Sayville High School has been designated an Exemplary High-Performing Schools National Blue Ribbon School for 2018 by U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos. This makes Sayville High School one of 349 schools in the nation, one of twenty schools from New York State and one of four on Long Island to be recognized in 2018.

“This very high honor,” Sayville Superintendent Dr. John Stimmel remarked, “reflects the exemplary work of all our teachers, staff and students, not just in our High School, but in our Middle School and elementary schools as well.”

Since 1982, the United States government’s National Blue Ribbon Schools Program has been honoring public and private K-12 schools that are academically superior in their state due to high levels of student achievements or that demonstrate improvements in closing the achievement gap among student subgroups, this according to the National Blue Ribbon website.

For a school—such as Sayville High School—to be eligible for the high-performing designation, it must first rank in the top 15 percent of all schools on state assessments in both reading and mathematics and must have a graduation rate that ranks in the top 15 percent of all schools in their state.

However, it was not just high ranks that earned Sayville High School the coveted National Blue Ribbon of Distinction. It was in great part due to its dedicated administrators and teachers who ensured high standards of learning for all students along with its accountability in data collection and analysis to determine the efficacy of instruction and assessment. And while the Sayville students have demonstrated academic excellence, Sayville educators have also shown extraordinary commitment by undertaking professional development to stay at the forefront of best practices.

Sayville School district offers congratulations to Principal Ron Hoffer, the entire Sayville High School community of educators, staff and students for this fine achievement.
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November 8, 2018 BOE Meeting

Awards presented by High School Science Research/S.T.E.M. Tech Teachers Maria Brown/Rick Caskey:

Students Recognized for Contributions in Scientific Research:

(left) • Long Island Science Congress

High Honors Award and NYIT Excellence in Engineering Award:

(l-r) Keira Mizzi, Emily Parsowith, Brieanna Baldante

(right l-r) LI Science Congress High Honor Awards • Ihtesham Khan and (not present) Samir Patel;

LI Science Congress Highest Honor Award • Liam Davidson

Not present for BOE Citation meeting: Evan May, Eric Stenzel • LI Science Congress Meritorious Award; Sohum Sheth • Geospatial Analysis of the Distribution of Sea Turtles and Sharks off the Coast of Long Island; Isabelle Byrne • Geospatial Analysis of Air Pollutants and Respiratory Diseases in New York, New Jersey & Pennsylvania; Mackenzie Damon • Analysis of Mutagenicity and Sub-lethal Response of Eisenia Fetida when Exposed to Roundup.
MIDDLE SCHOOL 2017-2018 COMMUNITY GOLD-SERVICE AWARDS

Presented by Middle School Principal Thomas Murray, BOE Trustees Carl Cangelosi, Maureen Dolan, Norm deVenau:

MIDDLE SCHOOL 2017-2018 COMMUNITY GOLD-SERVICE AWARDS

(representative image: students standing in a line, some holding awards)

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Go to TIDINGS online for more information about each student’s contribution.

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MIDDLE SCHOOL 2017-2018 COMMUNITY GOLD-SERVICE AWARDS

(representative image: group of students holding awards)

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The Sayville Homecoming Parade slowly rolled down Main Street, led by Sayville Fire Department trucks and followed by members holding banners for the Rotary Club, the Sayville Teachers Association, and the Sayville Middle School. Squads of chanting cheerleaders from the High School and Middle School enlivened the crowds. Youth groups from both football and cheerleading accompanied by their coaches joined the march ahead of the parade’s main attraction—the class floats.

As both the culminating activity of High School Spirit Week and the pregame celebration for the Sayville Flashes football game against East Islip on their home field, the Homecoming Parade showcased this year’s theme: “Cities.” Colorful and ingeniously floats, constructed out of wood and tissue-paper, depicted London, UK (Freshmen), Mexico City (Sophomores), and New York City (Juniors). However, the Seniors went for the Big Easy with gusto and showed extra carnival spirit by making three floats for their pick—New Orleans—including one for Jazz musicians playing The Saints Go Marching In and another designed coincidentally as a streetcar named Desire.

“Spirit Week went well,” said School Government Advisor Kathy Van Dorn. “It was a high-spirited, high-energy week filled with a lot of fun, with the seniors always in the lead.”

