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MESSAGE FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

"Let us think of education as the means of developing our greatest abilities, because in each of us there is a private hope and dream which, fulfilled, can be translated into benefit for everyone and greater strength for our nation."

John F. Kennedy

Can you believe we are already in the second half of the year, and if it is anything like the first, then we are in for an excellent second semester. Not only have our students been successful in the classroom, but on the fields and the stage as well. Below, please find just a few samples of the good news from the first half of the year:

- 1) *Three high school students were recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Program. Adam Jansen received Finalist status while Declan Diemer and Dylan Kann received Commended Student status.*
- 2) *Fifty one students were inducted into the TRI-M Music Honor Society.*
- 3) *All Varsity fall sports teams earned a trip to the playoffs.*
- 4) *Forty athletes received individual accolades for their performance on the field or the hardwood floors.*
- 5) *Three students received All-State status in music: Adam Jansen, Mallet Percussion, Symphonic Band; Stephanie Tubiolo, Soprano – Women's Chorus; Michelle Popal, Violin.*
- 6) *Eight students received All-County status by NYSCAME and seven students were recognized by LISFA.*
- 7) *Two outstanding Winter Concert performances were held.*

- 8) *Three very successful school assemblies were presented, that were not only informative, but encouraged the students to think about their own lives and actions.*

These accomplishments are only a few of the great things that have taken place thus far. This list does not include the various community fundraising efforts sponsored by the Student Government, or the painting of storefronts by the Student Art League, or all the other projects by the National Honor Society and other clubs/organizations within the high school.

It is obvious that there are many reasons to celebrate the actions and accomplishments of our students. It would be impossible for all this to happen without the support of our students' parents and the hard work and dedication of all the teachers at Bayport-Blue Point High School. For that, I thank you. Congratulations and keep up the great work!

As we look to the second half of the year, besides the everyday sports activities, please mark your calendar for the following events/activities:

Spring Concerts – March 24 & 25

Senior Banquet – May 16

Junior Prom – May 22

Graduation – June 28

Hope to see you at these events!

BAYPORT-BLUE POINT HIGH SCHOOL HAS SUBSCRIBED TO METHOD TEST PREP

The Bayport-Blue Point High School has subscribed to Method Test Prep for all its students. Method Test Prep is an online SAT/ACT test prep resource that students can utilize at their convenience. Below please find the login information.

Bayport-Blue Point High School is entitled to one account for every student and teacher. There are two ways for the students and teachers to create accounts.

1. *Use the special link designed just for Bayport-Blue Point High School.*

Simply go to <http://methodtestprep.com/signup.php?regtoken=tkn.183cadfc> and fill in the required information.

2. *Use the Bayport-Blue Point High School registration token.*

Go to www.methodtestprep.com and click where it says "Sign Up Today!"

Fill in the required information, and where it says Referral Code. Enter tkn.183cadfc

Once students have created an account, they can log on at www.methodtestprep.com using their member ID and password.

It is important that all Bayport-Blue Point High School students create an account using one of these methods. Once a student creates an account they will be assigned to the Bayport-Blue Point High School tracking report.

What makes MTP different/better than other test preps available?

One of the unique features of our web-based SAT and ACT courses is that students can listen to a professional tutor explaining the concepts and questions that they are struggling with. This allows both auditory and visual learners to benefit. By using our audio component, students don't need to read through pages and pages of intimidating text.

ECOLOGY CLUB

Mrs. Edgar - Advisor

Ecology Club members participated in the annual International Coastal Cleanup sponsored by the Ocean Conservancy and Keep Islip Clean. Many bags of debris were collected from Bayport Beach and from Sailor's Haven on Fire Island. All of the debris was then



categorized and counted, resulting in data sheets sent to become part of the International Cleanup Data Report. Trash in the ocean kills countless seabirds, marine mammals and sea turtles each year and every little bit helps!

