



# SMITHTOWN BULLETIN



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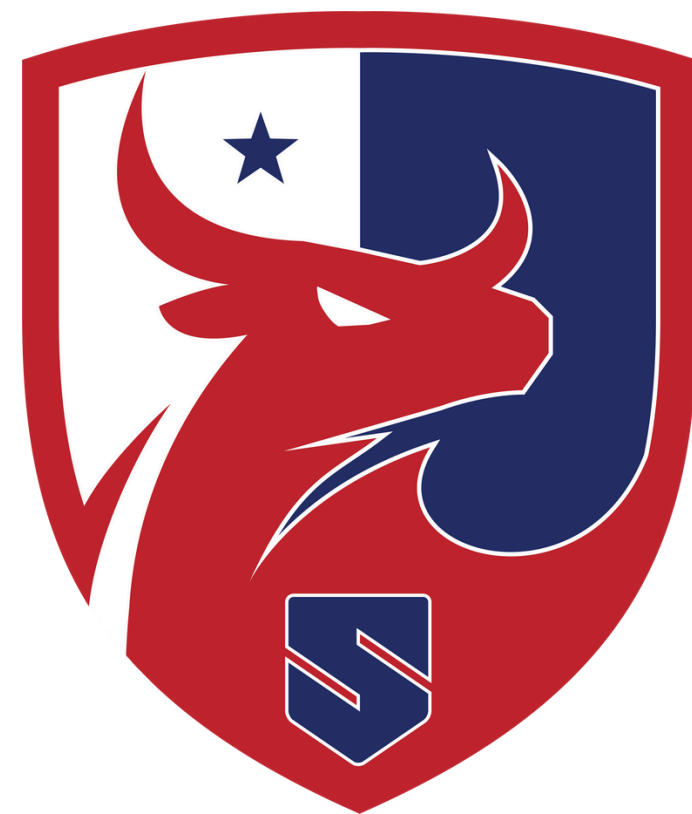
# SUPERINTENDENT *Message*

Dear Smithtown CSD Community,

I hope that all is well with you and yours. We are proud to share the latest edition of the Smithtown BULLETin with you. This is one tool of many that we have been utilizing to share information with our school community. The District Communication Committee was formed in 2021 to help evaluate district communications to ensure effective and consistent channels of information regarding school district activities. Through these communications, our goal is to keep strengthening connections with all members of the Smithtown Central School District community. It is also a lot of fun to compile a synopsis of all the great things our students and staff are doing within the district.

In addition to the BULLETin, we also use our website, social media, news media and other resources to share information with our school community. At our November 12 Board of Education meeting, Mr. Jamie Stuart and I will be providing an overview and update regarding district communications. We encourage you to either attend or watch the meeting at your leisure once the video is posted on our website. A copy of the presentation will also be available shortly after the meeting.

Sincerely,  
Mark Secaur, Ed.D.





# CURRICULUM CORNER

## RIVER RESEARCH!

Think Discovery Science Research students from Smithtown High School East, coordinated by East Science Research Coordinator, Maria Zeitlin, recently returned to conduct citizen science along the Nissequogue River. This annual STEM activity takes a longitudinal look at the health of our local estuary.

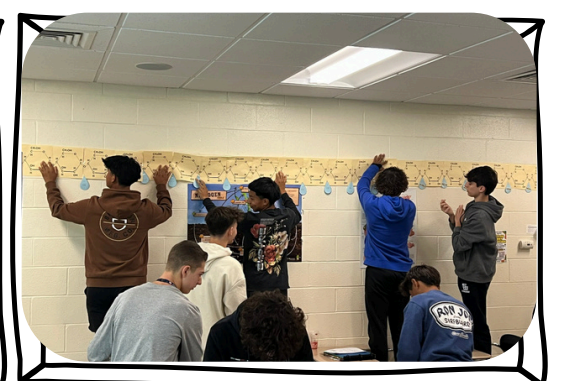
Students worked in teams to collect data by using nets for catch and release, conducting chemical analyses, and recording physical measurements such as water and air temperatures.



## POLYSACCHARIDE MADNESS!

Tenth grade students in Mr. Warner's High School West science class had tons of fun demonstrating conservation of mass through Patterns and Modeling.

Mr. Warner said, "The students were so into building the largest paper polysaccharide ever! "It really was great to see 10th graders having so much fun learning."



## BASH THE TRASH!

First grade students at Accomsett Elementary are learning how to repurpose garbage from their homes into musical instruments.

This correlates with the Project Lead The Way program where students have been learning about vibrations and sounds.

Ian from the Bash The Trash agency helped teach the students about how recycling helps the environment.





# SCSD ACHIEVEMENTS

## MUSIC HONORS

More than 50 musicians from High School East and High School West have been selected to participate in All-State and All-County music festivals this fall and winter.

Fourteen students from East and West were selected for All-State honors as a result of their superior scores at the New York State School Music Association's solo festival and teacher recommendations.

