Farewell, 2009 Retirees

This year, the West Babylon School District bids farewell to eight dedicated individuals who have served our students and community with uncommon care and commitment. Our 2009 retirees are:

- Cathy Benjamin, K-8 social studies coordinator
- Jeanette Brescia, elementary education
- Hubert Gibbons, business
- Josephine Mackin, elementary education
- Lynn McCabe, business chairperson
- Kathleen Nocella, mathematics
- Valerie Pecan, health
- Patricia Twardy, reading

We thank each of them for their contributions, and wish much success and happiness to all in their future endeavors.
At the Head of the Class

This year, West Babylon High School is proud to honor two outstanding seniors, who, each with a weighted grade point average of 107, have earned the distinction of being named valedictorians for the Class of 2009. Grace Cappadona and Jessica Ziegler graduate with impressive records of academic achievement, strong leadership and extracurricular service, and we thank them for the fine example they have set for our entire school community throughout the past four years.

Co-Valedictorian Grace Cappadona

In addition to completing six Advanced Placement (AP) courses, Grace Cappadona has served as vice president of the National Honor Society, Astra Chapter; secretary of the Rotary Club and a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society and the Vincent Foley Foreign Language Honor Society, for her proficiency in Italian. She has also participated in the New York State Science Olympiad and volunteered with Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) since her freshman year. Her other activities include participating in the marching band, JV tennis, Habitat for Humanity, the BOCES ALC Peer Facilitator Program and the West Babylon Beautification Society. Grace will attend Stony Brook University in the fall, where she plans to major in chemistry.

Co-Valedictorian Jessica Ziegler

Jessica Ziegler is a member of the National Honor Society, the Tri-M Music Honor Society and the Vincent Foley Foreign Language Honor Society, and has completed an impressive 10 AP courses throughout her time at WBHS. Jessica is an outstanding scholar/athlete who has played on the varsity tennis team since ninth grade and helped her teammates earn back-to-back League IV championships in 2007 and 2008. She has also competed on the varsity winter and spring track teams for the past two years. Additionally, she has been involved in a number of extracurricular organizations including SADD, the Mock Trial Team, the Rotary Club and the math and art clubs, and has served as a volunteer at Good Samaritan Hospital. Jessica plans to major in chemistry at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute this fall.

Alumni Foundation Seeks Hall of Fame Nominations!

The West Babylon Alumni Foundation is proud to announce the creation of a Hall of Fame to honor West Babylon graduates and community members who have given of themselves in some distinguishing way for the benefit of others. The Foundation and its Hall of Fame Committee are currently seeking nominations of candidates for awards in two categories: Alumni Awards will recognize West Babylon graduates for significant contributions to their profession, to our schools and/or community, or to the larger society. (Nominees must have been out of school for at least five years.) Community Awards will recognize those who, though they did not graduate from West Babylon, have made significant contributions to the betterment of the district and West Babylon community.

Nomination forms may be picked up at the superintendent’s office, located in the administration wing of the high school, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Forms must be completed and returned by Monday, August 31, 2009. You may also request a form by sending an email to wbalumni@wbschools.org. The first Hall of Fame induction and awards ceremony will be scheduled for October 2009. If there is someone you feel deserves this distinct honor, we urge you to obtain a nomination form and sponsor that individual.
Class of 2009 Top 25

3. Conor Sullivan
4. Kaitlyn Harrison
5. Marc Smith
6. Nicholas Carboni
7. Skyla Lilly

8. Brian Reardon
9. Emily Ladau
10. Kristin Gervasi
11. Brian Hicks
12. Tyler Abruzzo

13. Taralynn Kelly
14. Stephanie Kane
15. Jennifer Nadraus
16. Rebecca Fisher
17. Elton Chan

18. Grace Drewes
19. Victoria Wong
20. Kimberly Waletitsch
21. Michael Joseph Salerno
22. Franco Aiuto

23. Jessica Hotelling
24. Bridget Phillips
25. Christopher Muhs
AMERICAN LEGION - SGT. JOHN SARDIELLO POST
Americanism - Anthony Lubrano
School Citizen - Conor Sullivan
General Excellence - Grace Cappadona
Positive Qualities of Scholarship - Jessica Ziegler
High Regard for Individual Worth - Beverly Korsah
Scholarship - Kaitlyn Harrison

WEST BABYLON FIRE DEPARTMENT
Outstanding Boy Athlete - M. Kyle Smith
Outstanding Girl Athlete - Stephanie Kane

WEST BABYLON FIRE DEPARTMENT, LADIES' AUXILIARY
For Excellence in the Study of Mathematics - Nicholas Carboni

