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INCREASED SECURITY MEASURES TO BE INSTALLED

Expect the entrances to each of the buildings to have a slightly different look in September. In an effort to remain vigilant in protecting the students of Mineola, the Board of Education adopted a resolution in April 2013 to utilize a \$25,000 grant from New York State Sen. Jack Martins, as well as expend monies from the facilities line to cover the cost of increasing security measures at each school.

Here are some highlights of what to expect:

- Single Point of Entry for all Visitors – Many buildings will be receiving new doors; teachers and staff will have swipe cards to enter at specific doors, and building administrators will be notified immediately of any breach in the doors.
- Secure Vestibules – Referred to as “man traps,” this will be the single point of entry for all visitors and will allow direct access to the main office only through a buzzer system.
- Panic Alarms – Located within each vestibule; will automatically signal a lockdown as well as notify the Nassau County Police Department.
- Electronic Maps of all Buildings will be accessible by administrators, security and first responders – Cameras will be placed throughout the buildings and can be accessed with the touch of a button on these maps.
- Command Center – One location in the district from which every camera at each of the buildings can be viewed and monitored.

These projects will be completed over the summer and are expected to be fully in place by the start of school on Sept. 3. Please bear with us during those first few weeks as we sort through any issues that may arise from the new procedure, especially as they pertain to visitors coming to one of our school events.

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FIFTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR: Best Communities for Music Education

The Mineola School District is thrilled to announce that for the fifth year in a row, the district has been selected as one of the Best Communities for Music Education in America.

This designation was given to only 307 districts nationwide by the National Association of Music Merchants Foundation, better known as NAMM, which helped put together a survey that was completed by thousands of districts across the country. The districts were measured across curricular and programmatic criteria, as well as through public support of their music programs, and only the top-rated districts were chosen.

Participants in the survey answered detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, course offerings, extra and co-curricular opportunities, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program and other relevant factors in their communities' music education programs.

The survey was developed and administered by the Institute for Educational Research and Public Service, an affiliate of the University of Kansas. It was coordinated by the NAMM Foundation, with input from the following organizations: Americans for the Arts, League of American Orchestras, Mr. Holland's Opus Foundation, Metropolitan Opera Guild, Music for All, Music Teachers National Association, National Guild of Community Schools of the Arts, National PTA, Yamaha Corporation of America and VH1 Save the Music Foundation.

The Mineola School District congratulates the entire district music staff on this incredible honor.

Calendar Notice

District calendars are slated for delivery in mid-August to the homes of all residents who have a child currently enrolled in the district. For those who do not have a child in the district, but would like a school calendar, please contact Sharon Macken at 237-2030 after Aug. 20.



Teacher's Accident Creates Teachable Life Lesson

Suzanne Vitale, a physical education teacher at Jackson Avenue School, has been an educator for more than 22 years, the past 17 of which she has belonged to the Mineola family. Due to the lack of traffic lights following Superstorm Sandy in October, Ms. Vitale was severely injured when her car flipped. The accident left her a lower-limb amputee, and she spent many months learning how to use her new prosthetic. During this time away, students had been exchanging letters with Ms. Vitale. Once her energy was back, she came to visit the students and use the experience as a teachable moment on her desire to build strength and regain her normal life despite being faced with the need for a prosthetic hand and forearm.

"It was very hard to come back, but once I saw all the kids, it really helped them as well as me, and I wound up staying the entire day with them," Ms. Vitale said. "The faculty and staff of the entire Mineola community have been beyond generous in their overwhelming support and gift giving."

During her time with the students, Ms. Vitale briefed them on her prosthetic and all that she is learning to do with it. She allowed the students to touch and feel the prosthetic and to ask questions about how it feels and how she is recovering. Ms. Vitale also engaged in a few hits of the volleyball with students.



