



SMITHTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

DIGEST

Connecting WITH THE COMMUNITY

The Smithtown community has so many reasons to be proud. It is a beautiful town, with ample parks, recreational opportunities and well-kept neighborhoods. Central to any strong community are excellent schools, rich traditions and a network of supports and resources that serve to assist one another as we all seek to continuously improve and build upon an already impressive foundation. Key to this work is selfless

service and commitment to the children and providing them with what they need to prosper. This investment of time and resources is what will allow the Smithtown community to continue to thrive.

This newsletter honors many of the people who exemplify this commitment to our students and the community at large. Thank you for all that you do to support our students!

Community

Definition: a group of people with a common characteristic or interest living together within a larger society. (Merriam-Webster Dictionary)

"Whether it's teachers, administrators, parents or local leaders, I am consistently struck by the strong sense of community and pride that is omnipresent in Smithtown."
-Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mark Secaur

Charles Rollins: "The Board of Education, working with the administration, executed a plan that brought the students, teachers and staff back to school full time safely. I commend my fellow Board members as well as the Smithtown Central School District administrators, teachers and staff for their dedication, commitment and service to the community that they serve."

Board of Education

The Board of Education is to be commended for the countless hours its members commit to providing an excellent educational experience for the students they serve. Their efforts provide us with the leadership, guidance and responsible stewardship necessary for our schools to thrive. In a year like no other, the Board has effectively and responsibly managed the constant change and complexity inherent in the pandemic, and the district is extremely grateful for its counsel and support.



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CELEBRATING Our Community

St. Catherine of Siena Hospital

The hospital provides health services to the Smithtown community, including an emergency department, hospital, nursing and rehabilitation, and medical offices. It partners with the district by sending volunteers to our Wellness Committee and speakers to our Parent University. Through a long-standing relationship with the Industry Advisory Committee, the hospital has offered our high school students 10 years of the Health Care Exploration and Internship Program. This program allows high school juniors and seniors to complete an exploration-style, hands-on internship for school credit, learning about several careers within the health care field. More than 250 students have graduated from the program, and many have gone on to successful careers as nurses, doctors, pharmacists and other jobs in the health care field.



Bonnie Morales and Heather Reynolds:
"Through this pandemic, it's more important than ever to come together as a community and work to keep our community safe. It's wonderful to continue to work with our high school students and keep that connection through all of this."

Town of Smithtown

The Town of Smithtown provides leadership, public safety and essential services for all members of our community and across all age groups. It maintains our beautiful beaches and parks and provides numerous camps, summer programs and child care programs. It is responsible for the maintenance of approximately 470 miles of roadways, including snow and ice control, street sweeping, drainage systems, resurfacing and traffic safety.



Brian Farrell representing Supervisor Ed Wehrheim:
"We are most proud of our working relationship with the school district. During the past few years, we've collaborated together on a number of initiatives, from student safety and shared services to education and awareness initiatives, which help to protect our environment while engaging young minds. It is truly a pleasure to have an open dialogue with our school district."

Nick Schroeder and Cara Vardellone:
"Service Above Self" is our motto at the Rotary Club. We have worked closely with the school district and students through our Junior Achievement program. We want to educate students about giving to others and help to raise good citizens."



The Rotary Club of Smithtown Sunrise

The Rotary Club of Smithtown Sunrise is a volunteer organization made up of energetic Smithtown residents from various business and professional backgrounds and lifestyles who are interested in community service and work on projects that are local, national and international. These individuals donate their expertise, time and funds to support local and international projects that help people in need and promote understanding among cultures. Members volunteer their service on projects relating to health, hunger, environmental concerns, literacy, vocational assistance, drug abuse and assisting senior citizens and young people. Rotary International is the worldwide association of Rotary Clubs united under a motto of "Service Above Self."

Barbara Franco:
"We work with the school community, starting at the middle school through the high school, and it's our many student volunteers who really help to make all the events in the Smithtown community so special."

