



The Friday Notes

Celebrating 225 years!
February 27, 2015



Principal's Corner

This week marked the first meeting of West Side's Scrabble Club. Comprised of over 20 fifth and sixth graders, students competed during lunch and recess with their peers in small groups. Our top play this week was "jam" for 36 points! The club will continue to meet once a week on Thursdays in the Art Room. On Thursday the fifth and sixth grade orchestra students traveled to the CSH Performing Arts Center and heard the amazing sounds of Grammy Nominee Violinist and fiddler, Jeremy Kittel, and mandolin virtuoso, Joshua Pinkham. This weekend Erin Gallagher (violin) and Peter Moynihan (cello) will represent West Side School at the Long Island String Festival Association (LISFA) rehearsals and performance at Uniondale High School. Good luck! Finally, our School Improvement Team (SIT) met this week and continued planning for West Side's 225th anniversary. More information will follow in the coming weeks as the big day is scheduled for June 5th!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teachers conferences will take place on March 20th, March 27th, and April 2nd.

2014-2015 School Calendar Revisions

On Tuesday, February 10th, the Board of Education amended this year's school calendar. Friday, June 26th, was added as an additional Superintendents Conference Day. ***This addition does not impact students; their last day of school remains Thursday, June 25th.*** If there are any additional days when school must close due to inclement weather or unforeseen emergencies, days will be taken from the Spring Recess, beginning with Friday, April 10th then working backwards.

WSS Joins Facebook and Twitter

In an effort to increase communication between the home and school and to keep everyone updated about West Side's 225th anniversary, we have joined Facebook and Twitter. Like us on Twitter @WestSideSchool and on Facebook @WestSideSchool1597. Look for our 225th anniversary logo!

Pick-Up Notes and Nameplates

We are requesting that all students bring two pick-up notes for any change in dismissal – one for the school and one for the bus driver/pick-up circle. Pick-up notes can be found on the school's website. Go to csh.k12.ny.us and select West Side School under the **Our Schools** tab at the top of the page. Click on **For WSS Parents** on the left and select **Forms**. Parents have the ability to type in the information needed and print two copies. In addition, please remember to display your nameplates when picking up your child. This will help with the efficiency of our dismissal process. Thank you for your support!



Next PTG Meeting

Please join us on Tuesday, March 10th at 9:30am in the Community Room for our next PTG Meeting. Fern Chase, director of AIS, will be having a presentation on ELA and Math State Testing and the Common Core. She will review the format of the exam, what is expected of the students and provide helpful hints for what we as parents can do to support our children at home.

PTG Board 2015-16

We are in the process of accepting applications from individuals who are interested in serving on next year's WSS PTG Board. We encourage any parent to consider submitting their name for a position. Self Nominating letters were sent home via backpack. Forms are due today! If you have any questions about any positions, please contact our Nominating Committee Chairperson, Lolita Reichbach at gorgesborg@aol.com.

6th Grade Get Togethers

We are planning two "get-together" events for our 6th grade graduates of WSS and LHS this year. Please mark your calendars with these dates and times:

United Skates of America, Seaford, NY

Date: Sunday, March 15, 2015

Time: 6:00-8:30 pm

The Sports Hub, Syosset, NY

Date: Sunday, April 19, 2015

Time: 5-7:00 pm

Sign up forms will be sent home via backpack. If you have any questions, please email Grace Cover at scrapbookcover@aol.com or Joely Hetherington at jlc29@me.com

West Side Kids Care

We will be holding our next HIHI sandwich making event on Monday, March 2 from 3:15-4pm. If you are interested in donating food items or helping out please contact Dana Lynch at dana@theblacktop.com. All students and families are welcome to participate.

Talent Show

Don't forget to sign up for the 2015 West Side Talent Show. It will be held on Friday, May 8th. The show is open to all students, 2nd through 6th grade. ***A special note: This year students WILL be allowed to be in one SOLO act plus one group act (sixth grade group act not included).** Both Parents and Students should **read all the rules** before filling out the participation form. There are two mandatory rehearsals, see form for dates. The participation forms are attached to the Notes and must be submitted no later than 3/20/15. (Late submissions will not be accepted.) Additional participation forms will be available in the office. **Applications must be submitted with the \$35 fee** (per family) payable to WSSPTG which includes the show CD and (1) T-shirt. *Additional performers in the same family must purchase additional t-shirts at \$10 each per performer submitted with the application* (T-shirts will be worn in the finale.) We are sure to have a great show with all the talented students at West Side. If you are doing a musical act, a CD or digital copy of the song must be submitted or emailed to me by 3/20/15, if you would like me to copy and edit the music, please indicate that on the application form. If you would like to volunteer to be on the committee, please contact either Randi Weiss at Randi_Weiss@hotmail.com or Jen Genser at Cona@genserlaw.com.