FRANK G. LEONE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Mary Sluka

WEST BABYLON ALUMNI FOUNDATION
Taylor Davino and Grace Drewes

WEST BABYLON LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP
Nicole Borak, Grace Cappadona, Rebecca Fisher, Amelia Furnari and Heather Pirolo

WEST BABYLON LEO CLUB SCHOLARSHIP
Rebecca Fisher and Heather Pirolo

NEW YORK STATE ASSEMBLYMEN'S CITIZENSHIP AWARD
Outstanding Social Studies Student - Brian Reardon

SUFFOLK COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD
Kaitlin Murtaugh

SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE'S COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
Outstanding School and Community Service - Brittany Scelza

SENATORIAL CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
Service to School and Community - Conor Sullivan

CONGRESSIONAL CERTIFICATE OF MERIT
Congressman Steven Israel - Anthony Lubrano
Congressman Peter King - Gabrielle DeGaetano

TOWN OF BABYLON COMMUNITY AWARD
Community & School Service - Anthony Roberto

STATE OF NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE STATE COMPTROLLER AWARD
Nicole Borak

THE DEBORAH DI SALVO-BRADY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Grace Cappadona

JOHN & RACHEL SCOTT ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP
Grace Cappadona and Jessica Wenke

BABYLON BREAST CANCER COALITION
Jenna Eason and Anthony Lubrano

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
Distinguished Athlete Award - Kaitlyn Harrison and Conor Sullivan
Distinguished Scholar Award - Grace Cappadona and Conor Sullivan
Semper Fidelis Excellence in Music - Jasmin Fortunato and John Hansen

UNITED STATES ARMY RESERVE NATIONAL SCHOLAR/ATHLETE
Nicholas Carboni and Michelle Warren

WEST BABYLON TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION
WBTA Scholarships - Kaitlyn Harrison, Skyla Lilly and Kimberly Waletitsch

MEL KASS SCHOLARSHIP
Elton Chan, Gabrielle DeGaetano, Rebecca Fisher, Jason Gurtata, Emily Ladau, Samantha Sloan, Jessica Wenke and Victoria Wong

FITZHARRIS AND COMPANY SCHOLARSHIP
Achievement Scholarship - Jessica Ziegler

SUSAN AND LENNY CONGIUSTA NURSING SCHOLARSHIP
Beverly Korsah

WEST BABYLON BOARD OF EDUCATION
In Recognition of West Babylon High School's Top Ranked Scholars 2009
Grace Cappadona, Jessica Ziegler, Conor Sullivan, Kaitlyn Harrison, Marc Smith, Nicholas Carboni, Skyla Lilly, Brian Reardon, Emily Ladau and Kristin Gervasi

MARY (MARIA) FERRANDINO COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP
Emily Ladau

COLONEL MARJORIE A. FERRANDINO SCHOLARSHIP
Kaitlyn Harrison

DR. SALVATORE S. BUSCEMI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Kaitlyn Harrison

WILLIAM J. LESKO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Kaitlyn Harrison

THE LAURA WADE SCHOLARSHIP FOR SWIMMING
Amanda Vetter and Michelle Warren

JOANNE CAREY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Maria Abbate

VICTOR ORTLOFF PAST ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP
Marcin Jimenez

EDWARD J. MAXWELL MEMORIAL AWARD
For Scholastic Achievement - Elton Chan

MARGARET EHRENSPERGER SCHOLARSHIP
Emily Ladau

THE HEATON FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP
Nicholas Carboni and Kimberly Waletitsch

FRANK M. VOLZ SR. MEMORIAL AWARD
Community-School Service - Joseph Lepore

HELEN E. VOLZ MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Community-School Service - Nicole Kuffo

HENRY GEORGE MAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Marcin Jimenez

THE ERIKA DELIA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Grace Cappadona

WEST BABYLON PARENTS' SPORTS SCHOLARSHIP
Athletic Achievement Scholarship - Nicholas Carboni, Grace Drewes, Stephanie Kane, Anthony Lubrano, Melani Maxwell, Erica Peters, Conor Sullivan and Michelle Warren

ANNUAL IMPAGLIAZZO ATHLETIC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP
Outstanding Athletic Achievement - Alexander Yee

FRANK RIVIEZZO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
Outstanding Athletic Achievement - Kaitlyn Harrison

WEST BABYLON TRANSPORTATION AWARD
Jonathan Bianco, Nicole Borak, Emily Ladau, Michelle Perez, Mary Sluka and Alexander Yee

LONG ISLAND LANGUAGE ARTS COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP
Taralynn Kelly and Emily Ladau
WEST BABYLON DRAMA CLUB
Outstanding Service - Brendan Klein
Outstanding Senior - Kristina Lodestro