Diplomas Presented to District's Youngest

The Kornreich Early Learning Center, which is able to cater to the district's youngest students thanks to Family Service League and Mr. & Mrs. Kornreich, held its sixth annual graduation ceremony on June 12 at Jackson Avenue School. Thirty students received certificates from teacher Divya Narvekar and teacher aide Rosamaria Morris for completing their classes at the center and ensuring their readiness for pre-K. Mr. and Mrs. Kornreich were on site to present gifts and say a few words to the latest class of graduates.

"Our vision was to make sure that children who have the desire to learn were able to benefit from early childhood education," they said in their opening remarks. "We wanted it to create confident kids who were ready for pre-K." Students received two books as a gift – "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" and the historical work "Of Thee I Sing."

To date, more than 200 students have graduated from the program.



Kindergarten Beautification Project

To culminate the school year and honor the first year that kindergartners were housed out of Willis Avenue School, Meadow Drive hosted a Kindergarten Beautification Project. The school's PTA donated flowers, and students were asked to bring in gardening supplies from home. Families were invited to spend the morning of June 5 planting flowers at the school and celebrating the school year with their children. Following the planting, small celebrations were held in each classroom. Since kindergartners will no longer be "moving up," teachers deemed the event a fitting way to bring families, students and staff together to celebrate their first year of school, while also serving the school community.



Principal for a Day

Lilly Schettino, a kindergarten student at Hampton Street School, took on a very grown-up job on May 1. Serving as Principal for the Day, she helped Principal Devra Small with many important tasks, including classroom visits, making announcements, running a fire drill and attending meetings.

Lilly won this honor in a drawing on Supermarket Bingo Night, a fundraiser run by the PTA. As principal, Lilly said her favorite part was "visiting the classes," which is also Mrs. Small's favorite part of the day.



Graduation Issue

Class of 2013: *Unstoppa13le*

“Unstoppable” was the theme behind Mineola High School’s 122nd Commencement Ceremony celebrating the Class of 2013. The single word referenced not only the class’s ambition for the future, but also a senior project video created by Janet Ribando that highlighted the class’s accomplishments, uniqueness and unforgettable memories. The video can be viewed by searching YouTube for “Unstoppa13le.”

The ceremony was filled with passionate speeches and performances by members of the senior class, including a rendition of Florence Welch’s “Shake It Out,” sung by Brittany Vera and Neha Narvekar with Calbert Chan on guitar, and “It’s So Hard to Say Goodbye to Yesterday,” sung by SangMin Bak, Thomas Behan, Calbert Chan, Rohit Kumar Singla and Vineeth Varghese.

Board President William Hornberger handed out the diplomas to graduates, who individually crossed the stage amid cheers. Principal Ed Escobar hugged each student as they exited the stage, wishing them well into their future. Graduates were finally instructed to move the tassels on their mortarboards from right to left, signifying their completion of high school.



Key quotes from the ceremony:

“We can’t always live life passively. These are the four pillars to bring about a fruitful life: LIVE – Love always, Illuminate yourself, Volunteer freely and Emit positivity.”

– Sujith Maracheril, Valedictorian

“As we leave Mineola, we become a blank slate... Use this time to become who you want to be... What makes our departure from Mineola so special is the closeness of our community.”

– Julianne Falotico, Salutatorian

“Once a ’stang, always a ’stang.”

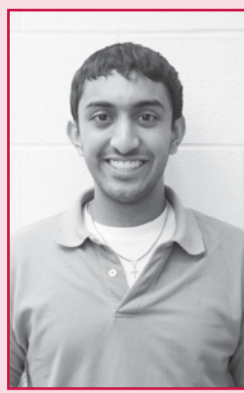
– Nikki-Taylor Massaro, Class of 2013 President

“A high school is only as good as the students in it, and the seniors set the tone... This class has personified the district’s mission statement, demonstrating that school is much more than academics. The collective social conscience of this class gives me great hope for the future.”

