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SUMMER 2008

Schools Recognized by STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Great Neck Road and Susan E. Wiley elementary schools have been announced by Regents Chancellor Robert M. Bennett and State Education Commissioner Richard Mills as "High-Performing/Gap-Closing" schools under the No Child Left Behind Act.

Great Neck Road and Susan E. Wiley have been recognized for this achievement because they met all applicable State standards for English Language Arts (ELA) and math during the 2006-2007 school year, and also made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) in ELA and math for two consecutive years.

In addition, Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School has made the list of "Rapidly Improving" schools. "Rapidly

Improving" schools are those that were below the State standards in one or more subjects, but showed improvement and made AYP in 2004-2005, 2005-2006, and 2006-2007.

"On behalf of the Board of Education and administration, I am extremely proud of our students and staff for this recognition," said retiring Superintendent of Schools Dr. William R. Bolton. "I look forward to seeing this standard of high achievement continue for many years to come."

Only schools and districts that had a minimum of 30 continuously enrolled students in at least three accountability groups (the "all student" group, plus at

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- Dr. William R. Bolton

least two from among the five racial/ethnic groups and the low-income, limited English-proficient, or students with disabilities groups) were eligible for recognition as either "high-performing/gap-closing" or "rapidly improving." Statewide, there were 3,551 public and charter schools and 678 districts that met the eligibility requirement.



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A MESSAGE from the Superintendent

Dear Residents,

As we look back upon this last school year, we can see that it was truly an amazing one for our students in grades K-12. Once again we have seen significant academic improvements and applaud the achievements of all our students. As you take a moment to read through this newsletter, you will see many examples of success that tell the story of the Copiague Public Schools.

I would like to extend congratulations to the Class of 2008, who will forever be known as Dr. Bolton's Class. They began Kindergarten the same year that Dr. Bolton came to Copiague as Superintendent of Schools. This year's graduating class is the largest, at three hundred and forty

strong, that we've had since the 1970's. It is also one of the most successful. As in previous years, our graduates will be attending some of the nation's leading colleges and universities. These successes can be attributed in part to Dr. Bolton's extraordinary vision and leadership. Along with an extremely dedicated and supportive Board of Education, he laid the foundation in those early years for this group of students to realize success. Dr. Bolton and the Board provided the tools and resources for a very talented group of teachers, administrators and staff, who partnered with parents to work closely with all of our children to ensure success. As Dr. Bolton brings his distinguished career to a close, we salute and thank him on behalf of the children and community of Copiague for his many years of tireless work and dedication.

During my thirteen plus years in Copiague, I have had the good fortune to work very closely with Dr. Bolton and our great staff. As we turn the page and move on to the next chapter in

Copiague's history, I look forward to continuing the good work that he supported and nurtured over those many years and to building upon the good things we currently have in place.

Although steady progress has been made over the years and much has been accomplished, there are many challenges ahead and still much left to do. As your new Superintendent, I am confident, with everyone working together, that we can take our schools and the success of our children to even greater heights. I hope that you will join me in continuing the effort to ensure that Copiague continues to be "a great place to live and learn!" Have a safe and happy summer, and I look forward to seeing you this fall in our schools and community.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Leunig
Superintendent of Schools

Board Day at School

Before the end of the school year, members of the Board of Education spent an entire day touring the district and visiting various classrooms during a special "Board Day at School." Throughout the day, each Board member observed classroom activities from kindergarten through twelfth grade.

"A Day at School helps the Board keep in touch with what is going on within the schools," stated Board of Education President Brian J. Sales. "At the Board meetings we hear presentations on the curriculum, but today allows us the opportunity to see everything in action."



\$15,000 MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School junior Katherine Silva was selected to receive a \$15,000 per year merit scholarship to attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. This \$15,000 scholarship is guaranteed for four years (five years for the School of Architecture program). Katherine was eligible to receive this scholarship because she is a high achiever, in the top 10% of her class, demonstrates potential for success in a challenging academic setting, excels in science and advanced math courses, and exhibits significant involvement in extracurricular activities.