Smithtown Chamber of Commerce

The members of the Chamber of Commerce are professional business representatives, merchants, property owners, wholesalers, service businesses, manufacturers, utilities and financial institutions in our community. They all share a common interest in the continued improvement of the Greater Smithtown area. The Chamber of Commerce has a close working relationship with our schools, civic associations, business owners and local government, and it aims to encourage new employment and assist residents and businesses to advance in our community.



Krissy Lonetto: *"When it comes to connecting to the community, the Smithtown Children's Foundation holds so many events for families who need it most. One of my favorite aspects of the foundation is seeing Smithtown families helping out as participants and volunteers. We are so fortunate to be part of this incredible school district and community."*



Smithtown Children's Foundation

The mission of the Smithtown Children's Foundation is to provide financial and emotional support to children and families within our Smithtown community by bringing together family, friends, neighbors and local business to act as one in times of crisis. Through extensive fundraising and school and business partnerships, it provides direct support to families in crisis, scholarships for graduating seniors, teachers' grants to fund classroom projects, school supplies and more. It goes above and beyond during a regular year, but it went to another level throughout the COVID-19 crisis to support community members in need, working with our school social workers and principals, as well as the entire Smithtown community, in a true partnership.

Parent-Teacher Association

The Smithtown Parent-Teacher Association has been a valuable partner, particularly this year. It has been very supportive of our work to provide for a safe educational environment for our students and staff. The PTA and district work together to plan and put on school events, fundraise, increase school-parent partnerships, advocate for children and more, all on a volunteer basis.



Jennifer Murray:
"The most important part of doing what we do as a council is the students. It's all about the kids. We have a great team in place and work hard to collaborate with students, staff, administrators and teachers to do what's best for the kids."

Stony Brook University Hospital

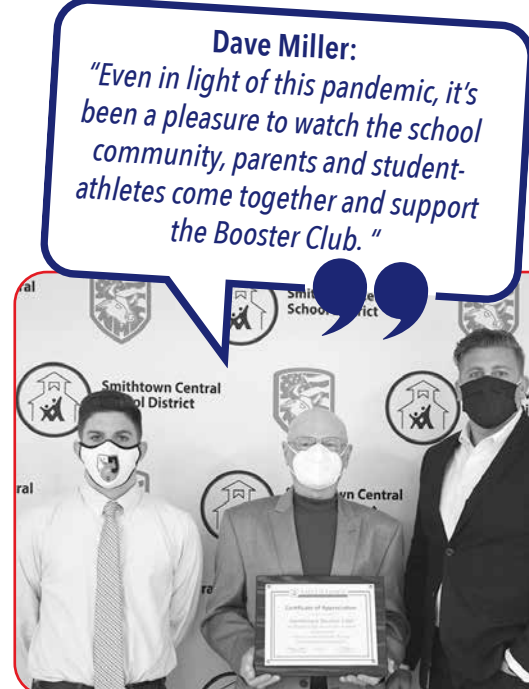
Stony Brook University Hospital, and particularly Dr. Susan Donelan, have played an integral role in providing our community not only with excellent health care, but also information as to how we can best navigate the pandemic. Dr. Donelan has been very generous with her time and expertise during last summer's planning, but also throughout the year. Her continuous communication with the district and its nurses has been greatly appreciated.



Dr. Susan Donelan: *"It was a pleasure to work with the school district throughout this pandemic. I had something to offer, and I worked together with an awesome group of individuals who were clearly dedicated to getting these reopening guidelines as right as possible."*

Smithtown Booster Club

The Smithtown Booster Club's mission is to support and recognize the contributions and accomplishments of Smithtown's student-athletes. Since 1951, this group of parents, teachers, coaches and community members have worked together to accomplish this goal. A very recent example of the support they have given us is their donation of equipment worth \$50,000 for the weight rooms at High School East and High School West.