Club members also removed 7,000 oysters from their safe home inside an Ecology Club student-constructed shellfish raft, to then be placed into the waters of the Great South Bay by Carl LoBue, a Nature Conservancy biologist. This is an exciting finish to the 10-month joint effort between Nature Conservancy/Western Suffolk BOCES and the Bayport-Blue Point High School Ecology Club, and was the result of a Mariculture Grant opportunity that the club applied for and received. This grant, worth in excess of \$5,000, gave the students the opportunity to help restore shellfish to the Great South Bay. Students measured biweekly growth of these oysters from June until October, and were delighted with a mortality rate of less than 0.5%.

Don't be surprised if you see the Ecology Club members on early Sunday mornings, yes, even throughout the frigid winter months, standing on Bryan's Bridge, collecting water samples and water quality data to be analyzed and later shared with other participants of the South Shore Estuary Water Stewardship Program. The Ecology Club has received recognition for their excellent participation in this volunteer program for the past two years.

Additionally, the Ecology Club continues to work with local Blue Point community members in an effort to minimize the impact of storm water runoff. Storm drain locations were recorded using GPS technology and will eventually be uploaded to Brookhaven Town watershed management maps. Club members are providing community members with helpful hints for lawn maintenance, the use of rain barrels, the planting of native vegetation, and other useful ideas to help minimize the impact of storm water runoff on local waters. This Ecology Club project will be shared at a forum with other participants of the Brookhaven Laboratory-sponsored Open Space Stewardship Program at the end of the school year.

The Ecology Club has hopes of drastically reducing water bottle and paper waste at the High School. Reusable and BPA-free water bottles will be offered for sale at cost to all members of the high school community to help with this "green effort." The Ecology Club will once again sponsor a "Green and Clean Weekend" in April – the officially designated Earth month.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Mrs. Edgar - Advisor

High School National Honor Society (NHS) members have been working hard to represent the characteristics that the National Honor Society symbolizes - leadership, scholarship, character and service. NHS President Nikita Shah addressed the incoming members of the Junior National Honor Society at their Induction



Ceremony as the Keynote Speaker. Nikita encouraged these young student leaders to work hard and to be positive role models for their peers, just as she has been to her peers throughout her school career.

This year's NHS has made their theme, "The Year of the Child." What better way to start the year than by raising money at the second annual



NHS-sponsored Guitar Hero Tournament? This competition, spearheaded by Steve Chant, brought great excitement and entertainment for many high school Guitar Hero enthusiasts and raised over \$400.

Chelsea Boulliane, NHS Treasurer, arranged for gift certificates from Sayville Theatre as prizes for the two talented winners. Geena Waddle, the

NHS Secretary extraordinaire, sent letters of "Thanks" to Sayville Theatre and Satellite Pizza, which donated pizza for the great event! Geena, during this past summer, also acted as the official Bayport-Blue Point School Tour Guide for members of the Alumni Class of '58.

Academically accomplished members of our NHS are willing to assist other students who are having difficulties with their studies through the very successful Tutoring Program. Currently, Jess White, Tutoring Committee chairperson, has helped arrange tutoring for 25 students of all ages throughout the district. Many of these NHS tutors have made a wonderful commitment to work with more than one student and in multiple disciplines. NHS tutors have become an integral part of the academic success of many students in the district. Also, many tutors have developed positive, personal relationships with their students. Nicholas Iannucci, NHS Vice President, has been dabbling in magic in order to enhance his tutoring skills.

Continuing to encourage parents in the community to actively participate in their local PTA, Joseph Rivera has been coordinating the efforts to recruit students from the student body and from the National Honor Society to attend PTA meetings on a monthly basis. At these meetings, students watch the children of parents who are present, so that they have an opportunity to attend their local PTA meetings without having to worry about finding babysitters for the night.

STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS AT JOHN J. FOLEY'S ADULT DAY CARE PROGRAM

High school students delivered cheer to the residents of the John J. Foley Adult Day Care Program. Providing companionship and bearing gifts, each Student Council member was paired with a resident and over 130 winter essentials were presented by Bayport-Blue Point students, teachers, staff and council members. Those who organized the outreach program included:

MR. ANTHONY CURRAN

APRIL ANTHONY

ETHAN AXELROD

EMILY CARAVELLA

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CASSIE BARCI

DARCY CAHILL

ALEX CULLEN

STEPHANIE GIORDANO

GINA MARTUSCELLO

VICTORIA KAISER

AMANDA BARRY

VANESSA SANCHEZ

BRIANNA RUBENSTEIN

KRISTEN CHARPENTIER

The administrators at John J. Foley were so appreciative of Bayport-Blue Point's visit that they requested a Suffolk County Proclamation to acknowledge the district's kindness and generosity. The County Executive's Proclamation was presented to Student Council representatives at a Board of Education Meeting in front of their peers and community members.

SOPHOMORE CLASS CABINET GIVES BACK

Sophomore Class Cabinet Officers collected over 500 food items to donate to the local food pantry. Cans and other nonperishable food items were collected in five homerooms by Meg Brewer, Jake Nowicki, Gabby Postiglione, Mike Faulkenburgh and Bailee Wines.

CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

MATH AND BUSINESS

The Math Department proudly announces its decision to recommend the addition of the AMSCO series of textbooks to its curriculum. The Integrated Algebra, Geometry, and Algebra 2/Trigonometry textbooks will be added to the current Integrated Algebra and Geometry courses and next year's Algebra 2/Trigonometry course. In an effort to offer students the best possible education, we are pleased to include the addition of an Advanced Placement Statistics course for next year. We are also replacing the currently offered Discrete Mathematics course with a more business-oriented math course called Mathematics and Financial Applications. This course will continue to fulfill the requirement of a third year of mathematics.

The Inaugural Ground Hog Job Shadow Day was a huge success and gave students an opportunity to "shadow" a businessman or woman for the day outside of the walls of the classroom. We have received tremendous support from local businesses and community members in an effort to promote the development of this program. Our students were able to see what it is truly like in the "real world" at a place of business that interests them.



SCIENCE

The science department continues to grow and thrive. Earth Science and Living Environment classes are striving to meet and exceed last year's goals. Mr. Roach and his Current Issues class have completed a variety of projects, including a crime scene investigation. His AP Biology class, over eighty students, will finish the semester by taking a field trip to Stony Brook University to study techniques of modern biotechnology.

Mrs. Edgar continues to challenge her students to understand the unique and special environment that our district encompasses by being involved in a variety of field-based and in-house research. Ms. Fafard and Mr. Holgerson are busy designing new projects to motivate our Chemistry students. Our physics students are constantly being challenged by the upbeat and fast pace of Mr. Ungaro. Ms. Cameron and her AP Physics classes will also be taking a field trip to Stony Brook in order to study advanced physics concepts. In the future, program reorganization looks to bring Earth Science to accelerated eighth graders and offer an additional Advanced Placement class and research program.

ART

Art students won two awards from the South Bay Art Association's 22nd Annual Nita Elder Senior Student Art Exhibit. Loren Price won the Brookhaven National Laboratory \$500 U.S. savings bond. This award goes to two student artists that best express the theme of discovery. Winners of these special awards are then invited to exhibit their work at the Brookhaven National Lab Art Show at Berkner Hall. Geena Waddle won a \$50 cash prize. The judges gave out 14 special awards for individual pieces of art that stood out. Thirteen Suffolk County High Schools were represented at the Art Exhibit, with 77 student artists entering 231 artworks.

Ms. Baum's Advanced Senior/Portfolio Prep class spent the day in Chelsea, NYC. Students were able to witness the "Chelsea Art" scene firsthand, seeing over 110 artists in one afternoon. Students also participated in a walking tour of the area, and spent time sketching and drawing the local landscapes and people.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

The Physical Education staff of Mr. Steigerwald, Mr. Reilly, Ms. Sacer, Ms. Carbajal, Mr. Savana, Mr. Heyanka, and Ms. Worlow helped design a program that provides students an opportunity to explore a variety of activities, ranging from traditional sports, such as volleyball and softball, to lifetime activities, such as tennis and pickleball, plus a number of fitness activities including pilates and weight training. This allows

students to be exposed to many choices throughout the semester, learning which best suit their interests.

