

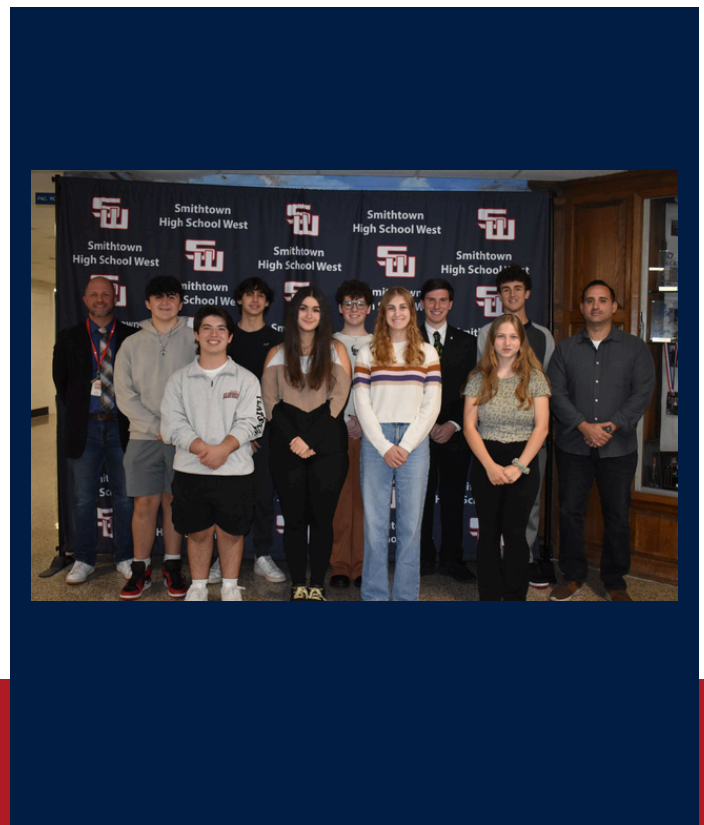
THE WEST WEEKLY



October 11, 2024

All-State and All-County Musicians Dazzle

The administration and music department of Smithtown High School West are proud to acknowledge our 2024-2025 All-State and All-County Musicians. As a result of outstanding NYSSMA scores, these elite musicians have been selected to perform in honor ensembles with the top musicians throughout all of Suffolk County and New York State. This is a magnificent achievement for these outstanding students. We are very proud to have them represent Smithtown High School West and we look forward to the incredible productions they will take part in. Congratulations to all of our amazing musicians!





Sydney Vogel Earns Prestigious Honor

Earlier this summer, the Plattduetsche Verein (a group of German Americans on Long Island that goes back to the 1800's) selected one of our very own HSW students as one of their princesses for the annual Steuben Day Parade down 5th Avenue in New York City. Sydney Vogel is the first student to hold this honor from HSW. It is based on academic accomplishments as well as a series of interviews. She will be gliding down 5th Avenue for the Steuben Day Parade in a dirndl she brought back from Germany this summer.



Incredible Run for Boys Cross Country

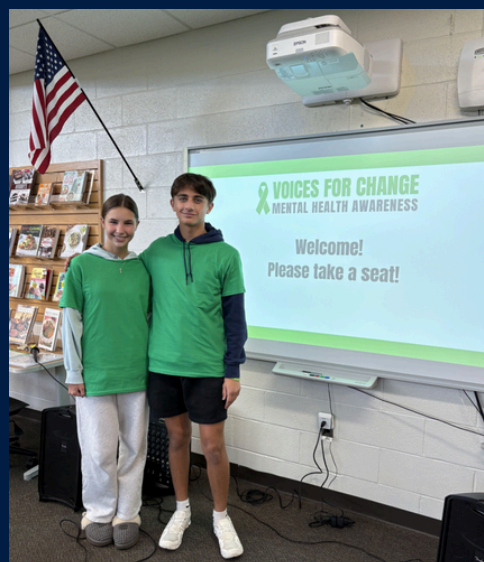
Ladies and gentlemen, hold on to your seats because our Smithtown Boys Cross Country team won their 50th straight Dual Meet dating back to 2016! The 50th straight victory was a dominant win against William Floyd at Sunken Meadow State Park. The team also won their 8th straight League Championship this season! Congratulations to all of the student-athletes and a special thank you to the coaches for their commitment and dedication to the program.

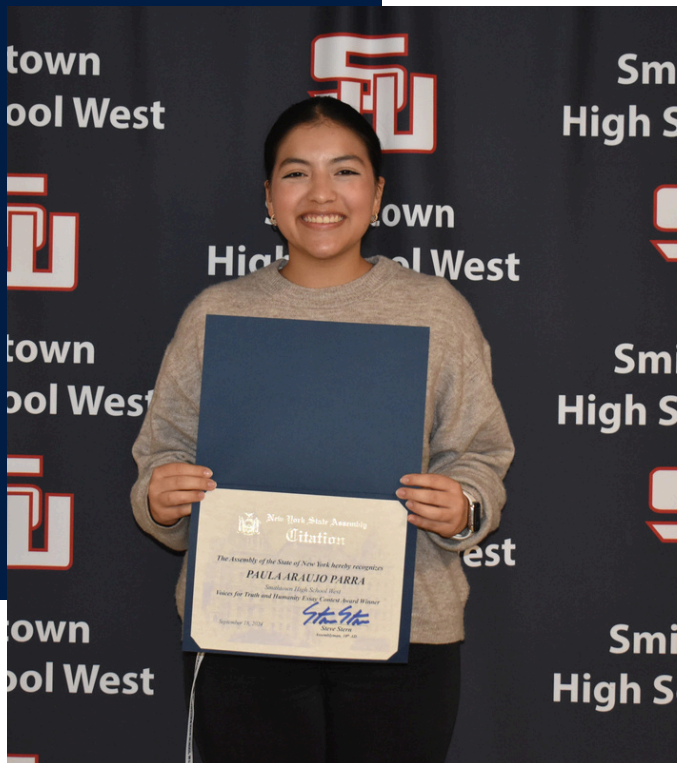
Go Bulls!



Mental Health Awareness Event

October 10th is World Mental Health Day! HSW DECA members Brody Meier and Katie Dunn are competing this year in the Community Awareness Project, in which they have the opportunity to raise awareness for a community issue or cause. On Thursday, October 10th, the pair hosted a Mental Health Awareness Seminar in the HSW library, in which CTE classes participated throughout the day. The seminar started off with Brody and Katie discussing their "Voices for Change" campaign by having students participate in a Kahoot about Mental Health facts and scenarios. The students then broke out into various activities that would be beneficial to an individual's mental health, including coloring, rock painting, and playing games such as Jenga, Uno, and Connect 4. Students ended the seminar with writing pledges on how they plan to be a "Voice for Change" either for themselves or others. Congratulations to Brody and Katie on a successful event, and for continuing to spread awareness and being a "Voice for Change!"





Paula Araujo Parra Wins The Voices for Truth and Humanity Essay Contest

Paula's essay was selected from many outstanding entries for its embodiment of both a meaningful understanding of the lessons of the Holocaust for society today and a passionate explanation of why those lessons are essential to combating the ignorance that leads to hate and intolerance.

Charlotte Muratore wins the Mildred Smith Historical Essay Scholarship Contest

The Smithtown Historical Society selected Charlotte's essay based upon her outstanding paper on Smithtown's role on the home front during World War I.

Charlotte was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship by the historical society and will be recognized at the Heritage Ball on November 6th.