Dwight Kenney Dramatic Achievement Award
Ashley Sumner

Long Island Blood Services Scholarship
Ellen Valsechi

West Babylon Student Association - Senior Leadership Award
President - Kaitlyn Harrison
Vice President - Stacey Karson
Secretary - Megan Sullivan
Treasurer - Bridget Phillips

West Babylon Principals’- Assistant Principals’ Award
Michael Munch and Jessica Wenke

President’s Education Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence
Tyler Abruzzo, Grace Cappadona, Nicholas Carboni, Kristin Gervasi, Kaitlyn Harrison, Brian Hicks, Stephanie Kane, Taralynn Kelly, Emily Ladau, Skyla Lilly, Jennifer Nadraus, Brian Reardon, Marc Smith, Conor Sullivan and Jessica Ziegler

President’s Award for Outstanding Academic Achievement
Franco Aiuto, Elton Chan, Grace Drewes, Rebecca Fisher, Jessica Hotelling, Christopher Muhs, Bridget Phillips, Michael Joseph Salerno, Kimberly Waletitsch and Victoria Wong

Varsity Club Scholarship
Kaitlyn Harrison

Jack Scharf Scholarship
Steven Kaiser

Winifred Vaughn Scholarship
Joseph Tusa and Erica Williams

Jon Link Scholarship
Beverly Korsah

West Babylon Leaders’ Club Scholarship
Excellence in Leadership and Community Service - Gabrielle DeGaetano, Alexis Farrell, Nikki Frink, Kristina Lodestro, Justina Miller, Kaitlin Murtaugh, Jennifer Nadraus, Britanny Scelza, Samantha Steinhart and Kaycee Stone
Blue and Gold Captains - Alexis Farrell, Nikki Frink, Kristina Lodestro, Justina Miller, Jennifer Nadraus, Samantha Steinhart and Kaycee Stone

West Babylon High School Music Parents’ Association Scholarship
Sean Arthurs, Anthony Bertuglia, Gabrielle DeGaetano, Grace Drewes, Jasmin Fortunato, John Hansen, Brendon Klein, Skyla Lilly, Kristina Lodestro, Justina Miller, Michael Pafundi, Bridget Phillips, Marc Smith and Conor Sullivan

Town of Babylon Anti-Bias Task Force
Anti-Bias Task Force “Student of the Year” - Peter Mingione

West Babylon Football League, Inc.
Jeena Ficarrotta and Jennifer Nadraus

Nassau/Suffolk Cheerleading Association
Nicole Borak

The Triple “C” Award Program - NYS Attorney General’s Office
Alexandra Pedone, Michael Walthers

Association of L.I. Vocational Educators
Madison Malley

NYS Lottery
Grace Cappadona

West Babylon Broadcasters’ Club
Sean Arthurs and Michael Ortado
Excellence in Editing - Stephen Badolato and Conor Sullivan

Counselor Recognition Awards
Peter Battifarano, Taras Fedyna, Ryan Fullan, Thomas Heller, Victoria Holjje, Brian Reardon, Salvatore Russo, Britanny Scelza, Samantha Sloan, Megan Sullivan, Alexa Todaro, Amanda Traino, Michael Walthers and Scott Yonkers

National Merit Scholarship Commended Student
Conor Sullivan

Forensic Science Award
Outstanding Participation in Forensic Science - Stephanie Kane and Joseph Tusa

Mock Trial Award
Outstanding Participation in Mock Trial - Kimberly Waletitsch and Jessica Ziegler

Suffolk County High School Principal’s Association
Allstate Safe Driving Activist Award - Joseph Tusa

South Shore Soccer Club
Memorial Scholarship - Nicholas Carboni, Kaitlyn Harrison, Steven Kasser, Anthony Lubrano, Christopher Muhs, Christopher Peace, Marc Smith, Kaycey Stone, Conor Sullivan and Kimberly Waletitsch

West Babylon Public Library Scholarship
Jenna Eason, Christie Monteleone and Samantha Sloan

Association of L.I. Vocational Educators
Robert Berkowitz and Ximena Gutierrez

Town of Babylon Industrial Development Agency
2009 Vocational Award - Robert Berkowitz

NYS Scholarship for Academic Excellence
Tyler Abruzzo, Grace Cappadona, Nicholas Carboni, Kristin Gervasi, Kaitlyn Harrison, Brian Hicks, Stephanie Kane, Taralynn Kelly, Skyla Lilly, Jennifer Nadraus, Brian Reardon, Marc Smith, Conor Sullivan and Jessica Ziegler

