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BBHS NAMED BLUE RIBBON SCHOOL

U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona recognized 356 schools as the 2024 cohort of National Blue Ribbon Schools. This prestigious recognition highlights schools that excel in academic performance or make significant strides in closing achievement gaps among different student groups. Blind Brook High School was among those honored as an Exemplary High-Performing School.

[Click here to read more](#)

STATE CHAMPS!

On Sunday, Nov. 24, the BBHS Girls Varsity Volleyball beat Westhill 3-1 to become Class B State Champions! Congratulations to the team and Coach Gina Carlone!

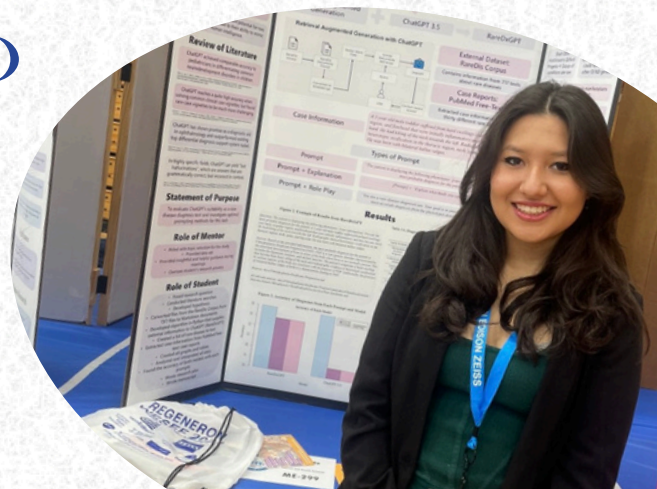
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C. ZELIN'S ARTICLE PUBLISHED

BBHS senior Charlotte Zelin received word that her first-author publication would appear in a peer-reviewed research journal. The article, "Rare Disease Diagnosis Using Knowledge Guided Retrieval Augmentation for ChatGPT," appeared in the Journal of Biomedical Informatics, in the September issue.

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BBHS MUSICIANS JOINED WCMS FOR SPECIAL PERFORMANCE

Four musicians from Blind Brook High School had an opportunity to perform recently with the Westchester Chamber Music Society as part of its Youth Initiative.

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BBHS/PCHS STUDENTS COLLABORATE

The students in the Blind Brook and Port Chester school districts have been neighbors for years. A group of students from both high schools decided to leverage this closeness and met together to find ways to connect.

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BLUEBIRDS GET VISIT FROM BBHS HELPERS

Blind Brook High School students in Julie Hensley's Environmental Science in Action class have been visiting BMRSS to assist in the courtyard gardens. On a recent visit they worked with a group of volunteer fifth graders who helped eradicate the gardens of mugwort.

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BBMS STUDENTS LEARN VALUABLE LESSON



Representatives from the Holocaust Museum Center for Tolerance and Education recently engaged BBMS sixth graders in an exploration of moral courage. Using audio dramatization and authentic scenarios, students explored moral courage and developed an enhanced understanding of the Holocaust while providing an important framework through which to look at a number of issues.



BMPRSS NEW STORY WALK

This fall, BMPRSS had a Story Walk installed in their courtyard and students have been enjoying reading the book on display in the beautiful garden space.

[Click here to read more](#)

CHARLIE LIEBENSTEIN WRITES A BOOK

Second grader Charlie Liebenstein at BMPRSS loves to read and write, so he decided to write his own book! Illustrated by his Mom, Hilary Liebenstein, the two worked together to create "Charlie the Chameleon."

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

My sincerest congratulations go out to our Girls Varsity Volleyball Team! On Nov. 24 they did something no other girls' team has done in Blind Brook High School history: Win a state championship title! The team was amazing! A special thank you to Coach Gina Carlone and her staff for helping the team with their amazing achievement!

This school year has been flying by as our students and staff engage in numerous engaging educational activities both in and out of the classroom! I can't wait to see what the next few months bring.

I would like to thank the community for their support of our 2024 Bond. On Oct. 22, the community passed a \$19,500,000 bond which includes projects, including our track and baseball fields, our MS/HS HVAC system, auditorium systems, MS roof leak, HS elevator and more. There is no doubt these important, and necessary, improvements will help to ensure the safety and comfort of our students and staff far into the future.

We have had a tremendously busy schedule since the beginning of the school year with many exciting activities and events. Our high school was named a Blue Ribbon School. Earlier this month Principal Mark Greenwald officially received the award in Washington, D.C. A Story Walk was installed in the courtyard of our elementary school for students and staff to enjoy. We also had several of our seniors be named as Commended Students in the 2025 National Merit Scholarship Program.

This has been an amazing school year so far and I expect it will continue to be exceptional throughout the rest of the year! I wish everyone in our community a joyful holiday season!



