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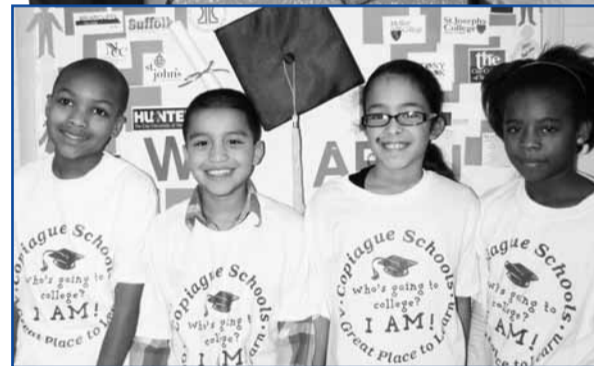
## The Road to College Continues

In an effort to inform students and their parents about higher learning opportunities and the many ways to save for a college education, the Copiague School District held its second annual College Day and K-12 College Planning Event – “Who Can Save for College? I Can!” Parents and students were invited to attend workshops to learn how to save money for college from local loan officers. They received information from more than 45 college and

university representatives in attendance at the college fair and learned about volunteer opportunities for community service.

Superintendent of Schools Charles A. Leunig welcomed parents and students to the event by discussing the reasons behind College Day. “Last year we recognized that not enough people were speaking to our children about college,” said Mr. Leunig. “What we decided to do was begin that conversation, and it has begun to take root. Our hope is that you’ll continue that conversation at home. If you believe in the possibility of college, your child will get excited.” Two college freshmen and Walter G. O’Connell Copiague High School alumni, Statia Thomas and Michael Vandermark, spoke briefly to parents about the importance of college and how Copiague shaped their lives.

During College Day, students and staff members participated in a myriad of college-related activities. At the high school, recent alumni returned to speak to classes about their college experiences and gave advice on the application process. A select few high school seniors also visited the middle school to give their advice on what to expect in high school and to discuss their recent experiences with visiting and applying to colleges. At the elementary level, students were provided with tee-shirts that boasted the District’s College Day logo and motto, “Who’s Going to College? I Am!” Staff members also took the opportunity to wear the colors of their college alma maters and discuss their experiences with higher education.



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## Input Needed!

The Board of Education and Administration need your input! Please take a few minutes to visit our website at [www.copiague.k12.ny.us](http://www.copiague.k12.ny.us) and complete our Community Budget Survey. Your participation will provide useful information as we work through a very challenging budgeting process for the 2011-2012 school year.

# A MESSAGE from the Superintendent

Welcome to our Winter 2011 issue of Capiague Connections, our official district newsletter. It seems as if the first half of the school year has flown by. This issue provides highlights of many of the activities, initiatives and events that have taken place in our schools over the last few months. Included in this issue are articles about our annual Road to College/College Day festivities, the announcement of our "Top Ten" students, School Board Member Recognition, Middle School International Night, Senior to Senior Dinner, sports highlights, a feature on this year's Middle School play, "Aladdin, Jr.," and a variety of other great activities involving Capiague students.

Featured on our front page is our annual Road to College Initiative, which is now in its second year of

existence. As you will read, this year's Road to College is bigger and better than our first year, continuing and enhancing the promise of getting more students, with the help of their parents, interested and motivated to pursue higher education.

I would also like to draw your attention to the lower right-hand corner of the front page, where we are asking for your input for next year's budget. In response to the tough economy, the Board of Education and Administration have taken serious steps over the past two years to control costs. We have reduced spending, eliminated positions wherever possible and have negotiated salary freezes for the coming year with our teachers, supervisors, and administrators. We have been fortunate to maintain virtually all of our programs for our students up to this point, despite losses of state aid over the last two years. However, with a new Governor and a budget forecast coming out of Albany which includes dramatic cuts across the board, including an even more substantial cut of state aid and loss of federal stimulus funds, the school district is approaching the point where it will be difficult to maintain all of our

current programs next year.