Also added are two new electives to the program. For the first time, a Sports Medicine class is being introduced and taught by our physical education teachers and the school's athletic trainer, Ms. Sacer. This class is designed to teach students the anatomy and physiology of the human body. Students will be able to recognize various injuries, how to treat these injuries, and various methods of rehabilitation.

Our Project Adventure elective has been expanded into two sections, Project Adventure I & II, allowing both juniors and seniors to take the courses taught by Mr. Steigerwald. Project Adventure is based on small-group work, developing trust among peers, and teambuilding, and ultimately challenges students on various activities, such as climbing the high elements.

This year's recipients for the Suffolk Zone Outstanding Senior Physical Education Award are Kurtis Bertram and Chelsea Boullianne. This is a very prestigious award, with which the Suffolk Zone recognizes and honors one male and female senior from each school district in Suffolk County.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE GLOBAL FRIENDSHIPS

The students in Mrs. D'Andraia's Spanish I and III classes have started new friendships with students in Spain! Through an organization called E-Pals, Mrs. D'Andraia was able to make a connection with a high school English teacher in Barcelona, Spain. Since our kids are studying español, and the students in Spain are learning inglés, all parties wrote in the language they are trying to master.

The classes took time to write drafts of their letters in class, then went to the computer lab to e-mail them through E-Pals, which ensures safe communication for kids. All of Mrs. D'Andraia's students were curious about what life is like for teenagers their age in another country. The students who have received responses were able to learn about how kids in Spain live.

El Día de los Muertos comes to Bayport-Blue Point

Students in Mrs. D'Andraia's Spanish III classes celebrated the Mexican holiday el Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead). They learned how death is looked upon in Mexico as a journey that leads to the next life. While mourning is involved, the lives of lost loved ones are celebrated. In each home, special preparations are made - an altar with items the deceased enjoyed is prepared, marigolds adorn the area, and special foods are made. All of these things are done to lure the spirit of the departed to its home for a visit. Although it is quite different from our way of dealing with death, the students found it to be intriguing. They especially enjoyed the art aspect - the special "papel picado" banners, the little figurines that depict a person's hobby or profession, and the skulls and skeletons made of paper maché. At the conclusion of the lesson, students savored a luncheon provided by Avocados, the new Mexican/American grill in town. The food was phenomenal and everyone enjoyed it. Check out the banner that is hanging up inside the restaurant. There are some great shots of the kids enjoying their tacos!

ENGLISH

The English Department is proud to announce that Ms. Stephanie Eberhard will be making a presentation at the National Council of Teachers of English annual convention in San Antonio, Texas. Ms. Eberhard's talk is entitled, "Creating Space for Reading and Writing Workshop within Curriculum." Accompanying Ms. Eberhard to the convention will be her colleague, Ms. Therese Blake. Besides taking an active role at the convention, both English teachers will be attending a number of diverse professional development workshops that are offered. Ms. Blake and Ms. Eberhard look forward to bringing back many new ideas to the students of Bayport-Blue Point.



MUSIC

The Music Man

Senior Citizens from the Bayport-Blue Point Community were invited to attend the final dress rehearsal for this year's high school musical, "The Music Man". The senior citizens were offered refreshments during intermission and were served by members of the National Honor Society and community members. Members of the Tri-M music society assisted with program distribution.



Brookhaven Town Hall Art Exhibit and High School Chorus Performance

The Art Department has an exhibit in the Atrium of the Brookhaven Town Hall. Student work from grades kindergarten through grade 12 is displayed and the High School Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Pratt, performed at the Brookhaven Town Board Meeting for members and community attendees.

SCMEA

Congratulations to the 54 Bayport-Blue Point students accepted into this year's Suffolk County Music Educators' Association All-County Festival.

LISFA

Congratulations to the following string students for being selected to participate in this year's Long Island String Festival Association: Emily Caravella (viola, 12th), Declan Diemer (cello, 12th), Michelle Popal (violin, 11th), Stephanie Tubiolo (viola, 11th), Robin Cooley (violin, 9th), Danielle Serigano (violin, 9th), Mary Horan (violin, 8th), Bennett Salvesen (bass, 8th), Scott Soper (cello, 7th), Michelle Lee (violin, 5th), Brigitte Strobl (violin, 5th), Meghan Smith (violin, 5th), and Julia Horan (violin, 5th).

