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SUPERINTENDENT *Message*

Dear Smithtown CSD Community,

I hope this message finds you well! As we near the end of the first month of school, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight some of the factors that make our school district successful. First and foremost, the strong partnerships we forge between teachers and parents are essential for us to meet our students where they are and assist them on the path to a future of their choosing. To that end, I have been happy to hear a great deal of positive feedback about the various Back to School and Meet the Teacher nights. They are wonderful opportunities for the relationship building and open communication that will optimize our collective success.

I also want to sincerely thank our PTA's for all they do and encourage all of you to join if you haven't already done so. Next, I would like to highlight the efforts of all the staff members who work tirelessly (and often behind the scenes) to ensure the efficient operation of our schools.

A successful district also requires intentional, long term planning. We have sought to do this with our Smithtown 2027 Strategic Plan and this year's Board of Education District Goals. Our day-to-day work is guided by this planning and we are confident that we will continue to see positive results due to our efforts to meet the needs of all of our students.

We greatly appreciate your continued assistance and support as we look forward to another amazing school year!

Sincerely,
Dr. Secaur



CURRICULUM CORNER

WELCOME

BACK!

The 2025-26 school year began for the SCSD with students of all ages returning on September 2. The hallways are buzzing again and we're ready to take on another year filled with learning, growth and opportunities!

Welcome back, Bulls!



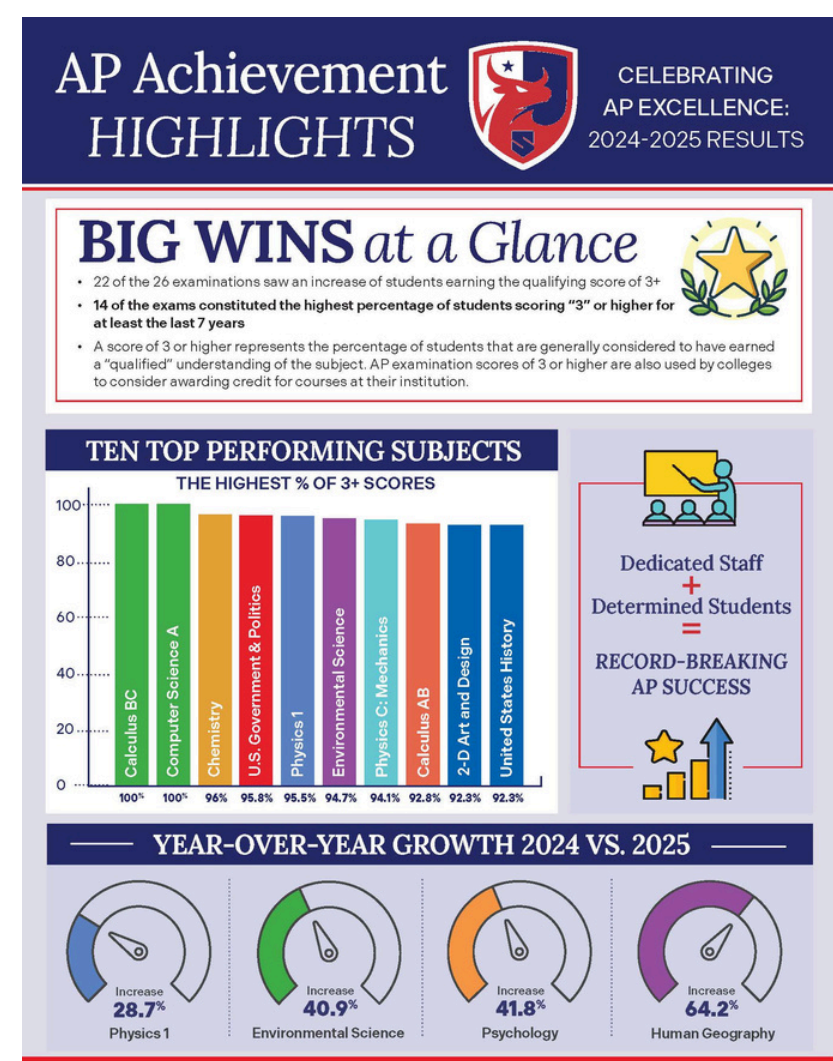
SCSD ACHIEVEMENTS

AP EXCELLENCE!

The Smithtown Central School District is proud to recognize our students and teachers for some fantastic AP achievements!

Please refer to the graphic or click [HERE](#) to see the fantastic growth in calculus, physics, history and more!

A big thank you to our dedicated teachers, supportive families, and hardworking students for making this possible.



MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SEMIFINALISTS & COMMENDED STUDENTS

Smithtown High School West students Jacob Bergman and Ishaanth Reddy Guduru, and Smithtown High School East students, Madeline McCullough, Shaayan Alam, Prateek Chilakamarthy, Saquib Syed, Arnav Jain have been named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists! These students are among a group of academically talented students who represent less than 1% of United States high school seniors.

