

# COLD SPRING HARBOR



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A REPORT ON OUR SCHOOLS

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## A Message from the Superintendent....

Dear Community Member:

There is no website or document that encapsulates a "slice of life" in the Cold Spring Harbor Public Schools more fully than the district's "Report on our Schools" which arrives in your mailbox five times yearly. We appreciate that you put aside some time to learn of the accomplishments, programs and opportunities that our students experience from Kindergarten through 12th grade – all which are made possible through your support!



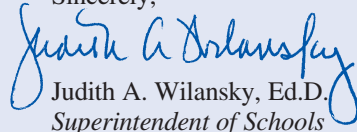
While these pages depict the excitement and enthusiasm of "new beginnings," our mission continues to build upon the initiatives of previous years. Our teachers have spent the summer writing curriculum to align instruction more closely with the Common Core standards for the purpose of engaging students more deeply in critical thinking and problem solving. In addition, technology continues to provide opportunities for teachers to personalize student learning goals, allow for more

effective communication between home and school, and extend both time and opportunities for learning.

While "new" is more likely to gain attention, there are those traits indigenous to a Cold Spring Harbor education that we strive never to lose – a care and concern for each child, every day that they enter the school. Jay Matthews, long time educational reporter for *The Washington Post*, underscored the power of the personal relationship and lauds those school systems who work to ensure that there is a strong home-school connection. ([www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/12-ways-to-identify-a-good-school/2014](http://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/12-ways-to-identify-a-good-school/2014))

Please take advantage of all that the schools offer families and residents of Cold Spring Harbor - an exciting athletic competition, an entertaining theatrical production or musical concert, an impressive art exhibit, an adult education class or a seminar on contemporary issues. The campuses are vibrant and alive with activity – and we invite you to be a part of it!

Sincerely,

  
Judith A. Wilansky, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools



## Noreen Cambria Retires

It is with a sense of deep gratitude that the Board of Education members bid farewell to Director of Guidance, Noreen Cambria, who will be retiring effective December 31, 2014 after over seven years in the district. At the September Board meeting, President, Anthony Paolano expressed, "You were hired at a crossroads in our guidance department, and because of your great concern and devotion to

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Join Us at the  
**Homecoming  
Football Game**

Oct. 18th @ 3.00 pm  
Seahawk Field

## Noreen Cambria, cont'd

our students, you set us on the right path, and I thank you.” Amelia Brogan said, “It has been a pleasure working with you through the college process, and financial aid seminars; you continue to be so helpful in so many ways, we are very fortunate.” Dr. Janice Elkin also thanked Ms. Cambria for her years of contribution to our community of students, “Thank you for fostering the approach that every student is unique, with his or her own path to follow, and that our job is to help find the best match.” Ms. Cambria broadened our vision, and made us realize there is a right college for everyone, and many great choices out there. Her grade assemblies brought relief and insight to parents, replacing panic with knowledge and wisdom from her many years devoted to this industry. You will be missed, and we wish you well in your future endeavors. Ms. Cambria smiled and shared, “It has been my privilege to work here.” □

## Alumni Corner

### Nicole Sganga

CSH alumni, Nicole Sganga, is currently a senior at Notre Dame University. She entered a *NY Times* contest seeking a candidate to travel abroad to report and raise awareness in the developing world. She submitted a video featuring a wide array of her experiences as a journalist, including her unique opportunity at last year’s Bowl Championship series game in Miami, where she was the youngest sideline reporter. Lo and behold, Nicole won the contest and traveled this summer alongside esteemed *New York Times* columnist, Nicholas Kristof, to Myanmar to report on issues of poverty, health care access and education. She created blogs and videos on her trip, “We are interested in uncovering the voices that often go unheard,” Sganga shared, “I expect the unexpected, and I am trying to keep an open mind with regards to our travels.” Congratulations Nicole, we look forward to reading your blogs at [Kristof.blogs.nytimes.com](http://Kristof.blogs.nytimes.com). □



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## A Message from the Board....