Teachers Present at National Conference

Copiague Middle School Social Studies Chairperson Lisa Dunn, and high school social studies teachers Michelle Peny and Allison Weller traveled to Louisville, Kentucky, where they presented a professional workshop entitled *Lincoln and the Civil War; Engaging Students in Authentic Historic Analysis* at the National Council for History Education 2008 Annual Conference.

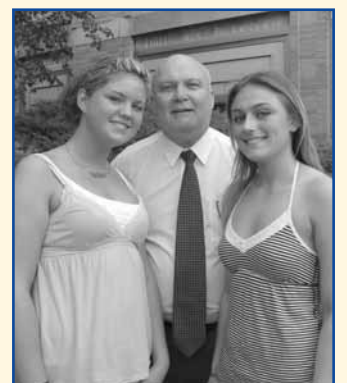
Designed primarily for secondary school teachers, the session helped teachers explore the concept of leadership during times of crisis through the prism of Abraham Lincoln's presidency. Participants in the session were introduced to a variety of pedagogical practices intended to enhance student comprehension when working with primary documents. In addition to presenting at the conference, Ms. Dunn, Ms. Peny, and Ms. Weller were given the invaluable opportunity of meeting with teachers from all over the nation, and sharing ideas and concerns about pedagogy and content. The three teachers were also able to utilize their free time to explore the rich and diverse cultural history of Louisville, Kentucky.



Pictured left to right: Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School social studies teacher Allison Weller, Copiague Middle School Social Studies Chairperson Lisa Dunn, and Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School social studies teacher Michelle Peny.

Senator for a Day

Two Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School seniors recently participated in the "Senator for a Day" program in Albany, New York. Students Kathryn Godlewski and Zaneta Wykowska traveled to the State Capital to meet with Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno, Senator Owen Johnson, and other elected officials. In addition to touring the Capitol, Kathryn and Zaneta learned about politics and received an "insider's view" of New York State government. The "Senators for a Day" even had a chance to sit in on a Senate session and observe government in action.



Pictured left to right: Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School senior Kathryn Godlewski, Principal Albert H. Voorneveld, and senior Zaneta Wykowska.

Congratulations to RETIRING SUPERINTENDENT DR. WILLIAM R. BOLTON

When looking ahead, thirteen years seems far away; when looking back, it seems like only yesterday. So it must seem to former Superintendent of Schools Dr. William R. Bolton as he begins his retirement. Under his leadership and vision, along with the support of the Board of Education and community, the District has been transformed into a source of community pride that boasts ongoing student success, state-of-the-art facilities, a comprehensive and effective security system, a dedicated and professional staff, technology driven instruction, a challenging curriculum that exceeds New York State standards, and numerous extracurricular and athletic opportunities for all students. Copiague has proudly earned national recognition for both student achievement and its award-winning music and fine arts program.

Beginning in 1995, he brought life and new meaning to the words “Copiague Schools - a Great Place to Learn.” The district wishes to thank Dr. Bolton for his years of service and for providing the foundation for future success. Below is just a sampling of the improvements the district experienced under Dr. Bolton’s leadership:

DISTRICTWIDE:

- Introduced ongoing residency investigations requiring proof of residency to attend Copiague schools.
- Established schedule for maintenance and renovation resulting in state-of-the-art facilities.
- Introduced District Emergency Management Plan
- Secured more than \$100,000 in grant funding for emergency management training.
- Increased the number of security cameras installed throughout the district, improved radio communication, and created a central districtwide monitoring station housed in the high school.
- Renovated the high school field into a state-of-the-art athletic facility.