Yankee Doodle Circus is Coming to Town

The Yankee Doodle Circus is coming to the CSHHS Field House this Sunday, March 1. Bring the family down to America's Best Circus for Children and support the CSH Jr/Sr HS CFA. There will be a 1pm and 4pm show. To purchase tickets please go to GetCircusTickets.com. Pre Sale tickets are \$14.75 for Adult plus you receive 2 free tickets for children. Door sale prices are \$18 Adult/ \$6 Child. Don't miss out a fun day for the family!

Literary Luncheon

The CFA Literary Luncheon is being held on Wednesday, March 18th from 11-2pm at the Huntington Country Club. The guest speaker will be New York Times Best Selling Author Tim Green. Please see the attached flyer for ticket purchases. This promises to be a great event!

Yearbook

Yearbooks will be sold online only! No paper order forms! Order Your WEST SIDE Yearbook Online! Just follow the steps below:

Step 1: Visit <http://www.memorybook.com/parentpay>

Step 2: Enter your pay code **74315** and click next

Step 3: Buy a yearbook for \$30.00 or yearbook with personalized name for \$32.25

Order online through: April 20, 2015

Upcoming Events

Yankee Doodle Circus: Sunday, March 1st at CSHHS – 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM

HiHi Sandwich Making: Monday, March 2nd at 3:15 PM

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PTG Meeting:	Tuesday, March 10 th at 9:30 AM in the Community Room
BOE Meeting:	Tuesday, March 10 th at 8:00 PM at District Office
Noon Dismissal:	Friday, March 20 th
Parent-Teachers Conf:	Friday, March 20 th

Attachments from the School

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Talent Show Rules

To be Eligible:

- The show is open to all Westside students in grades 2-6.
- A \$35 Fee **MUST** be submitted with your application. This fee includes the cost of the 2015 West Side Talent Show T-shirt and CD. **NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT AND A T-SHIRT SIZE.**
- Applications are due by 3/20/15. Late submissions will not be accepted. All students must return a completed and signed Talent Show Participation Form with check and T-shirt size.
- Soloists and groups of any size are eligible.
- Students may perform in only *one* number, with the exception of sixth graders, who will have the opportunity to perform a big group number at the end of the show if they choose. A sixth grade parent is encouraged to volunteer as coordinator for this act. Please contact Randi Weiss at Randi_Weiss@hotmail.com if you are interested.
- All music, whether it's for a dance, song or background music, is due by 3/20/15. The CD should be labeled with the student's name(s), song name, and artist/composer.
- If a CD is NOT submitted by the music deadline 3/20/15, (1) edited copy of the music, using the first 2 minutes of the song will be cut down for you. You may also specify your two minutes or less by using a time counter (ex. :20-2:20 seconds) and emailing that information to Randi by the date above. A CD will then be sent into school to one of the children in the group. Additional copies of that CD will be your responsibility. Absolutely no changes will be accepted after that date.
- You must attend your designated rehearsal date which will be on either Wed. April 22 or Thurs. April 23 at Westside School, depending on which act you have been assigned to, as well as the dress/tech rehearsal on Thurs. May 7 at the Cold Spring Harbor High School Performance Arts Center (PAC) to perform in the show. This is mandatory. ***If you are unable to commit to these rehearsals, please do not sign up to be in the talent show.***

Planning your act:

- Lyrics, costumes and performances should be compliant with school policy and appropriate for all audiences. Clean versions of songs only.
- All acts will be limited to 2 minutes.
- Submit your application and music early as we are limiting the same song to be performed only twice during the show. Any soloist or group who submits their application with a same song already approved to two other groups will have to choose a new song for their act.
- Most of all – be creative and show off your true talent! Unique acts are always appreciated!!