So we are asking for your input as we construct the budget for the 2011-2012 school year by participating in our "Community Budget Survey." The survey, which can only be accessed through the school district website ([www.capiague.k12.ny.us](http://www.capiague.k12.ny.us)), should only take a few minutes to complete. The deadline to complete the survey is Friday, February 25th. The data collected from the survey will be analyzed and then shared with the Board of Education at our first Budget Work Session on Monday, March 7, 2011 in the Middle School West Cafeteria at 7:30 p.m.

Sincerely,



Charles A. Leunig  
Superintendent of Schools

## Community Recognizes Capiague Board of Education

Each year, the Governor of the State of New York sets aside one week in October to recognize Boards of Education statewide for their efforts to provide a quality education to all students.

This year during the October 18, 2010, Capiague Board of Education meeting, administrators, staff, students, parents, and community members expressed their appreciation to the Board for their ongoing dedication and commitment to the students and Capiague community.

"This Board of Education is devoted to our children and to our community," stated Superintendent of Schools Charles A. Leunig. "They are the reason we are as good as we are and why Capiague is the envy of so many other school districts and superintendents." Mr. Leunig also noted that the current Board represents 84 years of combined experience in serving as Board members.

Words such as grateful, thankful, leadership, caring, and dedicated were heard over and over again as several representatives from the Capiague Teachers Association, Capiague Association of Principals, Capiague Educational Secretaries Association, Capiague Supervisory Association, Teacher Assistant/Teacher Aide Association, and the PTA Council each paid tribute to the Board. Several donations were made to various charities in the name of the Capiague Board.

To add to the evening's celebration, the Capiague Middle School Chamber Choir, under the direction of Gina Occhiogrosso, performed several songs and invited everyone to join them in a sing-along. "Thank you for your kind words," stated Board of Education President Laura Gavey. "We are truly blessed with a great school district, administration and staff. Seeing the Chamber Choir perform tonight just reminds us of why we do what we do."



## Capiague Board Honors Outstanding Students

Eighteen students in the Capiague School District were recently selected to receive special recognition from the Board of Education for their outstanding achievements. These awards are presented only twice a year to a small number of students for their extra-special accomplishments. The students were publicly recognized for their excellence in athletics, academics, community service, and for being positive leaders and role models to their fellow students.



Congratulations to:

**Deauville Gardens Elementary School** – Osman Reyes-Ramos, Jonathan Reyes, Dominic Benson-Sustad, and Konrad Szczypior  
**Great Neck Road Elementary School** – John Kosak, Joshua Checo Marte, and Rainie Moore  
**Susan E. Wiley Elementary School** – Sebastian Grajales, Rachel Korba, and Rianna Rivera  
**Capiague Middle School** – Jade Dickenson, Margarita Reyes, Rose Spanato, and Maegan Tosun  
**Walter G. O'Connell Capiague High School** – Joseph Amorosino, Nicholas LoCascio, Stephanie Sutter, and Thandiwe Weza

## Unsung Heroes

During the November 24th Capiague School District Staff Conference Day, Superintendent of Schools Charles A. Leunig continued a time-honored tradition of acknowledging individuals who strive to promote opportunities for students in Capiague Schools. This year, Walter G. O'Connell Capiague High School social studies teacher Yoleidys Swedloff and Capiague Weekly Editor Ralph Soluri were honored with the Unsung Hero Award. Following a brief description about the qualities that make Ms. Swedloff and Mr. Soluri "unsung heroes," they were each presented with a medallion bearing the District logo and motto.



# Head of the Class

Following 13 years of dedication, hard work, and perseverance, ten students at Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School in the Copiague School District were recently honored by being named one of the top ten students in the Class of 2011. Superintendent of Schools Charles A. Leunig and High School Principal Jeanette Altruda congratulated each of the students on this accomplishment and wished them the best of luck on their college application process.