STAFFING & INSTRUCTION:

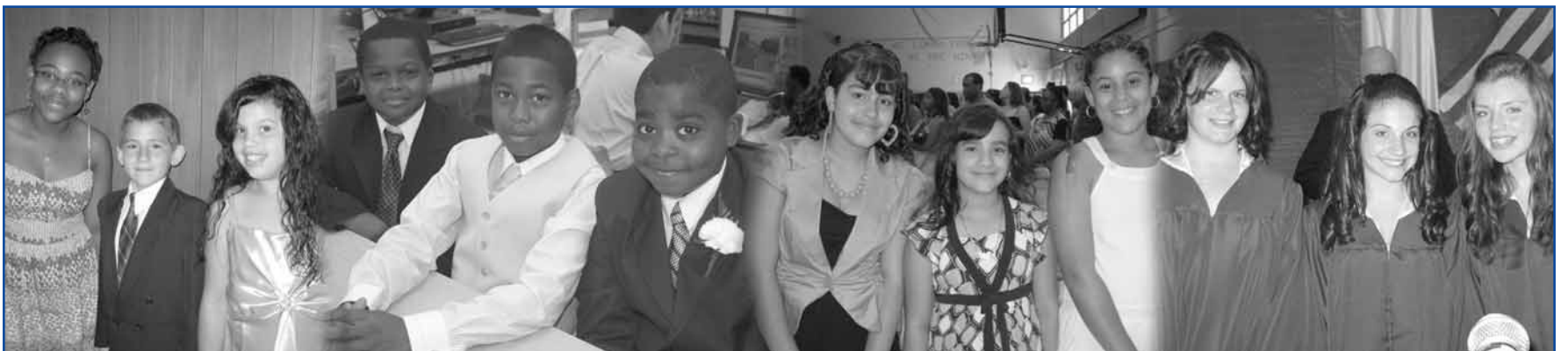
- Hired more than 60% of the Certified Staff who have been here less than ten years.
- Created Director of Safety and Security position

- Increased teaching/administrative staff from 320 in 1995 to 405 in 2008.
- Increased professional development for teachers.
- Designed, developed, and implemented Master Classes, New Teacher Orientation, Annual Professional Performance Review Offerings, and New Teacher Mentoring.
- Aligned districtwide curriculum to exceed New York State Learning Standards.
- Increased the number of Advanced Placement Course (AP) offerings at the high school from four in 1995 to 12 in 2008.
- Introduced Free Universal Pre-K, which services approximately 90 four-year-olds each year and provides the academic and social foundation for a successful kindergarten experience.
- Lowered the student-to-teacher ratio.
- The District had no instructional computers in 1995. More than \$100 million in cabling and wiring was secured at no cost to the district. Today, a districtwide technology-based curriculum utilizes the latest technology to turn

- classroom instruction into global learning.
- Secondary teachers have each had laptop computers for professional use since 2004. Elementary teachers will have laptops beginning in September 2008.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT:

- Significant Increase in Regents Diploma Rate
- Achieved New York State Department of Education Gap-Closing recognition
- Recognized as one of 100 Best Music School Communities in the United States.
- Increased the number of Interscholastic Athletic Teams from 50 in 1995 to 63 in 2008.
- Increased the number of Intramural Teams from 15 in 1995 to 25 in 2008.
- Expanded Summer School to include Pre-K students, HS Tutorials, and MS Enrichment camps such as drama, band, art, technology, computers and physical education.



Writing a New Chapter

The 689 fifth- and eighth-grade students at Deauville Gardens, Great Neck Road, and Susan E. Wiley elementary schools and the Copiague Middle School celebrated their achievements and reflected on accomplishments as they prepared for the next stage of their lives during recent class days and moving-up ceremonies.

Amongst a sea of students, family, friends, administrators, Board of Education members, teachers, and members of the PTA, the Copiague Middle School graduated its largest class in recent memory. With close to 350 students receiving their diplomas, Middle School Principal Andrew Lagnado addressed the students, stating, “You have achieved great levels of success and I am proud to have been your principal.” Added eighth-grade

Valedictorian Jessica Murphy, “As we move into high school we will be linked together hand in hand. We came to the middle school as many and leave as one.”

At the elementary schools, parents, staff, administrators, and invited guests proudly attended the District’s fifth-grade class day ceremonies, at which the students were recognized for their outstanding academic achievement. During the ceremonies awards were conferred for academic excellence, while in between the presentations, students at Great Neck Road and Susan E. Wiley demonstrated their musical talents and entertained the audience by performing special musical selections.

