



DIGEST

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY

EXCELLENCE, INNOVATION AND ACHIEVEMENT

Driven by fulfilling the Smithtown 2027 Strategic Plan’s mission to provide a safe, supportive and stimulating environment for students to learn and where all are valued, the Smithtown Central School District is committed to educating well-rounded, lifelong learners who are compassionate, responsible, ethical members of society.

“The Smithtown Central School District is very proud of our commitment to providing our students with an excellent education which will prepare them well for the future of their choosing.” Superintendent of Schools Dr. Mark Secaur said. “We believe that it is a school district’s responsibility to provide the support necessary for our students to reach their full potential and to remove barriers that may get in the way of that

goal. The district is committed to creating a culture of dignity that leads to a greater sense of belonging for our students, staff and stakeholders. This is made possible due to the continued support of the Smithtown community, and for that, we are most grateful. Within this edition of the digest, you will see many examples of our work, and we hope you will share the pride we have in our students and the educators who serve them.”

From National Merit Scholarship Finalists and art competition winners to some historic sports moments, SCSD students have been shining this school year. Join us in celebrating the many achievements of our school district, and make sure to follow the district on our website and social media!

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--Dr. Mark Secaur, Superintendent of Schools

BEST OF THE BEST



The SCSD is proud to announce it has seven National Merit Scholarship Finalists. The National Merit Scholarship Program is an academic competition based upon a student’s skills, accomplishments and potential for success in college. Smithtown High School West students Jacob Bergman and

Ishaanth Reddy Guduru, and Smithtown High School East students Shaayan Alam, Prateek Chilakamarthy, Arnav Jain, Madeline McCullough and Saquib Syed have been named Finalists for the 2026 National Merit Scholarship, placing them among the top high school scholars in the country.

Terrific Teachers

Mills Pond STEM instructional specialist Serena Spata and Tackan Elementary STEM instructional specialist David Junz were both accepted into the prestigious New York State Master Teacher Program. For his work with High School East leadership students, social studies teacher Joseph Toth has been named one of just 15 educators nationwide to receive the 2026 Lead4Change Fellowship.

Mt. Pleasant Elementary second grader Maggie Alambra won the 2026 Annual Smithtown Library Children's Department K-5 "Design a Bookmark Contest." Maggie was one of 12 winners out of 200 submissions.



All Elementary Schools

More than 200 fifth grade students from all seven Smithtown elementary schools prepared for a new Elementary Music Festival Program, which culminated in an All-District concert on April 18. Additionally, more than 100 student musicians in grades 5-8 were selected to participate in the Suffolk County Music Educators' Association concert.

Fourth and fifth graders at Mills Pond Elementary participated in Hoops for Hearts, raising over \$850 for the American Heart Association.



Awesome Accomsett Artwork

Accompsett Middle School eighth graders Sienna Brady and Gracie Fischer have been selected to showcase their artwork in the annual Colors of Long Island Student Art Exhibition at the Long Island Museum in Stony Brook.

Students from Accomsett, Great Hollow and Nesaquake middle schools recently donated an inspiring collection of student-created artwork to Stony Brook Children's Hospital. The donation featured a wide variety of watercolor bookmarks, framed 5-inch by 7-inch paintings and student-designed coloring books. In addition to the beautiful artwork, students collected a supply of art materials for children of all ages staying at the hospital, giving them the opportunity to create masterpieces of their own.



Alexandra DeDonato, a senior at High School West and a member of Girl Scout Troop 2479, earned the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor in Girl Scouts. Alexandra organized a community clothing drive that collected more than 100 pieces of professional attire, and she volunteered over 100 hours of service to help expand the reach of the Brookhaven-based organization Dress for Success through her "Career Corner" initiative.



Smithtown High School East DECA was the only team in New York to receive the nationwide prestigious Advocacy Campaign recognition! Students also earned well-deserved accolades in the Community Service, Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Membership, and Promotions categories.

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BRINGING HOME THE HARDWARE



High School West Basketball Team:
Long Island Champions (First in school history!)



SCSD Girls Swim Team:
Back-to-back State Champions

SCSD Gymnastics Team:
Back-to-back Suffolk County Champions

High School East Girls Volleyball:
Class AA County Champions

High School West Football:
Back-to-back Big 4 Titles

SCSD Boys Cross-Country:
League I Champions

**Smithtown-Hauppauge Boys
Swimming and Diving Team:**
Second place in New York State and NYSPHSAA
Scholar Athlete team

High School East's Sophia Alvarez won the Suffolk County Large School racewalk championship after winning the 1500-meter racewalk and placed third in the state competition.

High School East's Matthew McDermott won the Section XI 144-pound county wrestling championship and placed second in New York State.

Smithtown High School East's Trishna Desai placed third in the New York State bowling tournament.

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