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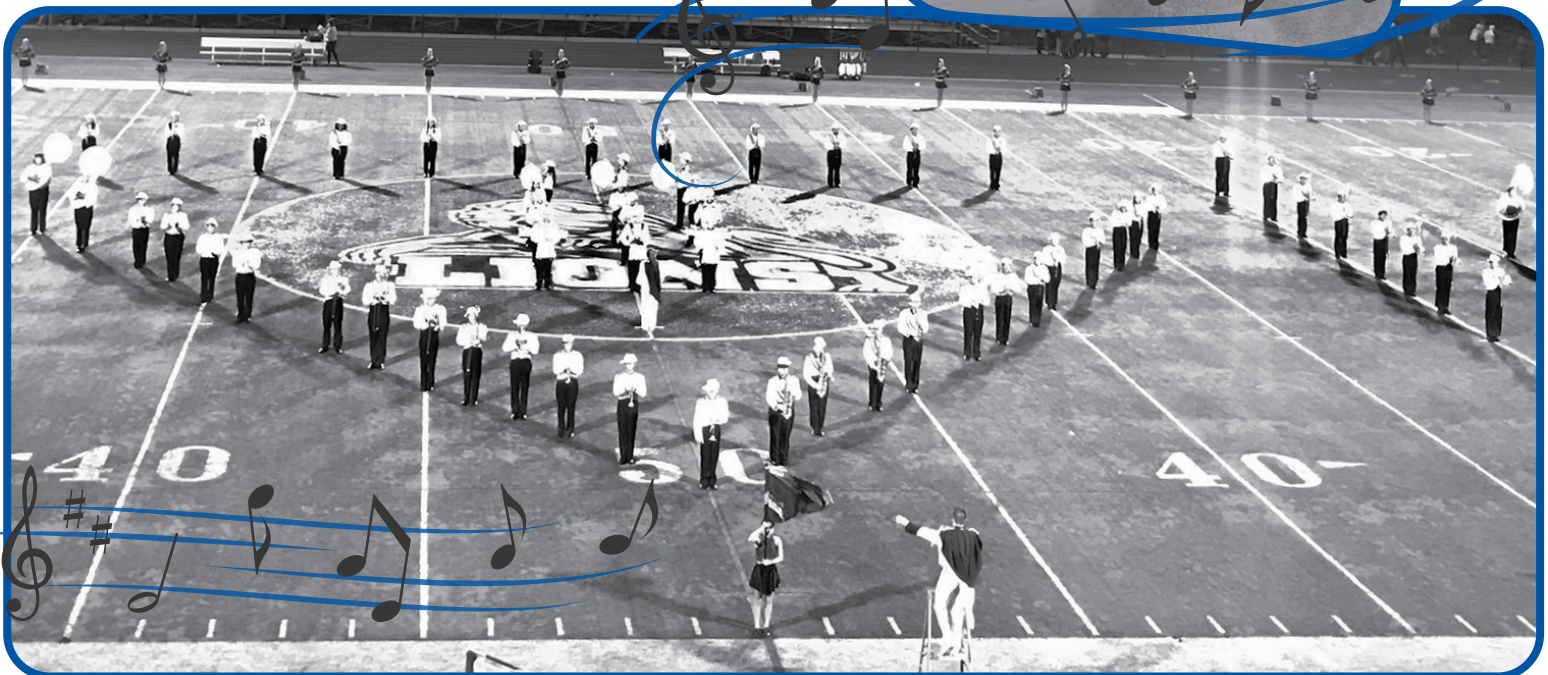
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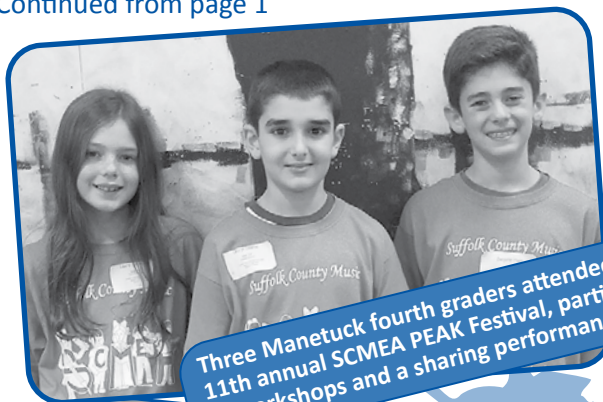
### Continued Excellence and Enhancement for the *Art and Music* Program