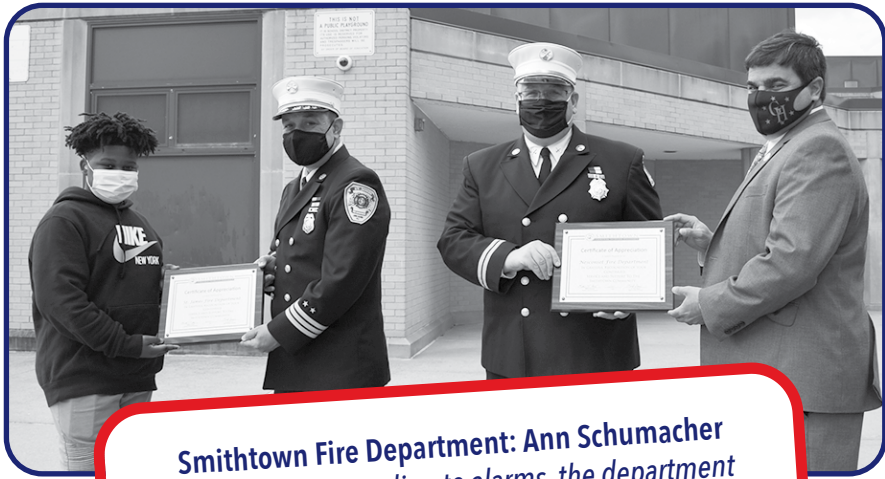
Dave Miller:
"Even in light of this pandemic, it's been a pleasure to watch the school community, parents and student-athletes come together and support the Booster Club."

Tom Mooney and George Hohenstein:
"We appreciate working with the schools to instill a sense of patriotism and respect for our country in the younger generation. We love to sponsor local essay and scholarship contests that help keep us connected to the students. We would love to work on even more projects with them in the future."



VFW Post 10870 and American Legion

The Veterans of Foreign Wars fosters unity among veterans of overseas conflicts and aims to serve veterans and their communities. The American Legion's mission is to "enhance the well-being of America's veterans, their families, our military, and our community." Both organizations work tirelessly to keep veterans informed and fight for their rights and respect. Additionally, they support our schools and students in many ways. Each year, the VFW runs the Voice of Democracy essay contest which offers the opportunity for students to compete for prizes and scholarships for their completion of an essay related to a patriotic-themed topic.



Smithtown Fire Department: Ann Schumacher
"Aside from responding to alarms, the department loves our community. As time allows for a safe and secure environment for all, we look forward to when we can engage again in races, Smithtown Day, Fire Prevention Day, parades, graduations and all the other activities that the department and the community have enjoyed together."

Nesconset and St. James: John Gonzales and Chris Zarnitz
"We have had the pleasure of providing some of the Smithtown elementary schools with fire prevention training for the younger students and to teach them the importance of fire safety and prevention. The relationship we have built over the years with the Smithtown Central School District has benefited our departments by having students join our fire departments. In the future, some of these students will possibly become members and continue giving back to our Greater Smithtown community."

Nesconset, Smithtown and St. James Fire Departments

The fire departments of the Smithtown Township provide fire and emergency medical services to residents and visitors to Smithtown. The members of these departments are volunteers; they are our neighbors, family members and friends.

These dedicated residents have decided to give back to their community, making Smithtown a better place for everyone. They have given up hundreds of hours to take courses and train to respond to any type of emergency. They respond to calls for help regardless of the time of day, during holidays, family events, blizzards or hurricanes. During

the COVID-19 crisis, they have responded to calls for help, and as our community shut down, they stood ready to respond. At a moment's notice, they leave their families to help their community.

The Nesconset, Smithtown and St. James fire departments have a special relationship with the district. These are the departments that respond to any type of emergency in our schools, including ambulance calls and fire calls, when fire alarms sound in our buildings. They work hand in hand with our nurses, facilities department and our security department to make sure our students and staff are safe.

Suffolk County Police – Fourth Precinct

The district appreciates the hard work and dedication of our community police officers and the partnership with all of the officers assigned to the Fourth Precinct. These outstanding individuals do an amazing job working hard each and every day to protect and serve our community, making Smithtown a wonderful place for children to attend school. The district is extremely pleased to have the Suffolk County Police Department as an essential partner.



Officer Andriano and Officer McQuade: *"We are very thankful for this recognition. It is important to build these relationships between school and community. We will continue to work to build these relationships and connections in an effort to keep our community safe."*

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