Valedictorian Daniel Handy has been Class President for all four years of high school, was a recipient of the distinguished Board of Education Student Recognition Award, was named an Advanced Placement Scholar, and has been a member of the award-winning marching band since seventh grade. His rise to success with the marching band started with him being the youngest member of the band, progressing to section leader, then to treasurer, and finally to the prestigious position of Band President. Daniel is co-founder and treasurer of the Ecology Club, vice president of the National Honor Society, and is also actively involved in DECA, and Key Club. He is also a student representative for the Shared-Decision Making Committee, a group whose sole purpose is to design and implement policies that will benefit the school community.

Emily Hall, Salutatorian of the Class of 2011, is committed to the preservation of the environment and natural resources. Along with Daniel, she is a co-founder of the Ecology Club and serves as the current president. Emily has participated in many local beach clean-ups and has been an active member in several fundraising ventures designed to raise money for various ecological organizations. Additionally, she is vice president of the high school band, where she plays both the clarinet and baritone saxophone, and is involved with peer tutoring programs, Key Club, and DECA.

Congratulations to the Copiague High School Class of 2011 Top 10:

## Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School

Daniel Handy, Valedictorian  
 Emily Hall, Salutatorian  
 Jacob Ohrnberger, Third  
 Nicole Mangels, Fourth  
 Shanice McKenzie, Fifth  
 Amber Perrier, Sixth  
 Alex Attanasio, Seventh  
 Stephanie Diegue, Eighth  
 Maxwell Woelk, Ninth  
 Andrew Preda, Tenth



First row (from left): # 4 Nicole Mangels, # 3 Jacob Ohrnberger, Valedictorian Daniel Handy, Salutatorian Emily Hall, # 5 Shanice McKenzie, and # 10 Andrew Preda.

Second row (from left): Superintendent of Schools Charles A. Leunig, # 6 Amber Perrier, # 7 Alex Attanasio, # 8 Stephanie Diegue, # 9 Maxwell Woelk, and High School Principal Jeanette Altruda.

## Cultural Flags Fly High at International Night

The Copiague School District's second annual International Night was a great success, attracting people from all over the community. Parents, students, and community members showed their appreciation through their enthusiastic applause as performers graced the stage with elaborate, ethnic dance performances, songs, and a cultural fashion show. Grades 6-8 participated in the event, with 100 students performing and 60 students volunteering. The students represented more than 35 different countries from around the world. "This celebration of our diversity is a wonderful example of what can be done when students and staff work together. Everyone is so proud to see the community enjoying the evening," stated Middle School Assistant Principal Claudia Prisinzano.

The chorus, led by Gina Occhiogrosso, opened the night with a moving rendition of the patriotic Cuban song, "Guantanamera." Kirsten Ostrofsky, a sixth-grade science teacher, and Stephanie Colagiaco, a middle school English teacher, worked together to organize the fashion show. The students walked the stage displaying authentic, native clothing from various countries. "The fashion show creates a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the



diversity in the district and is a way for the students to express their cultural pride," commented Ms. Ostrofsky.

The Exhibition Hall in the gymnasium displayed self-made documentaries and video interviews of relatives in other

countries. There were also research-based project boards which focused on many different individual countries that the students chose to explore. Before entering into the exhibition hall, the students received "passports" that would allow them to "take a journey around the world" and would be stamped at each station they visited.

All of the attendees were given red, white and blue tickets representing the passports needed to enter the international buffet entitled "A Taste of Copiague." The food was donated by 23 community restaurants and was representative of the student ethnic population.

The success of the night was due in a large part to the hard work and dedication of all the staff members and students at the Copiague Middle School. "We celebrate diversity and promote tolerance all year long," stated Middle School Principal Andrew Lagnado, "Tonight is a true celebration of our community."



