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POINTS OF PRIDE

NOVEMBER 2017

ACADEMICS

- Freeport High School inducted 108 academically exceptional students into the prestigious National Honor Society.
- Archer Street School welcomed the parents and families of its students for Coffee with the Principal, a fun and educational evening of STEAM-related activities led by Principal Paula Lein and faculty members.
- Freeport High School science department chairperson Peggy Parigoris was accepted to the Science Coaches program, an educational outreach initiative jointly sponsored by the American Association of Chemistry Teachers and the American Chemical Society.
- Bayview Avenue is set to host the Cradle of Aviation Museum for interactive lessons in astronomy and outer space.
- Bayview Avenue hosted professionals across a variety of fields during its annual Career Awareness Expo.
- Atkinson teachers Matt Yatsyla and Laura Zegers presented at the Science Teachers Association of New York State meeting held at Hofstra University.
- Dodd students are participating in a variety of educational videoconference calls led by organizations such as the Cleveland Museum of Natural History and Brooklyn Academy of Music.
- Students at Giblyn participated in a variety of fall-related STEM activities. While some classes worked independently, others collaborated with classes on different grade levels to complete a challenge.

ATHLETICS

- The Freeport High School varsity football team reached the Nassau County Class I Finals against Oceanside.
- Freeport High School varsity girls soccer coach Vanessa Vidalon received the Coach of the Year award in Conference AA3.
- Freeport High School junior Shannon Welcome qualified for the swimming state championship in the 100 and 200 freestyle events. In the championship, held at Ithaca College on Nov. 17 and 18, she placed eighth in the 100 and 22nd in the 200.



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THE ARTS

- As a result of its ongoing commitment and support of the district and the Freeport community, nonprofit organization Toys for Freeport Tots donated more than \$3,000 in musical instruments to Atkinson.
- Members of the Freeport High School Select Chorale and Caprice Chamber String Ensemble were invited to perform at the annual Nassau County Golden Gathering Health Fair hosted by Sen. John Brooks at the Freeport Recreation Center.
- New Visions hosted its second annual Paint Night, during which students and their families had the opportunity to paint and draw together, and learn about primary and secondary colors.

ALTRUISM

- Physical education classes at Atkinson received a visit from Nitin Sonawane of India, who spoke about his ongoing journey around the world by bicycle to promote world peace.
- As part of an ongoing partnership between the district and the Rotary Club of Hicksville, the district received new winter coats as a donation from Rotary Club President Dr. Urmilesh Arya.
- Students, staff and administrators at New Visions gathered to celebrate everyday heroes in the school community in the Heroes Among Us assembly. The event was designed to teach students that there are true heroes among them every day and that they can be heroes themselves.
- As part of its commitment to helping students build relationships with local law enforcement, Bayview Avenue hosted its 22nd annual Adopt-A-Cop event.
- Archer Street and Bayview Avenue hosted Turkey Trot events as part of their celebration of Thanksgiving and fundraising efforts to benefit local nonprofit organizations.