

# CARLE PLACE MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**SECOND QUARTER  
2016-17**

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## **TIDBITS FROM MR. DEPAOLA**

The season of gifts. There are many occasions approaching in the next few weeks where gifts will be shared; whether they are wrapped in holiday inspired themes or gifts of talent, friendship or family. This newsletter will detail many of the gifts concerning our students and faculty.

On behalf of the entire Middle and High School staff, I wish that your family be given the gifts of peace, love and friendship during this holiday season.

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## **SAMANTHA REED** **NEWS 12 L.I. SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD**

Congratulations to Samantha Reed for receiving the News 12 Long Island Scholar-Athlete Award. Samantha is the 25th recipient from Carle Place to receive this honor. Eligibility for this award requires an unweighted grade from 90 upwards, SAT scores of 1200 or higher or ACT scores of 30 or higher, excellent achievement in athletics and distinguished leadership and service to others.

Winning the News 12 Long Island Scholar-Athlete award is one of the most prestigious honors that a high school senior can achieve. The award embraces the talent, hard work and dedication required to be considered one of the best on Long Island.

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## **PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY** **AWARD WINNERS**

On November 2, 2016, five Carle Place High School seniors were honored for receiving the Prudential Spirit of Community Award. These awards recognize students who have served in leadership roles in promoting school and community service. Congratulations to the following winners and their advisors:

| <u>Student</u>  | <u>Organization</u> | <u>Advisor</u>              |
|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Vincent Basso   | Key Club            | Ms. Buffalino               |
| Gianna Mendolia | Diversity Club      | Mrs. Sullivan               |
| Lauren Nagy     | Student Gov't.      | Ms. Fallik                  |
| Rachael Reardon | Nat'l Honor Soc.    | Mrs. Jacoby/<br>Dr. Leffler |
| James Tumino    | SPARC/Interact      | Mr. Morris                  |

## **NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP**

Thomas Deignan, grade 12, has been selected as a candidate in the competition for a Special Scholarship to be awarded through the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program. Thomas is being sponsored by The UPS Foundation.

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## **SCIENCE EXPO**

Congratulations to the following Rushmore Avenue and Carle Place Middle School students who recently presented their science findings at the 22nd Annual Science Expo held on Thursday, November 3, 2016. The winners announced by Mr. Malizia, Director of STEM, were:

### **First Place**

Project: Yum or Yuck—To Eat or Not to Eat,  
The 5 Second Rule  
Students: Sara Hutter (Gr. 6)

Project: Cell Phone Wars: I-Phone vs. Samsung  
Students: Ava Lopes (Gr. 7)

Project: Radiating Radishes  
Student: Maryrose DeCiutiis, Taylor Kuskowski (Gr. 8)

### **Second Place**

Project: Optical Illusion  
Students: Andrew Buffolino, John Hoisik (Gr. 6)

Project: How Much Bacteria is Living in Your Car?  
Students: Kayla Fitzpatrick (Gr. 7)

Project: Power Up!  
Student: Adam Vaz (Gr. 8)

### **Third Place**

Project: Best Yogurt for Your Gut  
Student: Diana Flores, Madison Ortiz (Gr. 6)

Project: Are Your Hands Really Clean?  
Student: Devin Eichel, Alexandra Feit (Gr. 7)

Project: Does Age Affect Personality?  
Student: Alexa Mastrangelo (Gr. 8)

**STUDENTS MAKING THEIR MARK**

Nathaniel Armstrong and Emily Cotter, grade 12, have been recognized as AP Scholars by the College Board for their exceptional achievement on their college level AP exams. They qualified for the **AP Scholar Award** by completing three or more AP exams, with grades of 3 or higher.

Lauren Nagy and Vincent Basso, grade 12, were selected Homecoming Queen and King, respectively, at our Homecoming Football game on October 7, 2016

Elizabeth Blazak, grade 10, received Honorable Mention from the Long Island Arts Council for her poetry work. Her poetry was published in a booklet with the other winning entries.

Jenny Bocchicchio, grade 10, was selected to move on to the NYS PTA Reflections Roadshow. Her film project, Let Your Imagination Fly, was exhibited on October 15, 2016, in Rochester, NY.