# MONSTERS IN LIT

Combining talents for art and literature, students at Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School used their imaginations to create and bring to life monsters in literature. Seniors in Michael Ferretti's and Dan Barresi's Monsters in Literature classes collaborated with the students in Deirdre Whiston's Drawing and Painting I & II classes in a cross-curricular project.

Mr. Ferretti's students created a monster profile, which included size, shape, clothing, and other distinguishing features for short stories they were writing. The students in Ms. Whiston's Drawing and Painting I class were responsible for taking those profiles and creating a visual image. Mr. Barresi's students created a transformation scene featuring Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, and the Drawing and Painting II class took the written work and created a dual image featuring the transformed character.

John Seppala, a senior in both the Monsters in Literature and Drawing and Painting classes, created a character and brought it to life. "It was a good way to use creative license," he said about taking someone else's words to create his art piece. In response to seeing his words come to life in a fellow student's drawing, he stated, "I already had this image in my head of what my monster looked like, and to see how close the drawing came to what I imagined was really cool."

"The students in my class were fascinated to see the simple words they used

to describe their monsters transformed into an actual image," said Mr. Ferretti. Added Ms. Whiston, "My students really enjoyed the openness of the assignment and having the opportunity to interpret in their own way."



# Operatic

For the past few years, students in the Copiague Middle School Student Council have organized a fundraiser for Operation Smile. Operation Smile is a non-profit organization that treats facial deformities such as cleft lips and cleft palates for children all around the world. This year, through the sale of flower-decorated pens, the Student Council, and their advisor Stephanie Colagiacommo, were able to fund two operations for children in need.



## Winter Wonderland

Continuing their yearly tradition of creating an indoor winter wonderland, physical education teachers Bill Bennett and Barbara Olsen at the Great Neck Road Elementary School decorated the gymnasium and organized winter-related indoor activities for their students to enjoy.

During their physical education classes, the students took part in such activities as ice hockey (to teach hockey stick handling skills), snowball skating (to work on balance), ice bowling, toy toss, wonderland volleyball, bobsledding, and a polar puzzle. An activity added this year was downhill skiing. Utilizing SmartBoards and a Nintendo Wii game, the kids zigzagged their way down the treacherous slope.



## Pen Pal Fun

Since the beginning of September, third-grade students in Ann Marie Byrnes' and Jeanie Mullins' classes at Deauville Gardens and Great Neck Road elementary schools have been pen pals corresponding through handwritten letters and pictures. To celebrate the holiday season, the two classes met for the first time and participated in getting-to-know-you activities. Students culminated the meeting by working with their pen pals to create snowmen ornaments. The students in Mrs. Byrnes' class will visit Mrs. Mullins' class at Great Neck Road in the spring to celebrate a successful year as pen pals.



## JA IN A DAY

Junior Achievement Day was filled with fun and educational activities for students at Susan E. Wiley Elementary. Students in grades K-5 participated in six different hands-on lessons taught by representatives from major corporations, including this year's major corporate sponsor, Ernst & Young. "Junior Achievement's programs are intended to change students' lives by helping them understand business and economics through a series of lessons tied into state math and social studies curricula," commented Assistant Principal, Dr. Randee Bonagura.



While kindergarteners listened to stories about working, earning, and saving money, second graders were busy making "donuts" and learning the value of assembly line procedures versus single unit production. Each student was given an individual ingredient to add to the donuts and was taught that an assembly line would benefit production by providing the most efficient and cost-effective way to make a product. Third graders in Mrs. Linda Drenckhahn's class were excited to construct a large 3D city on a floor map as a culmination of their lessons about city planning, economics, and zoning. The students decorated and labeled 3D cutouts of buildings and placed them in specific areas on a large, colorful floor map.

Throughout the day, other lessons involved learning about needs versus wants, identifying resources and making decisions, and creating a web of interconnectivity after learning about the global economy.