At the Deauville Gardens ceremony Principal

Robert Donnellan offered these words to the students. “Elementary education is behind you and secondary education is about to begin. While at Deauville you were taught, tried your best, made mistakes and were corrected, but most of all – you learned.” Stated Great Neck Road Principal Domenica Catalano, “What matters most in life is that you become a great person. As you move on to the middle school, try something new, get involved, make new friends. I challenge you to become a great person.” Added Michael G. Kelly, principal of Susan E. Wiley, “These children in front of me have worked extremely hard these last six years. They’ve received a well-rounded education and we’re grateful you have entrusted us with your children.”

Congratulations

Looking Toward *The Future*

As the Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School Class of 2008 prepared to embark on their newest journey, they gathered together one final time – to celebrate the forty-ninth commencement exercises of Copiague High School and their graduation day. Prior to the start of the ceremony the students reminisced with their fellow graduates about many unforgettable memories and began looking forward to their futures.

Processing onto the Walter Reese Memorial Football Field on a beautiful Friday night, amidst a slew of camera flashes, cheers, and the traditional “Pomp and Circumstance,” the largest graduating class since the 1970’s celebrated with family, friends, district administrators, and Board of Education members. Speaking to the students for the final time as Superintendent of Schools, Dr. William R. Bolton stated, “Thirteen years ago our lives intersected when I became superintendent and you entered kindergarten. We began in Copiague together and we have changed Copiague together. You’ll always be a part of the Copiague family. I know you will do amazing things, because you have already done amazing things. Good luck and Congratulations.”

Offering words of encouragement to the graduating seniors were High School Principal Albert H. Voorneveld and Board of Education President Brian J. Sales. “Your life today is the result of your attitude and the choices you made in the past, and your future is the result of your attitude and the choices you make today,” stated Mr. Sales. Added Mr. Voorneveld, “Graduates, as you move on, remember you represent your families and your community. Keep us all in your hearts, and think of us as you travel the world. The experiences you acquired here will serve you well as you enter the larger world. All of us here look forward to your future success.”

During the ceremony, the audience heard words of congratulations from Salutatorian Dinosca Umana and Valedictorian Zaneta Wykowska, Senior Class Co-President Paige Fairchild gave a flowering Bradford pear tree to the school, which will be planted in honor of Dr. Bolton, and Senior Class Vice President Sabrina Destime presented Dr. Bolton with an engraved rosewood clock to commemorate his retirement.

Following the presentation of their diplomas and declaration by Mr. Voorneveld, the Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School Senior Class of 2008 recessed from the football field as Copiague High School Alumni, ready to take on the world that awaits them.

Congratulations Graduates.



s Class of 2008!



Facts & Figures ON THE CLASS OF 2008

- 342 Graduates
 - Largest Graduating Class since the 1970's
- 259 Students Graduating with Regents Diplomas
 - Highest Number in School History
- More than 75% of the Class of 2008 will Pursue Higher Education
- Students were accepted to such colleges as:
 - American International College
 - Dartmouth College
 - Dowling College
 - Duke University
 - Hofstra University
 - Johnson & Wales University
 - Manhattan College
 - Marymount College
 - Rochester Institute of Technology
 - Rutgers University
 - Savannah College of Art & Design
 - St. John's University
 - SUNY Albany
 - SUNY Cortland
 - SUNY New Paltz
 - SUNY Plattsburgh
 - University of Connecticut
 - University of Delaware
 - University of North Carolina



Seniors Honored at Awards Ceremony

One hundred and twelve members of the Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School Class of 2008 were honored at the Annual Senior Awards Ceremony, at which almost \$50,000 in local community scholarships and academic awards were handed out. Members of the administration, Board of Education, Parent Teacher Associations, and community organizations gathered in the high school auditorium to acknowledge the students who earned high marks in the classroom, on the athletic field, for community service, and for their musical, theatrical, and

artistic abilities.