– Michael P. Nagler, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools



Class of 2013



#1 – SUJITH MARACHERIL

Attending: CUNY Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education
Major: Pre-med
Academic Honors/Awards: National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist, Rensselaer Medalist, National Honor Society member, President of Science National Honor Society
Senior Activities: Captain of Challenge Team, President of Mathletes, Member of Chamber Ensemble, Literary Society, Environmental Club, Science Club, Brainstormers
Volunteerism: Lunch Bunch, Nursing Home Visitors, SPARC, Ronald McDonald House, Sodexo Hunger Project, Peer Tutoring



#2 – JULIANNE FALOTICO

Attending: Colgate University
Major: Biology
Academic Honors/Awards: 2012 Fairfield University Book Award, AP Scholar with Honor, National Honor Society member, Science National Honor Society member, Scholar-Athlete, All-Class Honors for soccer, All-County honors for basketball, Reggie Carter Memorial Award, Dante Foundation Scholarship
Senior Activities: Captain of Girls Varsity Soccer Team, Captain of Girls Varsity Basketball Team, Captain of Mineola Athletic Association Travel Soccer Team, Member of Girls Varsity Lacrosse Team, Captain of Catholic Youth Organization Travel Basketball Team, President of Key Club, Vice President of Red Cross Club, Member of Athletes Helping Athletes, Leadership Council, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Environmental Club
Volunteerism: CYO volunteer, Super Saturday participant; also participated in Lunch Bunch, Hunger Project and many fundraising drives
Of Note: All-County flutist in grade nine; works as camp counselor for Village of Mineola



#3 – RAZVAN TOHANEAN

Attending: Binghamton University
Major: Undecided
Academic Honors/Awards: Series Academic Scholarship
Volunteerism: Student Service Center – Lunch Bunch, Computers



#4 – JULIA FABIANO

Attending: Providence College
Major: Biology
Academic Honors/Awards: AP Scholar with Honor, National Merit Scholarship, National Honor Society member
Senior Activities: Captain of the Rockettes, Member of Winterguard, Key Club, Marching Band, Italian Club
Volunteerism: Peer tutor, Hunger Project, the Mary Brennan INN
Of Note: Visited Italy in 2012 through NETC program of Italian Club; served



#5 – ANNETTE VOLL

Attending: University of Pennsylvania
Major: Biology
Academic Honors/Awards: First Chair Flutist
Senior Activities: Red Cross Club, Increase the Peace, Color Guard/Winter Guard
Volunteerism: Lunch Bunch, Hunger Project

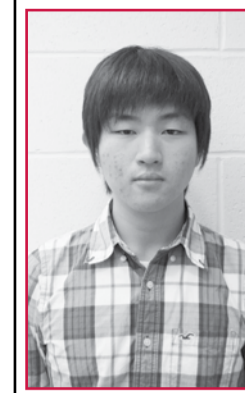
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 Dominick DeRosa
 Christopher DeStefano
 Lisa DeStefano
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 Maria DiCandia
 Alexandra DiStasi
 Conner Dunleavy
 Robert Dwyer
 Amanda Dyba
 Julia Fabiano
 Julianne Falotico
 Michael Fernandes
 Dyana Fernandez
 Kaique Ferreira
 Teresa Ferreri
 Fernando Filizzola
 Lauren Fischer
 SeanFitzpatrick
 Maria Fuentes
 Allison Furuya
 Brian Gaffney
 Juan Galvez
 Aimee Garcia
 Sara Garcia
 Jared Giacalone
 Julie Giaimo
 Lauren Gode
 Catia Goncalves
 Javier Gonzalez
 Catia Graca
 Brittany Gross
 Juan Gulinao
 Michael Harrington
 Brandon Heard
 Sydney Helmke

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 Kin Lam
 Fredric Lang
 Justin Lemli
 Taylor Lenze
 Yan Li
 Mathew Long
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 Rachel Luz
 Patrick Lynch
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 Sujith Maracheril
 Alan Martinez
 Kevin Martinez
 Danielle Martinez-McCormack
 Nikki-Taylor Massaro
 Michael McCabe
 Angela McColgan