Dear Neighbor:

On behalf of the Board of Education, I welcome you to a new school year! You will note many new initiatives on the pages throughout this letter and they are but a small representative sample of the work that the faculty, staff, and administration have engaged in throughout the summer months toward the goal of continually improving the student experience in our schools. This is quite a daunting challenge, given the fact that public schools are grappling not only with the economic constraints of the “tax cap” and sluggish economy, but also with sweeping regulatory changes, most notably in the areas of curriculum and teacher evaluation.

We will once again be adopting annual goals during the fall that will continue to focus on continuing the alignment of our instructional program with the new Common Core Standards; providing authentic and challenging experiences in the classroom and integrating tools of technology to facilitate student achievement via digital learning. The overarching challenge is to continue to review and revise student programs while remaining fiscally prudent and in compliance with the tax cap.

The Board has remained mindful of the struggling economy and is grateful for the community support in passing this year’s school budget which was within the state mandated tax-cap. We will continue to grapple with economic challenges as we work toward a resolution of “open” labor contracts with the knowledge of increased economic constraints as a result of the anticipated effect of the Affordable Health Care Act and the likelihood of a projected tax cap below 2%.

Our mission remains expansive and focuses not only on fostering academic success but also on the qualities that make for good citizens – socially responsive and responsible students who will leave our care well-equipped for their futures. I am honored to, once again, be serving as the President of the Board of Education. The Board is the decision-making body for all constituents in our district and we truly welcome your input. Please join us at the monthly business meetings which take place on the second Tuesday of each month at 8:00pm at the Francis Roberts Community Center and check the District website or calendar for scheduled work sessions which review the progress of different initiatives taking place in the District. I also invite you to contact us by email: [BOE@csh.k12.ny.us](mailto:BOE@csh.k12.ny.us).

Sincerely,

Anthony Paolano,  
President, CSH Board of Education



We welcome our two new Board members: Mr. Mark McAteer continues his service as trustee after replacing Joe Morante’s mid-year resignation. He resides in Lloyd Harbor with his wife and two young children, and is the owner of a landscaping firm, The Laurel Group. Mr. Mark Freidberg is also a Lloyd Harbor resident, and is married to Kerith, a former CSHHS graduate,

with two young children as well. He is the General Manager and Vice President of Kaplan Inc. (back row) Robert Hughes, Mark McAteer, Mark Freidberg, (front row) Amelia Brogan, James Robins, Anthony Paolano, Janice Elkin.

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*Dr. Helen Browne; Assistant Principal CSHHS, Dr. Judith A. Wilansky; Superintendent, Robert Hughes, Mark Freiberg, Dr. Janice Elkin (Board of Education) Jay Matuk; Principal CSHHS, Assemblyman Chad Lupinacci, Anthony Paolano, Amelia Brogan and Mark McAteer (Board of Education).*

• **CSHHS was Awarded a Proclamation by Assemblyman Chad Lupinacci:** Designated as one of US News & World Report’s Top 20 High Schools on Long Island, Mr. Lupinacci recognized the school with the NY State Assembly’s highest honor – *the Proclamation*. He presented it at the July Board of Education meeting, saying “*It is with*

*great honor that I am able to recognize CSHHS with this outstanding academic achievement. It is uplifting to see what an extraordinary job the teachers, administrators and students have been able to accomplish with the resources at hand. I commend the CSH School District for their continued success in educating our communities’ future leaders.”*



• **NYSSMA All-State Conference in Rochester, NY:** For the first time in 51 years, the Music Department has a total of “five” students accepted to represent CSH School District Dec. 4-7, 2014. Thousands of students auditioned for this honor last spring at solo and ensemble festivals throughout the state. K-12 Music Coordinator, Phil Gray, would like to

congratulate the entire music staff, along with students: (left to right) **Timothy Sherlock** (Voice), **Emily Gallagher** (Voice), **Daniel Kazenoff** (Strings), **John Thomas Sepanski** (Bassoon AND Clarinet), and **Christine Collins** (Flute). staff in photo: (left) Andrea Galeno Timothy Jenks, Dr. Gerald Felker, and Phil Gray (far right).



