

CARLE PLACE MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**THIRD QUARTER
2016-2017**

Thomas DePaola, Principal

TIDBITS FROM MR. DEPAOLA

The course selection process for the 2017-18 school year is well under way. Students in grades 8-11 have met with their teachers and/or school counselor to discuss their options. A course fair was organized by Dr. D'Anca that introduced students to many of our electives and new courses. These new courses include: Advanced Placement (AP) Italian, Anatomy, Virtual Entrepreneurship, Sports and Entertainment Marketing, SUPA Class & Literary Texts, Advanced Jazz Piano, The Influence of Hip Hop Culture, Acting and Performance, and Math 12. Sometime in early June you will receive a preliminary schedule and a final version in mid-August. As always, speak to your child's counselor for more details.

This time of year also brings good news to many of our graduating seniors as they finalize their plans for life after Carle Place. We have a bell in our guidance office that students ring once they are accepted into college – it has been ringing often!

STUDENTS MAKING THEIR MARK

Connor Feit, grade 12, received the Scholar-Athlete Award from the Nassau County Boys' Soccer Association. Connor was recognized for his outstanding performance in the classroom and on the soccer field.

Michelle Winter, grade 12, was selected as Student of the Quarter at Nassau BOCES. Michelle is studying Cosmetology at Nassau BOCES.

Daniel Griffin, grade 12, was selected as Student of the Quarter at Nassau BOCES. Danny is studying welding.

Georgia Bevolas, grade 9, won honorable mention for her short story titled "Crazies" at the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards in Northeast Writing Region-at-Large.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

March 1	"A Chorus Line" - Matinee
March 2	"A Chorus Line" - CPEF
March 3-4	"A Chorus Line"
March 11	Junior Ring Dance
March 24	H.S. Talent Show
March 28-31	NYS ELA Assessments (MS)
March 29	Math Induction Ceremony
April 4	Third Marking Period Ends
April 4/5	Grade 11 Senior Photos
April 5	World Lang. Induction Ceremony
April 6	MS/HS Honors Concert
April 7	Report Cards-Parent Portal
April 10-17	SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED
April 19	NJHS/HS Induction Ceremony
April 26	Tri-M Induction Ceremony
April 28	Key Club Fashion Show
May 2-4	NYS Math Assessments (MS)
May 5-6	"Peter Pan"
May 16	BUDGET VOTE
May 16	MS Academic Awards
May 16	MS Spring Concert
May 17	HS Academic Awards
May 17	Senior Scholarship Dinner Senior Scholarship Ceremony
May 18	HS Spring Concert
May 26	SCHOOLS ARE OPEN—"B" DAY

TEACHERS MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Mrs. Rubenstein, Chairperson of Social Studies and World Language, was invited to attend Governor Cuomo’s State of the State Address on January 10, 2017, held at SUNY-Farmingdale.

Mrs. Lorandini, math teacher, was awarded the Albert Shanker Grant in support of her candidacy for national board certification issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

On January 17, 2017, Mr. Malizia and Ms. Foufas attended the Long Island Virtual Enterprises Business Plan Competition and Trade Show at Farmingdale State College. They participated in the judging of business plan presentations and trade fair booths for several virtual firms from different Long Island high schools. The business concepts, presentations, trade fair booths, salesmanship and professional networking was remarkable!

Mrs. Ceruti and Mr. Reardon attended the 14th Annual Student Athletes as School Leaders Conference on February 2, 2017, at Hofstra University with juniors Christiana Caliendo, Luke Caliendo, Corey Iglesias, Stephen Padilla and Ashley Pereira. The purpose of this conference is to celebrate, support and encourage positive student leadership throughout Nassau County school districts.

Mrs. Sullivan, Diversity Club advisor, attended the Human Rights Awareness Conference on February 2, 2017, at Adelphi University with Elena Antoniou, Luke Conway, Erin Delio, Nicole Imperiale, Gianna Mendolia, Megan McGuinness, Chris Ruscillo, James Scardino and Nolan Sheridan. The goal is to encourage mutual understanding and respect among all groups in the county and to explore ways to eliminate prejudice, intolerance, bigotry and discrimination.