The night began when Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Bolton, on behalf of the entire Board of Education and administration, congratulated the students and their families for this impressive accomplishment and wished the students continued success in their future endeavors. High School Principal Albert H. Voorneveld played master of ceremonies throughout the night as community members presented scholarship monies to selected students and awards were given for high achievements.

Talented Artists AND ROLE MODELS HONORED

The Copiague Board of Education and administration recognized outstanding student artists and districtwide role models through both the Superintendent's Art Gallery and Student Recognition Award ceremonies.

The Superintendent's Art Gallery was started in 1996 when Copiague art teachers selected several pieces of student artwork to inaugurate the Gallery. Since then, the collection has grown and student artwork adorns the corridors and offices of each of the district's schools. Student

artists in kindergarten through twelfth grade are represented each year, and the framed pieces are identified by an engraved plate noting the student artist's name, grade level, and year the piece was completed.

Twice a year, a small number of students are recognized for their extra-special accomplishments by the Board of Education and administration. Being honored in front of their family, friends, and



community is a way for the Board of Education to publicly recognize and celebrate these students' numerous successes.



Throughout the month of May, numerous students in the Copiague Middle School and Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School were inducted into National Honor Societies.

At the Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School, 24 students were inducted into the National Honor Society based upon academic achievement and the four

pillars of the National Honor Society: Service, Character, Scholarship, and Leadership. Twenty-eight foreign language students, who are perfecting their skills at speaking German, Spanish, and Italian, were accepted into the Foreign Language Honor Society during its first-ever induction ceremony. In order to be eligible, the students had to maintain at least a 90% average in their language class and perform tasks such as fundraising and tutoring.

In a special ceremony held off the high school campus at Wilson Tech, 14

students were inducted into the National Vocational Technical Honor Society. Each of these students have achieved a 90% grade point average, maintained a 95% attendance record and demonstrated leadership skills, citizenship, honesty, professionalism, and dedication to their course of study at Wilson Tech.

At the Copiague Middle School, 55 seventh and eighth-grade students were ushered into the National Junior Honor Society in front of members of the Board of Education, administration, family and friends.

Honor and Prestige

SPRING SPORTS LIST

Spring 07/08	Name	Grade	Award
Varsity Baseball	Jonli Falk	10	All-League
Varsity Baseball	Donovan Gonzalez	11	All-League
Varsity Baseball	Sean Johnston	12	Academic All-League; Daniel O'Connell Memorial Award
Varsity Baseball	Matthew Tait	12	All-League/ All-County; Exceptional Senior Game
Varsity Boys Lacrosse	Joseph Pulido	11	All-Division
Varsity Boys Lacrosse	Dwayne Stewart	12	All-County; Ray Enners Award
Boys Spring Track	Ainsworth Ashman	11	All-League, 100-meter
Boys Spring Track	Jelani Bledman	12	All-League 110 High Hurdle; All-League Triple Jump
Boys Spring Track	Johnny Howard	12	All-League Long Jump
Boys Spring Track	Steven James	10	All-League Long Jump
Boys Spring Track	Miguel Machado	12	All-League 100 meter
Boys Spring Track	Wade Richardson	9	All-League High Jump
Varsity Softball	Samantha Smith	12	All-League
Varsity Girls Lacrosse	Kaitlyn Denby	12	All-County Hon. Mention
Varsity Girls Lacrosse	Brittany Ott	11	All-League
Varsity Girls Lacrosse	Samantha Spadone	10	Unsung Hero Award
Girls Spring Track	Dominique Cunningham	12	All-League; All-County; All-State
Girls Spring Track	Amie Dawo	12	All-League
Girls Spring Track	Danielle Dickson	11	All-League; All-County; All-State
Girls Spring Track	Lauren Heath	12	All-League
Girls Spring Track	Thailia LeGendre	10	All-League; All-County; All-State
Girls Spring Track	Christine Wilkinson	12	All-League; All-County; All-State
Girls Spring Track	Sharon Wilkinson	11	All-League; All-County

HIGH SCHOOL HONORS BEST AT ANNUAL SPORTS AWARDS DINNER

Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School held its Eighth Annual Spring Varsity Sports Awards Dinner, sponsored by the Booster Club, honoring the best and brightest of the Spring 2008 season. This season the District honored members of the Boys and Girls Track, Softball, Boys and Girls Lacrosse, and Baseball teams.

