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The Smithtown *Promise*

The Smithtown Central School District, under the direction of Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mark Secaur, is proud to introduce The Smithtown Promise. This new and exciting initiative serves as a strong reminder that each and every one of our students has dignity, belongs here, has the capacity to make a positive difference and can excel.

“The Smithtown Promise outlines four principles and 16 habits

for adults and young people to establish and nurture,” Dr. Secaur said. “These principles and habits will be reinforced throughout the school system and will allow us to better create a culture of dignity for our students.”

The Smithtown Central School District is committed to creating a culture of dignity that leads to a greater sense of belonging for our students, staff and stakeholders. The promise is rooted in research-

based practices and reflects a focus on engaging the community in support of the established vision and values of the Smithtown Central School District. This work is aligned with our Board of Education’s Goals for 2024-2025 and the Smithtown 2027 Strategic Plan.

You can read more about The Smithtown Promise: <https://www.smithtown.k12.ny.us/Community/Smithtown-Promise>



“The Smithtown Promise means to me to excel in everything you do and take advantage of every opportunity...use your voice and make an impact in the community.”

High School West senior
Peyton McGrade

THE SMITHTOWN PROMISE...*In Action*

YOUR DIGNITY IS A GIVEN

- OWN YOUR WORTH
- VALUE EVERY HUMAN
- STOP AND THINK
- GIVE GRACE

As part of World Mental Health Day, High School West's DECA club hosted a Mental Health Awareness Seminar. The event raised awareness of mental health issues.

Accompsett Elementary School students laced up and raised \$1,538.43 for the nonprofit Solving Kids' Cancer.



Student-athletes at Great Hollow Middle School raised over \$2,000 for the nonprofit Corey's Promise, which raises awareness for childhood cancer.

Accompsett Middle School students continued to support breast cancer awareness by participating in a walk and selling bracelets and keychains.

YOU BELONG HERE

- BE AUTHENTIC
- SEEK NEW EXPERIENCES
- INVEST IN RELATIONSHIPS
- OPEN YOUR MIND

Mills Pond Elementary AIS math teacher Raemala Shaughnessy designed these kid-friendly posters to align with the new SCSD initiative, The Smithtown Promise.



To participate in Unity Day, the signature event of National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month, Dogwood and Tackan elementary school students wore orange and displayed hundreds of positive messages written by the students. These messages encourage kindness, acceptance and friendship.

YOU ARE A DIFFERENCE MAKER

- HAVE EMPATHY
- NEVER GIVE UP
- ENCOURAGE OTHERS
- BE BOLD



Smithtown Elementary third and fourth graders have started a Pay It Forward Club to give back to our school community as difference makers.



The Nesaquake Middle School Community Service Club hosted a donation drive to help Hurricane Milton victims.

YOU WERE MADE TO EXCEL

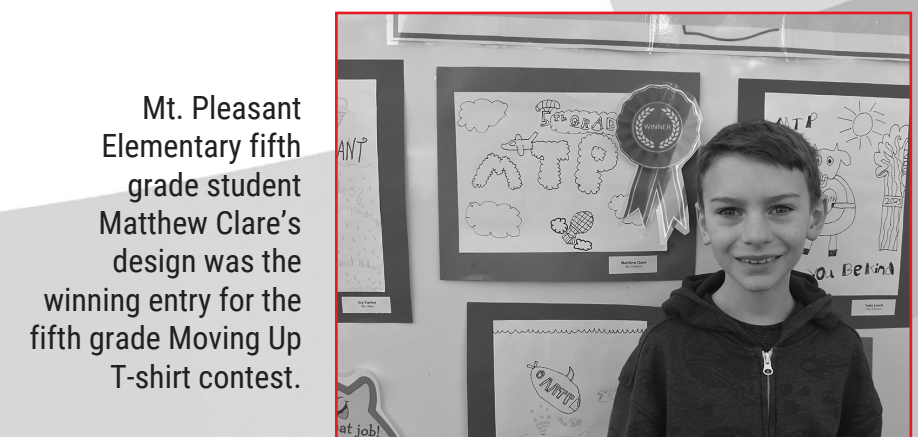
- TAKE INITIATIVE
- BE ACCOUNTABLE
- SET AMBITIOUS GOALS
- PURSUE YOUR PASSION



St. James Elementary fourth grade student Charlie Campbell and his chocolate lab, Gilly, recently earned third place of all junior handlers in the International Dog Sports Dock Diving Championship.



Smithtown High School East and West musicians performed the national anthem at Yankee Stadium.

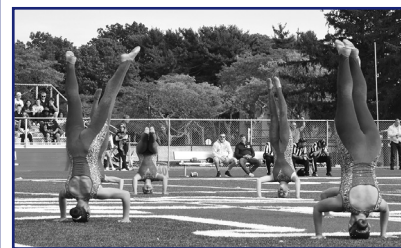


Mt. Pleasant Elementary fifth grade student Matthew Clare's design was the winning entry for the fifth grade Moving Up T-shirt contest.

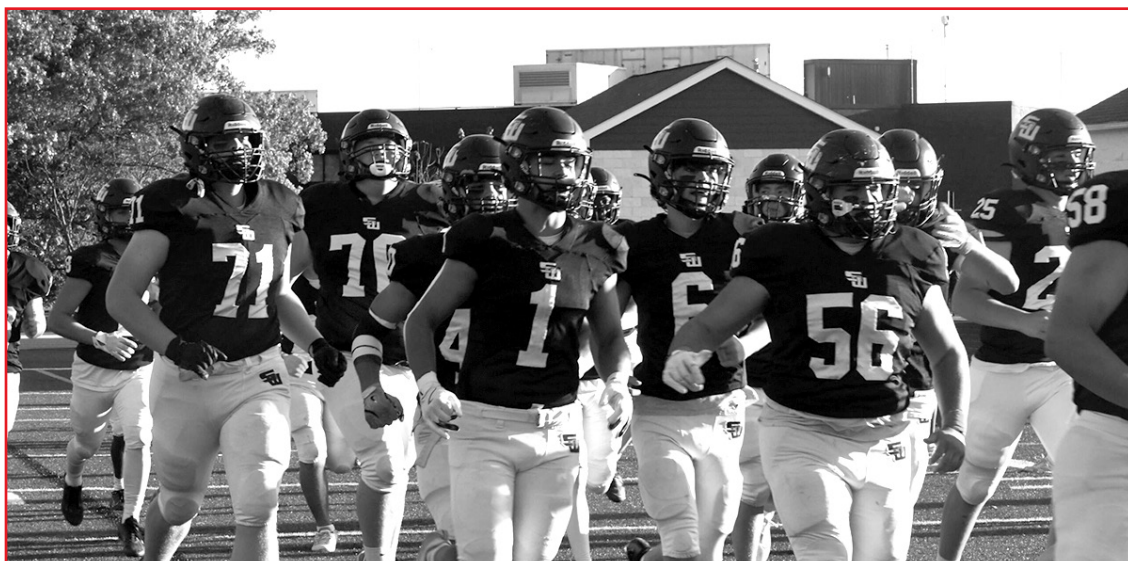
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