CLASSROOM LEARNING

Ms. Vasilakopoulos & Mr. Krummenaker’s 8th grade social studies classes presented an exhibit on November 23, 2016, entitled “The Melting Pot: The Immigrant Experience.” The exhibits included film festival, art gallery, news reports, cook off, land of opportunity and disappointments and deceit. The students exhibits were displayed as a pop-up museum.

On December 21 & 22, 2016, Ms. Vasilakopoulos and Mr. Krummenacker’s 8th grade social studies classes, along with Mrs. Menuzzo and Ms. Woznick’s 8th grade English classes, organized a historical fiction performance on “The Progressive Era.” In their social studies classes, the students delved deeper into the “progress” of the era by researching people, events, reforms and government actions. In their English classes, the students understanding and research was expanded through their reading of historical

fiction books: *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* and *Ashes of Roses*.

On December 13, 2016, Dr. Isma Chaudhry spoke to Ms. Buffalino's 9AP World History classes. Dr. Chaudhry was born and raised in Pakistan. Isma did her post-graduate studies in England. She is a professor at Hofstra University and the head of the Islamic Center of Long Island. Dr. Chaudhry spoke to the 9AP students about the history of Islam, Islamic architecture and Islamic art which are key components of the AP curricula.

Mrs. Gisondi’s 7th and 8th grade skills classes were visited by Ms. Jen Calonita, a young adult author and alumni of Carle Place High School, on February 3, 2017. The students participated in a writing workshop.

Mrs. Klatsky’s English classes judged the PTA Reflections entries of the second grade students at Cherry Lane. It was a joy for the sophomores and juniors to read what made each second grader so special, and to see how much they had grown as writers and scholars in 8-9 years.

Mr. Caifa, science teacher, arranged for a showing of the award winning film "Saving Jamaica Bay" on February 14, 2017. Through several months of planning, he was able to arrange for the documentary film maker, Dan Hendrick, to come to the high school to present the film. The film follows the plight of the flora and fauna as well as the citizens who live on and around this important local estuary.

Filming took place before and after Hurricane Sandy. Its impact and the response of local and federal government agencies is addressed in the film. The film is narrated by the Academy Award winning actress Susan Sarandon. Students from the following classes attended and had a rare opportunity to speak with the film maker after his presentation: AP Biology, AP Environmental Studies, Honors Earth Science, Science Research, Government, Film and the Environmental Action Club.

On December 9, 2016, John Giacinto, Financial Advisor from Morgan Stanley visited the Career and Financial Management and College Personal Finance (SUPA) classes. He began his presentation by asking the students how difficult they thought it is to become a millionaire. He explained that it’s not as hard as they might think if they plan ahead. He spoke to the students about the importance of saving at a young age, the power of compound interest and the significance of having a plan.

SERVICE LEARNING/COMMUNITY SERVICE

Members of the SPARC/Interact Club have been very busy during this 2016-17 winter season. Our "Snow Angels" have braved the frigid temperatures and knee-deep snow in Carle Place/Westbury to share their time and talents working to clear paths, driveways and cars for our local senior citizens. Special thanks to all our volunteers: Daniel Alfaro, Charles Austria, Tahiya Azrafi, Lola Baxter, Dolly Berko, Isabella Bileddo, Michael Boccuzzi, Kerry Brosnan, Amy Choi, Thomas Deignan, Brian Erker, Connor Feit, Kevin Fernandes, Mohamed Loirraqi, Samantha Morales, Rosie Norman, Frank Ortiz, Jack Phair, James Reardon, Matthew Rivera, Jake Strassenreiter, Aidan Tamaro, James Tumino, Chris Wright and James Wright

Members of the SPARC/Interact Club, along with their advisor Mr. Morris, shared their time and talents on February 4, 2017, to serve the poor, hungry and homeless in the Meatloaf Kitchen in New York City. They worked alongside students from Mineola High School and served over 130 breakfasts and prepared 250 meatloaf lunches and take-away tuna sandwiches. Thanks to Tahiya Azrafi, Rosemary Lin, Frank Ortiz, Jack Phair, Jake Strassenreiter, Aidan Tamaro and James Tumino.