Adriana McKeever
 Daniel Melore
 Alexandra Mendoza
 Samantha Mendoza
 Kevin Merino
 Scott Miller
 Luigi Miranda
 Pedro Miranda
 Karen Morales
 Alexa Morelli
 Joseph Mulder
 Jill Mullane
 Thomas Mullane
 Joseph Murray
 Patrick Murray
 Roger Myrto
 Ravneet Nagpal
 Neha Narvekar
 Caroline Navarra
 Laura Ohrtman
 Tahmina Osmanzai
 Grace Paldino
 Christina Palmenteri
 Carolina Palumbo
 Lia Pantelides
 Kyle Passarella
 Joseph Pastore
 Andreia Pereira
 Kevin Pereira
 Maureen Perri
 Dylan Perro
 Shannon Pinkney
 Luis Pires
 Antonio Pisano
 Andrew Posch
 Eric Quintanilla
 Linda Quintino
 Tevin Quirk
 Janet Ribando

Alexandre Ribeiro
 Angela Ribeiro
 Nina Ribeiro
 Crystal Rivera
 Jasmine Rivera
 Scott Rizzo
 Michelle Rocha
 Vanessa Rocha
 Stephanie Rodgers
 Bobby Rogers
 Andrew Romano
 Justin Sandler
 Mark Saravia
 Mariaclara Sepulveda
 Christopher Shanahan
 Jennifer Siemann
 Shai'ann Simpson
 Rohit Singla
 Ashley Stavish
 Katherine Stiffler-Burns
 Christopher Strauss
 Helen Sung
 Sendi Taranis
 Deanna Thilbourg
 Eric Timlin
 Razvan Tohanean
 Fatima Torres
 Rosana Tsabasis
 Gregory Tyson
 Vineeth Varghese
 Benjamin Vega
 Brittany Vera
 Emilia Villa
 Brandon Volino
 Annette Voll
 Gabrielle Ward
 Michael Waszczuk
 Gisselle Zalazar
 Andres Zaldivar



#6 – SANGMIN BAK

Attending: University of Pennsylvania
Major: Biology
Academic Honors/Awards: Vice president of Science National Honor Society, National Honor Society member
Senior Activities: Marching Band, Class Treasurer of Student Government, Church Choir, Chamber Ensemble, A Cappella, Vice President of Mathletes, Member of Science Club, Latin Club, Spring Musical
Volunteerism: Student Service Center – Lunch Bunch, Peer Tutoring and other events
Of Note: Served as Board of Education representative for Student Organization, junior volunteer at Winthrop University Hospital, youth group leader at St. Aloysius Church



#7 – PATRICK MURRAY

Attending: Manhattan College
Major: Civil Engineering
Academic Honors/Awards: AP Scholar Award, National Honor Society member, Science National Honor Society member
Senior Activities: Cross-country Team
Volunteerism: Peer tutoring
Of Note: Youth Board member for the Mary Brennan INN



#8 – STEPHIN JOSE

Attending: CUNY Macaulay Honors College
Major: Biomedical Engineering
Academic Honors: AP Scholar with Distinction, National Honor Society member, Science National Honor Society member
Senior Activities: Student Organization representative, Treasurer of Mathletes, Member of Chamber Ensemble, Environmental Club, Key Club, Christian Club, Increase the Peace, Brainstormers, Dynamics, Mar Gregorios
 Orthodox Student Movement
Volunteerism: Student Service Center, Summer Language Program
Of Note: Volunteers at Winthrop University Hospital