Baby Barn Rotary Scholarship
Scholastic Excellence - Jessica Hotelling, Jessica Ziegler
Dr. Stanley Aldrich Memorial Scholarship Award - Amelia Furnari

Best Buy Scholarship
Amelia Furnari

Suffolk County School Superintendents’ Association
Corporate Scholarship
Emily Ladau

Babylon Fire Department
Jessica Sparks

Western Suffolk Counselors’ Association Scholarship
Jeena Ficarrotta
Senior Awards and Scholarships

WEST BABYLON PTA COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS
Council: Sean Arthurs, Samantha Baum, Nicholas Carboni, Elton Chan, Alexis Farrell, Patrick McCall, John Meyer, Alexia Montemurro, Nicholas Reyman, Salvatore Russo, Michael Joseph Salerno, Megan Sullivan and Victoria Wong
Senior High PTSA - Taylor Davino, Jasmin Fortunato, Kaitlyn Harrison, Anthony Lubrano, Brittany SceIlza and Jessica Ziegler
Junior High PTSA - Matthew Kaminsky, Samantha Morra, Bridget Phillips and Jessica Sparks
Forest Avenue Elementary PTA - Grace Cappadona, Mark Gernavage, Jessica Hotelling and Brendan Klein
JFK Elementary PTA - Angelica Adames, Nicole Kufflo, Marc Smith and Michelle Warren
Santapogue Elementary PTA - Stephanie Kane, Joseph Lepore, Erica Peters and Samantha Sloan
South Bay Elementary PTA - Gabrielle DeGaetano, Amelia Furnari, Taralynn Kelly and Kristina Lodestro
Tooker Avenue Elementary PTA - Christie Monteleone, Christopher Mulis, Heather Pirolo and Conor Sullivan

Departmental Awards

PERFECT ATTENDANCE
Grades K-12 - Brittany Scelza
Grades 2-12 - Grace Cappadona and Jennifer Nadraus
Grades 6-12 - Navejit Bhullar, Christina Francesco, Steven Kaiser, Philip Lentricchia and Victoria Wong
Grades 7-12 - Kristin Gervasi
Grades 8-12 - Anthony Bertuglia, Elton Chan, Rebecca Fisher, Matthew Francois, James Hart, Amanjit Malhi, Christopher Muhis, Michael John Salerno and Matthew Strasser
Grades 11-12 - Melani Maxwell and Marc Smith
Grade 12 - Jessica Buscarino, Matthew Cassano, Danny Cheong, Anthony Dellefeda, Kaitlin Murtaugh and Joseph Tusa

ART DEPARTMENT
Excellence in the Field of Visual Art - Julianna DiFruscio, Stephanie Kane, Taralynn Kelly, Joseph Lepore, Erica Peters, Shelby Schwartz, Samantha Sloan and Jessica Wenke
Scholastic Achievement in Advanced Placement History of Art - Ann Armstrong, Erica Peters and Stephanie Kane
Outstanding Academic Achievement in Ceramics - Brittany SceIlza
Outstanding Achievement in Photography - Jenna Yearsley

2009 YEARBOOK ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
Excellence in Yearbook - Elton Chan, Stephanie Kane, Joseph Lepore, Samantha Sloan and Ellen Valsechi

BUSINESS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
Outstanding Dedication to Business - Amanda Traino

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT
Outstanding Achievement in English Language Arts - Jessica Ziegler

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES
Excellence in the Field of Foods & Nutrition - Marvin Titus-Casseus
Excellence in the Field of Food Service - Brittney Fott
Excellence in the Field of Child Development - Ellen Valsechi

FOREIGN LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT
Excellence in the Study of French - Jessica Ziegler
Excellence in the Study of Italian - Kaitlyn Harrison
Excellence in the Study of Russian - Skyla Lilly
Excellence in the Study of Spanish - Kristin Gervasi

MATHMATICS DEPARTMENT
Excellence in the Study of Mathematics & AP Calculus - Grace Cappadona, Nicholas Carboni, Kaitlyn Harrison, Marcin Jimenez, Marc Smith and Jessica Ziegler
Excellence in Math 12R - Rebecca Fisher and Rafal Jurkowski

MUSIC DEPARTMENT
WBHS Choir Award - Bridget Phillips
National Orchestra Award - Marc Smith
National Choir Award - Grace Drewes
WBHS Orchestra Award - Brittnay Cezidz
John Phillips Sousa Band Award - John Hansen
Louis Armstrong National Jazz Award - John Hansen
WBHS Band Award - Nicola Sciaia
Musical Theater Award - Gabrielle DeGaetano and Thomas Kelm
Director's Award - Siobhan Eareckson, Jasmin Fortunato and Carolyn Ryan

PHYSICAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
Excellence in Physical Education - Nicholas Carboni and Kaitlyn Harrison
Physical Education Sportsmanship Award - Michael Pafundi
Excellence in the Study of Health Education - Taralynn Kelly and Brendan Klein

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT
Mel Sobel Scientific Instruments Award - Tyler Abruzzo
New York State Science Supervisors' Association Biology Award - John Meyer and Christie Monteleone
New York State Science Supervisors' Association Chemistry Award - Grace Cappadona and Brian Hicks
New York State Science Supervisors' Association Earth Science Award - Joseph Bocca and Emily Ladau
New York State Science Supervisors' Association Physics Award - Rebecca Fisher and Michael Pafundi
New York State Science Supervisors' Association Advanced Placement Biology Award - Vincent Cali and Kaitlyn Harrison
New York State Science Supervisors' Association Advanced Placement Chemistry Award - Marc Smith and Jessica Ziegler
New York State Science Supervisors' Association Advanced Placement Physics Award - Erica Peters and Marc Smith
New York State Science Supervisors' Association Environmental Science Award - Ryan Dolan and Tabatha Woolley

SOCIAL STUDIES DEPARTMENT
Outstanding Achievement in Social Studies - Nicholas Carboni, Jenna Eason, Rebecca Fisher, Heather Pirolo, Carolyn Ryan and Victoria Wong
Outstanding Achievement in AP Macroeconomics - Patrick Hein and Marc Smith
Outstanding Achievement in Overall AP Courses - Jessica Ziegler

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
Scholastic Achievement Award - Mark Gernavage

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD
For General Excellence - Grace Cappadona and Kaitlyn Harrison
### Scholarships and Academic Grants Awarded to the Class of 2009

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Shelby Schwartz
University at Albany Presidential Scholarship, University of New Haven Presidential Scholarship and Writing Award, Southern Connecticut State University Trustees Scholarship

Samantha Sloan
Alfred University Scholarship

Marc Smith
Webb Institute Full Tuition, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Academic Scholarship, Rochester Institute of Technology Presidential Scholarship and Honors Program Scholarship, University at Buffalo Provost Scholarship

Paul Sparagano
Brooks Institute Merit Scholarship

Conor Sullivan
SUNY University at Albany President’s Scholarship, Emerson College Dean’s Scholarship, Ithaca College President’s Leadership Scholarship

Joseph Tusa
Hofstra University Presidential Scholarship

Mary Tuttle
University at Albany Presidential Merit Scholarship

Amanda Vetter
Marshall University Appalachian Region Scholarship, Seton Hall University Scholarship, St. John’s University Academic Achievement Award

Jessica Wenke
Paul Smith College Presidential Scholarship

Bethany Wenzel
SUNY Oneonta Auxiliary Services Merit Scholarship

Alexander Yee
Bryant University William E. Trueheart Scholarship, Drexel University Dean’s Scholarship

Scholarships and Academic Grants Awarded to the Class of 2009

Congratulations to the 380 eighth graders who graduated from West Babylon Junior High School during a traditional moving-up ceremony on June 26. Highlights of the ceremony included remarks from Principal Scott Payne and Student Council President Angela Necco, the presentation of graduates by Assistant Principal Dr. Nicole Marcik-McCloskey and a pair of stirring musical performances by the 7th grade band. The recessional, Eagles March, was an original composition by West Babylon’s K-8 Music Director, William Doran.

This fall, the graduating students will become the West Babylon High School freshman class. We wish them all the best!

Moving Up

A few of the graduating eighth graders who will attend West Babylon High School this fall. They will become the graduating Class of 2013!
Where Do We Go From Here?

Members of the Class of 2009 will be off to some of the most prestigious colleges and universities in the fall, including:

- Adelphi University
- American University
- Barton College
- Bethany College
- Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania
- Boston College
- Boston University
- Briarcliffe College
- Bryant University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Central Pennsylvania College
- Clarkson University
- Clemson University
- College of Charleston
- College of Saint Rose
- Columbia University
- Connecticut College
- CUNY Baruch College
- CUNY Borough of Manhattan Community College
- CUNY Brooklyn College
- CUNY City College of New York
- CUNY City University of New York
- CUNY Hunter College
- CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- CUNY Queensborough Community College
- Drexel University
- Edison State College
- Elmira College
- Emerson College
- Fairfield University
- Fairleigh Dickinson University
- Fashion Institute of Technology
- Five Towns College
- Florida Gulf Coast University
- Florida Institute of Technology
- Florida State University
- Fordham University
- Guilford College
- Harvard University
- Hawaii Pacific University
- Herkimer County Community College
- Hofstra University
- Iona College
- Ithaca College
- James Madison University
- Johnson & Wales University
- Lafayette College
- Lehigh University
- Long Island University, C.W. Post University
- Manhattan College
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- Marshall University
- Marymount Manhattan College
- Mercy College
- Molloy College
- Mount St. Mary's University
- Nassau Community College
- New England Institute of Technology
- New York Institute of Technology
- Pace University
- Paul Smith's College
- Pennsylvania State University
- Philadelphia University
- Polytechnic Institute of NYU
- Quinnipiac University
- Regent University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Rider University
- Rochester Institute of Technology
- Roger Williams University
- Rutgers University
- Sacred Heart University
- Sanford-Brown Institute
- School of Visual Arts
- Seton Hall University
- Shippensburg University
- Siena College
- Southern Connecticut State University
- St. John's University
- St. Joseph's College
- Suffolk County Community College
- Suffolk University
- Sullivan University
- SUNY Alfred State College
- SUNY Binghamton University
- SUNY Brockport
- SUNY Buffalo State College
- SUNY Cobleskill
- SUNY College at Old Westbury
- SUNY Cortland
- SUNY Delhi
- SUNY Farmingdale State University
- SUNY Fredonia
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- SUNY Maritime College
- SUNY New Paltz
- SUNY Oneonta
- SUNY Oswego
- SUNY Plattsburgh
- SUNY Potsdam
- SUNY Purchase
- SUNY Stony Brook Southampton
- SUNY Stony Brook University
- SUNY University at Albany
- SUNY University at Buffalo
- Syracuse University
- Temple University
- The Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale
- The Art Institute of Philadelphia
- The Culinary Institute of America
- Towson University
- University of Bridgeport
- University of Connecticut
- University of Delaware
- University of Findlay
- University of Hartford
- University of Hawaii
- University of Massachusetts Amherst
- University of New Haven
- University of North Carolina Charlotte
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Rhode Island
- University of Rochester
- University of South Carolina Columbia
- University of South Florida
- University of Tampa
- Utica College
- Wagner College
- Washington College
- Webb Institute of Naval Architecture
- and Marine Engineering
- York College of Pennsylvania

West Babylon Schools Summer Reading Program

Reading during the summer can be such a relaxing, pleasurable experience if you find the right book. West Babylon teachers annually compile grade-level lists that provide popular titles dealing with a wide range of topics. If you prefer to listen to a book as you read, you can find a variety of books on tape at the West Babylon Public Library. You can also browse through the summer reading collections to find the popular picks of the summer. Public librarians Azuree Agnello and Ilana Beckerman would be delighted to assist you with your book shopping and share information about the NYS 2009 Statewide Summer Reading program. This year’s theme is The Arts, with the slogans “Be Creative @ Your Library” (for children) and “Express Yourself @ Your Library” (for teens). You can find more information about this program at www.SummerReadingNYS.org.

Teachers have provided all students with a 2009 summer reading packet and a bookmark created by the West Babylon Senior High School Advertising Class. If you would like to review any of the summer reading packets online please log on to the West Babylon School District’s website at www.wbschools.org. There you will find the book lists, assignments, posters, bookmarks, and new online assessment program for students in grades 6-12. Note that packets for the junior and senior high students are also included. The 2009 Summer Reading Program officially closes on September 21, 2009.
What’s Happening in Our Schools...

Forest Avenue’s Prehistoric Presentation

Second graders at Forest Avenue Elementary School recently presented a show on dinosaurs using fun facts about the prehistoric animals to create songs and poems. Family and friends were invited to attend the event, and were amazed by the students’ knowledge and creativity. After the show, students’ dinosaur projects were on display. The children brought their families on stage to share their pride in their beautiful projects. Pictured is second grader Courtney Shannon as she recites her poem about dinosaurs.

JFK Kindergartener Wins First Place at Science Fair

Kindergartner Olivia O’Hara, a student in Maria Gross’s class at John F. Kennedy Elementary School, placed first in her division at this year’s Brookhaven National Laboratory Elementary Science Fair. Olivia’s project was titled “Natural Ant Control.” She was recognized on June 9 at the meeting of the Suffolk County Legislature for her outstanding accomplishment. Olivia is pictured with (L-R) Suffolk County Legislator Wayne Horsley, Ms. Gross and JFK Principal Gregg Cunningham.