## Copiague Seniors Host Local Senior Citizens at Senior-to-Senior Dinner

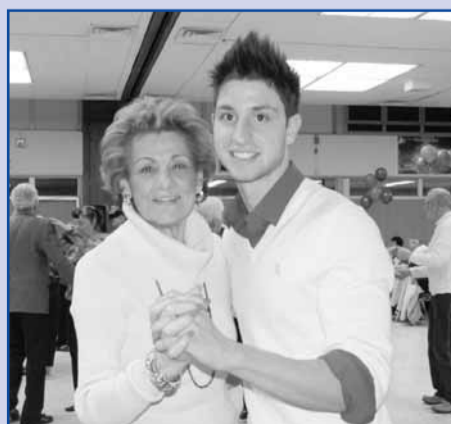
Seniors at Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School celebrated the holidays by hosting more than 200 senior citizens from Copiague, Lindenhurst, and Amityville at their annual Senior-to-Senior Dinner.

Weeks of preparations by administrators, teachers, students, and staff turned the evening into an unforgettable event for the more than 200 local senior citizen residents in attendance, as well as the more than 50 volunteer high school seniors. The Senior-to-Senior Dinner provides an opportunity for the District and the Senior Class to thank its senior citizens for their continued support.



The night began with a sing-along performance by the Madrigal Choir. Under the direction of Larry Wurtzel, the students performed a vast array of holiday songs. Following the dinner, the young and young-at-heart gathered together on the makeshift dance floor to show each other their best moves.

Student Activities Advisor Toni McIntosh arranged the entire night with assistance from the Senior Class and their advisors Michelle Penry and Allison Weller.



*Students culminated the meeting by creating holiday ornaments.*

# ROUND the DISTRICT



# A Whole New World Comes to Copiague

A tale as old as time lit up the stage at Copiague Middle School as the students presented Disney's "Aladdin Junior." The musical, which takes place in Agrabah, tells the love story between the street urchin Aladdin, played by David Szabo, and Princess Jasmine, played by Natalie Korba, and the challenges they must overcome, including the evil Jafar, who was played by Andre Morgan.

To prepare for the play, the student-actors worked for months to learn lines and choreography. Behind the scenes, the stage crew built sets, sewed costumes, and learned make-up techniques, and how to use the lighting and sound systems. The musical was directed by Gina Occhiogrosso and included support from Assistant Director Michelle Budion, Choreographer Sylvia Walsh, Costumer Meredith Wanzer, Scenic Designer Lauren

Lefkowitz, and Producer Jennifer E. Pierre-Louis. Additionally, student-interns from the Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School assisted behind the scenes.



## Standout Musicians

Twenty student-musicians from the Copiague School District were recently selected to participate in the Suffolk County Music Educators' Association (SCMEA) All-County Festival. The festival, which is divided into three divisions, will be held this March and incorporates students in grades 5-10. The selected students represent the best from across Suffolk County and were chosen based on their New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) scores as well as teacher recommendations. "This is an honor these special students, music teachers, and our district as a whole can be very proud," said Coordinator of Fine Arts Jennifer Pierre-Louis.

Congratulations to the following students on this outstanding achievement:

### High School

Barbara Chelchowski, Clarinet  
 Duvanny Banegas, Alto  
 Trevor Coady, Tenor  
 Roger Gonzales, Tenor  
 Janiece Morgan, Alto  
 Marissa Ramirez, Alto  
 John Romano, Tenor

### Middle School

Mikayla Angel, Flute  
 Sheryl Amorsino, Soprano  
 Marcia Aracena, Alto  
 Andre Morgan, Alto  
 Angela Nagtalon, Soprano  
 Corinne Palin, Soprano  
 Tiana Roe, Soprano  
 David Szabo, Baritone  
 Steven Szabo, Alto  
 Sofie Wilson, Bass Clarinet  
 Lauren Zisman, Trumpet

### Deauville Gardens Elementary School

Kevin Buffolino, Trumpet

### Great Neck Road Elementary School

Giuseppe Dattolo, Trumpet

To view photos, please visit the District's website at [www.copiague.k12.ny.us](http://www.copiague.k12.ny.us).

