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POINTS OF PRIDE

December 2019

ACADEMICS

- The Freeport School District was honored to welcome NASA chief technologist and Cornell University professor Dr. Mason Peck to Freeport High School. Dr. Peck spent the morning enjoying breakfast with students, staff and administrators in the school's DLC, where students presented their research projects and had the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to receive his professional feedback. Dr. Peck also gifted students with NASA pins. After the presentation of the student research, Dr. Peck was greeted by hundreds of students from across the district as he entered the school's performing arts center, where he presented his keynote address on the CubeSat project.
- The High School was boasting with accomplishment, as 85 students were inducted as new members of the National Honor Society in a special candle lighting ceremony. With families and friends in attendance, the students took an oath to uphold the pillars of the National Honor Society and continue to serve themselves and their community.
- Leo F. Giblyn Elementary School second grade dual-language students and their parents worked together on a Thanksgiving themed STEAM challenge. They designed and constructed a farming tool that the pilgrims could have used to till, cultivate and clear the land. The teams had to select the materials, discuss the plan, construct the tool, and present it to the class.
- Atkinson Intermediate School's math teacher Matthew Yatsyla had the unique opportunity to lead a workshop at the Brookhaven National Laboratory on Sci-ED Day that focused on the Transit of Mercury Across the Sun. The professional development activity was open and presented to all educators across Long Island.
- Math teachers Joseph D'Agostino and Kevin Harrison presented at the 69th annual Association of Mathematics Teachers of New York State Conference in Rochester. They shared their knowledge and experiences working with Freeport students and demonstrated how to perform trigonometry outdoors using low-tech handmade



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devices, purchased commercial grade clinometers, trundle wheels, as well as high-tech apps on smartphones.

THE ARTS

- The J.W. Dodd Middle School library was packed with excited students, as the library held a video conference with the Cowles Center of Dance and Performing Arts. During the exchange, students were educated on the music and dance of Spain, also known as the Flamenco. They became immersed in the culture by mastering the movements that the dance requires.
- Atkinson Intermediate School's sixth grade Select Mariachi Band received a standing ovation during their performance at the Long Island Teachers' Institute Amplifying Language Instruction for ELLS: Advanced Literacies for Critical Conversation. Students offered an impeccable and memorable performance to the crowd of 550 educators.
- The Freeport High School's Select Chorale once again had the wonderful opportunity of ushering in the holiday season by performing at the world-famous Radio City Music Hall in New York City, under the leadership of Director Monique Retzlaff.

ATHLETICS

- The Red Devils varsity football team are the reigning Long Island Conference I Champions, after defeating the William Floyd Colonials in an intense, action packed game, 42-14, at Stony Brook University's LaValle Stadium. This is Freeport's seventh Long Island Championship win. They continued their undefeated winning streak this season, with a total of 24 consecutive victories since 2018, and also claimed the Nassau County Conference 1 title, after defeating the Farmingdale Dalers 30-7.
- The high school gymnasium was filled with proud parents, district staff, administrators and members of the board of education, as the school's Navy Junior ROTC held its annual Inspection and Battalion Parade. This year's membership has climbed to 248 members, with last year's company consisting of 220 members. Students passed their inspection with flying colors, which was conducted by retired U.S. Navy Commander and NJROTC Area Four Manager Jimmie Miller.



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ALTRUISM

- Archer Street Elementary School and Bayview Avenue School were bustling with students and staff for the schools' annual turkey trot. Students and staff wore decorative Thanksgiving crowns, held up crafty turkey signs and marched two laps around their buildings. Both events acted as a means for the schools to donate raised funds to organizations. Archer raised \$2,200 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Bayview's fundraiser is still on going and the proceeds will be split between St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Mission United.
- Archer Street Elementary School sponsored a holiday "Giving Tree" throughout the month of November, in cooperation with Our Holy Redeemer Parish Outreach in Freeport. The school asked for donations of canned foods, paper goods, plastic ware and other non-perishable items that will help provide meals for the needy and homeless. Whenever a student brought in a donation, his/her name was written on a leaf and placed on "The Giving Tree," which was displayed in the building's hallway.
- New Visions School once again joined the 5K Annual Girls On The Run Marathon. They have participated in 14 seasons and a total of 18 fourth graders completing the fall cycle. Girls on the run is an experiential after school program that uses the power of running to promote a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living among girls. During the 12-week program, the girls are empowered with a greater sense of self awareness, a foundation in team building and a sense of achievement.