• **Collegial Teacher Leaders Award:**

At the August Board of Education meeting, four teachers were honored for their unique contribution to our district learning community. Their year-long work leading collegial circles with their LH and WS colleagues has resulted in an important contribution to our elementary literacy curriculum. At their monthly meetings, they collaborated, critiqued, and challenged teaching practices and curriculum resources. Their collective thinking has contributed to a school culture that reflects 21st century learning. Thank you for sharing your knowledge and ideas, but most important, for your passion for teaching and learning on behalf of our students and the teaching profession. *(photo left to right; Superintendent, Dr. Judith A. Wilansky, teachers Christine Terry, Whitney Stahlberg-O’Donnell, Terry Craco, (Kristen Sewell, missing from photo) and Board President, Anthony Paolano)*

• **West Side Reward School Award 2014-2015** – Dr. Wilansky presented West Side School with the NY State Department of Education “Reward School” Award for the 2014-2015 school year. Congratulations!

• **Town of CSH Ranks Nationally in the TOP 10:** CBS news reported CSH School District ranks third in the Top 10 most attractive school districts in the nation. According to the article, “Parents are flocking to 10 small towns around the country, all located on the outer rings of larger cities, to raise their children. But it’s not the low crime rates, big backyards and white picket fences that bring them here, it’s the schools.” *Data was compiled by the real estate site Trulia and the ratings on GreatSchools.org (a national school resource site).*

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# Goosehill Report

*From Mrs. Herschlein...*

We opened our doors to 173 students, with 11 new families and many sets of twins! All of the children entered the building happily and confidently on Wednesday, Sept. 3rd. Within minutes of their arrival, they were busy unpacking their backpacks, talking and laughing with classmates, and getting ready to start the day. Teachers and staff were especially sensitive to the hot weather the first week of school, and eased their students into the routines and demands of the school day. Our first Spirit Day Assembly was on September 10th. Its focus was to teach the children about being a member of a school community and our Social-Emotional Literacy (SEL) program. Our School Charter was shared, which reminds children about treating one another with respect and kindness throughout the day. On Friday, thanks to the GPFA, we had our family Welcome-Back Picnic; a beautiful summer evening with children enjoying bounce houses, slides, and dancing with the DJ. Please visit our beautiful new playground, where the children have been receiving instruction from Physical Education teacher, Rory Malone, on how to use the equipment safely. Over the summer, Mr. Margolies and his crew were busy preparing our building with new casework and cabinets, floor and ceiling tiles, and of course the new playground – thank you! Teachers were very busy attending professional development seminars, planning to implement eSpark (an Internet-based iPad program) and exciting math lessons, and readying their classrooms for a successful year. I witnessed firsthand a very sweet



*Getting to know each other....*



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*Ms. Riggles relaxes students with yoga!*



moment on the second day of school, when one first grader put into action the lessons of our School Charter by greeting a nervous kindergartener off the bus, taking her by the hand, and leading her to her classroom. It was a great way to begin the year together! □



*The new playground . . .*

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# Lloyd Harbor Report

*From Valerie Massimo....*

On Wednesday Sept. 3rd we welcomed a total of 430 students, including 17 new children and three sets of twins! The PTG organized programs over the summer, which included matching new families with an ambassador family to help welcome them to our community. At the New Family Orientation back in August, families attended a presentation in the Little Theater and were taken on a tour, ending with a goodie bag! On the first day of school, our second graders were led to the cafeteria by sixth grade Student Council volunteers and parent shadows, where they met their new teachers. The day began with our first broadcast of *LHTV Morning News*. During the "Special Report" segment I read the children a poem I had written in celebration of the start of a new year. We were also proud to announce that our Student Council School Store is open for business, just in time for our first Spirit Day. This past Friday the

entire school community (students and staff) engaged in a Summer Connections activity based on what they read over summer vacation. In addition to highlighting literacy, it was another way for us to build connections between students and staff. During the first two weeks of school, Mr. Gray and I held grade level assemblies to review rules and expectations. We had a Q&A session, during which many of the students had questions about technology – a sign of the times! This year's bus assistants have also been introduced to the student body. In the area of instruction, we are excited to unveil our new dedicated FLES room where upper grade students travel to a language institute rather than receiving instruction in their classrooms. We now have iPads for every grade level, and we are looking forward to using



*Principal, Valerie Massimo, welcomes her students back to school.*



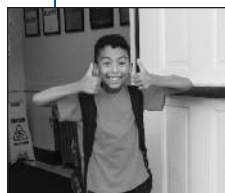
*Arriving by bus and bicycle!*



*"Our teachers worked tirelessly over the summer planning for the upcoming year and attending professional development seminars."*



*2nd graders meet their new teachers in the cafeteria upon their first day at their new school!*



them to enhance learning. Our teachers worked tirelessly over the summer planning for the upcoming year and attending professional development seminars. Our instrumental music and intramural programs are starting this month, and the halls are buzzing with life and enthusiastic staff and kids! It's been a great start to the school year! □



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## West Side Report From Kurt Simon....

