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POINTS OF PRIDE November 2015

ACADEMICS

- On Oct. 29, Freeport High School announced its top 10 students of the Class of 2016, including the valedictorian and salutatorian: Christopher Meszaros-Rodriguez (1), Claire Goremusandu (2), Joanna Caravantes (3), Luis Lopez Cardona (4), Rebecca Robles (5), Amanda Roque-Tobar (6), Sarah Heins (7), George Magloire (8), Jessica Vargas Cruz (9) and Cameryn Miller (10).
- Former New York Governor Mario Cuomo's wife, Matilda, visited Archer Street on Nov. 12 to speak to members of the Freeport Public School District central administration and Board of Education about the prospects of a new one-on-one mentoring program.
- Freeport High School is set to host its National Honor Society inductions on Nov. 17.
- Freeport High School hosted its annual College & Career Night, welcoming representatives of colleges and universities from across the country to speak to students.
- Juniors and seniors at Freeport High School learned about the dangers of texting and driving during "It Can Wait," a special assembly presented by AT&T and U.S. Representative Kathleen Rice on Nov. 6.
- Local real estate agents had the opportunity to learn about the district's various achievements, programs and activities, and to engage in dialogue with district officials, at a Realtors Luncheon at New Visions School on Nov. 9.
- To express their gratitude for the Board of Education, dual-language students at Giblyn danced and sang, and members of Freeport High School's student government delivered speeches of appreciation, at the October Board meeting.
- Long Island author Jennifer Wolf-Kam visited Dodd to conduct writer's workshops with eighth-grade students about her novel, "Devin Rhodes Is Dead."
- Archer Street held its first of three "Coffee with the Principal" events on Oct. 23. Parents and families joined Principal Paula Lein and Assistant Principal Mary Garguilo, as well as other Archer staff members, for dialogue and refreshments.
- Archer Street hosted its annual Pumpkin Patch, and each of its more than 700 students received a pumpkin to take home. Students participated in pumpkin-related classroom activities throughout the day.



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- On Nov. 5, Archer Street held its annual Parent University for third- and fourth-grade parents. The workshop was designed to familiarize parents with the changes in the curriculum as a result of the Common Core Learning Standards, as well as the New York State assessments in the spring.
- Members of the Freeport Fire Department spoke to Archer Street kindergartners on Oct. 29 about fire safety, trucks, equipment and escape protocol.
- Barbara Crespi's and Elizabeth Piddoubny's former second-grade students at Archer Street, who last year planted milkweed seeds in the school's garden, are now incorporating their documented findings as part of the third-grade English language arts curriculum by writing letters to this year's second-grade classes.
- Giblyn and Archer hosted their annual Adopt-A-Cop events, helping to foster the relationship between students and Freeport law enforcement officials.
- Bayview Avenue hosted its annual College Awareness Day on Nov. 12.
- Bayview Avenue hosted Career Day on Nov. 13, with various professionals visiting the school to speak to students about their occupations and careers.
- Nassau County Legislator Laura Curran and representatives from the Hicksville Public School District visited Dodd to observe the meditation and breathing practices students use to begin each day.
- New Visions is set to host its Math Bee on Nov. 25.

ATHLETICS

- Freeport High School senior Katharine Sanchez signed a National Letter of Intent to play lacrosse at Mercy College next year.
- Freeport High School freshman Shannon Welcome qualified for the New York State Swimming Championships in the 500-yard freestyle event, to be held at Ithaca College on Nov. 21. This past season, Welcome set new school records in the 500-yard freestyle, 200-individual medley and 100-yard butterfly events. She also earned All-County and All-Conference honors.
- The swimming relay team of Freeport High School students Josephine Iaccarino-Modni, Anaiya Matthews-Correia, Shanice Welcome and Shannon Welcome earned All-Conference honors in both the 200-medley relay and 200-yard freestyle relay, as well as in their individual events.
- Freeport High School and Dodd winter sports have begun as of mid-November.



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THE ARTS

- The Freeport High School Select Chorale and NJROTC performed at the Freeport Memorial Library on Veterans Day.
- The Freeport High School Select Chorale will perform at the Freeport Salvation Army on Nov. 24.
- After observing elements seen in Piet Mondrian paintings and participating in a discussion about them, students at Columbus Avenue created line designs, squares and rectangles using strips of black construction paper. Then, they painted inside their shapes using the primary colors of red, yellow and blue to further their learning of basic art elements.

ALTRUISM

- Archer Street began its annual Giving Tree to collect donations of food and clothing during the holiday season.
- Archer Street is set to host its annual Turkey Trot on Nov. 24 and present the funds it raises to local nonprofit organization Bobbi & the Strays.
- Freeport High School hosted a blood drive on Nov. 6.