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POINTS OF PRIDE December 2018

ACADEMICS

- District Board members recognized the top 10 students of the Class of 2019 during its November Board meeting. Students recognized were valedictorian Leah Hochman, salutatorian Laura Chumpitaz, Dehandra Blackwood (3), Selah Rose (4), Hailey Brown (5), Clara Petta-Gonzalez (6), Valentina Vinasco (7), Daisy Abello-Reyes (8), Savanna Natoli-Alabre (9) and Elizabeth Hastings (10).
- The Dodd Middle School gymnasium was packed as students witnessed a special presentation from American Paralympian and motivational speaker Rohan Murphy, who shared his inspiring story about how he adjusted in life after losing both his legs at birth.
- The gymnasium at FHS bellowed with the roars and stomps of the high school's Navy Junior ROTC, during the annual Inspection and Battalion Parade.
- Seventh-grade students at Dodd Middle School received some valuable insight from High School seniors, during the school's Early College Awareness Breakfast. The mission for seventh-grade students was to interview seniors regarding their college preparatory process.
- The high school Student Government held the Breaking Borders Symposium and Holiday Gift Wrap for Adopt-A-Family. Freeport High School hosted five high schools across Nassau County, with a total of 115 students participating in the event. Students discussed different topics that focused on differences and similarities, and also shared opinions on issues of topical interest.
- New Visions hosted its De'STEM'ber day, where staff members, students and parents participated in holiday themed STEM activities.
- Wings were flying and faces were beaming at Archer school, as representatives from the Long Island Children's Museum presented its "Up in the Air" lesson to third-grade classes.
- Columbus school students and their families were decked out in pajamas for the school's first Annual Snuggle Up and Read Night, where students and families visited



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three classrooms as teachers read stories that reflected the holiday and winter season.

ATHLETICS

- The District is proud to announce that the Red Devils varsity football team won this year's coveted Rutgers Cup, during the Nassau County Football Coaches Association banquet at the Crest Hollow Country Club. This is the 12th time the Red Devils won the Rutgers Cup since 1937. Varsity Head Coach Russ Cellan was also awarded Coach of the Year.
- The Freeport Red Devils won the Conference 1 Nassau County championship against the Oceanside Sailors with a score of 42-0, and then went on to win the Long Island Conference I championship against William Floyd with a score of 20-19.
- District Board members recognized the Red Devils during its November Board meeting.
- The varsity cheerleading team earned their bid to the National High School Cheerleading Championship in Orlando, Florida after vying in a high-intensity competition at the Pocono Regionals in Kutztown, Pennsylvania.
- Six varsity teams from the fall season qualified for the New York State Scholar-Athlete Team Award: Cheerleading, Cross Country, Girls' Soccer, Girls' Swim, Girls' Tennis and Girls' Volleyball. To earn this distinction, seventy five percent of the team must maintain a combined average of 90 percent or higher.
- The following students have received athletic scholarships and have signed letters of intent: Justin Lescouflair-United States Military Academy /West Point (football), Jordan Jackson-Stony Brook University (football), Hayley Matthews- Dominican College (soccer) and Mia Almonte-SUNY Old Westbury (soccer).
- The varsity cheerleaders placed first in their division at the Syosset High School Competition on January 15th.
- Senior, Kevon Smith, broke a school record and ran one of the fastest 500 meters in Nassau County history, with a time of 1:05:27, during the Hall of Fame Invitational on January 15th at the Armory.
- The girls 4 x 400-meter relay team, finished first and set a meet record during the Hall of Fame Invitational, with a time of 4:03.



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THE ARTS

- The High School Select Chorale have experienced a whirlwind tour performing at multiple prestigious venues, including at St. Patrick's Cathedral, under the leadership of choral director Monique Retzlaff.
- Schools throughout the district hosted annual winter concerts for their families and the community.

ALTRUISM

- Students and staff of the District's Archer Street, Leo F. Giblyn, and New Visions schools participated in the Girls on the Run, where girls and their running buddies completed a 5K race. The mission is to make girls aware of their limitless potential to boldly pursue their dreams.
- The Bayview's PeaceJam Junior members were hard at work throughout the month of December collecting canned food items for the school's Caring Compassionate Citizen Canned Food Drive. A total of 800 food items were collected and donated to Island Harvest and the Nassau County Food Pantry to help local families in need.
- The Atkinson Leadership Team held their annual holiday food drive throughout the month of December, where thousands of non-perishable food items were collected and donated to those in need within the community.