Additional congratulations are given to our National Merit Scholarship commended students, listed [HERE](#).

Congratulations to the students as well as all of our hard working guidance counselors!



COMMUNITY NEWS

9/11 REMEMBRANCE



Smithtown Central School District students and faculty gathered in a quiet show of unity on Thursday, September 11, joining together in remembrance of the lives lost on September 11, 2001.

High School East and High School West each marked the 24th anniversary of 9/11 with separate ceremonies.

Superintendent Mark Secaur reflected on the “level of unity” the country shared 24 years ago, “a day where all gave some, and some gave all.”

The Smithtown Fire Department Color Guard and American Legion Post 833 participated in the ceremonies.



RETIRED FIREFIGHTER VISITS EAST & WEST

Retired FDNY firefighter Michael O'Connell, who was at Ground Zero on September 11, 2001, visited High School East and High School West to discuss his experiences that day as well as his work getting the Zadroga Act passed with actor, host, and activist, Jon Stewart.

"I'm still fortunate to have today because there's so many that don't." O'Connell has made it his mission to push for continued healthcare and compensation for the 9/11 community. He had been a member of the FDNY for only four months when the 911 attacks occurred. In 2007 he was diagnosed with sarcoidosis from his time working at Ground Zero.



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

WE'RE HIRING - JOIN OUR TEAM!
NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY WORK THE STUDENT CALENDAR
✓ SUMMERS, WEEKENDS, NIGHTS AND HOLIDAYS OFF!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MONITORS:
shifts are 2:25-2:55 hours per day between 11:45 AM-2:15 PM
\$17.00 per hour

FOOD SERVICE WORKERS:
\$17.47 per hour

SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDES:
various shifts available for all levels including elementary,
middle and high schools - \$20.75 per hour - minimum 3 hours per day

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Send a resume and letter of interest to: employment@smithtown.k12.ny.us or call (631) 382-2170 for more information



COMMUNITY NEWS

POWER OF POSITIVITY! 🎤 🎸

Nationally renowned musical performer Jared Campbell is visiting the SCSD and put on a fantastic performance at Mt. Pleasant Elementary!

Mr. Campbell's appearance, courtesy of the school PTA and Arts in Education program, was part of his efforts to teach students about creating a positive culture through music. Campbell performed an interactive musical performance, giving students an opportunity to sing and dance while learning valuable lessons about the value of self-reflection, overcoming obstacles and having a positive outlook on life.

Campbell creates music of empowerment, self confidence, friendship and reminds students to be caring and compassionate to one another, especially in school!

Thank you to the school PTA Arts in Education Committee!



HANDS-ON AT GREAT HOLLOW!

Seventh grade Technology Education students at Great Hollow Middle School are diving right into their Instant Design Challenge! This hands-on project has them designing orthoses (braces) to support children with cerebral palsy.

From wrists and elbows to knees and ankles, students are learning how braces help with tight muscles while exploring creative ways to make a difference.

The best part? They're loving the chance to team up, build, and put their skills to the test using real tools and machines.



SPORTS ZONE

WE SEE THE LIGHT (S)!

Smithtown High School East athletes will now shine under the limelight since the athletic field lights have recently been installed and are operating.

The new lighting will allow fall teams to practice and host evening home games for the first time.

Smithtown Central School District Director of Athletics, Jason Lambert, said he is currently in discussions with Section XI, other school districts and officials, with hopes of scheduling night games for the school's fall teams schedules.

The lighting addition is part of the Capital Reserve Proposition voters approved in 2024.

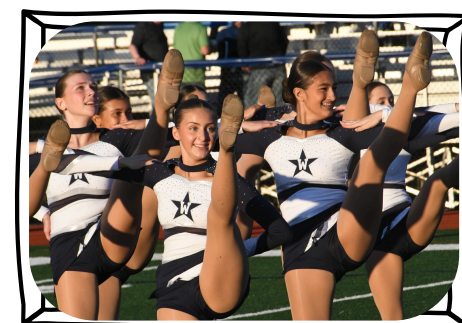


HOMECOMING!

Highlighted by Michael Cascione's 68-yard punt return for a TD, the Smithtown West Bulls celebrated a victorious homecoming, as they defeated Hauppauge 28-7 on Saturday, September 20. At halftime, the community was entertained by performances by the High School West cheerleaders as well as the Whisperettes. The 2025 Homecoming king and queen, Srijith Kodela & Olivia Pappas were also introduced.

On Friday, High School West held a pep rally for all of their teams, as every varsity sports team was introduced as were the captains of each team.

Homecoming for Smithtown High School East will be Saturday, October 4.



STATES...HERE THEY COME!

Sarah Lucca, Olivia Chiofolo, Avery Wilcox, and Julia Lucca have qualified for the NYS Championships in the 400 Yard Freestyle Relay with an incredible time of 3:39.95!

Amazing!