On February 3, 2017, the Student Organization and the Key Club held Battle of the Classes, Battling for a Cause. This event generated over \$26,000 for the Colette Coyne Melanoma Awareness Campaign. Proceeds from Battle of the Classes, Battling for a Cause will allow for Carle Place High School and other Long Island Schools to **BE SUN SMART**. Every donated dollar will be invested into education and prevention of the fastest growing cancer in America.

On December 10 & 17, 2016, members of the Carle Place Key Club volunteered for the Salvation Army. Members rang bells and sang festive songs outside of North Shore Farms grocery store. Approximately 30 million people received help from the Salvation Army last year. Some of the groups that the Salvation Army provides support for are the: elderly, homeless, youth, and veterans.

Members of the Key Club participated in a gift drive for Winthrop University Hospital and Carle Place Adopt-A-Family during December 2016. On December 14, 2016, the Key Club members visited Winthrop University Hospital's Child Life Unit. They delivered presents and spread holiday cheer through singing carols.

During the months of January and February members of the Key Club volunteered at the Hicksville Boys and Girls Club. Members of the Key Club carried out academic games, led arts and crafts activities and played athletic games with the members. On January 11, 2017, Key Club members volunteered at the INN in Hempstead.

The members sorted donations and helped with meal preparations.

The National Junior Honor Society collected soup for a "Souper Bowl" for needy families. They collected 102 cans of soup and donated them to the INN. They also participated in the Polar Plunge at Long Beach on February 5, 2017. The group raised \$1,280 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION

Congratulations to Carle Place's Mock Trial team and Ms. Vasilakopoulos, advisor, who won their first case on February 8, 2017, at the Supreme Court in Mineola. The students worked hard to prepare arguments and competed against Glen Cove High School. Ben Armstrong, Skylar Reed, and Daniela Posillico were the lawyers for the case and prepared the winning arguments. Sydney Perruzza, James Tumino, and Gabby Deninno were excellent witnesses and helped win the case. Carle Place Mock Trial advanced to the next round for trial on February 15, 2017, at the Supreme Court. Katie Hutter, Matt Cardona, Mike Boccuzzi, Jenna Vasilakopoulos, Ariel Salerno, and Alexis Ruiz will compete. On February 15, 2017, the Mock Trial Team encountered a lost but are still hoping to advance to the next round due to the point system.

ADELPHI APPRENTICE CHALLENGE

On November 4, 2016, some of the business students participated in the Adelphi University Apprentice Challenge. The students worked in teams with other students from a variety of schools to develop a marketing plan and present it to numerous marketing executives in a simulated boardroom-style environment. The judges included executives from major companies such as Dedit, LiveNation, Publishers Clearing House, Apple Inc., Scotto Brothers, Bed Bath Beyond, Campagnuolo Consulting Group, TeamDigital Promotions, Sea Star Strategy, AAA Northeast and Adelphi University. The case study given was for a product distribution company in the subscription sample box industry. All of the students worked hard and rose to the occasion. One of the team's won the first round in the board room.

NY JETS SPORTS BUSINESS DAY

On November 30, 2016, business students took a behind-the-scenes tour of MetLife Stadium and learned about the "off-field" business of sports as part of the 2nd Annual New York Jets Sports Business Day. Several Jets front office executives spoke to students about their career paths and day-to-day responsibilities. The event provided students with a valuable opportunity to learn more about the professional job opportunities that exist within sports franchises. They also received tickets for the January 1st Jets vs. Bills game.

GUIDANCE EVENTS

On January 6, 2017, the guidance department hosted Senior-Junior Alumni Day. Graduates from the Class of 2016 returned to Carle Place High School to speak with our juniors and seniors about their college experience, and the application and transition process.