Thirty-seven students from East and West were named All-County musicians. Selection to the All-County Festival is one of the most prestigious honors in Suffolk County for a student musician.

In addition, nine students from High School West were named All-County Jazz.

For a list of all of our talented musicians, click [HERE](#)



## ESSAY WINNER!

High School West senior Charlotte Muratore's essay on Smithtown's role on the homefront during World War I has been chosen as the winner of the Mildred Smith Scholarship Essay Contest!

"I was extremely appreciative of this opportunity from the Smithtown Historical Society and honored to be selected as the winner," Charlotte told us.

In Charlotte's essay, she discussed the efforts of the Smithtown's Chapter of the American Red Cross as well as the National Bank of Smithtown, which collected over \$316,000 to help.

Charlotte receives a \$2000 scholarship as well as two free tickets to the Smithtown Historical Society's Heritage Ball this November at the Watermill Restaurant in Smithtown!





# SCSD ACHIEVEMENTS

## DOGGONE IT! 🐕

St. James Elementary fourth grade student, Charlie Campbell and his dog Gilly recently earned third place of all junior handlers in the International Dog Sports Dock Diving Championship held in Mount Airy, MD!

Dock diving is a fun sport which measures how far a dog jumps off a dock into a body of water. Charlie was the “handler” and he spoke to us about his accomplishments!



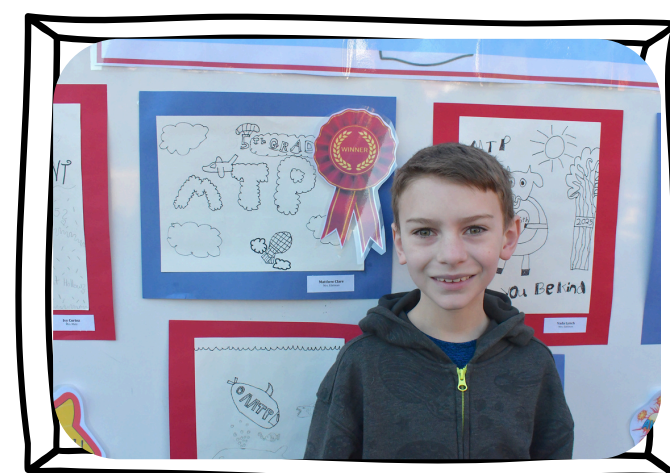
[WATCH!](#)

## MATT'S THE MAN!

Congratulations to Mt. Pleasant Elementary fifth grade student Matthew Clare for winning the fifth grade Moving Up T-shirt contest! Matthew's design was voted the winner by his class.

MTP art teacher, Kathleen Lindbom then refined the drawing, which will appear on the front of the shirt with students' signatures on the back!

Congratulations to Matthew and the following finalists: Ivy Cortez, Vada Lynch, Lexi Lazo, David Hanna, and Anthony Savino.





# COMMUNITY NEWS

## SCHOOL HERO!

Congratulations to High School West Special Education/English Teacher, Dennis Wickes Jr. on being honored by The Long Island Coalition Against Bullying for demonstrating “exceptional commitment” to creating a safe and inclusive school environment.

Mr. Wickes said he was “shocked” when he first found out, particularly because he still does not know who nominated him. “It’s cool not knowing who nominated me because it leaves the door open that it could be anyone that I had an impact on. Someone who felt safe, heard and respected in the classroom.”

Mr. Wickes is one of twenty-one Long Island educators who was recognized. He stated, “I’m humbled and appreciative that my work is being recognized. The students see I have a mutual respect for them. Their success is my success.”



## CHANGE FOR A CURE

Great job by Accomsett Elementary School students for raising \$1,538.43 for the nonprofit Solving Kids' Cancer.

Throughout Smithtown Central School District, students and faculty members wore gold shoelaces as part of the organization's Lace Up for Kids campaign.

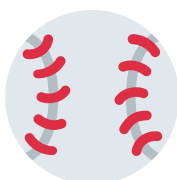
This is the fourth year Accomsett Elementary School Principal Tim Hellmuth has invited students to participate in “changing kids' lives” by generously donating coins. Principal Hellmuth said this year's total is the largest ever!





# COMMUNITY NEWS

## HOME RUN!



Talk about a home run!

On Sept. 28, the High School East Chamber Choir and High School West Jazz Choir, under the direction of Mark Hegreness and James Brosnan, wowed the crowd at Yankee Stadium with a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem.

The students combined to form the “Smithtown Select Choir” and made the SCSD extremely proud!

Listen to the choir [HERE](#)



## NESAQUAKE PITCHES IN!

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

“If my family was in trouble I’d want people to help out,” said student Thomas Kratz. “It’s really rewarding.”

Supervised by English teacher Marissa LoSardo, the club collected items such as toothpaste, toilet paper, socks and paper towels.