As we move into 2020, the district continues to excel in award-winning performing and visual arts programs. Increasing numbers of students are accepted into competitions at the county, state and national levels, truly reflective of the dedication of West Islip's outstanding art and music educators. Thanks to tremendous support from the Board of Education and central administration, West Islip has enhanced the curriculum with the latest technology, updated equipment and made significant renovations, including flat-panel screens in every art and music classroom districtwide, as well as the latest software.

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Three Manetuck fourth graders attended the 11th annual SCMEA PEAK Festival, participating in workshops and a sharing performance.



At the high school, nine students were recently chosen by the New York State School Music Association to perform at the All-State Music Conference, showcasing the finest high school musicians from across the state, and three additional students were selected as alternates.



This past December, aspiring young band, chorus and orchestra musicians at each of the district's seven school buildings provided their families and fellow students with joy, delivering a delightful selection of holiday sounds during the winter concert series.

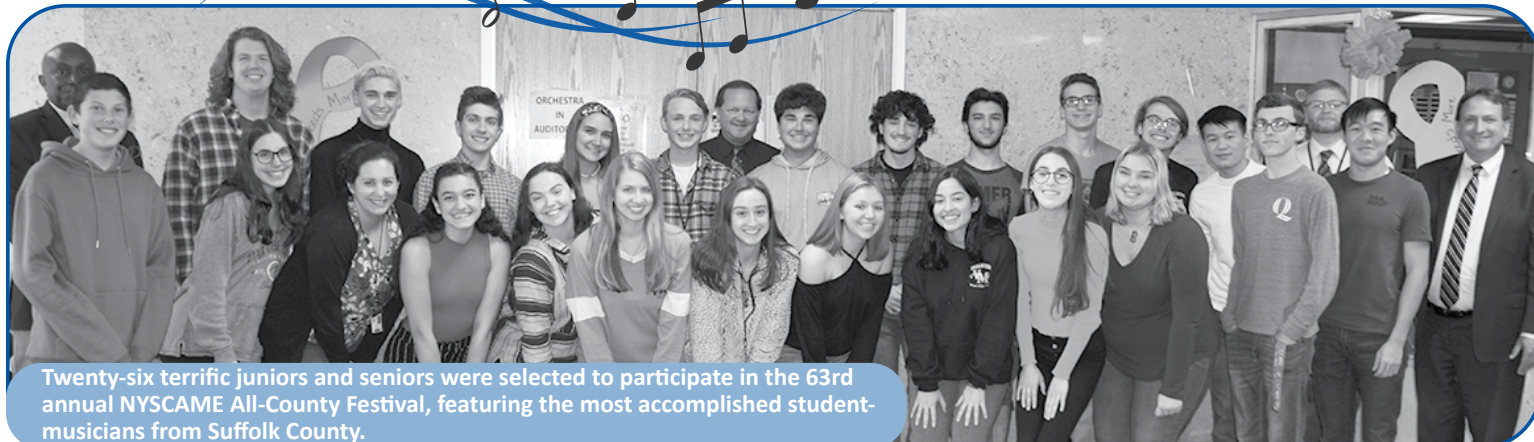


High school Art Honor Society students volunteered their time to mentor fifth and fourth grade artists in Bayview's Da'Vinci Art Club. With help from their mentors, the Bayview students created sgraffito ceramic tiles, a landscape painting and two-way optical illusion pictures.

