



The Bridgehampton School

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What is a CTE?

CTE stands for career and technical education. These programs provide students with hands-on, project-based learning experiences, the opportunity to master academic and technical skills in areas that are of interest to them. and career exploration opportunities. Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, Bridgehampton will offer two CTE programs, one in Agriculture and one in Multimedia Design. Students' interests play an important role in the design of these programmatic pathways. These CTE programs involve opportunities where students apply their knowledge and problem-solving skills to real-life situations.



Expanding HORIZONS In Bridgehampton

The Bridgehampton Union Free School District continues to explore and implement myriad programs that allow students to connect with their personal passions and explore curriculum in hands-on ways. As part of that work, the district is proud to announce an addition to our growing CTE programming. Starting in the 2024-2025 school year, students in grades 9-12 can enroll in the Multimedia Design program. This new and innovative program will provide students with the ability to explore the creative and conceptual aspects of designing and producing media arts experiences, products and services that combine imagery, text, sound, motion, interactivity and/or virtual media into a unified presentation. Through

this program, students can receive professional certifications in After Effects, Photoshop and Premiere Pro, via Certiport, along with college credits from New York Institute of Technology.

"We are excited to provide engaging, project-based learning opportunities for our students that are aligned with their interests and allow them to explore a variety of career paths," stated Superintendent Dr. Mary Kelly.

In addition to the CTE program expansion, the district is developing additional academic and student interest-based advancements for the upcoming school year, including additional AP courses, pre-AP courses and the AP Capstone program. Additional information will be forthcoming soon.



Bridgehampton Union Free School District's juniors and seniors embarked on an interactive college tour series this November as part of the 21st Century Grant program.

The students visited
Binghamton University, Cornell
University, SUNY Cortland and
SUNY Oneonta. For many
students, this was their first visit
to a college campus. The visits,
which were led by college students,
allowed Bridgehampton juniors
and seniors to envision themselves
in a college setting. They toured
classrooms, walked the campuses
and even had a chance to taste the
college's food in the dining halls.

Senior Mikhail Feaster said, "It was great to see the schools

I'm applying to and getting the opportunity to go with my class was great. It was interesting to see how all of the schools differed."

Junior Neo Simmons added, "It was really fun for me and the most important part was seeing all the different schools from a first-hand perspective. I think it will help give me an idea of where to apply next year."

Bridgehampton hopes to continue this college tour tradition for years to come. Guidance counselor Danielle Doscher said, "We are so thankful for this grant because we want to continue offering this experience to our students and hope to do it every year."









Hallway of *Heroes*

Our elementary Student Council hosted a very special tribute to honor our veterans from the local community, including our very own staff and their family members. Students met with them and heard their stories as they shared refreshments, and then escorted them to our auditorium where they enjoyed the performance of the Jazz Loft's Big Band orchestra. Each veteran was given a white rose from our students to express their gratitude. With the help of Mr. Elliot, our music teacher, we were able to salute our veterans with a top-notch performance!



VIRTUAL ENTERPRISE Leadership

Our Virtual Enterprise students competed in a newly designed event at Long Island University where they learned about the effective qualities of leaders and how their VE management team can produce key deliverables. Virtual Enterprise is a class in which students manage a simulated business under the guidance of teacher Mr. Kaiser. Students learn how to successfully run a company, manage expenses, and engage in a competitive business strategy.

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The Annual Thanksgiving Feast

Students and faculty gather for their annual feast! Everyone participated: the students in our agricultural program propagated the ferns which became the center pieces, our preschoolers made the turkey faces and all the elementary students wrote what they were thankful for. The National Honor Society hosted a food drive to benefit the community, and the students on the honor roll were recognized for their hard work this school year. The gymnasium was filled with smiling faces from students and faculty, full plates of food and overflowing thankfulness.





The Reindeer *Relay Races*

The elementary students participated in their annual Reindeer Relay Race this holiday season. The event was a fun, spirited physical education relay race where each grade competes, even our staff competed this year with a special guest, The Grinch!



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