## Copiague Student Gets Creative

Edwin S. Alvarenga, a Copiague student in Wilson Tech's Advertising/Graphic Design program, captured first place in Graphic Design at the 8th Annual Business Leadership Competition for his original concept for a logo, business card, letterhead, and envelope to promote the fictional Brew Right Cafe. The Young Professionals Chamber of Commerce, a program of the Huntington Township Chamber of Commerce, sponsored the competition.

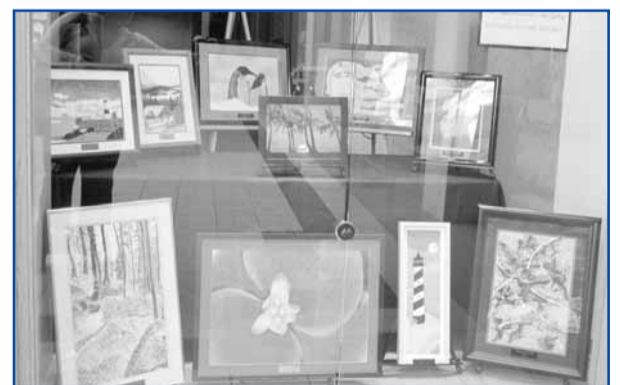
The senior at Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School was recognized for his creative designs, the marketability of his concepts and his professional presentation, in which he and his teammate "pitched" their original business concepts to a panel of judges selected from local businesses.



## Sunrise Exhibit

Beginning this past November, the Copiague School District now has a permanent area to showcase a rotating display of artwork at the Westfield Sunrise Shopping Mall in Massapequa. To kick-off this amazing opportunity, select pieces from the Superintendent's Art Gallery were on display on the first floor between New York and Company and the Hallmark Store.

"It is our hope to use this space to highlight our up and coming artists and perhaps rotate pieces from our impressive and extensive Superintendent's Art Gallery," said Jennifer E. Pierre-Louis, Coordinator of Fine Arts.



# Copiague Honors Fall Sports

Continuing its tradition of honoring student-athletes three times a year, the Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School held its Annual Varsity Sports Awards Dinner. The event, sponsored by the Booster Club, celebrated the recently completed Fall Sports season by taking a night to recognize gymnastics, cross-country, boys golf, boys and girls soccer, field hockey, girls tennis, volleyball, cheerleading, and football.

Continuing a time-honored tradition, five special memorial awards were handed to outstanding athletes for demonstrating leadership on and off the field. This year, Jessica Murphy (Girls Soccer) was awarded the Michael S. Cohen Award, Dawn Dickson (Gymnastics) was the recipient of the Dolores Sandefur Award, and Alex Marcello (Boys Soccer) was presented with the Anthony Lombardo Award. The Barbara Day Award was given to Cathy Lam (Field Hockey), and Raven Walker (Volleyball) received the Deborah Tekosky Award.

For the first time this year, the Christopher Urban Memorial Award was presented to a member of the cross-country team. Christopher was a member of the cross-country team who passed away unexpectedly this past October. "His desire to better himself was obvious," said cross-country coach George Schroeder. "He was one of those kids coaches loved to have around and teachers loved having in class. He will always be with us as we strive to be our best." Druscilla Dickson was presented with the award by Christopher's parents.



## GOOD SPORTS

Congratulations to the Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School Girls Junior Varsity Field Hockey team and their coach Maria Stamatelatos, for receiving the Marilyn Cross Sportsmanship Award. The Suffolk Field Hockey Umpires' Association present the award, which is given to only one varsity, junior varsity, and middle school team in Suffolk County each year, based on high marks for sportsmanship. Following each game, the referees rate the teams based on ten different sportsmanship categories. The junior varsity team received the highest rating of all JV teams across Suffolk County and was awarded the plaque. This is the first time a team from Copiague has won this award.



