

POINTS OF PRIDE November 2014

ACADEMICS

- Mohdshobair Hussaini and Lois Evans were named valedictorian and salutatorian of the Class of 2015, respectively; Monique Simmon, Rachel Julian, Nicolle Salazar, Lynda Tinglin, Brian Abreu-Tejada, Champ LaRocca, Mariela Carvajal and Ashley Grissom round out the top 10 seniors of the class.
- The district's first Parent University event was held at the high school. The program gave parents and guardians the opportunity to learn about their children's courses and curricula through several workshops conducted in English and Spanish.
- More than 100 colleges from 19 different states were represented at the district's College Fair; workshops about undergraduate learning were also conducted.
- The high school will host the year's first science seminar, open to all students and staff, on Nov. 24 in the Distance Learning Center. The featured speaker will be Dr. Lisa Miller, associate division director for spectroscopy and imaging in the Photon Sciences Directorate at Brookhaven National Laboratory.
- Archer Street School held the first of three "Coffee with the Principal" events for parents. The event promoted Khan Academy as one of the many tools parents can use to strengthen their children's academic abilities.
- New Visions School hosted Million Dollar Machine, a live robot presentation that teaches life skills, health, nutrition, drug prevention and character education concepts.
- Bayview Avenue School hosted a Career Awareness Expo for its students.
- Freeport High School welcomed several students from Germany through its annual German Student Exchange Program.

ATHLETICS

• 22 high school and middle school students participated in the Burning Bases Kickball Fest, which featured several school districts on Long Island and taught the importance of teamwork and good sportsmanship.

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THE ARTS

- The high school's JROTC troops performed a marching drill at the American Legion's Veterans Day ceremony at the Freeport Recreation Center; Caroline G. Atkinson Intermediate School's fifth-grade chorus students performed later in the same program.
- The district's eight schools celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month with a variety of assemblies, ceremonies and dance performances. During the high school's program, Board of Education trustee Vilma Lancaster and Guidance Chairperson Emma Perdomo were recognized for their contributions to the district.
- As part of School Board Recognition Month, fourth-grade chorus students at Archer Street School thanked the members of the school board for their hard work and dedication with a performance.

ALTRUISM

- Mohdshobair Hussaini, Lois Evans and Joel Abreu were honored as Heroes of the Heart for their outstanding community service and academic accomplishments at the Capital One Heart of America Foundation Library READesign event at the high school.
- Dodd Middle School students Hailey Brown, Jacqueline Cluckies, Kayla Dwyer, Diamond Guirand and Fay-Lloyda Thomas accompanied the high school's color guard in the Walk for Lupus at Eisenhower Park.
- Members of the United States Veterans Organization of Nassau County visited Archer Street School to present information about the American flag.