#9 – LINA KIM

Attending: Northeastern University
Major: Pharmacy
Academic Honors/Awards: National Merit Scholarship Commended Student, AP Scholar, National Honor Society member, Science National Honor Society member
Senior Activities: President of Student Service Center, Treasurer of Student Organization, Science Club member, Public Relations Manager of Key Club, Latin Club member, Secretary of Mathletes, President of Environmental Club, Editor-in-Chief of Newspaper Club
Volunteerism: Student Service Center – Mary Brennan INN, Sun Harbor Nursing Home, Ronald McDonald House, Students Against Destructive Decisions, Multi-Community Exchange
Of Note: Research intern for Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory



#10 – DANIELLE MARTINEZ-MCCORMACK

Attending: University of Pennsylvania
Major: Economics
Academic Honors/Awards:
Senior Activities: Vice president of Key Club, Member of Pathfinders, Church Quartet and Orchestra, Volleyball Team
Volunteerism: Hunger Project, Student Service Center – Peer Tutoring, Ronald McDonald House, Lunch Bunch, Mary Brennan INN Youth Board

What is your most memorable Mineola moment?



"A few months ago I was walking to school and a school bus stopped and the driver called me over. I thought I was in trouble for something, but he just turned to me and said, 'You have the coolest strut I've ever seen.' Since then he honks every time he passes me on his route. It just made my day. I haven't stopped talking about it since." - **Patrick Lynch**



"Getting to play in the Hofstra Honors Band in seventh grade was most memorable for me. It was a really rewarding experience. I had to work hard for two weeks and got to meet different people. The rehearsals alone were unbelievable. It makes me wish I still played." - **Jaclyn Lusardi**

"Being in student organization. I really liked getting to work with every grade level and getting to know the community I live in by working together toward a common goal." - **Conner Dunleavy**



"I was a soccer player in my first pep rally at the high school. Walking into the gym and seeing all the students and that energy was amazing. It was such a great feeling to be part of something so big as a freshman." - **Nikki-Taylor Massaro**



"During an unexpected free period, a friend and I went to get lunch and witnessed someone on a bike get hit by a car. My friends and I helped the guy get back up and calmed the driver of the car down. It's memorable to me because had we not had this unexpected free period, no one else would have stopped to help these people. It's funny how things work out like that." - **Thomas Behan**

"Freshman year, when we won the county championship for track and field. Winning that championship brought everyone so close together. The upperclassmen made me feel so comfortable both on the track and in the hallways at school." - **Fredric Lang**



"Joining A Capella because I got to explore my musical side rather than just acting. It made my senior year more fun." - **Neha Narvekar**



"Earlier this year, when seniors 'decorated' the school prior to homecoming. Everyone came out to help, regardless of whether they were involved in sports, and it was just nice to see everyone do something outside of school together." - **Javier Gonzalez**



"Joining drama my freshman year and performing in 'Beauty and the Beast.' It was my first time on stage and it was a really fun experience. I got to make a lot of friends, too." - **Stefanie Amendoeira**

"Last year we went to Carnegie Hall with the treble choir group. It was a really great moment to share with my class. It was the first time I'd ever been there. I really enjoyed the whole trip, including the boat ride and the food." - **Shai'ann Simpson**



"Reggie Carter Night was my most memorable, when one of my classmates, Rohit, came out to play. The energy was amazing and everyone went crazy supporting him. Everyone was just together and having a great time, it didn't matter what your skill level was. It just made me feel good to be part of such a supportive group." - **Bobby Rogers**



"Our softball team played the No. 1-ranked team in the conference, and we really wanted to beat them. It was a really close game. The other team came very close to beating us, but I caught the ball for the last out that let us win. It was an amazing feeling. Everyone rushed out to me and we were so excited." - **Priscilla Ma**



Poem in Your Pocket

In coordination with their unit of study on poetry, Jackson Avenue Elementary School's librarian Judy Shaughnessy kicked off a weeklong "Poem in Your Pocket" event. All students were asked to keep and share a poem in their pocket each day throughout the week, and were required to present the poem to a teacher or staff member whenever asked. Every student in the building was asked to share his or her poem at least once, and a prize was given to those who were "caught" with a poem. Students got creative and hid poems in their hair and shoes when a pocket was not on them, and prizes included sports posters, trading cards, books and coupons to local eateries.