Continuing a yearly tradition, special awards in memory of Daniel O'Connell and Jarred Pennington were awarded to members of the Varsity Baseball and Lacrosse teams. This year, the Daniel O'Connell Memorial Award and \$1,000 scholarship was presented to senior Sean Johnston and the Jarred Pennington Memorial Award was given to senior Dwayne Stewart. A scholarship to attend a summer lacrosse camp in Jarred's name was given to seventh grader Isaiah Stewart. Dwayne Stewart was also the recipient of the Walter Reese Award and received a \$1,000 scholarship.

The Section XI Gold Key Award, the highest Section

XI honor that an athlete can receive, and Golden Eagle awards were also presented at the ceremony. The Gold Key is awarded to student-athletes who letter in eight Junior Varsity or Varsity seasons in grades 10-12. This year's recipients were Vincent Aponte, Dominique Cunningham, Vanessa Destime, Rocco DiPietro, Sam DiPietro, Randy Marine, Dwayne Stewart, Jamal Walker, and Christine Wilkinson.

The Golden Eagle award is given to a student on each team who had the highest cumulative grade point average for the season. For the spring season, Vanessa Destime (Girls Track), Jonli Falk (Baseball), Daniel Kurzyp (Boys Lacrosse), Emily Hall (Girls Lacrosse), Annelise Muscietta (Softball), and Khang Nguyen (Boys Track) received the Golden Eagle.

As a special recognition to retiring Superintendent of Schools Dr. William R. Bolton, Athletic Director Pete Cesare presented Dr. Bolton with a jersey to

commemorate his support of the athletic program. "He has been and continues to be one of the biggest supporters of the athletic program," said Mr. Cesare. "I cannot remember a time that he has ever turned down a request to help our teams or our athletes." Stated Dr. Bolton, "It has been my honor to be a member of the Copiague staff. I will forever be an Eagle."



GOOD SPORTS

Section XI recognized a total of 21 Copiague School District sports teams out of 55 sports offered with the Sportsmanship Award for the 2007-2008 seasons.

Congratulations to the following teams and their coaches on winning the Section XI Sportsmanship Award:

FALL SEASON

M.S. 7th Grade Football
Varsity Field Hockey
Varsity Gymnastics
Varsity Boys Soccer
Varsity Girls Tennis
Varsity Volleyball

WINTER SEASON

M.S. 7th Grade Boys Basketball
M.S. 8th Grade Boys Basketball
M.S. Wrestling
Varsity Girls Basketball
Varsity Boys Bowling
Varsity Wrestling
J.V. Wrestling

SPRING SEASON

M.S. Gymnastics
M.S. Girls Lacrosse
M.S. Boys Tennis
J.V. Boys Lacrosse
J.V. Softball
Varsity Girls Lacrosse
Varsity Softball
Varsity Girls Track

THEATER STUDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR EXCELLENCE

Theater Department members at the Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School were recently honored by the Babylon Citizens Council on the Arts (BACCA) for their spring theater production of *Beauty and the Beast*.



The students were recognized by the Teen Theatre Awards at a ceremony hosted by BACCA and the Town of Babylon for Best Production Value for their musical adaptation of *Beauty and the Beast*. According to BACCA, Production Value is the overall value of sets, costumes, lighting, sound, and stage management.

BACCA is a nonprofit arts organization serving the needs of residents, artists, and art organizations in the Town of Babylon.

The Eagle Soars

The Copiague Middle School student newspaper, *The Eagle*, received Honorable Mention in the Middle School Division of the *Newsday* School Journalism Awards. Staff members for *The Eagle* pitch story ideas, interview interesting people, write and edit stories, take photos, and help lay out the paper with the help of their advisor, Librarian Kristina Holzweiss.