Sophia Gregorace, grade 9, was selected to attend the National Youth Leadership Forum: Medicine in the summer of 2017. She was nominated by Mr. Malizia, STEM Director.

Jack Williamson, grade 8, performed on the drums with Dee Snyder, lead singer of the band "Twisted Sister" at a Long Island fundraiser in October.

Jared Alequin, grade 7, performed on the Harry Connick Jr. show in October.

On November 9, 2016, members of our 9th grade class visited Quinnipiac College and Manhattanville College. The students had the opportunity to experience a campus setting to better prepare them for their college decisions.

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**TEACHERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

Mrs. Lorandini, math teacher, organized a "Kick Off With Google" presentation on October 25, 2016 This event was sponsored by the Nassau County Math Teachers' Association and held at Carle Place Middle/High School. There were over 50 participants at this event.

Mrs. Lorandini, math teacher, was inducted into the Long Island Mathematics Educators Hall of Fame on November 17, 2016. This recognition is bestowed upon individuals who have made extraordinary contributions to mathematics education.

Mr. Moran, Varsity Football Coach, received the Conference IV Coach of the Year.

Mr. Renga was selected as the recipient of the 2017 Carillon Yearbook Dedication at the Senior Superlative Dinner on Thursday, November 10, 2016.

**SADD HAPPENINGS**

The SADD officers participated in the student assemblies in September to create an awareness among the student body about the importance of the partnership between home/school/community with the Contract for Life program. Special thanks for all who participated and recognize the value of this program.

SADD decorated the front trees of the high school for Red Ribbon Week in October as part of our Homecoming celebration and as a reminder to make healthy choices. All students were given a red ribbon to wear in school.

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**9/11 TRIBUTE**

As part of last year's fundraising efforts, the Carle Place Student Organization and Key Club sold American flags which were put on display in the form of a field of honor. The field of honor was assembled in August by the Student Organization, Key Club officers, Ms. Fallik, Ms. Buffalino and the CPHS building and grounds crew. These flags were sponsored by students, staff and community members and pay tribute to groups such as the: military, NYPD, FDNY, Port Authority, Iron Workers, 9/11 victims, first-responders and Tuesday's Children.

A brief ceremony was held in the main lobby by the Student Organization officers and Key Club Officers before school on Friday, September 9, 2016. Students paid tribute to 9/11 with a moment of silence and Sydney Perruzza, grade 12, sang the national anthem.

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**KEY CLUB**

The Key Club members, along with their advisor Ms. Buffalino, would like to thank everyone who participated in the UNICEF campaign in October. The members collected spare change for the UNICEF Eliminate Neonatal Tetanus Project.

On October 16, 2016, members of the Key Club took part in the annual Breast Cancer Walk at Jones Beach. The Key Club raised over \$1,000 for the American Cancer Society. The students also held a breast cancer awareness day on October 15, 2016, in which the students and staff wore a touch of pink and ribbons were handed out.

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**SPARC/INTERACT CLUB**

During the month of October, our SPARC/Interact Club organized a book collection to benefit the Book Fairies. The organization collects used or new books and donates them to other New York school districts in need.

On October 13, 2016, members of SPARC/Interact, along with their advisor Mr. Morris, traveled to Mineola High School to participate in a meal preparation service project for The INN in Hempstead.

### **SPARC/INTERACT CLUB**

Our SPARC/Interact members went to Breezy Point on October 22, 2016, to participate in a Habitat-for-Humanity service project to help rebuild the community.

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### **MIDDLE SCHOOL HAPPENINGS**

From July 16-22, 2016, Mrs. Gisondi's eighth grade English class was featured in Newsday's Kidsday. They interviewed US soccer star Crystal Dunn, reviewed restaurants and stores, and wrote interesting articles on various other subjects. Our reporters were: Agostino Abbatiello, James Anastasio, Georgia Bevolas, Emiline Biggin, Maximillian Buck, Michael Buffolino, Brandon Coward, Kayla Deveau, Sydney Eichel, Michael Fokas, Julia Fortunato, Christopher Froehlich, Dylan Graham, Sophia Gregorace, Danielle Grima, Grace Hungerford, Robert Imperiale, Adam Kwarren, Ashley Larsen, Robert Li, Rita Masiello, Eleni Orfanos, Olivia Parente, Matthew Quijano, Vincent Terrone, Ruby Tirone, Christopher Wright, James Wright & Lingfei Zhao.