*Pictured back row (left to right): Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School Principal Jeanette Altruda, JV Field Hockey Coach Maria Stamatelatos, Daria Kaczorowska, Beatrice Samei, Abigail Keiper-Trautwig, Khyashiir Haughton, Veronica Zieba, Keriann Kalb, and Director of Physical Education and Athletics Pete Cesare. Pictured front row (left to right): Jenna Sapienza, Kristen Cheung, Isabel Colon, Rachel Matos, and Joselin Yanes.*

## Fall All-Stars 2010

SPORT Fall 2010	Name	AWARD
Field Hockey	Ashley Arquer	All-Division
Boys Soccer	Jeyson Ayala	All-Division
Girls Gymnastics	Dawn Dickson	All-League
Boys Cross Country	Rauly Fernandez	All-League
Field Hockey	Janet Fuentes	All-Division
Girls Tennis	Geraldine Garrett	All-League
Girls Volleyball	Emily Hall	All -County Academic
Girls Soccer	Jacqueline Kagiwada	All-League/All-Conference
Football	Nick LoCascio	2nd Team All-Division
Girls Volleyball	Nicole Mangels	All-County Academic
Boys Soccer	Alex Marcello	Academic All-County
Girls Volleyball	Cereya Mazes	All-League
Girls Volleyball	Shanice McKenzie	All-County Academic
Boys Cross Country	Wesley Merriwether	All-League
Football	Darryl Mitchell	2nd Team All-Division
Girls Tennis	Jessica Morgan	All-League
Football	Leslie Morgan	2nd Team All Division
Girls Volleyball	Alison Nahrevar	All League
Girls Volleyball	Sarah Palladino	All-League/All-Conference/ All-County/All-Tournament
Field Hockey	Samantha Perez	All-Division
Boys Soccer	Kevin Reyes	All-League
Football	Terrick Simms	All-County
Girls Volleyball	Nicole Vogt	All-League/ All-Tournament
Girls Volleyball	Raven Walker	All-League/ All-Conference

## 1,000 Points and Counting

Chelsea Williams, a senior guard on the Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School basketball team, marked a major milestone in her athletic career by scoring her 1,000<sup>th</sup> career point. During the team's January 26<sup>th</sup> game against Riverhead, Chelsea secured her 1000<sup>th</sup> point on a layup in the opening minute of the game. She finished the game with 28 points and moved her career total to 1,027. According to *Newsday*, Chelsea is leading Long Island in scoring with an average of 21.7 points per game.



## Golden Eagles

The Copiague School District takes great pride in its students and all of their achievements in the classroom and on the playing field. To award its athletically and academically inclined students, the Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School created the Golden Eagle Award. At the conclusion of each athletic season, the top scholar-athlete on each sports team is awarded the Golden Eagle Award.

Congratulations to the winners of the prestigious Golden Eagle Award for the Fall 2010 Athletic Season.



*Back Row: (left to right): High School Assistant Principals Andre Poprilo and Jeffrey Myers, Golden Eagle winners Zach Wilson (Golf), Stephanie Fischer (Field Hockey), Emily Hall (Volleyball), Jessica Murphy (Girls Soccer), Taylor Beard (Cheerleading), Nicholas LoCascio (Football), High School Assistant Principal Dr. Linda Caputo, and Director of Physical Education and Athletics Pete Cesare. Front Row: (Left to Right) Golden Eagle winners Lindsay Griffiths (Gymnastics), Alex Marcello (Boys Soccer), Andrew Preda (Cross Country), and Janiece Morgan (Girls Tennis).*

## Dates to REMEMBER

### March 7

Budget Work Session - West Cafeteria of Middle School 7:30 pm

### March 21

Budget Work Session - West Cafeteria of Middle School 7:30 pm

### April 4

Budget Work Session - West Cafeteria of Middle School 7:30 pm

### April 11

Tentative Date for Adoption of Budget - Board of Education Conference Room at Middle School

### May 9

Public Hearing - West Cafeteria of Middle School 7:30 pm

### May 17

Budget/Trustee Vote  
Great Neck Road School  
10 am-10 pm

# Copiague Schools to Hold Late Kindergarten Registration

April 4-6, 2011

Kindergarten registration for the Copiague Union Free School District will be held at the District Administrative Office located in the Middle School on Great Neck Road from April 4-6, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.