As I reflected upon West Side’s opening week of school, I couldn’t help but remember my first day as a teacher in Cold Spring Harbor. Now in my fourth year as Principal, opening week felt more like just another week in January; we were so geared up, and so prepared; walking the halls felt normal, and the kids smiled with enthusiasm and confidence to be back in session. We welcomed 243 students, and six new families to West Side. We rang in West Side’s 225th school year with our eager students as we held our traditional ringing of the school bell ceremony during morning assembly. Student Council President, Johnny Maccarone, former Principal, Ted Hilton, and former teacher, Scott Bowden, helped lead our student body in this traditional event. Students sat in the Hilton Gymnasium quietly as the sound of the original school bell echoed throughout the halls of our school...it was truly a great moment. Throughout the week, students participated in a number of activities as they set goals, created class and grade level charters, participated in DASA (Dignity for All Students Act) workshops, and collaborated during book talks at our annual Summer Reading Celebration. Thank you to the PTG for the purchase and installation of two new school signs. In honor of our 225th year, the signs denote the date of our school’s establishment in 1790 and also recognize our National Blue Ribbon Award. Thank you also to the DiScala and Vitagliano families for their generous donations which helped the PTG install a rock wall into the Hilton Gymnasium this summer. We have already begun auditions for the school musical, *Suessical*, and the kids are very excited about the addi-



*The annual tradition of Ringing the Bell – 225 years later!*



*Principal, Kurt Simon, welcomes students back to school.*



*“We rang in West Side’s 225th school year with our eager students as we held our traditional ringing of the school bell ceremony during morning assembly.”*



tion of many new iPads for our continued eSpark program. Thank you also to Mark Margolies for the many summer projects installed. In six classrooms, we have new sinks, new cubbies, new bookshelves, and a newly installed cargo net in the gym! I look forward to my “Lunch with the Principal” dates starting soon, where students share their ideas and feel empowered to improve their school for the better. □



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## Jr./Sr. High School Report

*From Jay Matuk...*

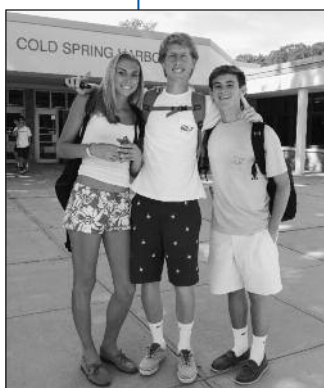
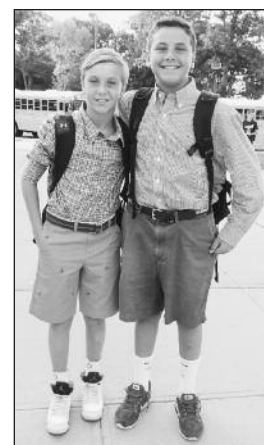
I would like to thank my fellow colleagues for their humbling presentations tonight (at the September Board of Education meeting), to hear all that goes into opening up the schools, and I am so appreciative of what we all do together to make it happen. We welcomed 970 students back, with 28 new students who participated in our orientation days. It was a quiet opening, where buses were on time, and teachers were very energized and ready. We have a number of new programs and initiatives. We have two new student-assistance drop in rooms located in the JHS Library and in room H-1. These facilities, staffed by a social worker, will hopefully make students more comfortable in “finding their own space” in the building. When adolescents feel they can share concerns with an adult, it can help reduce stress and poor decision making. I would like to personally thank our Superintendent, Dr. Wilansky for supporting us in these new initiatives to help students. The “new” Gottshalk Art Gallery has been revamped with a new look to showcase our talented students. I would like to personally thank Christine Oswald for taking it upon herself, to restore the 911 memorial, with assistance from our chief custodian Mr. Frank Channing. In 2001 all staff and students signed their names, but it had deteriorated and faded. It is now in perfect condition and beautifully restored. We are in the process of getting more security cameras, and alarming our doors. Campus Security remains a high priority every year, and we continue to utilize evolving technologies to make this a safe campus for students and staff. The 8th graders spent a day at Caumsett Park on Lloyd Neck; it was a wonderful day with 177 students engaged in a series of low-