West Side Talent Show Rules (page 2)

Rehearsals:

- The show will be broken up into two Acts with an intermission in between.
- Parents must send a note to the child's teacher when their child is scheduled to stay after school for rehearsal. If your child does not have a note, the teacher will have to send your child home in the usual way.
- All students will be assigned to one of the two Acts. Students will only need to attend rehearsals for their designated Act on either Wed. April 22 or Thurs. April 23 at Westside in the Gym. All performers must attend the dress rehearsal on Thursday May 7 at the PAC Theater in the CSH High School.
- All students must sign in with a Talent Show committee member upon arrival, and sign out when leaving the rehearsal.

Courtesy and Conduct:

- Those students who would like to volunteer for backstage crew or other jobs for the night of the show should contact Jen Genser at Cona@Genserlaw.com
- Please take your time in deciding if you will be performing a solo or a group act. This is a full commitment for you and your fellow group members. We would like to avoid any unnecessary tears so please make this a binding agreement with those you sign up with.
- Once a group has been formed and paperwork submitted, there will be absolutely no switching from group to group with only one exception as followed. If a person does drop out for any reason, the person left in the group may continue to perform solo or may find another student who has not signed up for any act to take their place. If that person cannot find another person to join them, at that point they may join an existing group if the group has approved it.
- If a student drops out of an act. That student will not be permitted to participate in any other acts for the 2015 talent show.
- Students can submit their applications via backpack, labeled "West Side Talent Show"

A Message from Randi and Jen. To all the wonderfully talented students at West Side, this is your chance to shine in front of your friends and family. As much work goes into producing this magical event, the content and entertainment value is all up to you! Be prepared, professional and dedicated to making this the best Talent Show yet!

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West Side School Annual Talent Show
Friday May 8, 2015

Participation Form

(Must be submitted by 3/20/15 Late Submissions will not be accepted)

Please return to school in an envelope marked "West Side Talent Show- Attn: Randi Weiss"

Check # _____

Amt\$ _____

Shirt Size _____

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____ Date: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cellphone number: _____

Parent's e-mail: _____

*(Please **write neatly** as all correspondences will be sent through e-mail)*

Description of the act:

☐ Soloist ☐ Group act (If group, identify one point of contact _____)

Name of Act or song and artist/composer:

If group act, list all participants: (Full name and grade)

*There is a **\$35 fee per family** to participate in the talent show. Each family will receive (1) copy of the CD once complete and (1) West Side's Got Talent T-Shirt prior to the show (Kids will be wearing the T-shirt in the finale.) Please make check payable to WSSPTG and enclose it with your completed application.

Additional shirts for other family members who are participating in the show are \$10 each and must be submitted with a separate application. All sizes are pre-ordered, you MUST fill out the T-shirt size on this application.

*Parents/non-performers, if you are not participating in the show, we welcome you to purchase a t-shirt at \$10 each in support of your child & friends.

Parents and Students: By signing below you are agreeing to the rules and rehearsal requirements to participate in the 2015 Westside School Talent Show. Please carefully review with your child the section on courtesy and conduct. Please see Randi Weiss (Randi_Weiss@hotmail.com) or Jen Genser (Cona@Genserlaw.com) with any questions.

REMEMBER:

✓ - CHECK # _____

✓ - T-Shirt Size _____

✓ - Music _____

Parent's Name: _____ Student's Name: _____

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

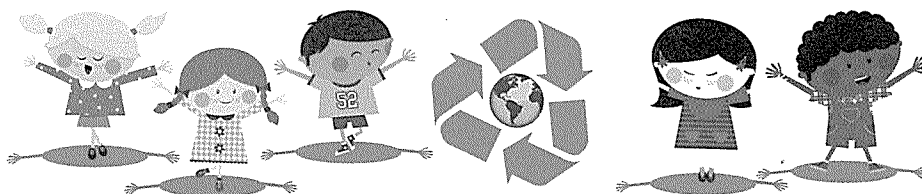
Would you like to help during the auditions/rehearsal/show/concession? _____

West Side's Got Talent T-Shirt Order Form

Student's Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____ Total # of T-shirts Ordered _____

(Youth S _____ Youth M _____ Youth L _____ Youth XL _____ Adult S _____ Adult M _____ Adult L _____ Adult XL _____)

New York State Senate Earth Day Competition 2015 Poster Contest



The Earth Day Competition is for school children in grades K-6 from every corner of New York State. The Senate's goal is to encourage children to develop an awareness of the environment and its resources. Teaching children about the importance of recycling and waste reduction is critical as we face the environmental challenges of the 21st Century.

