



SMITHTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

DIGEST

SMITHTOWN BULLS *Stand Proud*

Every school district has something special and unique that resonates with its students, staff and community. It could be pride in one's community, excelling academically or just making a connection

with another student or faculty member. For Smithtown Central School District, it is the bull, proudly standing as our mascot, symbolizing strength and determination. We asked students from across the district,

our superintendent of schools, teachers and administrators what makes Smithtown Schools special to them. Here's what our schools mean to them, in their own words:



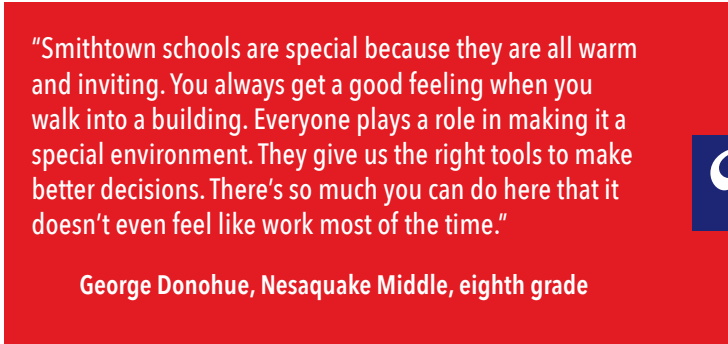
"Although we are a large school district, we try to create a family atmosphere, putting our students first. We work to create an environment where students feel safe and supported so they can strive to achieve their full potential academically, emotionally and socially."

John Scmillio, Great Hollow Middle Principal



"The teachers play a large part in why our schools are so special. Our teachers care about us and make learning fun. Without our teachers and principal, our schools wouldn't be as good as they are today. Our schools are like a family. We have a close community of parents, teachers and students who care about our education and about each other as people. That is what makes it so special!"

Ashlynn Renkowski, Mt. Pleasant Elementary, fifth grade



"Smithtown schools are special because they are all warm and inviting. You always get a good feeling when you walk into a building. Everyone plays a role in making it a special environment. They give us the right tools to make better decisions. There's so much you can do here that it doesn't even feel like work most of the time."

George Donohue, Nesaquake Middle, eighth grade



"Our school is like a flower; everyone has their own petals with their own abilities in school. But the pistil of the flower is all of our abilities, and the petals stick together like teamwork."

Kaitlyn Lieberman, Smithtown Elementary, fifth grade



"I learn a lot and I have time to play with my friends, too. The teachers here are always helping me get smarter."

Nate Drinkwater, Tackan Elementary, kindergarten

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“While Smithtown schools encompass a large area and more than a dozen different buildings, our school district has a unique way of feeling like a small community. That feeling comes from every person connected to our school – the teachers, administrators, staff, faculty and Board of Education. They all work tirelessly to make sure our students not only have the best education, but become well-rounded, productive and kind members of the community.”

Dr. James Grossane, Superintendent of Schools

What Makes Our Schools Special?

“Smithtown schools are special to me for many reasons, but overall, the long history of teamwork and support for one another is most important. Staff, students and community members make exceptional things happen through their individual and shared pursuit of excellence.”

Janine Lavery, Smithtown Elementary Principal



“When thinking of Smithtown schools, three things come to mind: a faculty and staff that are not only interested in your academic success but also your well-being, students that are involved in every aspect of the Smithtown community creating a lasting impact, and people who are always willing to help those in need. Whether it’s a fellow student, a family across town or someone who needs support, our Smithtown community always takes care of each other. Because I took advantage of all Smithtown schools had to offer, I feel ready to take on the next four years at college, always remembering those who helped me get there.”

Andrew Camilleri, High School West, 12th grade



“It’s not about the school. It’s about the people inside. They make sure it’s respectful, and teachers are giving us the skills we need in life to be kind to others.”

Rayshelle Brown, Mills Pond Elementary, fourth grade



“Smithtown schools have helped to prepare me for the future. I’ve learned how to help people both inside and outside of school. There are many different opportunities available in our school district that help you to prepare for the future.”

Patrick Kinane, High School West, 12th grade



“One of the reasons I love my school is because everyone is so loving, respectful and kind. I love the education that we get and that we have three chickens at our school named for courage, compassion and respect.”

Maeve Keely, St. James Elementary, fifth grade



“Our students inspire us to grow as teachers. Our teachers research the best practices in education. Our administrators and community support the implementation of these practices in our classrooms.”

Marianne Schoepflin, High School East math teacher



“What makes Smithtown schools so special is the amount of diversity we experience. Smithtown schools offer courses that you might not expect, like Project Lead the Way courses. These courses might even lead you to what you want to be when you reach adulthood. This makes Smithtown schools special.”