*Principal, Jay Matuk makes sure students and buses arrive safely and on schedule.*



*“We are offering several new classes this fall including Extreme Internship, Animation, and Theater Workshop.”*



*Happy to be back!*

ropes and trust building activities. We are offering several new classes this fall including Extreme Internship, Animation, and Theater Workshop. Our annual Safe Driving Night was held on September 15th mandatory for senior drivers and parents. It is a night of great reflection and repeated lessons that never get old when it comes to the safety of our children behind the wheel. It’s a great feeling to be back to school and up and running again with a smooth and seamless transition. □



# Jr. High School Report

*From Joseph Monastero...*

Jr. High actually started in August with our annual *Beautification Day* with 130 students who joined in on an hour of yoga (with Jeff Logan, Body & Soul Fitness, Huntington). The students were not aware of the surprise start and really enjoyed it. T-shirts were decorated and prepared to be worn on spirit day. We previewed a slide show entitled, "What CSH means to Me" by 2013 graduate, Buck Andrews, who videoed and interviewed outgoing seniors on their experience here in CSH. They LOVED it and all wanted copies of the film. The theme held strong, "we are a family." At our annual 7th grade Barbecue and Orientation, over 25 student ambassadors could be found in bright lime green t-shirts to help, along with 12 staff members. We welcomed 147 students to the 7th grade with 6 new families. We have a new social worker, Ms. Velez, who met the students and will be making grade charters soon. At orientation, practicing locker combinations, along with decorating lockers has turned into a big event. Students now have lockers with indoor/outdoor carpeting, wallpaper, mirrors and even chandeliers! □



## Caumsett Park Challenge Day

On September 5th, three days into the new school year, 177 eighth graders piled onto buses for a field trip to Caumsett Park. This wasn't an ordinary field trip, but rather an initiative sparked by D.A.S.A. (Dignity for All Students Act) a NY state mandated curriculum which seeks to provide the State's public elementary and secondary school students with a safe and supportive environment free from discrimination, intimidation, taunting, harassment, and bullying on school property, a school bus and/or at a school function. The Dignity Act was signed into law on September 13, 2010 and took effect on July 1, 2012. Principal Jay Matuk explained, "We took great pains planning this event last June, and spent several hours dividing kids into groups, taking them out of their comfort zones and making sure that students had the opportunity to experience the day with peers whom that might not necessarily have gotten to know during their 7th grade year at CSH." Student were placed into teams of 15 and were required to engage in a series of activities including *Cooperative Games* "icebreakers," *Initiatives* "problem solving tasks," and *Low Ropes Course* "physical challenge." All groups were facilitated by a BOCES trained teacher as well as co-supervised by a member of the CSH faculty. Barriers were broken as students found themselves working side by side with peers who until today were just classmates but now were becoming friends. This also enabled our students to become more aware of the existence of cliques and the behaviors which can unknowingly exclude others. They practiced strong communication and negotiation skills through listening and speaking. There were conflicts to resolve and every student had the opportunity to provide input into the way the team solved each of their challenges. Often students were heard saying, "I'm convinced this is impossible!" "No one can do this." Some who had arrived disappointed that they were not with their friends, all spoke later about their experiences and how they were happy to meet so many new friends and breakdown preconceived notions about some of their classmates. It was SEL (Social Emotional Learning) at its best. Executive Director of Special Education and Pupil Services, Denise Campbell, sees this expanding into 10th and 11th grade challenge days and comprehensive programs are being put in place to establish better relationships with peers and staff. All were very grateful to the staff at the Caumsett State Park Preserve – Nassau BOCES Environmental Center for a fabulous day! □





## Athletics and Health Report

From Mike Bongino...