"The library always tries to support what is being taught in the classrooms with appropriate activities, computer lessons and books to feature," Ms. Shaughnessy said. Students either selected one of their favorite poems to carry or wrote an original on their own.



Quiet Zone Comes Alive

A group of fourth-graders at Jackson Avenue School were inspired to build a nature habitat after reading the article "Schoolyard Alive!" by Anna Mearns. The group of approximately 16 students decided to clean up the school's "Quiet Zone," a place where students can go during recess who just want to read a book or have a few quiet moments in between their play. The cleanup, supervised by teachers, was also an opportunity for students to learn about gardening and different types of weeds and plants. The group volunteered their recess periods to clean up the space and were even hoping to host a few fundraisers in order to raise money to purchase a butterfly bush and bird bath.



STUDENT MOTIVATES OTHERS

Mineola High School senior Brandon Lee Heard visited sixth-graders in Staney Jacob's class at Dutch Broadway School in Elmont to discuss his senior project. For the project, Brandon worked with children to motivate them to do their best despite any extenuating circumstances.

Prior to the visit, the sixth-graders read about Brandon's story in TKD Times magazine during an English Language Arts lesson. Brandon's life story of struggles through his childhood and teenage years motivated him to change his situation. He explained how he used taekwondo as a new beginning to change his life. All of the sixth-graders listened to his story of triumph and how he used school and martial arts as his focus, ultimately earning a Black Belt. To emphasize the main topics of the visit, the students also participated in team-building exercises and leadership activities. Brandon, who will be attending college in the fall with a full scholarship, told the sixth-graders to "reach beyond your own expectations and what others expect of you."



A Passport to the Future

This spring, Mineola High School juniors were given a passport to their future during a Career Day event. Students came dressed for success and eager to learn about possible career options. Designed as roundtable discussions, professionals from 40 organizations, companies and institutions spoke about their careers with the students. Among the presenters were seven Mineola High School alumni and local businesses from the community.

This Career Day forum assisted students in

planning for their futures, gave presenters an opportunity to inform future participants in their fields, and enabled the guidance staff to expand their role as college and career advisers. Students appreciated the hands-on format of the event, as it bridged the gap between the classroom and the world of work.

"They really told you what it was like to live the career," said junior Joyce Rhim, who was taking AP Physics and considering a career in the field of math or science. The presenters

explained the connection between academic coursework and potential careers. They also discussed the various career options afforded by specific technical programs and college majors. Junior Bruna Martins commented that her conversations with medical professionals helped her identify possible career paths she can pursue with a scientific background. The students came away from the roundtables motivated, optimistic and focused on their postsecondary plans.

Sports Wrap-Up

The 2013 spring sports season sent several teams and individuals into playoffs and state meets. The girls softball team advanced into the county playoffs behind the strong play of freshman pitcher Emily Skupp. Offensive firepower was provided by Skupp and a host of other players, including Lauren Fischer, Valerie Fischer, Adriana McKeever and Christina Palmenteri. Christina played a solid defense throughout the season and will be continuing her playing career at Adelphi University in the fall.

The boys lacrosse team was led by Brian Gaffney, who will be continuing his sport at St. John's University in the fall. The team took on Oyster Bay in the first round of the Nassau County playoffs at Hofstra University. After defeating Oyster Bay 13-10, the Mustangs set their sights on perennial lacrosse power Cold Spring Harbor. Although the team gave a good fight, in the end they came up short in the semifinal round, as Cold Spring Harbor continued on their route to become county champions.

In boys track, senior Fredric Lang was All-State, finishing fifth overall in the New York State meet in the 3,000-meter steeplechase. In addition, the All-County 4x800 team consisting of Dylan Bestler, Lang, Joseph Mulder and Jake Tavernite qualified for the state meet.

