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## POINTS OF PRIDE

### NOVEMBER 2018

#### ACADEMICS

- The district highlighted the outstanding achievements of the high school's top 10 students of the Class of 2019. The names of the seniors with the highest cumulative grade point averages were announced, including Leah Hochman as the valedictorian, Laura Chumpitaz as the salutatorian, 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).
- Freeport High School was filled with high spirits for its annual National Honor Society Induction Ceremony, where 99 students were inducted through a special candlelight ceremony.
- The district welcomed Dr. Greg Olsen, American entrepreneur, scientist and space explorer, to the high school. Dr. Olsen spoke with students and shared his experiences as the third private citizen who made a trip to the International Space Station.
- Schools across the district, including the high school, Atkinson School and Columbus Avenue, participated in a variety of activities to honor and celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month.
- Bayview Avenue School hosted its annual Career Awareness Expo, where students grades K-4 received a special visit from professionals who spoke on the vast career paths students can pursue as they continue their education.
- Archer School held an assembly led by two United States Army veterans and the former president of the Nassau County United Veterans organization. During the assembly, they explained to third- and fourth-grade students the history behind the American flag, as well as flag etiquette.

#### ATHLETICS

- 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.



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## THE ARTS

- The Archer Street, Bayview Avenue, Giblyn and New Visions elementary schools received a visit from the Quaver Music superstar Perry the Sheep and friends, when students enjoyed moving, playing and singing to the songs. Quaver Music is a pre-K-8 interactive music curriculum used by music teachers across the district. Perry and the Quaver team specifically chose to visit Freeport, since the district is known for placing value on department programs and selecting excellent music teachers.

## ALTRUISM

- Students and staff from J.W. Dodd Middle School participated in several efforts to honor National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, including wearing pink attire on Breast Cancer Awareness Day and Mammogram Day and participating in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk at Jones Beach. The school raised \$1,600 for the cause.
- Giblyn and Archer schools hosted their annual Adopt-A-Cop event as part of their commitment to help students build lasting relationships with local law enforcement. This program is designed for fourth-grade classes to team up with a member of the Village of Freeport police.
- Fourth-grade students of the Giblyn School received a special visit from Christopher Pendergast, the ALS Ride for Life founder who is battling amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. Mr. Pendergast educated students about the disease and how the organization works to raise awareness and funds to find a cure. The presentation helped prepare students for the upcoming ALS Ride for Life event in May 2019.
- Atkinson School held a beautiful ceremony for its Peace Pole dedication. This is the district's third Peace Pole dedication, which is part of its International Peace Pole project.
- Students and staff of Archer Street School were in the Thanksgiving spirit for its annual Turkey Trot event. Through this event, the school raised \$2,000 for United Way of Long Island.
- Throughout the month of November, students and staff of Archer Street and Leo F. Giblyn schools brought in donations of canned and packaged foods, paper goods, plasticware and other nonperishable items that were then donated to Our Holy Redeemer Parish Outreach of Freeport.



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