Our athletic fields are once again filled with student-athletes. On the first day of Jr. High sports, there was not a free space to be found! Additionally, we have the swim team at the YMCA, the crew team at Eagle Dock, and Volleyball inside the gym. On and off the grounds we are going strong! Thank you to our coaches and their



dedication and commitment to our sports teams as they prepare for the fall season and opening game days. Scrimmages started and student athletes are well-prepared. Code of Conduct nights were packed with students and parents. The theme this year was the development of the athletic vision in CSH. The presentation included Phase-1 & 2 about conduct, choice and responsibility which had been started by last year's graduating seniors, juniors and coaches. Phase-3 is soon to be completed by this year's students and community, and will be rolled out at a future meeting. The Junior High topic focused on the importance of time management, how to balance competition, extra-curricular activities and academics. I would like to thank our Director of Buildings and Grounds, Mark Margolies, Joe Amendolare and the entire grounds staff. Our facilities look beautiful, and we are very fortunate to have a campus that often seems more like a college setting than a high school. Everything was set and ready to go on day one without a hitch. In the areas of Health and Physical Education, Ms. Christine Parent has taken on a new role as a dedicated Health teacher at Lloyd Harbor and West Side elementary schools. We also have rolled out the continuation of our leisure activity classes in Physical Education. Many may not realize that we cross country ski, mountain bike, and roller blade – electives that are not typically taught in high schools. Soon, we will be offering more non-traditional classes such as Zumba, yoga, and self-defense in our Dance Movement and Fitness class. Our Physical Education teachers



The sports fields were buzzing with athletes the first day!

participated in the Project Adventure-type Challenge Day at Caumsett Park for the 8th graders, which returned

rave reviews from students who worked together in a variety of trust challenges. Project Adventure is another class offered in our Physical Education Department which continues the development on trust, challenge activities, critical thinking and problem solving. Physical fitness has also recently enhanced 21st century learning skills with the implementation of "fitness grams" on the computer, which is being introduced in the 3rd grade, and piloted in grades 4-8. I am looking forward to seeing great sportsmanship and exciting games this season. See you out on the fields!

## Jr./Sr. High opts out of National School Lunch Program

The Board of Education approved a resolution to terminate the participation of the CSH Jr./Sr. High School in the National School Lunch Program effective November 11, 2014. Board of Education President, Anthony Paolano, authorized a 60 day notice to the Commissioner of Education and CSH school district parents or guardians of the intent to withdraw from the program. The 60 day waiting period is to allow parents or guardians an opportunity to address this matter with the Board of Education before the effective date of withdrawal from the program. As Director of Food and Nutrition, Gerri Tiger, (photo inset) and Assistant Superintendent, Dr. William Bernhard, explained at the August Board meeting, this is a federally-assisted meal program that



provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free lunches. Established under the *National School Lunch Act* in 1946, participating school districts get cash subsidies and foods from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for each meal they serve. But, new guidelines have now been set that will severely limit our high school program and what the school will be able to offer. (The program will not affect the elementary schools). It has taken Ms. Tiger years, following the guidelines of Wellness Policies and Nutrition committees to offer well balanced and nutritionally sound meals. Popular favorites in the Jr./Sr. High School cafeteria are the deli option and salad bar. Under the new guidelines, both of these options would have to be eliminated, and prepackaged containers would replace them. After school fundraisers, such as bake sales and pizza sales would also have to be eliminated. Ms. Tiger shared, "Going forward the school lunch program will follow almost all the other new guidelines to reduce sodium, increase variety and portions size of fruits and vegetable offered and encourage whole grain breads and pastas." Dr. Bernhard gave one example of what would happen if the school did not opt out, "Beverages can only have 40 calories per 8 fluid ounces. This means that in order to comply, we could offer drinks with artificial sweeteners, which are permitted under the new regulations but are not consistent with our district wellness policy." He also shared, "Because of our exceptionally low percentage of free and reduced lunch participation (less than 1%), we can absorb the loss of any federal revenue that we would get under the program. Any child who is now receiving a free or reduced cost lunch will still receive it even if we opt out. We anticipate that the lower participation of students buying food because of these guidelines would far exceed the loss of the federal revenue." (The school district also has the option of opting back in at any time.)