On October 14, the first middle school dance of the year took place. The dance featured a masquerade theme and was a resounding success.

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### **UNITY DAY**

On October 19, 2016, the students and staff participated in Unity Day. This powerful event showcases our support for unity and anti-bully awareness in our schools. The color theme of the day was orange which portrays kindness, acceptance and inclusion. Orange ribbons were also distributed. Each day during the week of October 17, the Student Organization and National Honor Society members read positive quotes to our students and staff. On Friday, October 21, our seventh and eighth grade students completed an activity called Project Connect. Project Connect joins students, schools and communities to make a powerful statement about uniting against bullying. The students created a chain of interconnected individual links that were hung in the Hallway of Kindness.

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### **COLLEGE MINI-FAIR PROGRAM**

The guidance department held their college mini-fair program during the months of September and October. During a five-week period, our 11th and 12th grade students had the opportunity to speak with over 60 colleges and universities, vocational/technical schools and the military.

The guidance department also sponsored in-house college application interviews for our senior students. The students had an opportunity to speak on a one-to-one basis with representatives from Hofstra, Mercy, NYIT, St. John's, LIU-Post, Adelphi and Molloy. The students were awarded over \$17,510,000 in scholarships over a four-year period.

### **VARSITY CHEERLEADING**

Congratulations to our Cheerleading Team and their coach, Mrs. Caliendo, who took First Place at the North Babylon Competitive Cheer competition on December 3, 2016.

### **GIRLS' VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY**

The Carle Place Field Hockey Team has been named the winner of the 2016 Officials' Sportsmanship Award. This award is given to the team at the State tournament that shows exemplary sportsmanship. Congratulations to our coaches and the Lady Frogs!

The Varsity Field Hockey Team was crowned the Nassau County Class C Champions and the Nassau County Class C Long Island Champions. The Lady Frogs played in the New York State Semi-Final game on Saturday, November 12, 2016, vs. Whitney Point at Maine Endwell HS; they lost 2-1 in overtime.

### **GIRLS' VARSITY SOCCER**

Catherine Gambino, grade 12, has been selected First Team to the 2016 All-State honors in Girls Soccer.

Kiera Ackerina, grade 11, has been selected Third Team to the 2016 All-State honors in Girls Soccer.

The Varsity Girls Soccer team competed in the Nassau County Class B Championship game on November 1, 2016 vs. Wheatley.

### **BOYS' VARSITY FOOTBALL**

The Varsity Football Team with a record of 6-2, seed #2 in Conference IV defeated North Shore 37-22 in the Conference IV Semi Final Game. The Wildfrogs advanced to the County Final game vs. Seaford on Saturday, November 19, 2016, at Hofstra. Despite the loss, this season was historic and memorable.

### **VARSITY BOYS' SOCCER**

The Varsity Boys Soccer was crowned Nassau County Class B Champions and Long Island Class B Champions. They played in the South East Regional Game on November 5, 2016, at Mitchell Field vs. Hasting.

### **GIRLS' VARSITY VOLLEYBALL**

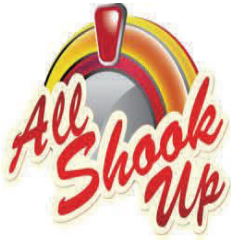
The Varsity Volleyball team competed in the Nassau County Class C Championship game on November 8, 2016 vs. East Rockaway.

### **CROSS COUNTRY**

Nate Armstrong, grade 12, and Marcus Pomales, grade 9, represented Carle Place HS in the Cross Country State Tournament on November 12, 2016, at Chenango Valley State Park in Binghamton.