The guidance department has been busy with scheduling for the 17/18 school year. The students attended a course fair, had a course selection day and our guidance counselors met with the students to assist them in this process.

On February 8, 2017, the guidance department hosted a trip to Nassau BOCES for the students to learn about the occupational educational programs available.

ATHLETIC NEWS

Congratulations to Joanna Signorile who swept three events at the Nassau County Gymnastics Individual Championships/State Qualifier on February 14th at Great Neck South High School. Joanna is a sophomore at Wheatley and with the support of the East Williston, the Carle Place School District and our coaching staff, Joanna had the opportunity to compete with us as a merged team. With her first time competing on the high school level Joanna clinched the all-around with a 36.9 score. (9.27 on vault, 9.2 on bars, 9.4 on beam. 9.0 on floor). Joanna will represent Carle Place/Wheatley and Nassau County at the State Championship on March 4th at Cold Spring Harbor.

Congratulations to our Varsity Competitive Cheerleading team who advanced to the Nassau County Championship on February 26th at Wantagh High School.

Congratulations to the Varsity Girls Bowling Team (Emma Beattie, Kristen Doherty, Emily Cotter, Jean-Marie Neave and Ruby Tirone) who placed 6th out of 16 in the N.C. Bowling Championships on February 4th. Kristen Doherty represented Carle Place in the individual County Championship on February 11th at Garden City Bowl. Kristen Doherty placed 4th at the N.C. Bowling Championship on February 11th and will represent us at the State Bowling Championship on March 4th at Gates Lanes in Rochester.

Congratulations to the Varsity Wrestling Team who attended the Division II County Qualifiers on February 3rd. John DeRidder, Chris Moretta, Rich Moretta, Gabe Gracia and Matthew Teemsma advanced to the Nassau County Championship on February 11th at Cold Spring Harbor. John DeRidder placed 1st at the Nassau County Wrestling Championship and will represent us at the State Wrestling Championship on February 24th and February 25th at the Times Union Center in Albany.

BROADWAY THROUGH THE DECADES

On November 18-19, 2016, the Carle Place Theatre Company presented *Broadway Through the Decades*. Special thanks to Mrs. Russo, Producer/Director; Mrs. Rosano, Director; Dr. Brett, Musical Direction; Mr. Krause, Art Cover; and Mrs. Scardino, Costume Coordinator.

Congratulations to all of our students who played a part in the success of this production.

Cast

Juliette Auerbach	Charlotte Maher
Vincent Basso	Samantha Morales
Georgia Bevolas	Jean-Marie Neave
Isabella Bileddo	Jack O'Brien
Frank Buffolino	Kaelin O'Brien
Matt Cardona	Eleni Orfanos
Carmine Carusone	Frank Parise
Matt Castello	Rebekah Parise
Lindsay Coelho	Sara Patino
Emily Cotter	Sydney Perruzza
Kristen Doherty	Zach Pignataro
Andre Duarte	Angela Ruggiano
Sydney Eichel	Ariel Salerno
Juliana Ferolie	Sarah Scardino
Rei Hill	Joseph Speciale
Victoria Karekinian	Emily Szalkowski
Joel Kelly	Jennifer Tumino
Logan Kelly	Jaylen Williams
Heather Kwon	Kristina Yim
Emily Lutz	Julia Zaroni

Crew

Tahiya Azrafi	Samantha Mannarino
Gabe Barbosa	Cassidy Mathews
Lauren Basso	Conor Nagy
Jenny Bocchicchio	Rosie Norman
Tehani Chowdhury	Angie Portilla
Julia Fortunato	Hector Rivera
Natalie Garcia	Bryan Silva
Danielle Grima	Victoria Zaroni
Rosemary Lin	

Pit/Costumes

Nicole Arocho	Pragna Krishnamurthy
Barbara Curran	Haley Meyrowitz
Gabriella Deninno	Arianna Orfanos
Emily DeSousa	Michelle Winter