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SOMERSET COUNTY VOCATIONAL & TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

## SCVTHS STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS FOR WEEK OF RESPECT

### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear Jaguar Nation,

The new school year is off to an exciting start. In collaboration with RVCC, we launched a brand new CTE Program. Our new MEAM (Mechatronics Engineering and Advanced Manufacturing) Program is off to a great start.

This month students and staff were involved in activities and lessons designed to raise awareness in observance of Respect Week. Just to name a few: Ms. Glennon and students in the National Dance Honor Society were involved in a project called Kick for Kindness. Ms. Gichan and her Photography students presented strong, anti-bullying and respect messages in a wonderful visual display. Ms. O'Reilly and her classes worked on a written and visual display to define the many meanings of RESPECT.

#### School Spirit Alerts:

- Oct 24 - Nov 18 - Thanksgiving Food Drive
- Oct 28 - Rotary Club - Haunted Halls Fundraiser - 7-10pm
- Nov 9 - Fall Sports Banquet
- Nov 18 & 19 - Theater Arts Presents: Sunday in the Park with George-7:30pm

#### On the Field:

Special SHOUT OUTS to seniors on the fields:

*Girls Soccer:* Kristen Fernandez, Emily Heathcote, Yessenia Martinez, Madhavi Rana, & Kim Vasquez  
*Boys Soccer:* Robert Bender, Rayden Canuel, TJ Driscoll, Meyer Gershater, Harry Moreno Junco, Parth Patel, Michael Pena, Alok Pillai, Michael Scillia, & Trevor Shu

Sincerely,  
Diane M. Ziegler



As part of the annual Week of Respect (October 3-7) and in accordance to the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act (P.L.2010, c.122), the Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School Pupil Services and Linkages Department (funded by the New Jersey Department of Children and Families) organized daily events for students to recognize the importance of character education through preventing harassment, intimidation and bullying in their school community.

Over the course of the week, Linkages was present in the cafeteria during lunch periods to distribute handouts, pamphlets and informational literature about bullying. Linkages employee Bridget Donovan spoke with students on the importance of preventing bullying.

"Each student we spoke to was asked to sign an anti-bullying contract which will be put on display near the school's Wall of Peace. We also handed out respect bracelets and each student who participated was entered into the drawing for a chance to win a \$10 gift card to the movies," said Ms. Donovan.

In addition to the Linkages activities, students in Ms. Gichan's Photography classes created black and white anti-HIB (harassment, intimidation, and bullying) posters for the Week of Respect. The artwork was put on display throughout the school's buildings, hallways and cafeteria for all of SCVTHS to view.

This year, SCVTHS welcomed motivational speaker Scott Chesney to speak during the annual Week of Respect. Mr. Chesney suffered a stroke at the age of 15 which left him paralyzed from the waist down. Mr. Chesney spoke



(left-right) Scott Chesney greets welding student Gavin Costello after the assembly at Somerset Vocational & Technical School during the Week of Respect.

about "taking positive action," "the power to choose your attitude," as well as the different types of bullying. Chesney also spoke about the power of belief and how students should reflect on their own self-esteem and confidence.\*

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THEATER ARTS  
HONORS PROGRAM

presents

SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH GEORGE

November 18th & 19th • 7:30 pm

SCVTHS AUDITORIUM



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## SCVTHS REVEALS NEW JAGUAR LOGO

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With the opening of a new school year and launching of a new school store, another change was brought to Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School. With input and help from students in the SCVTHS Graphic Communications Program, an official change was made to the Jaguar mascot logo.

"The idea to change the logo started with the students," stated Principal Diane Ziegler. "The students wanted an updated look that could be produced on active wear and a look that seemed more competitive from an athletic angle."

The new logo will begin to phase out the old Jaguar logo and will be used on all school store apparel and the uniforms for all sports teams. Principal Ziegler added, "Being able to take a student driven idea and move it forward is a very exciting experience for us."✱

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New SCVTHS Logo

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH



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Jenna Molfetta, a junior in the Health Occupations Program, has been selected as Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School's Student of the Month for October 2016. Jenna is the daughter of Ms. ToniLynn Frangione of Bound Brook and Mr. Michael Molfetta of Bridgewater.

SCVTHS English Instructor Chris Miller nominated Jenna for the award because, "She is the true personification of a student who works hard and values her education and takes pride in SCVTHS and in herself!" Social Studies Instructor Meghan O'Reilly also nominated Jenna for the award saying, "Jenna always has a positive attitude. She is helpful and respectful to her teachers and peers. I have seen her grow from the beginning of last school year to this year into a mature, responsible, and focused young woman. Jenna is hard working and caring; a true pleasure to have in class!"

At SCVTHS, Jenna is a leader on the field as a member of the SCVTHS Varsity Girls Soccer team. Outside of school, Jenna likes to hang out with her friends and go on adventures. After graduating from SCVTHS, Jenna plans to go to college for nursing and as an animal lover she would love to take part in dog adoptions.✱