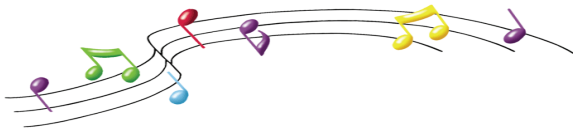
## **ALL SHOOK UP**



On September 9-10, 2016, the Carle Place Student Theatre Company presented *All Shook Up*. This musical was produced, directed and performed by our middle/high school students. Their commitment and dedication throughout the rehearsals and production contributed greatly towards the success of this show. Special thanks to Samantha Morales, Director; Pragna Krishnamurthy, Producer; Frank Buffolino, Musical Director; Logan Kelly, Assistant to the Musical Director; Jean-Marie Neave, Choreographer; and Hailey Cabbie, Assistant Choreographer.

### **Cast**

|                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Isabella Abbatiello | Ava Lopes           |
| Gabriella Baratta   | Emily Lutz          |
| Vincent Basso       | Ethan Martins       |
| Marissa Bavaro      | Lauren Nagy         |
| Rolphy Bireaux      | Jack O'Brien        |
| Kerry Brosnan       | Kaelin O'Brien      |
| Harleigh Buck       | Nicholas Pascarella |
| Carmine Carusone    | Sara Patino         |
| Matthew Castello    | Sydney Perruzza     |
| Erin Delio          | Michelle Ramalhete  |
| Gabriella Deninno   | Sebastian Rodriguez |
| Victoria Dieguez    | Angela Ruggiano     |
| Kristen Doherty     | Ariel Salerno       |
| Andre Duarte        | Ava Sanguedolce     |
| Devon Eichel        | Chloe Santos        |
| Sydney Eichel       | Sarah Scardino      |
| Alexandra Feit      | Joseph Speciale     |
| Juliana Ferolie     | Emily Szalkowski    |
| Kayla Fitzpatrick   | Isabella Tallini    |
| Ashley Hommel       | Jennifer Tumino     |
| Victoria Karekinian | Karl Veigl          |
| Joel Kelly          | Lea Veigl           |
| Vaughn Kelly        | Jack Williamson     |
| Heather Kwon        | Kara Yim            |
| Kennedy Lee         | Kristina Yim        |
| Kayla Lloyd         | Julia Zanoni        |



Many thanks to all the parents and staff, especially Mrs. Scardino, Mrs. Buffolino and Mr. & Mrs. Neave who volunteered their time and home.

## **Stage/Tech Crew**

|                   |                     |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| Daniel Alfaro     | Rita Masiello       |
| Gabe Barbosa      | Conor Nagy          |
| Lauren Basso      | Rosie Norman        |
| Jenny Bocchicchio | Carly Perruzza      |
| Tehani Chowdhury  | Angie Portilla      |
| Barbara Curran    | Hector Rivera       |
| Ivy Fernandes     | Bryan Silva         |
| Alexa Garcia      | Jake Strassenreiter |
| Natalie Garcia    | James Tumino        |
| Danielle Grima    | Victoria Zanoni     |

### **Costumes**

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| Kiera Ackerina     | Julia O'Connell    |
| Elena Antoniou     | Ariana Orfanos     |
| Lola Baxter        | Eleni Orfanos      |
| Isabella Bileddo   | Chelsea Pereria    |
| Jenna Demakopoulos | Melissa Pereira    |
| Emily DeSousa      | Daniela Posillico  |
| Mia Douso          | Sophia Torres      |
| Ashley Larsen      | Julia Winer        |
| Haley Meyrowitz    | Michelle Winter    |
| Emily Monferrato   | Katarina Zedlovich |

### **Pit Band**

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|-----------------|------------------|
| Nicole Arocho   | Logan Kelly      |
| Frank Buffolino | Chris Martinovic |
| Matthew Cardona | Aidan Tamaro     |
| Thomas Deignan  |                  |

### **Set Design**

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Barbara Curran       | Hector Rivera   |
| Danielle Grima       | Ruby Tirone     |
| Pragna Krishnamurthy | Frankie Venezia |
| Carly Perruzza       | Samantha Wagner |

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## **CULTURE VULTURES**

On October 18, 2016, members of the Culture Vultures, along with their advisor, Mr. Morris, went to the August Wilson Theatre in New York City to enjoy the Broadway production of *Jersey Boys*.