Children who have turned age five on or before December 1, 2011, are eligible to attend school in September, 2011. Registration requirements include proof of the child's age, residence within the boundaries of the Copiague School District, and immunizations against polio, measles, rubella (German measles), mumps, diphtheria and hepatitis B. Additional information on immunizations should be requested from your child's physician. A law recently enacted in 2008 expands a physical to include a Dental Health Screening.

For registration information, call (631) 842-4015 ext. 538. Those who do not plan to

register their children at this time should also call school officials to assist in the district's planning.

### EN ESPAÑOL

Niños Que Cumplen 5 Años De Edad Antes Del Primero De Diciembre De 2011 Deben Matricularse Para Kindergarten En La Oficina Administrativa Central Localizada En El 2650 Great Neck Road En Copiague Comenzando El 4-6 Abril, 2011 Por Favor De Llamar Al (631)842-4015 X538 Para Hacer Una Cita.

## Don't Forget To Include Your Tax Code!

When filing your State Income Tax Form, please be certain to fill in the Copiague School District Tax Code number (130).

## VOTER REGISTRATION

**YOUR VOTE IS YOUR VOICE!** It is important that you play an active role in deciding how your child will be educated. Continuous voter registration is available in the office of the District Clerk from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, when school is in session, for both the Copiague School District and Copiague Public Memorial Library. For more information, contact the District Clerk at (631) 842-4015. Residents who have voted or registered at any Annual or Special School District meeting or election held within the last four (4) years, or have voted at a general election or been registered with the Board of Elections of Suffolk County within the last four (4) years, are eligible to vote. The last day to register for the 2011-2012 Budget Vote and Trustee Election is Tuesday, May 10, 2011.

If you would like to register to vote, you must:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be 18 years of age or over
- Be a resident of the Copiague School District for at least 30 days prior to the voting date.

### Absentee Ballots

Applications for absentee ballots are available at the Office of the District Clerk and must be completed and returned at least seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter.

## In The Zone

On December 1, two Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School seniors were presented with the New York State Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance Suffolk Zone Award. Emily Hall and Max Woelk were awarded certificates and gold medals recognizing their outstanding achievements as physical education students, scholars,



and citizens. The ceremony was held at the Hyatt Regency Wind Watch in Hauppauge.

Determination and perseverance are qualities that define Emily Hall as an athlete, student and person. "She is never willing to settle for anything less than her very best performance in any arena of competition," said Director of Physical Education and Athletics Peter Cesare. "She is very concerned about the world in which we live and plans to study environmental science in college."

Maxwell Woelk is an accomplished student looking forward to a degree in environmental engineering after graduation. Max recently earned the College Boards' "AP Scholar with Distinction Award" and completes his fourth year of both Cross-Country and Track this June. Max plays soccer in a men's under-25 travel league on the weekends and has given up one month of his summer for the past two years, to attend the Howard Hughes Medical Research Fellowship Program at Stony Brook University, where he was invited first as a student, and later as a mentor. "Physical education class has always been one of Max's favorite classes, where he gets to participate with his friends and forget the stresses of the school day," stated Mr. Cesare.

## Transportation Reminder

All requests for transportation to private and parochial schools must be made in writing on or before April 1st of the previous school year. Required information includes the student's name, grade, address, telephone number, date of birth, and the name and address of the private or parochial school for which transportation is requested.

Requests should be submitted to Copiague Public Schools, c/o Transportation Office, 2650 Great Neck Road, Copiague, New York 11726.



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