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Last year, West Islip earned a Best Communities for Music Education designation from the NAMM Foundation for the second consecutive year for exceptional achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.



Twenty-six terrific juniors and seniors were selected to participate in the 63rd annual NYSCAME All-County Festival, featuring the most accomplished student-musicians from Suffolk County.

# CURRICULUM UPDATE

Pending sufficient enrollment, the following new courses will be offered for the 2020-2021 school year:

## BUSINESS .....

**Virtual Enterprise** – In this unique hands-on course, aspiring entrepreneurs will create their own corporations and experience how a business works. Students take on the roles of employees such as CEO, vice president and human resources manager, and will be involved in actual “on-the-job” work experiences, including sales, marketing, accounting and personnel management. West Islip VE students will interact with students from other districts in a global business environment and buy products from one another using virtual currency gained from the sale of each other’s products. Opportunities are provided throughout this course for students to present their work, experience real-world competition, network with peers, and connect with college and business partners.

## HEALTH .....

**Teen Health and Wellness** – This course is designed to challenge teen thinking regarding modern health behaviors and consequences. Students will utilize knowledge from their previous health studies along with current events to think critically about important factors that impact the health of individuals and society.

## MUSIC .....

**Freshman Orchestra** – This course is designed to transition music students to the high school orchestra program.



## Pre-K Update

The district’s prekindergarten program has been a tremendous success this year and will continue for the 2020–2021 school year. Each elementary school will offer both a morning and afternoon session. Registration for next year’s pre-K program is currently taking place. Information on the registration process can be found on the district website under Quick Links. The program provides West Islip’s youngest learners with the opportunity to socialize with their peers, acquaint themselves with the school environment and acquire the foundational skills necessary for a successful kindergarten experience.

## Rules Reminder for School Grounds

*School grounds are closed to the public when facilities are closed for the night.*

Unless authorized and secured in approved areas, the use of bikes, skateboards, cars, motorcycles, motorized boards and other such vehicles is not permitted.

*Driving speed limits are 15 mph in driveways and 10 mph in parking areas.*

**Walking dogs on school grounds is prohibited.**

*Possession of weapons and other dangerous items is forbidden without written authorization from the superintendent.*

**No tobacco smoking or vaping on school grounds.**

*Use or possession of alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs is prohibited, including inappropriate use of prescription or over-the-counter drugs.*



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# Bond Work UPDATE

Our students and staff have moved back into the high school music suite, where renovated band, chorus and orchestra rooms greeted our musicians when they returned to school after the holiday break. The finishing touches have been put on the new technology/robotics room, where the high school robotics team has already begun its build season. Due to delays related to equipment deliveries, completion of the entrance vestibule at the high school has been delayed, but it should be up and running by the spring. The Bayview playground is complete and being used enthusiastically by our students, the Oquenock playground is

installed but awaiting the rubberized surface, while the basketball court awaits its asphalt pavement. Additional security cameras are being installed throughout the district.



# Masera UPDATE

As was presented to the community in the district's Fall 2019 newsletter, the Emil D. Masera School, which has been leased since 2000 to Eastern Suffolk BOCES, is now vacant. BOCES has moved its program to another location in Suffolk County. The 11-acre property is on the west side of Udall Road, just north of Sunrise Highway. The Board has contracted with Winkler Real Estate to solicit offers to build housing for senior citizens. West Islip is the only hamlet in the Town of Islip which does not have condominium or rental options for its seniors. The Board trustees and central administrators are discussing the future of the property and will host a community forum at the high school on February 25.

Stay current with Masera updates and submit questions on the district website: [http://www.wi.k12.ny.us/district/masera\\_update](http://www.wi.k12.ny.us/district/masera_update)



# New HS Graduation Date!

The West Islip High School Class of 2020 commencement date has been changed to a new date and time. It will be held Friday, June 26 at 6 p.m.



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