OUR THEME: REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

The Senate's focus is to emphasize the importance of recycling and waste reduction, to encourage the exchange of ideas about recycling and waste reduction among schools, children and adults and to stimulate creative thinking about solutions to problems concerning recycling and waste reduction. We are asking students to create a poster that could be used as part of this campaign.

ENTRIES

- Entries should be photographed and submitted electronically, preferably in a jpeg format via marcellino.nysenate.gov • Entries will be displayed on the Senator's website.

Below is a sample of the required on-line registration form.

SAMPLE OF ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM (All entries must be submitted by April 6, 2015)

Student's Name: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

School Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____



Dear West Side Families,

Please join us in supporting our upcoming 23rd annual West Side Run on Sunday, May 3, 2015. This year's run is in celebration of West Side School's 225th year! West Side School in the Cold Spring Harbor School District is proud to have had so many generous sponsors for the Run in past years. We appreciate the 24 business sponsors and over 73 family sponsors who contributed last year, and we hope you will be able to sponsor this year's event.

Over the past few years your generous donations have gone towards the purchase of the following:

- New Piano for the Music Department
- Equipment for our Science Department
- New Climbing Rock Wall for the Gymnasium
- New Basketball glass backboards/hoops for the Gymnasium
- Repaving/stripping of the outdoor basketball court
- Equipment for WSS Newsroom (IPTV Cart and Green Screen Technology)

Thank you to all of those who have donated. The Family Sponsors will have their names printed in the 2015 program and placed on the WSS parking lot board.

The Business & Professional Sponsorship minimum donation is \$250. This will include your logo placed on the back of WSS Run T-shirts, your company name printed in the 2015 program, and your company name placed on the WSS parking lot board. Over 500 T-shirts will be circulating with your logo on it!

Attached are both Business and Family sponsorship forms.

We look forward to running with you on Sunday, May 3rd. Thank you in advance for your generosity and for supporting a long standing tradition and fun family event at our school!

The West Side Run Committee: Cat Bauer, Scott Bowden, Ted Hilton, Jack Sergi, Carol Solinger & Ingrid Wright

Business Sponsor Form

Thank you for supporting West Side School by sponsoring the WSS Run on Sunday, May 3rd!

Business and professional sponsors will have their logo appear on the back of over 500 T-shirts that will be seen throughout the community for years to come. Their name will also appear on the WSS Sponsor Board located in the parking lot and will be printed in the 2015 West Side Run application.

Name of Company: _____

Address: _____

Contact (person &
phone #): _____

Business & Professional Sponsors: Standard Size Ad: \$250 _____

Double Size Ad: \$500 _____

Other _____

Business card and artwork is due by Friday March 27, 2015. Please email artwork even if it has been sent in years past.

Please make checks payable to WSS/PTG. Checks can be sent to:

West Side Run Committee

West Side School PTG

1597 Laurel Hollow Road

Laurel Hollow, NY 11791

Please email company logo/artwork to: Cat Bauer – bauerfamilytoronto@gmail.com.

Any questions, please contact: Cat Bauer or another committee member. Thank you for your support!

Family Sponsor Form

Thank you to all who have sponsored the WSS Run! Below is a copy of the Family Sponsor form.
Thank you in advance for supporting the WSS Run on Sunday, May 3rd.

Family: _____
Address: _____

Family sponsors (names on WSS Sponsor Board & 2015 Application)

Gold Patron	\$200
Patron	\$150
Sponsor	\$100
Supporter	\$ 50
Other	_____

Platinum Sponsorships (names on WSS Sponsor Board, 2015 Application and on back of 2014 T-shirts)