## Elementary Dedicated Health Classes

Our 4th, 5th and 6th graders district-wide have begun attending dedicating class time for Health this year! Ms. Christine Parent, a certified Health Educator and longtime teacher in the district, has enthusiastically taken on

this new role for both Lloyd Harbor and West Side School. Once a week students come together, often in a big circle, to work together by learning, discussing, drawing and even singing about the three dimensions of the Health Triangle; physical health, mental/emo-

tional health and social health. Students are recognizing all of the healthy behaviors they enjoy, and in turn discovering areas they'd like to improve upon. Classes continue to use *The Great Body Shop (GBS)*; a comprehensive health, substance abuse and violence prevention program. Though the coursework varies for each grade level (Please visit Ms. Parent's Website), all students work to develop essential health skills that they will need in order to adopt, practice and maintain healthy behaviors. Students continue to receive their own copies of GBS issues. Each issue includes parent/child and family activities that are designed to bring health discussions home. These activities will keep families aware of what

their children are studying and are intended to spark discussion. Ms. Parent shared, *"Teaching Health class is a dream come true for me! This is a wonderful opportunity for me to share essential health information and help kids realize how important it is to take the time to make the right decisions throughout their lives. I'm hoping to inspire students to be the best they can*

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*be!"* Mr. Mike Bongino, who was hired last year not only as Director of Physical Education and Athletics, but as Director of Health Education as well, extended his thanks to those that helped make this initiative possible. He said, *"The tremendous support from the Board of Education, Superintendent, Dr. Judith A. Wilansky, Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Bellino and the building principals, made this opportunity possible for our students. Elementary Health Education is a vital component of a child's schooling. Having a certified Health Educator instruct our students on these topics provides an in depth look at every day concerns in the world of health and provides valuable knowledge and awareness to topics that our children face every day. As the Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics, I am very happy about this program. I look forward to working with Christine Parent in a continued effort to develop the program to best educate our students."* □



## CSH Ed Foundation Supporting Education....

Did you know there is a non-profit that was created solely to support your child's education and our community? It's true! The CSH Educational Foundation was formed in 2012 with the purpose of enhancing the quality of our children's public school education through funding and collaboration of innovative and essential educational programs. Funds which are raised through the generosity of community and local businesses go towards educational enhancements for the students. In 2013 over \$15,000 dollars was donated to equip the high school in-house Research Lab. In addition, the CSH Ed Foundation partnered with the school district to bring the global event "Hour of Code" to Lloyd Harbor and West Side School students as an after school program, introducing elementary students to the concept of computer coding through gaming. This year, over \$84,000 dollars have been donated to support the addition of devices for increased student access to personal technology. New this fall, the CSH Ed Foundation have partnered with both the school district and the elementary PTG's to bring a Robotics Club to 5th and 6th grade students at both Lloyd Harbor and West Side. This provides a STEM based after school opportunity which most likely serve as a foundation for eventual participation in the Jr. and Sr. High School Robotics Clubs. The Foundation also partnered with the High School Virtual Enterprise Class by tapping the expertise of business people from our community to consult with students as they create and market their own virtual business. To learn more about the Foundation, please visit [www.cshed-foundation.com](http://www.cshed-foundation.com). □

## 911 Memorial Restoration

Thirteen years ago, Ms. Christine Oswald was an art teacher at Goosehill school when the attacks on the World Trade Center occurred. *“I will never forget sitting on my bumblebee chair at Goosehill, reading the students a book and preparing an art lesson, when I was informed of the chaos happening in New York City. I remember looking down at the children, whose wide eager-eyes had no idea what was going on around them,”* Ms. Oswald shared. The days and weeks following were so emotionally raw for everyone. In the subsequent months, things were not always said, but rather displayed in drawings within young sketchbooks. Drawing seemed to be an open line of communication for young students to express themselves. That year, a 911 memorial mural was created at the high school, signed by all students and staff. It is located in the main hallway outside the guidance office. The mural depicts the symbol of the eagle embracing a map of the United States. It became a figure of strength and unity



for students. Ms. Oswald mentioned to her students last year that the mural had become deteriorated and compromised; all the signatures were faded and many unrecognizable. She listened to experiences and memories of students entering junior high, and the mural being a lasting and powerful memory, as well as a figure of strength and unity. *“I knew at that point, it was my responsibility to bring this memor-*