Writers’ Celebration at Santapogue

Fourth grade teachers and students at Santapogue Elementary School invited parents and guardians to attend a writers’ celebration on June 1. During this event, the parents had the opportunity to see how far their children have come with their writing skills. Students demonstrated to their families how the writing workshop operated in their class on a daily basis, shared pieces of writing they have chosen to publish and participated in a descriptive writing activity. Many faculty members also took the time to visit the celebration of each child’s personal achievements. Pictured is fourth grader Sarah Heerey reviewing some writing tips with her dad, Jim.

South Bay’s Winning Ways

Many South Bay students were recently honored for their accomplishments. Fourth graders Jillian Hajek and Jackie Mulders won the student organizer cover art contest; their drawings will be featured on next year’s organizers. Michelle Musial was one of 10 winners out of 37,000 entries in Scholastic’s Diary of a Wimpy Kid comic writing contest. Mackenzie Johnston, Kevin Kelly and Noela Franco represented South Bay at the Brookhaven National Laboratory science fair. Abhilash Jayachandran won second place out of 100 entries in Covanta Energy’s Recycling Poster Contest. The school’s Gold Band won the Silver Award at the NYSSMA Majors Festival, and band members Brandon Hyner, Nicolas Toubucarais and Lisa Quimones were selected to perform at the SCMEA Division 1 Festival. Winners in the Town of Babylon History Essay Contest were: second place: Evann Mendez, Nicole Moebebs and Ammarose Vallone; and first place: Samantha Dragotta, Noela Franco and Brett Thorschmidt. Congratulations to these talented youngsters!

Tooker Avenue Shows its Heart

Tooker Avenue Elementary School’s students, staff and teachers arrived at school wearing red on June 8. Each class assembled on the lawn to form a giant heart symbolizing Tooker Avenue’s love of character education. Students demonstrated kindness and citizenship by being especially cooperative. Other pillars of character education students focused on this year included respect, responsibility, honesty and perseverance. Thank you to Head Custodian Richard Acevedo for painting the heart on the lawn and Senior Technologist T.J. Allcot for taking the photograph of the giant heart.

Math Fair Winners at WBJHS

Congratulations to the following seventh and eighth grade students who competed in the final round of the Long Island Math Fair at Hofstra University in May. Eighth grader Jillian Safka won a silver medal for “Math in Astronomy,” while her classmates Kristi Meliti and Ashley McHugh-Chiappone won bronze medals for “Math and Spiderwebs.” Seventh grader Stephanie Lim earned a silver medal for her “Codes and Ciphers,” and Bill Tang and Joey Wetzel won silver medals for “Magic Squares.” Bronze medal winners included Megan Frank for “Golden Ratio,” Lily Li for “Pascal’s Triangle,” Michael Liguori for “Napier’s Rods,” and Danielle Heerey and Amber Volz for “The Abacus.”
West Babylon Musicians Shine at NYSSMA Festivals

The West Babylon School District is proud to announce that a total of 191 students participated in the New York State School Music Association’s (NYSSMA) solo and ensemble festivals this year, attesting to the skill and dedication of our students and staff members. Congratulations to all our talented musicians!