Colin Byrne
Superintendent of Schools



BBHS MODEL U.N. COMES UP BIG AT PRINCETON CONFERENCE

Congratulations to the Blind Brook High School Model UN! Twenty-eight Model UN students participated in the Princeton Model UN Conference.

Students engaged in four full days of lively debate, negotiation, and diplomacy all while making friends and memories.

They also had an opportunity to take the annual tour of Princeton's beautiful campus on Friday morning with BBHS alumnus, Johnny Ramirez, who is now a junior at Princeton.

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BBMS STUDENTS REPRESENT THEIR SCHOOL AT INSTITUTE

Seventh graders Peter A., Theo L., Adithi N., Stefan B., Henry C., Irene S., Jillian G., and Brandon W. recently joined teacher Abby Schwittek and Guidance Counselor Joseph O'Connor in representing BBMS at the Human Rights Institute for Middle School Student Leaders.



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A PEEK AT BLIND BROOK HAPPENINGS!



Students at BMPRSS danced to Klezmer music!



During a special assembly BMPRSS students put on a show explaining how and why Diwali is celebrated.



The New Canaan Nature Center visited and helped BMPRSS students make apple cider!



The BBHS Band performed at Yankee Stadium!



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BMPRSS had fun during the annual Halloween Parade!



BBHS Seniors enjoyed Halloween too!



RANKED

This fall BBHS Drama performed "Ranked." The musical, written by Kyle Holmes, with lyrics by David Gomes, tells the dystopian story of teens at a high school where class rank is everything — students are either granted Above the Average status, where students are afforded the opportunity to go to college, or can fall to Below the Average and suffer the consequence of being "less than."



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COMMENDED STUDENTS IN THE 2025 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



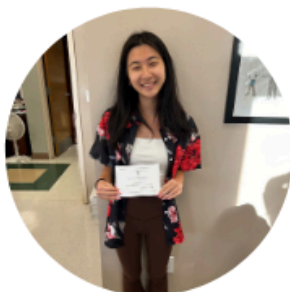
Charlotte Zelin



Alexandra Dluzhevskiy



Joshua Montvelisky



Emily Tian



Rachel Horn



Abigail Goldstein



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ATHLETICS CORNER



Cheer Champs! Congratulations to Blind Brook Cheer! They placed 3rd at WPRDCCA!



Read all about the latest sports news in the Trojan Athletics Newsletter!

<https://view.gogipper.com/page/2312983>

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ALL STARS!

All-Section

So Achiwa, Soccer
Luka Cuk, Soccer
Kayleigh Curran, Soccer
Nicolas Palacios, Soccer
Oria Rosenfeld, Volleyball
Ella Rosenfeld, Volleyball
Fernanda Julian, Volleyball

All-League

So Achiwa, Soccer
Henrique de Luca Almeida, Soccer
Ashley Brookman, Soccer
Natalie Carey, Soccer
Luka Cuk, Soccer
Kayleigh Curran, Soccer
Lola Gonzalez, Soccer
Georgianna Haas, Volleyball
Madeline Hirsch, Volleyball
Fernanda Julian, Volleyball
Hannah Levine, Cheer
Ella Mensch, Tennis
Isabella Montesano, Soccer
Ava Muio, Cheer
Nicolas Palacios, Soccer
Maria Gracia Leyva-Pereyra, Volleyball
Dylan McRedmond, Soccer
Ella Rosenfeld, Volleyball
Oria Rosenfeld, Volleyball
Cooper Schloss, Soccer
Sena Tarnoff, Soccer
Tanisha Venkatapur, Volleyball

All-Section Honorable Mention

Natalie Carey, Soccer
Lola Gonzalez, Soccer

All-League Honorable Mention

Noah Brookman, Soccer
Gabriella Cavallo, Soccer
Makayla Dutra, Soccer
Sasha Jhangimal, Volleyball
Kendall Konigsberg, Soccer
Alexandra Maniscalco, Soccer
Annabel Rosenfeld, Volleyball
Jack Shaw, Soccer
Tyler Taerstein, Soccer
Zachary Taerstein, Soccer

All Conference

Maria Gracia Leyva-Pereyra, Volleyball

Coach of the Year

Gina Carlone, Volleyball





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UPCOMING EVENTS

DEC. 5, Bmprss, HALF DAY, PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

DEC. 10, RECEPTION FOR VOLLEYBALL STATE CHAMPIONS, 7 P.M.

DEC. 10, BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING, 7:30 P.M.

DEC. 11, BBMS BAND CONCERT, 6:30 P.M.

DEC. 12, BBHS BAND/CHOIR CONCERT, 7 P.M. (SNOW DATE, DEC. 16)

DEC. 18, Bmprss 5TH GRADE WINTER BAND CONCERT

DEC. 23-JAN. 2, HOLIDAY RECESS



Thanks to our PTA, BBMS students enjoyed an afternoon of pumpkin carving fun!

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