All-State

The district wishes to applaud its talented musicians who have been invited into the prestigious New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) All-State Festival. Congratulations to Adam Jansen, who will be playing in the All-State Symphonic Band, Stephanie Tubiolo, who will perform with the All-State Women's Chorus, and Michelle Popal, who will be participating in the All-State Symphony Orchestra. Also, congratulations to Amanda Rose for being selected as an alternate to the All-State Festival.

SOCIAL STUDIES

The Social Studies department attended a special screening of *Valkyrie* at the Sayville Movie Theatre. Participating in the trip were students in 10th grade Global History, Advanced Placement European History, and the History through Film classes. In preparation for the trip, the classes studied the events leading up to World War II and also the careers of the people involved. The film itself is based on the July 20, 1944 plot of German army officers to assassinate Adolf Hitler.

The trip was a huge success. The students not only came away with a better understanding of the events and people involved in World War II, but they also began to view many of the aspects of the war in a different light. In subsequent classes, students analyzed the motives of those involved and debated the successes and failures of the plot. The trip provided great discussion in all of the classes involved.

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50th Reunion

The Bayport-Blue Point High School Class of 1958 held their 50th anniversary reunion. Several of the out-of-town guests gathered at the home of Carol and Marty Joyce the night before to renew old acquaintances. Some came from as far away as New Zealand and California. Over thirty classmates plus many spouses attended the reunion dinner held at the Bellport Country Club. Several faculty members were on hand to help celebrate, including Steve Mandel and Joe Rigelhaupt, class advisors, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Maletta, and Mr. Tyler. The following day, several class members were treated to a wonderful tour of the school by faculty member Donna Edgar. They enjoyed reminiscing about their classes as they visited the original building. The class donated a teakwood bench to the school in honor of their 50th anniversary. The bench has been placed in the meditation garden outside the principal's office.



Members of the class gathered around the bench at the conclusion of the tour, including Erik Klug, Paul Sack, Barbara Bogel, Chris Neilson, George Nolan, Margie McDowell, Andrea Edwards, Lynne Ormsby Gorrall, Rita Trautwein, Margaret Wilshire, Margaret Wengenmeier and Carol and Marty Joyce.

Alumni in the Arts Survey

The Bayport/Blue Point School District has a long history of supporting the Arts in both curriculum and extracurricular programming. An effort is now underway to develop a database that will identify Bayport/Blue Point alumni who have pursued careers in the arts or who enjoyed post-high school academic opportunities in the arts. Artist-alumni will be invited to participate in several activities that will benefit both the student population and the community at large.

The value of student interaction with working artists is well documented. An alumni artist/student artist visitation program provides enhanced experiences for students because the visiting artist will be a former Bayport/Blue Point student. These established artists are ideal role models for students who may aspire to a career in the arts. If we believe that the future starts here, visits from alumni artists can be a glimpse into that future.

We are looking for alumni who are currently working in the arts, as well as alumni who have taken college coursework in fine arts, art history, art education, graphics, media art, architecture, interior design, landscaping design, industrial design, fashion design or merchandising, photography, film and other related areas. Your experiences studying the arts are a topic our students would love to discuss.

Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete this survey, which can be found on the District's website at www.bbpschools.org. If you have any questions feel free to contact Frank Salino at fsalino@bbpschools.org, or call the school at (631) 472-7800 and leave a message.

Plan Ahead - *Exciting Course News for 2009-2010*

For the 2009-10 school year, the following new courses will be offered to the students of Bayport-Blue Point High School:

1. AP Psychology
2. AP Statistics
3. Mathematics & Financial Applications
4. Integrated Algebra M
5. Integrated Geometry M
6. College Topics M

7. Sports & Entertainment Marketing
8. AP Music
9. Fashion Illustration
10. Digital Photography
11. Digital Media
12. Sports Medicine II
13. Current Issues M

Please look for these new courses in the course catalog

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APRIL 1, 2009

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