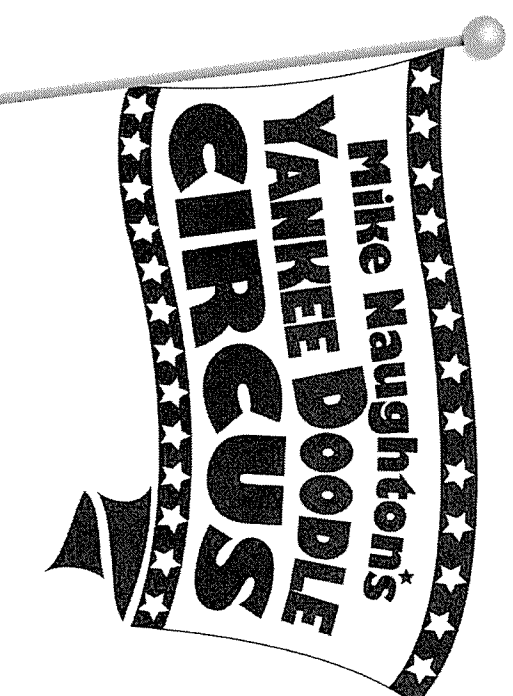
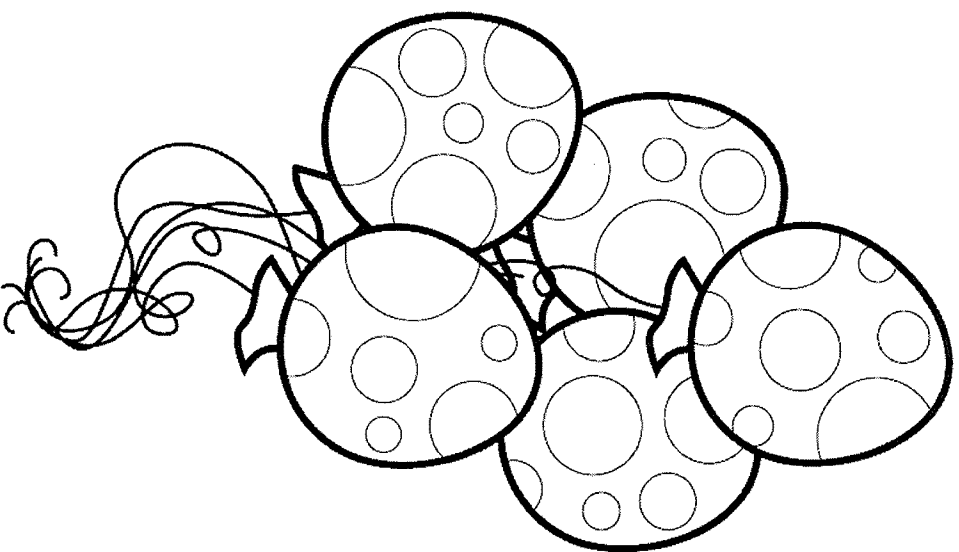
500 West Side Run T-shirts	\$2000	_____
Trophies	\$ 700	_____
Timer Company Charges	\$ 700	_____
Printing of 6000 Applications	\$ 650	_____

Please make checks payable to WSS/PTG. Return to:

West Side Run Committee
West Side School PTG
1597 Laurel Hollow Road
Laurel Hollow, NY 11791

Any questions, please contact: Cat Bauer - bauerfamilytoronto@gmail.com or another committee member. Thank you for your support!

KIDS AND TEENS GO FREE! LAST CHANCE TO ORDER!



Beat the Winter Blahs!
BRING THE FAMILY TO AMERICA'S BEST CIRCUS FOR CHILDREN

Sunday, March 1, 2015
1:00pm, 4:00pm

Fund Raiser for Cold Spring Jr/Sr High School CFA
Cold Spring Harbor High School Field House, 82 Turkey Lane
We have a limited number of Discount Advance Sale Tickets. ACT NOW!

PRE-SALE Adult Tickets \$14.75

PLUS 2 FREE TICKETS for Children and Teens

Only available at **GetCircusTickets.com**

Door Sale: Adult \$18.00 – Child \$6.00

FREE PRIZE FOR CHILDREN – Color the balloons and bring it to the circus

Child must be present; limit one prize per child

COLD SPRING HARBOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
75 Goose Hill Road, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

**** PLEASE POST ****

Please be advised that a regular meeting of the Board of Education will take place on March 10, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at The Francis Roberts Community Center, at which time the Board of Education may consider a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss matters appropriate for Executive Session. If no such motion is adopted, the meeting will recess until 8:00 p.m.

At 8:00 p.m., the Board of Education will reconvene its public meeting to discuss Board Agenda items appropriate for Public Session, pursuant to the Open Meetings Law.



