classes.



Sayville High School's Habitat volunteers

SSBAB Serving up Careers

How do you prepare today's students for tomorrow's jobs? One way is to hold a Career Café in which business representatives meet with the students, give insights into the skills, qualifications, and characteristics necessary for employment; and help students think ahead about what occupations will be in demand over the next five to ten years.

The Seventh Annual Career Café, sponsored by the **Sayville School Business Advisory Board (SSBAB)** accomplished just that, with casual ambiance over checkered tablecloths. In this informal roundtable format, many Sayville Juniors met with professionals to discuss career choices. SSBAB cochairs Business teacher Ellen Potere and Businesswoman Joanne Sturchio, along with the Career Committee members have been successfully bridging the communication gap between school and career, between today and tomorrow, with this yearly School-to-Career initiative. Many thanks go to all the professionals who gave their time and shared their talents with the students.

SSBAB Career Café Professionals (l-r) Robert Blair (North Ridge Securities Corp), Robert Quarie (Albrecht, Viggiano, Zureck & Co), Tina Heredia (Citibank)



Legislator William Lindsay (right) discusses political careers with students



Coming Soon! The Social Studies Department will hold its ever popular Annual Quiz Bowl.

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Dr. Rosemary F. Jones, Superintendent of Schools

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Winter Varsity Team & Individual Achievements

• **Congratulations to all the Sayville Athletes and Winter Varsity Teams for your amazing achievements!**

(Please note, all the teams had additional All-League winners. For the sake of space, only All-County athletes are listed below.)

Winter Varsity Team Accomplishments

Varsity Girls Track & Field

- Suffolk County Small School Champions
- N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A. Scholar-Athlete Team

Varsity Boys Track & Field

- N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A. Scholar-Athlete Team

Varsity Girls Basketball • TEAM RECORD: 10-9; 4TH PLACE IN LEAGUE V

- Advanced to the quarterfinal in Class 'A' Suffolk County Championships
- N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A. Scholar-Athlete Team

Varsity Boys Basketball • TEAM RECORD: 5-14; 7TH PLACE IN LEAGUE V

Varsity Bowling • TEAM RECORD: 5-9; 5TH PLACE IN LEAGUE IV

- N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A. Scholar-Athlete Team

Varsity Boys Swim/Diving • TEAM RECORD: 3-3; 4TH PLACE IN LEAGUE II

- 5th place in the Suffolk County Championships
- N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A. Scholar-Athlete Team

Varsity Wrestling • TEAM RECORD: 10-3; 2ND PLACE IN LEAGUE V

- Westhampton Dual Invitational Champions
- Sleepy Hollow Invitational Champions
- 2nd place in the Grey-Fitzgerald Invitational
- Eastern States participant - top 50 schools in the northeast region
- N.Y.S.P.H.S.A.A. Scholar-Athlete Team

Winter Varsity Individual Accomplishments

Varsity Girls Track & Field

- Lauren Paciorek - All-County (1st in 55-meter high hurdles) and NYS Qualifier
 - Kristy Longman - All-County (2nd in 1000-meter) and NYS Qualifier
 - Kate Dulmovits - All-County (2nd in 300-meter) and NYS Qualifier
 - Michelle Quirk - All-County (2nd in pole vault) and NYS Qualifier
 - Ally Rofrano - All-County (3rd in pole vault) and NYS Qualifier
 - Katie Yusko - Academic All-County
- 'NATIONALS' QUALIFIERS**
- 4 x Shuttle Hurdle Relay - Lauren Paciorek, Michelle Quirk, Ashley Rolon & Katie Yusko
 - Sprint Medley Relay - Kate Dulmovits, Lauren Paciorek, Alex Dranoff & Kristy Longman
 - 300-meter dash - Kate Dulmovits
 - 1 mile run - Kristy Longman

Varsity Boys Track & Field

- Andrew Smith - All-County (1st Place: Triple Jump)

Varsity Wrestling

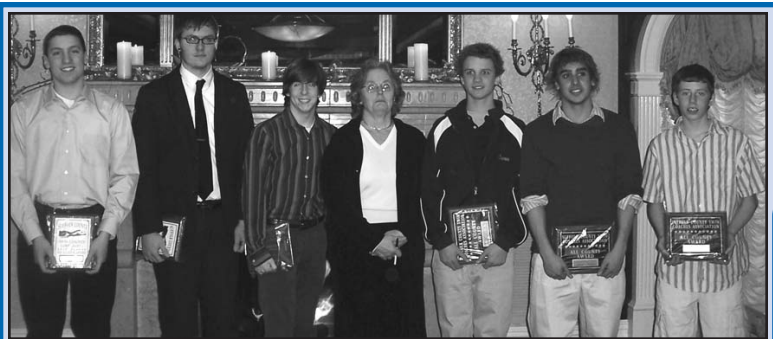
- Michael Haas - All-County
- Zachary Gallo - All-County

Varsity Boys Swimming & Diving

- Michael Murphy - All-County, NYS Qualifier in diving

Varsity Girls Basketball

- Jamie DePompeo - Academic All-County
- Jessica Lyons - Academic All-County



Sayville Bayport BluePoint Swim/Diving Team Athletes received recognition for their achievements at an awards dinner. Coach Mrs. Alice Kropp, with athletes Paul LaPorta, Ross Oley, Christian Cremer, including Michael Murphy (Sayville) All-County, All-Long Island, County Qualifier (diving), Ryan Redka (Sayville) All-League, County Qualifier (50-meter freestyle, 200-meter freestyle relay, 400-meter freestyle relay); and Thomas Smallwood: (Sayville) All-League, County Qualifier (diving), Diving.

ATHLETES, GET IN SHAPE FOR... Sayville's 5th ANNUAL IRONMAN TRIATHLON Saturday, June 3rd, 7:30 AM

100-meter Swim • 5K (3.1 mile) Bicycle Ride • 1-Mile Run
for students in grades Five-Twelve

All students (grades five through twelve) need to get an entry packet from their Physical Education Teachers. The fee for this event is \$5. Award shirts will be given to the First-Place Finisher in each Category and Finisher Shirts will be distributed to each participant who finishes the race.

ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS: Certain streets surrounding the Middle School will be closed off to all traffic from 8 AM to 10 AM, June 3rd, the Day of the Race. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

The Third Annual High School Alumni Recital is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24th, 2006 7:30pm - High School Auditorium

If you are interested in performing, please return the tear-off below before May 5th, 2006 and send to Mr. Bernstein.

Sayville High School, Music Department,

West Sayville, NY 11796, or email bernsteinn@sayville.k12.ny.us or Mr. Hoffman at hoffmanj@sayville.k12.ny.us.

RETURN THIS SECTION BEFORE MAY 5TH, 2006

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Will Mr. Hoffman accompany you? Yes _____ No _____

Name of other accompanist: _____