On June 3, the Mineola Athletic Booster Club sponsored the Varsity Award Banquet held at Jericho Terrace. The evening featured many special award presentations. Julianne Falotico and Gaffney were presented the prestigious Athlete of the Year awards for their exceptional efforts and achievements as student-athletes. The following is a list of Mineola's spring athletes and their accomplishments, along with other end-of-year award recipients.

Mineola Athletic Booster Senior Scholarship Recipients

Delores Chichi
Brad Coleman
Matthew DePalma
Teresa Ferreri
Nikki-Taylor Massaro
Adriana McKeever
Joseph Mulder
Rohit Singla
Ashley Stavish

Student-Athlete Leadership Award Winners

Thomas Behan
Nikki-Taylor Massaro

U.S. Army National Scholar-Athlete Award Winners

Julianne Falotico
Patrick Murray

U.S. Marines Distinguished Athlete Award Winners

Joshua Lopes
Christina Palmenteri
Michael Waszczuk

U.S. Navy Athletic Achievement Award Winners

Malcolm Brown
Mathew Long
Danielle Martinez-McCormack

Athletes of the Year

Julianne Falotico
Brian Gaffney

Sportsmanship Award

Anastasia Canell
Fredric Lang

PE Students of the Year

Erica Cunha
Fredric Lang

Softball

All-County – Christine Palmenteri, Emily Skupp
All-Conference – Mallory Donelan, Adriana McKeever
All-Division – Lauren Fischer, Valerie Fischer
Senior Scholar-Athlete – Anastasia Canell

Boys Lacrosse

All-County – Brian Gaffney
Honorable Mention All-County – Robert Dwyer
All-Conference – Joshua Lopes, Timothy Gill
All-Academic All-Conference – John Clancy, Robert Dwyer, Brian Gaffney

Girls Lacrosse

Honorable Mention All-County – Ashley Stavish
All-Conference – Marisa Athan, Julianne Falotico, Teresa Ferreri
Academic All-American – Courtney Capobianco, Rebecca Chiu, Julianne Falotico, Nikki-Taylor Massaro, Carolina Palumbo, Ashley Stavish

Baseball

All-League – Ryan Kelly

Spring Track

All-County – Dylan Bestler – 4 X 800; Anthony Caruso – Discus; Fredric Lang – 3,000-meter Steeplechase, 4x800; Jake Tavernite – 4x800
County Champion – Dylan Bestler – 4x800; Fredric Lang – 3,000-meter Steeplechase, 4x800; Joseph Mulder – 4x800; Jake Tavernite – 4x800
All-Division – Jessica Azevedo, Brad Coleman, Jenna Pareti, Nina Ribeiro

Scholar-Athlete Team Award – Boys Spring Track, Girls Spring Track, Baseball, Girls Lacrosse

BOARD NEWS

Board vice president Christine Napolitano was one of 16 women honored by the Town of North Hempstead at the 20th annual Women's History Breakfast. In celebration of Women's History Month, Mrs. Napolitano was recognized for her contributions to the community. The event was held in honor of North Hempstead's first female supervisor, May W. Newburger, who passed away last year and was known as a trailblazer among local women. Mrs. Napolitano has served on Mineola's school board since 2009, in addition to serving on many local committees. Most notably during her tenure on the Board, Mineola has stabilized spending and reorganized to operate more efficiently and affordably for its taxpayers.

Irene Parrino, former three-year member of the Board of Education, was recognized by the New York State School Boards Association with the Board Excellence Award. The award recognizes the extensive time and effort put forth by a board member who strives to continually expand his or her governance, knowledge and skills. Mrs. Parrino was presented with the award by Superintendent Dr. Michael Nagler at a recent Board of Education meeting.

The Board welcomes newest members, Patricia Navarra who was voted into office during the May 2013 election, and Nicole Matzer who is taking over the spot formerly held by Terence Hale until the voter election in May 2014.

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