



# Freeport PUBLIC SCHOOLS *Pride*

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## POINTS OF PRIDE December 2015

### ACADEMICS

- A record-breaking 129 students at Freeport High School were inducted into the prestigious National Honor Society in a special candle-lighting ceremony.
- As part of a partnership with Adelphi University, district students and their parents/guardians complemented their STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) studies with Bayview/Giblyn's Science Night.
- As part of a partnership with Adelphi University, Archer Street and New Visions fourth-graders attended the second annual Science Night.
- As part of PTA Hero Night and Book Fair, students at Columbus learned about the importance of books and reading while also paying respect to members of the community who ensure safety and good health.
- Atkinson students and their parents/guardians had the opportunity to meet with a representative from the Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth.
- In observation of World AIDS Day, Freeport High School hosted seminars about the disease for students to raise overall awareness.
- Bayview Avenue hosted Bricks4Kidz, during which students created motorized Lego cars to race.
- Each school hosted a Parent University for parents/guardians of students to attend informative workshops.
- Archer Street hosted its annual "Learning with Your Child" workshop for parents/guardians of students in first and second grade.
- Archer Street third-graders visited the Vanderbilt Planetarium Mobile Classroom, which offered modules about topics such as light, telescopes, digital imaging, 3-D universe and gravity.
- New Visions hosted a Pick a Reading Partner kickoff, during which students were introduced to different species of live animals. The animals' visit was in line with the school's PARP theme this year, "Wild About Reading."

### ATHLETICS



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- Freeport High School's varsity cheerleaders placed fourth out of 25 teams in the Small Varsity Division at the Pocono Regional on Dec. 5. They earned a bid to the National Championships, which will be held in February at Walt Disney World.
- Freeport High School students Toni McKenzie and Joel Perez were awarded as 2015 Outstanding Physical Education Students. They were selected by the high school's physical education staff on the basis of scholastic leadership, physical performance, physical fitness levels, service and leadership abilities, and were honored at an awards dinner at the Crest Hollow Country Club.
- The boys and girls cross-country, football, girls soccer, girls swim and girls tennis teams qualified as New York State Scholar/Athlete Teams for the fall season.
- Members of the girls varsity basketball team, along with members of the Oyster Bay girls varsity basketball team, volunteered at the sixth annual Gardiner Foundation Turkey Giveaway, held in St. James Park in the Bronx.
- Alumni Update: St. Lawrence University students Maurice Irby and Leondre Simmon, both graduates of Freeport's Class of 2012, made first team All-Conference. Isaiah Barnes, from Princeton, was named to the Ivy League Honor Roll and was designated Player of the Week for his recent game against Yale. Jere Brown, a senior at Merrimack College, was named the Northeast-10 Conference Offensive Player of the Year.

## **THE ARTS**

- The Freeport High School NJROTC's 256 student members demonstrated their discipline at the annual Inspection and Battalion Parade, receiving wonderful praise from NJROTC Area Four Manager and Retired United States Navy Commander Jimmie Miller.
- Each school in the district either hosted or will host a Winter Festival of the Arts, showcasing the artistic and musical talents of its students.

## **ALTRUISM**

- Atkinson's student government showed their appreciation to the Freeport Police Department by delivering freshly baked cookies and thank-you cards to the local station as part of the "Cookies for Courage" initiative.
- Archer Street hosted its annual Turkey Trot, during which local nonprofit animal rescue organization Bobbi & the Strays was presented with a check for \$2,860, which was raised prior to the event. Students wearing colorful hats and holding festive signs marched around the school.



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- Students and staff at Giblyn displayed their support for the fight against ALS when a member of the Ride for Life organization visited the school to discuss the neurological disorder. The assembly, held for fourth-graders, featured messages of hope and perseverance for students.
- The Dodd Peer Mediation club collected toys to donate to Long Island Jewish Children's Hospital in New Hyde Park.