Jack Morelli, Accomsett Middle, sixth grade



“Something that makes Smithtown schools special is the supportive teachers and innovative clubs. For example, they encourage students to push through and to never give up, sharing strategies for academics and problem-solving. The teachers show kindness and respect to the students and make school as fun as possible. The clubs are a great way of expressing your passion for learning. It’s a fun way of doing experiments and solving problems in unique and exciting ways. Smithtown schools are very special!”

Matthew Trabulsi, Dogwood Elementary, fifth grade

“Not all schools are special like the ones in Smithtown. The teachers spend all their time and have so much patience in helping us. We are always working hard, and the teachers take the time to help us whenever we need it. Smithtown does a great job in making everyone feel included.”

Olivia Mathew, Accomsett Elementary, fifth grade



“Smithtown schools understand the contributions, talents and achievements of students beyond grades. Our Smithtown teaching staff inspires hope, dedication and imagination in all of us. They shape our character and future. The teachers maximize the learning potential of all the students in their classes. Students with different religions, races, languages and backgrounds make Smithtown schools a perfect example of diversity.”

Krishna Patel, Great Hollow Middle, eighth grade



“By exemplifying excellence in the most diverse range of subjects, including a nationally recognized research program, countless varsity sports teams and nearly every club imaginable, Smithtown offers its students endless opportunities to explore our passions to the fullest extent. Not only are we given the freedom to express our best self, but we are actively encouraged by our teachers and other staff to think outside of the box and explore newfound interests. Smithtown provides its students with a supportive, comfortable and respectful environment, allowing us to grow into the greatest version of ourselves that we can possibly be.”

Melanie Sarantos, High School East, 12th grade



“Any school can provide their students with an education; however, it is a unique school like Smithtown East that provides its students (like myself) with the opportunity to form a second family amongst both their teachers and peers. Whether it be a friend, teacher, administrator, security guard, lunch staff member or even a custodian, there is always someone, if not multiple people, that always welcome me and my classmates with a warm and uplifting smile as we enter the building or walk the halls. The sense of family that Smithtown East has within the school helps to ensure that both my emotional and physical well-being is being acknowledged and protected by all faculty members as well as students.”

Anthony Tarquinio, High School East, 11th grade

SMITHTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Annual Budget Vote And Election

MAY 21, 2019

Where To Vote

<p>ELECTION DISTRICT No. 1 West of Hauppauge Road (Route 111) south of Jericho Turnpike, and west of Fifty-Acre Road South and Fifty-Acre Road, north of Jericho Turnpike, west to the boundaries of District No. 4. VOTE AT: Smithtown Elementary School, located at 51 Lawrence Avenue, in Smithtown. POLLING PLACE: The Smithtown Elementary School Gymnasium.</p>	<p>ELECTION DISTRICT No. 2 East of Fifty-Acre Road South and Fifty-Acre Road, north of Jericho Turnpike. VOTE AT: St. James Elementary School, located at 580 Lake Avenue, in St. James. POLLING PLACE: The St. James Elementary School Gymnasium.</p>
<p>ELECTION DISTRICT No. 3 East of Hauppauge Road and south of Jericho Turnpike. VOTE AT: * Nesconset Elementary School, located at 29 Gibbs Pond Road, in Nesconset. POLLING PLACE: The Nesconset Elementary School Gymnasium.</p>	<p>ELECTION DISTRICT No. 4 West of the Long Island Railroad and north of Jericho Turnpike and Creek Road. VOTE AT: Accompsett Elementary School, located at 1 Lincoln Street, in Smithtown. POLLING PLACE: The Accompsett Elementary School Gymnasium.</p>

You can also check your voting district by using our "Voter Location Tool" on our website: www.smithtown.k12.ny.us

**Please note that although Nesconset Elementary is not being used as a school, the building will still be used as a polling place.*

Application for Absentee Ballot

To obtain an absentee ballot, a person must be a qualified and registered voter of the Smithtown Central School District on the date of the election.

The person seeking the absentee ballot must be approved by the district clerk and/or the board of registration by filing an application with the district clerk. Applications are available at the district's central office at 26 New York Avenue, Smithtown, or on the district website at www.smithtown.k12.ny.us.

The application must be received by the district clerk at least seven days before the election if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter, which for this election will be May 14, 2019, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be personally delivered to the voter, which will be May 20, 2019.

Any question concerning the application procedure for absentee ballots should be directed to the office of the District Clerk, 26 New York Avenue, Smithtown, New York 11787. Call (631) 382-2012.

Voter Registration

Only registered voters can participate in the election on Tuesday, May 21, 2019. If you have not voted in any political or school district vote within the past four years, you will need to register. Residents vote at the elementary school in their election district. If you meet the following requirements you are eligible to vote:

- 18 years of age or older,
- A citizen of the United States,
- A resident in the District for at least 30 days prior to the vote, and
- A registered voter (with Suffolk County Board of Elections).