William Bernhard, District Clerk

Lasting Legacy Field Hockey Club Spring Program 2015

Tournament Team Tryouts ***March 15, Breezy Park***
U12/U14 5pm – 7pm ***U16/U19 7pm – 9pm***

TRAINING SESSIONS

Sunday Practices
Breezy Park, Huntington
U12/U14 5pm – 7pm
U16/U19 7pm – 9pm

Starts March 22nd

TOURNAMENT TEAM

Sunday Practices
Breezy Park Huntington
U12/U14 5pm – 7pm
U16/U19 7pm – 9pm

Saturday Practices
Vets Park, E. Northport
3pm to 5pm

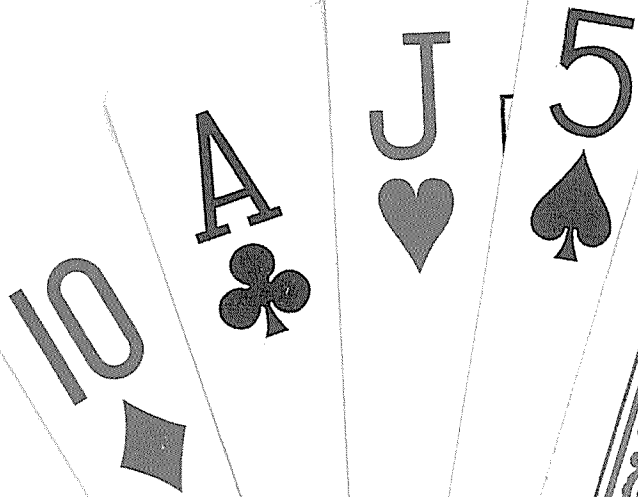
INTERNATIONAL COACHING STAFF

LONG ISLAND'S PREMIER CLUB

Visit our Website for Registration & Spring Program Details
www.lastinglegacyfh.com

Inquiries: lastinglegacyfh@gmail.com

Lasting Legacy Field Hockey Club 501(c)(3) Corporation



Funds raised at this event go towards assisting the student athletes of the Cold Spring Harbor Jr/Sr High School

www.cshathletics.com

Please join us for the 15th Annual Cold Spring Harbor Jr/Sr High School

Literary Luncheon

with guest speaker

TIM GREEN

New York Times best selling author
Former Star NFL player



Wednesday, March 18, 2015

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

at the

Huntington Country Club

483 W. Main St. Huntington

\$75 per person,
\$750 for a table of 10

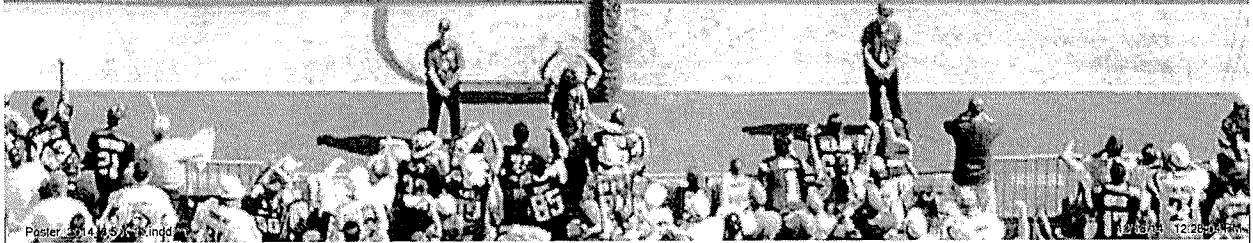
Checks payable to

CFA

RSVP by March 1st

Mail to: Lauryl Palatnick
215 Harbor Road, CSH, NY 11724
For more information, contact
Connie at connie@cpggold.com

Free blow out at Salon Mayan by Ben
for all attendees.



Name: _____

Table of 10 for \$750: _____

No. of Tickets: _____ @ \$75/ticket = _____

Phone No.: _____

Please Sit Me With: _____

I am unable to attend, please accept my donation of \$ _____

Don't Miss!!

SIGNATURE EVENTS



The Wizard of Oz

Performed by Plaza Theatrical

Saturday, March 7, 3:30 p.m.

For children of all ages with their families

Join Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, and the Cowardly Lion as they come to life in an adaptation featuring the music of the MGM movie. The performance runs for one hour, followed by a meet and greet with the cast.

Free ACT Practice Test

Saturday, March 7, 2015 10am—2pm

For Teens in High School

Bring #2s and a calculator. Results will be emailed within three weeks. Test provided by KAPLAN Test Prep. **Registration is REQUIRED.**

For more information about any Kids or Teen Programs, contact a Youth Services Librarian at the Cold Spring Harbor Library - 631-692-6820

*Programs and Services from Cold Spring Harbor
Library's Information Services Department*

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Visit www.cshlibrary.org and click *Online Resources* for more information!

For more information about any Adult Program, contact Information Services at the Cold Spring Harbor Library at 631-692-6820.