*ial to a respectable place once again.”* Principal, Jay Matuk, said, *“Ms. Oswald took it upon herself to restore this mural to perfection. She found all the names from the 2001 yearbook, reprinted them, and shellacked and protected the mural for years to come.”* This district will be forever grateful for your act of kindness in restoring this treasured mural. □

## First Fully Online Course Underway...

Four states now require a mandatory online course be taken in order to graduate high school, and it is expected that others will follow suit. High School Seniors will notice the common application for colleges now asks if students have taken any online college courses. This growing trend is a driving force toward college and work-force readiness, and the district has moved in this direction to better prepare our students for the future. Last year CSH School District enlisted the help and expertise of Bruce Friend, a national leader in the creation, policy development and business operations of virtual High Schools throughout the U.S. Mr. Friend notes that online communication is how the digital-native generation interacts every day, and online courses have gained in popularity for a variety of reasons. A recent survey conducted among CSH high school students indicated interest in online learning for reasons of flexibility in

scheduling and the possibility of taking a course outside of the school’s current offerings. This year, several students have enrolled in the half year elective *“X-treme Intern”* which is offered through Nassau BOCES. The course offers students an internship in a virtual global corporation where they will assess their career interests and be assigned to departments to experience careers that match their interests and

skill sets. A common misperception is that online learning is devoid of interaction, when, in fact, online learning demands active engagement on the part of each student. While the goal is not to replace a traditional classroom setting, online learning represents additional learning options for students, and provides them with skills which will be valuable as they enter the next phases of their lives. □

## School Facility Updates

Over the summer, Director of Buildings & Grounds, Mark Margolies and his staff completed an impressive number of facilities upgrades and repairs. Aside from gleaming floors and sparkling hallways, the elementary schools added ten new closed circuit TV cameras while the Jr./Sr. High School added twenty. There were district-wide oil tank repairs and air conditioning units replaced. Lloyd Harbor has a new turn around road in the back parking lot. Goosehill has a beautiful new playground in addition to brand new classroom casework and floor tile. The Jr./Sr. High School improved the door monitoring system, replaced cafeteria and kitchen roofs, improved the large parking lot drainage, and renovated space to serve as two new drop-in centers for students. At West Side, six classrooms now have new sinks, new cubbies, and new bookshelves; as well as a newly installed rock wall and cargo net in the gym. These are just a few of the many completed projects that the school community will enjoy for years to come! □

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**Notice to All Parents**

**Early Dismissal Drill Emergency Management Plan Requirement**

In compliance with the regulations of the Commissioner of Education, the Cold Spring Harbor Central School District has scheduled its annual test of the Early Dismissal Drill for:

**Friday, January 16, 2015**

All pupils in Grades K through 12 will be released ten minutes earlier than their scheduled dismissal time in order to test the early dismissal response of the district's Emergency Management Plan. Please make appropriate arrangements for the early arrival of your children as a result of the drill. Thank you.



**Gottshalk Art Gallery CSHHS**

The official opening of the "new" Gottshalk Art Gallery at the Jr./Sr. High School was held this fall where a plaque was installed dedicated to Mr. Robert L. Gottshalk, former Choral Director and Chairperson of the Music and Art Department in Cold Spring Harbor. After having taught for 30 years in the district, he retired in June 1993. This unique gallery showcased the works of students as well as professional artists throughout the year, and was one of the few permanent exhibits to be located in a public school on Long Island. The "new" Gottshalk Gallery was dedicated this fall with the financial assistance of the Arts Booster Club, Parent Group CFA (Citizen Faculty Association), and the graduates of the Class of 2013. □

**Mama Mia  
West Side!**

*Thank you to the many WS families that tended to the West Side Organic garden over the summer. Because of these dedicated volunteers, West Side was able to continue their annual Tomato Sauce Day on Sept. 29th where the children get to sample fresh sauce from WS garden tomatoes, along with fresh herbs too... Yum! □*