You may download a voter registration form from the district website (www.smithtown.k12.ny.us), however you must return the completed form in person to the district's central office at 26 New York Avenue, Smithtown during regular business hours, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please call the District Clerk's office at 631-382-2012 for further information.

The last day to register to vote is May 14, 2019.

DISTRITO ESCOLAR CENTRAL SMITHTOWN

Elección Y Votación Para Presupuesto Anual

21 De Mayo Del 2019

Dónde Votar

<p>DISTRITO ELECTORAL No. 1 Oeste de Hauppauge Road (Ruta 111) sur de Jericho Turnpike, y oeste de Fifty-Acre Road South y Fifty-Acre Road, norte de Jericho Turnpike, oeste hacia los límites del Distrito No. 4. VOTAR EN: Escuela Primaria Smithtown, ubicada en 51 Lawrence Avenue, en Smithtown. LUGAR DE VOTACIÓN: El Gimnasio de la Escuela Primaria Smithtown</p>	<p>DISTRITO ELECTORAL No. 2 Este de Fifty-Acre Road South y Fifty-Acre Road, norte de Jericho Turnpike. VOTAR EN: Escuela Primaria St. James, ubicada en 580 Lake Avenue, en St. James. LUGAR DE VOTACIÓN: El Gimnasio de la Escuela Primaria St. James.</p>
<p>DISTRITO ELECTORAL No. 3 Este de Hauppauge Road y sur de Jericho Turnpike. VOTAR EN: *Escuela Primaria Nesconset, ubicada en 29 Gibbs Pond Road, en Nesconset. LUGAR DE VOTACIÓN: El Gimnasio de la Escuela Primaria Nesconset</p>	<p>DISTRITO ELECTORAL No. 4 Oeste del Long Island Railroad y norte de Jericho Turnpike y Creek Road. VOTAR EN: Escuela Primaria Accompsett, ubicada en 1 Lincoln Street, en Smithtown. LUGAR DE VOTACIÓN: El Gimnasio de la Escuela Primaria Accompsett.</p>

Usted también puede confirmar su distrito de votación usando nuestra "Herramienta para Ubicación Electoral" (Voter Location Tool en nuestra página web: www.smithtown.k12.ny.us)

**Por favor note que aunque la Primaria Nesconset no esta siendo usada como una escuela, el edificio continuará siendo usado como un lugar de votación.*

Solicitud Para Voto En Ausencia

Para obtener un voto en ausencia, una persona debe ser un votante calificado y registrado en el Distrito Escolar Central de Smithtown en la fecha de la elección.

La persona que desea el voto en ausencia debe ser aprobado por el secretario del distrito y/o la junta de inscripción mediante presentar una solicitud ante el secretario del distrito. Las solicitudes están disponibles en la oficina central del Distrito en el 26 New York Ave., Smithtown, o en el sitio web del Distrito www.smithtown.k12.ny.us.

Si el voto en ausencia se envía por correo al votante, la solicitud debe ser recibida por el secretario del distrito al menos siete días antes de la elección; que para esta elección será el 14 de mayo de 2019. Si el voto en ausencia se entrega personalmente al votante, la solicitud debe ser recibida por el secretario del distrito el día antes de la elección, el cual será el 20 de mayo de 2019.

Cualquier pregunta relacionada con el procedimiento para la solicitud de los votos en ausencia debe dirigirse a la oficina del Secretario del Distrito, 26 New York Avenue, Smithtown, N.Y. 11787 (631) 382-2012.

Inscripción Para Votantes

Sólo los votantes inscritos pueden participar en la elección del 21 de mayo del 2019. Si usted no ha votado en ninguna votación política o del distrito escolar dentro de los últimos cuatro años, usted necesitará inscribirse. Los residentes votan en la escuela primaria en las elecciones de su distrito. Si cumple con los siguientes requerimientos, usted es elegible para votar:

- 18 años de edad o mayor,
- Un/a ciudadano/a de los Estados Unidos,
- Residente en el Distrito por al menos 30 días previos a la votación, y
- Votante registrado (con el Comité de Elecciones del Condado de Suffolk)

Usted puede descargar un formulario para Inscripción de Votantes de la página web del distrito (www.smithtown.k12.ny.us), sin embargo, usted debe retornar en persona el formulario completado a la oficina central del Distrito en 26 New York Avenue, Smithtown durante horas laborales regulares de 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. de lunes a viernes. Por favor llamar a la oficina de la Secretaria del Distrito al 382-2012 para solicitar mayor información.

El último día para inscribirse para votar es el 14 de mayo del 2019

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