Derek Daffara
Courtney Cronin
Danielle Cristiano
Stephanie Colon
Derek Duffara
Alexandra David
Dylan DeGaetano
Marina DeGuido
Robert DeGuido
Lindsey Del Prete
Jamie Delprato
Devan DeRubio
Nicole Dobshinsky
Nadine Doerbecker
Carly Donahue
Emily Donlon
Carly Donohue
Allison Lazzaro
Sarah Doyle
Erin Earey
Sabrina Esposito
Rhonda Exinor
Camille Fider
Ian Flanagan
Damienn Foster
Lauren Freeze
Julia Furnari
Leanne Geraghty
Samantha Geiersbach
Leanne Geraghy
John Glennon
Ryan Goodwin
Megan Grabofke
Vans Guerrero
Juhii Gurtata
Jake Hatzfeld
Stephanie Hertel
Christopher Hobin
Sean Hotelling
Justin Host
Daniella Iannelli
Anastasia Iliou
Athena Iliou
Alison Izzo
Jacqueline Izzo
Kallie Jalal
Erin Kenney
Erik Kenney
Kristina Kilcullen
Jessica Killcullen
Brene Krauer
Samantha Kross
Breanna Kummer
Michelle LaTaona
Mariel LaMantia
Amanda Layden
Allison Lazzaro
Matthew Lee
Timothy Lee
Heather Lian
Arianna Lisante
Trudy Losee
John Paul Louis
Meredith Louis
Alexa Lucchesse
Joey Ludwig
Miranda Lupion
Daniel Macioch
Luke Maerki
Paul Mahlman
Nicole Maiorano
Matthew Mantione
Giovanni Marine
Melissa Massmann
Sean McCabe
Nicole McGovern
Ashley McHugh
Chiappone
Brianna McNulty
Megan McShane
William McShane
Jennifer Melfi
Kristi Melfi
Angeline Meller
Madison Milito
Taylor Miller
Andrea Monaco
Anthony Morante
Andrew Morrison
Andrew Mullen
Brian Mullen
Kevin Naviloff
Angela Necco
April Nelli
Christina Nicolazzi
Michael Nieto
Christopher Nolan
Philip Nolan
Kelsey O’Connor
Paige O’Connor
Emily O’Halloran
Zachary Orellana
Liam O’Sullivan
Coskin Ostetlik
Jessica Pacella
Alyssa Panaccia
Toni Pastore
Amanda Pesale
James Piccolo
Kerrie Lynn Piccolo
Amanda Quiles
Lisa Quiones
Jessika Raczka
Ariana Ramos
Griffin Reilly
Gianna Rusciniti
Amber Rhattigan
Kaylee Ribaudo
Bianca Rodriguez
Danielle Rush
Zachary Russo
Lauren Ryder
Jillian Safka
Reed Salanitri
Bridge Sands
Naliza Santana-Cruz
Victoria Sardelli
Raymond Schein
Charles Schlegel
Jacqueline Schrom
Maverick Sciarro
Khrystyna Simenchuk
Taylor Sloan
Tyler Smilling
Tara Smith
Joseph Spaeth
Kaitlyn Stauter
William Swinick
Yong Peng Tang
Forrest Thess
Viktor Theiss
Allison Thiel
Jacob Topor
Nicholas Tombabacaris
Thomas Vetter
Amber Volz
Ryan Wade
Casey Walsh
William Walsh
Tyler Walther
Shannon Watts
Joseph Wetzel
Sara Woolsey
Kwynn Yee
Paulina Zabielska
Anjelica Zambroan
Amanda Zeigler
David Zimmerer

William McShane Comes Up Aces in All-State Auditions

Junior William McShane shattered a West Babylon Senior High School record this year by earning a perfect 100 percent score on four separate NYSSMA All-State auditions. William’s auditions featured classical and jazz solo performances on both the alto and baritone saxophone. Congratulations to William on this outstanding achievement!

TOBY Awards for WBSHS Thespians

The West Babylon Senior High School music and drama programs earned accolades from the Babylon Citizens Council on the Arts (BaCCA) at its Town of Babylon Youth Teen Theater (TOBY) Awards program on May 27. Anthony Bertuglia won Best Featured Male Performer - Musical for his role as Ali Hakim in Oklahoma!, while Christopher Nolan Earned Best Leading Male for his role as Zeus in The Iliad, The Odyssey, and All of Greek Mythology in 99 Minutes or Less. The Iliad also earned accolades for Best Ensemble/Drama and for Best Props, and Oklahoma! won the award for Best Dance Performance. Congratulations to all of our talented thespians for these terrific achievements!
**Looking Back on a Year of Character Education**

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Santapogue Elementary School’s students, staff, parents and friends joined together on the playground for their own celebration of the character education program. Classes created paper chains, with each chain link representing a happy memory of different character traits that had been shared during the school year. Each class’ chain was then attached to the school newsletter for all to see on June 8, as the entire Tooker family gathered on the lawn to form a giant heart. Read more about this story on page 10.

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At South Bay Elementary School, the students were immersed in the six pillars through literature, cultural arts presentations and special decorations throughout the school, including a huge tree on the wall in the main lobby, with each branch representing a different pillar. When a student demonstrated that character trait, his or her name was placed on a leaf and added to the tree. June 10, there was a ribbon-cutting celebration to recognize the school and the students’ hard work.

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**All-Around Outstanding Senior Athlete (Girl):** Melani Maxwell  
**All-Around Outstanding Senior Athlete (Boy):** Marvin Titus-Casseus  
**All-Around Outstanding Athlete (Girl):** Alyssa Murray  
**All-Around Outstanding Athlete (Boy):** Katie Harrison  

**SPECIAL AWARDS**  
**Superintendent Trophy (Girls):** Katie Harrison  
**Superintendent Trophy (Boys):** Conor Sullivan  
**Helmer Petersen Baseball Award: Joe Mawhinney**  
**Donald F. Bolinger Memorial Track Award:** Nick Carboni  
**George Kruse Memorial Lacrosse Award:** Alex Yee

Our thanks to Bill Arthur and the West Babylon Athletic Association, Sil Impagliazzo and the West Babylon Sports Parents Association and West Babylon Wellness Association for all their support this year!