



Student Voice Takes Center Stage at Fireside Chat

Herricks High School leaders share ideas and engage in meaningful dialogue with the Board of Education

Supporting and elevating student voice remains a priority for the Herricks Public Schools, and that commitment was on full display during the annual Board of Education Fireside Chat hosted at Herricks High School.

Organized by members of the student government, the event provides a meaningful forum for students to share perspectives and help inform the district's future planning. The evening blended a structured discussion

with opportunities for open dialogue, allowing ideas, concerns and solutions to be shared in a collaborative setting.

Participants came well prepared, presenting topics supported by research and offering thoughtful, solution-focused recommendations aimed at enhancing the school experience.

Members of the Board of Education listened and engaged in productive

conversation, reinforcing the district's commitment to collaboration and to ensuring that student perspectives remain an integral part of district decision-making.

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“By engaging directly with our high school students, we gain an authentic understanding of their priorities which can help focus our efforts to meaningfully support their growth and success.”

–Shaheda Quraishi,
Board of Education Trustee

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A MESSAGE FROM The Board of Education

Dear Herricks Family,

Happy New Year. We hope you and your loved ones enjoyed a joyful holiday season and a restful winter break. As we begin 2026 together, we are filled with gratitude for our school community and optimism for the year ahead.

The new year brings renewed energy and exciting opportunities for our students and families. In this newsletter, you will read about our recent Fireside Chat at the high school, which highlighted the importance of student voice and meaningful dialogue. We are proud to create spaces where students feel heard, valued and empowered.

You will also learn more about our business and financial education offerings, including reimagined work-based learning experiences and new financial literacy courses designed to prepare students for real-world success. These programs reflect our commitment to ensuring students are equipped with both academic knowledge and practical life skills.

Finally, we celebrate learning together through events like Family Literacy Night, which strengthens the partnership between home and school and fosters a shared love of reading and learning.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools and our community. We are excited about the good things ahead in 2026 and remain committed to working together to support every student.

Warm regards,
Herricks Board of Education

Preparing Students for Any Future: *Business Education at Herricks*

The Business Education program at Herricks equips students with real-world skills and experiences that go beyond the classroom. Whether students pursue business in college or another passion, the program develops confidence, leadership and critical thinking skills that last a lifetime. Herricks business students graduate ready to adapt, lead and thrive – whether in business, the arts, sciences or beyond.



Hands-On Experiences

Virtual Enterprise (VE)

Students run a simulated company, taking on roles like CEO or CFO, developing a product and presenting their business. VE builds teamwork, leadership and entrepreneurial skills.



“The class pushes you to communicate, collaborate and lead. Whether you’re pitching ideas or working with your department, the skills you develop in Virtual Enterprise apply far beyond the classroom.”

–Emma Suen,
Class of 2026



“Virtual Enterprise is different from any other business class because it’s hands on. You’re not just learning concepts – you’re running a business and gaining real-world experience that prepares you for careers in sales, HR and management.”

–Anay Patel,
Class of 2026

DECA

DECA is an after-school club where students compete in individual and small-group business role-play challenges. They analyze scenarios, present solutions to judges and sharpen communication, critical thinking and confidence under pressure.



“To me, DECA is much more than just a club or an organization – it’s a family. It’s a place where people support each other and push one another to go the extra mile. Being a part of DECA has taught me confidence, leadership and the importance of showing up for those around you. It’s a space where friendships are forged, challenges are overcome and a community where everyone feels like they belong.”

–Valorie Wang, DECA Secretary,
Class of 2028



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Herricks Hosts First Family Literacy Night

On Nov. 19, Herricks welcomed over 100 families for its first-ever Family Literacy Night. Attendees enjoyed hands-on workshops, a lively karaoke sing-along and a special Herricks-themed bedtime story.

Thanks to our teachers, administrators and Dr. Michael Imondi, Director of ELA, Reading and Library Services, for making this celebration of reading and community so memorable!



Herricks Council of PTAs
Presents



The World Famous
HARLEM WIZARDS

March 7, 2026

Watch the Harlem Wizards play against our Herricks staff and teachers.

Snacks, fun, raffles and souvenirs. All proceeds benefit graduating Herricks Seniors.

Questions? Contact HerricksDistrictCouncil@gmail.com

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TRANSPORTATION REQUEST DEADLINE FOR 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR



All requests for transportation to a NONPUBLIC SCHOOL must be received no later than April 1, according to state law. Applications may be obtained online at Herricks.org/district-administration/transportation. For more information, please call 516-305-8950.