Newsday holds its annual School Journalism Awards to honor college, high school and junior high school newspapers on Long Island. Newspapers and their staffs compete in eight categories: news writing, feature writing, commentary, sports writing, local news/history, editorial cartooning, photography, and typography and layout.



Pictured left to right (standing): Kristina Holzweiss, Gina Calvacca, Aleksandra Kaczor, Tahmena Khan, Shannele Garvin, and Middle School Principal Andrew Lagnado; (kneeling): William Marmol and Frank Guella.

Dates to REMEMBER

August 12

Sports Physicals

September 3

Schools Open

September 8

Board of Education Meeting
7:30 p.m. Board Room

September 20

Tournament of Bands

September 22

Board of Education Meeting
7:30 p.m. Board Room

September 27

Homecoming &
Hall of Achievement Induction

September 30-October 1

Schools Closed

October 9

Schools Closed

October 13

Schools Closed

Promoting Safe Teen Driving

COPIAGUE HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVES \$1,000 GRANT FROM ALLSTATE

Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School received a \$1,000 grant from Allstate Insurance Company's Safe Teen Driving Program for the purpose of funding activism projects and programs that raise awareness of the need for safer teen driving.

The High School used the grant money to help offset the cost of the 21st annual Midnight Madness Post Prom Party at Dave and Buster's in Islandia, which is held in memory of Kevin Frommel who passed away graduation weekend 22 years ago.

"Following Kevin's death I vowed that as long as I was involved with seniors, I wanted to make sure that they were safe," stated Lynn Lyons-Atlas, a health teacher at the high school

who has coordinated the Midnight Madness Post Prom Party the last 21 years. Approximately 270 students attended this year's post-prom event out of the approximately 300 students who went to the prom.



(Pictured left to right:) Educational consultant and actor Paul Failla, Class of 2008 Salutatorian Dinosca Umana, Allstate agent James Fox, Student Council President Sabrina Destime, Senior Class President and Class of 2008 Valedictorian Zaneta Wykowska, Senior Class Advisors Deirdre Whiston and Kurt Allan, and SADD Officer Phillip Brown.

FALL SPORTS PHYSICALS

On Tuesday, August 12, from 10 am-12 noon, in the high school nurse's office, sports physicals will take place. Any high school or middle school students who wish to participate in a fall sport must receive a physical before being allowed to play.

PRE-KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION

Starting in the Fall, the District will offer its free pre-kindergarten program at two locations:

Tutor Time Learning Center
455 Albany Avenue
Amityville, NY 11701

Stanford Learning Center
1275 Montauk Highway
Copiague, NY 17726

For Fall 2008 registration information, please call: 631-842-4015 ext. 510.

TITLE IX AND SECTION 504 NOTICE

The Copiague School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, or disability in the educational programs or activities it operates. It is required by Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, and by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (as amended), not to discriminate in such a manner. This policy of nondiscrimination includes the recruitment, employment, and promotion of employees; salaries, pay, and other benefits; counseling services to students; and student access to course offerings, educational programs, (including vocational educational opportunities), and other district-sponsored activities.

Inquiries regarding this nondiscrimination policy and grievance procedures should be directed to the Title IX Coordinator, Copiague Public Schools and/or the Section 504 Coordinator, Copiague Public Schools, 2650 Great Neck Road, Copiague, NY 11726 (842-4015, extension 520).

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Coordinator del Titulo IX y Seccion 504
Copiague Public Schools
2650 Great Neck Road
Copiague, New York 11726
Teléfono - 842-4015, extension 520

SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS

A new childcare and/or medical transportation request must be submitted for each school year. Information is not carried over from year to year. Please contact the Transportation Office at (631) 842-4015 ext. 529 no later than August 15, 2008 for a new application. These applications can also be downloaded from our website at www.copiague.k12.ny.us. Additionally, these forms can be received via fax and completed forms may be faxed to (631) 789-8991 or (631) 841-4601.

If a student needs to change a bus stop for any reason during the school year, please contact the Transportation Office in writing at least 48 hours prior to your requested start date. Also note that a request for a bus stop change due to a change in residency within the district must be accompanied by proof of your new address.



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