## JOIN OUR TEAM!!!

There are several openings in the Smithtown Central School District. Those interested can submit a letter, resume, and two professional references to Assistant Superintendent for Personnel Neil Katz at: [employment@smithtown.k12.ny.us](mailto:employment@smithtown.k12.ny.us)



**WE ARE HIRING!** JOIN OUR TEAM

**Special Education Aides:** various shifts available for all levels including elementary, middle and high schools. \$20.39 per hour. Minimum 3 hours per day.

**Elementary School Monitors:** shifts are 2.25-2.5 hours per day between 11:45 AM-2:15 PM. \$17.00 per hour.

**Food Service Worker and Custodial Worker positions also available.**

**NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY**

**WORK THE STUDENT CALENDAR**

**SUMMERS, WEEKENDS, NIGHTS AND HOLIDAYS OFF**

SEND A RESUME AND LETTER OF INTEREST TO: [EMPLOYMENT@SMITHTOWN.K12.NY.US](mailto:EMPLOYMENT@SMITHTOWN.K12.NY.US) TO APPLY OR CALL (631) 382-2170 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

SCAN QR CODE TO APPLY





# THE SMITHTOWN PROMISE

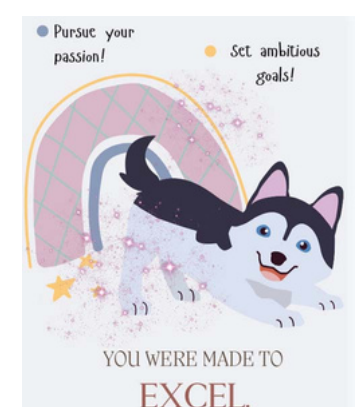
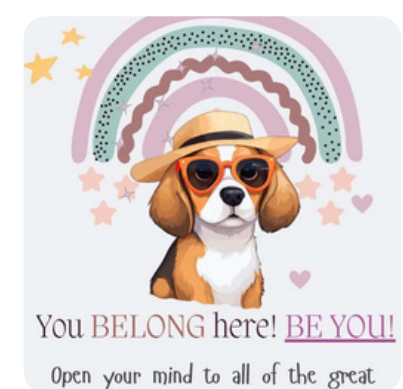
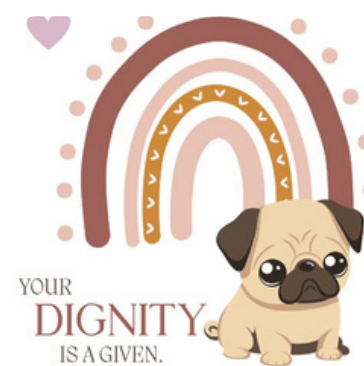
## THE SMITHTOWN PROMISE

Check out the cool ways the SCSD is utilizing  
The Smithtown Promise!

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

The Smithtown Promise outlines four principles and  
16 habits for adults and young people to establish  
and nurture.

Read more about The Smithtown Promise [HERE](#)



St. James Elementary teacher, Kim Muffly, made  
this great bulletin board to promote the  
Smithtown Promise! The board is now in front of  
the school. Everyone bee-longs!



Smithtown Elementary students hosted a  
“Smithtown Promise” week with it’s new Pay it  
Forward club!

This included announcements over the PA detailing  
the principles of the promise.

Excellent!





# SPORTS ZONE

## HOMECOMING!



What a weekend! From High School West's lively pep rally to Saturday night's 20-8 homecoming win over Newfield, the Bulls homecoming weekend lived up to the hype!

After a halftime performance by the Whisperettes kickline team, the 2024 homecoming king and queen, Vishnu Padmanaban and Adriana Amoroso were announced. Then, the football team scored 13 unanswered points to secure the win!



## FIFTY!



Congratulations to the Smithtown High School boys cross country team on 50 consecutive dual meet wins dating back to 2016! The team consists of student athletes from High School East and West.

Great job by Coach Schieck, assistant coaches and the team 🏃



## FOR VALERIE



The Smithtown East field hockey team hosted a Togetherness Tournament this month, honoring the memory of Valerie Kratochvil. Smithtown East, Smithtown West, Bay Shore and Pat Med High Schools participated on this special day.

All proceeds raised go towards a field hockey memorial scholarship started in Valerie's name. Smithtown East Field Hockey would like to sincerely thank everyone who supported their cause.





# SPORTS ZONE



## CONGRATS, CHAMPS!



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FALL SPORTS TEAMS AND INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS ON BRINGING HOME THE HARDWARE!



**H.S. GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY  
LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**



**H.S. WEST BOYS SOCCER  
LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**



**H.S. BOYS CROSS COUNTRY  
LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**



**ANYA KONOPKA (HSE)  
SUFFOLK TENNIS  
INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP  
(7TH IN STATE)**



**SMITHTOWN/HAUPPAUGE  
SWIM TEAM  
LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**



**H.S. EAST GIRLS VOLLEYBALL  
LEAGUE CHAMPIONS**