Each class also chose a favorite charity and raised both awareness and funds during the football game. After an energizing pep rally on Friday, the final tally from School Spirit week was determined by the judges from the Rotary Club during the Homecoming Game. First place went to the Seniors, Second place to the Sophomores, Third to the Juniors, and Fourth to the Freshmen.

The play Peter and the Starcatcher—a prequel for Peter Pan by Rick Elice based on the book by Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson—is rife with witty repartee that relies on the transformative “star-stuff” of its enthusiastic company for its magic. Here we first meet the inchoate characters of Captain Hook, the Lost Boys, and Tink before their destinies give them legendary shape. With great expectation, we watch the orphan without a name become the eternal boy—Peter Pan.

Although it is no easy task to take the very cheeky British humor and deliver it to an American audience for laughs, the Sayville Players (in both casts) had enthusiasm in abundance; the slapstick comedy with undertones of poignancy made for entertaining theater. While the performances by the three unchanging leads: Hunter Caiazzo (Peter), Aidan Deverna (Smee), and Alexander Pittari (Stache) were outstanding, there were no small parts in both praiseworthy supporting casts (for names and more photos Google Tidings Online). Great job!
“THEY CAN SING, THEY CAN DANCE! AFTER ALL, MISS, THIS IS FRANCE!”

Well, maybe not quite France, but the Dr. David M. Jones auditorium at Sayville Middle School served nicely.

Beauty and the Beast, with its touching themes about the transformative power of love, has long been a favorite fairytale, made more so by Disney’s magical musical animation, theatrical production, and recent release of a live-version adaptation. Embracing this “tale as old as time,” the Sayville Middle School students brought their outstanding singing talents to this timeless classic in their recent musical production of Disney Beauty and the Beast, Junior Edition. Each night’s performance got better and better at both transforming the Middle School stage into that magical place and transfixing the audience with their enchanting retelling, as “two hearts become one...”

For the full review and more photos, go to TIDINGS ONLINE at SAYVILLSCHOOLS.ORG.
New York State Regent Roger Tilles Visits Sayville

New York State Regent Roger Tilles visited Sayville Schools and met with the Lincoln Avenue Elementary children in Mrs. Laura Moyer’s second grade for a reading lesson. Regent Tilles recited poems that thoroughly engaged the students and finished by teaching the children a funny, “scary” poem to share with their families.

During Mr. Tilles’ tour of Sayville High School, he met with administrators, mingled with students, browsed the FACD school store, enjoyed a Food-and-Nutrition lunch, and attended a special performance by the award-winning High School Wind Ensemble. His brief visit ended in the RISE/RISE TECH lab where he marveled at the sophisticated research projects.

The name Tilles may ring a bell. As a well-known industrial real-estate developer, the Tilles family has been highly acclaimed for their copious philanthropic works. The two-million dollar renovation of the auditorium for music and dance at the C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University—now known as the Tilles Center—is one example from the long list of projects and worthy causes.

Mr. Roger Tilles is recognized as a “visionary leader and patron of the arts and education” and received the prestigious Amy and Horace Hagedorn Outstanding Philanthropist Award by the Association of Fundraising Professionals Long Island Chapter in 2017.

On the NYS Board of Regents developing educational policy, Mr. Tilles represents Long Island. His ongoing desire to understand the educational process and to listen to his constituency—a routine he follows for all school districts throughout Long Island—was the purpose for Mr. Tilles’ Sayville visit.
Congratulations to Sayville’s 2018 Suffolk Zone Recipients
HAILLE ROSS & JACK DAVIS

The award is given annually by the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance to one male and one female student athlete from each school district in Suffolk County. The students were selected for this award based on the following areas of exceptional achievement: physical performance, scholastic ability, and leadership, as well as community service.

MADISON MERGL
ALL-CONFERENCE, ALL-COUNTY TOURNAMENT

KAILEE MUSCARELLO
ALL-LEAGUE

JENNIFER O’LEARY
ALL-LEAGUE

JENNA HARCLODE
ALL-LEAGUE HONORABLE MENTION

VARSITY GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

• 4th Place Finish in League VI Champions • Playoff Qualifier
• Overall Record 10-6 • NYS Scholar-Athlete Team*

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VARSITY BOYS VOLLEYBALL

• Overall Record 5-10 • NYS Scholar-Athlete Team*
CHRISTIAN SIMPSON
ALL-COUNTY ACADEMIC TEAM
GREGORY DEGEORGE
ALL-DIVISION, ALL-COUNTY
BRENDAN MESERVE
ALL-DIVISION

VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY

• 6th Division II • Overall Record 10-5
• NYS Scholar-Athlete Team*

REGAN HILLERY
ALL-COUNTY
KELLY READ
ALL-COUNTY
JILLIAN KROPE
ALL-COUNTY
TARA DONOHUE
ALL-COUNTY HONORABLE MENTION

(Not present for BOE meeting) CROSS COUNTRY • Jenna Newman • NYS Girls Cross Country, 1st Team All-League, All-Division, 1st Team All-County, All-State (Coach Duffy).

SUNRISE DRIVE’S FIRST POLAR EXPRESS DAY.

On the last day before Winter Recess, Sunrise Drive students wore their pajamas to school for Sunrise Drive’s first Polar Express Day and were excited to meet their very special Polar Express Conductor!
In addition, the students enjoyed the amazing and lively sounds of the Sayville High School Tour de Jazz, received jingle bells, and listened to holiday music during their lunch periods. Different activities took place throughout the building to help bring in the holiday cheer.

Presented by Athletic Director Dennis Maloney and team coaches with BOE Vice President Keith Kolar and Football Coach Reade Sands, Swimming Coach Nicole Mendez-Chicas, and Diving Coach Andrew O’Rourke.

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(above, center flanked by AD Maloney, Coach Sands and BOE VP Kolar) FOOTBALL • Aidan Kaler
• 115 total tackles, 53 solo tackles, 16 tackles for a loss, Collotta Award Winner-Best Linebacker in Suffolk County, Burnett Award- Best Defensive Player in Suffolk County, 1st Team in All-Division, in All-County, in All-Long Island, and in All-State, Empire Challenge All-Star Game, Stony Brook University on a Football Scholarship.

(lft, r-l) GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING • Coach O’Rourke,
Kathryn Kolar • 2 time NYS Qualifier in Swimming 400 Freestyle, All-County,
Megan Donnelly • 3 time as a NYS Qualifier in Swimming; 7th in the 100-Fly achieving All-Long Island and All-State, League Champion in 200 Freestyle,

Kathryn Brady • NYS 2 time NYS Qualifier in Swimming, 200 Individual Medley and 400 Freestyle, All-League & All-County, League Champion in 200 Individual Medley, Megan Romano • 2 time as a NYS Qualifier in Diving, Broke the 11 Dive School Record, All-County, Tarynn Boesch • NYS Qualifier in Diving, All-County, and Coach Mendez-Chicas, AD Maloney, BOE VP Kolar.

(Not present for BOE meeting) CROSS COUNTRY • Jenna Newman • NYS Girls Cross Country, 1st Team All-League, All-Division, 1st Team All-County, All-State (Coach Duffy).
This fall 9 out of 11 Varsity team participated in Post Season Play. All Varsity teams received New York State Scholar-Athlete Recognition, 64% of our 235 Varsity Fall Athletes received an individual Scholar-Athlete Award. In addition, many of our varsity programs were recognized as Scholar-Athlete* teams.

**VARSITY BOYS GOLF**
- 1st Place in League V • League V Tournament Champions • Overall Record 12-0

**VARSITY FOOTBALL**
- Big 4 Champions • Playoff Qualifier • Overall Record 6-4

**VARSITY BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY**
- 3rd Place in Division Meet & 4th Overall in County Meet • Overall Record 6-2 • NYS Scholar-Athlete Team*

**VARSITY BOYS SOCCER**
- 2nd Place League V • Overall Record 12-3-3 • Playoff Qualifier • NYS Scholar-Athlete Team*

**VARSITY GIRLS SWIMMING/DIVING**
- League III Champions • 3rd Place in Suffolk County • Overall Record 6-2 • NYS Scholar-Athlete Team*

**VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS**
- 2nd Place Finish in League III • Overall Record 12-2 • NYS Scholar-Athlete Team*

**VARSITY GIRLS CROSS-COUNTRY**
- 3rd Place Finish in League VI • 2nd in Suffolk County Class B Meet • Overall Record 4-2 • NYS Scholar-Athlete Team*

**VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER**
- 9th Place Finish in Class A • Overall Record 8-7 • Playoff Qualifier • NYS Scholar-Athlete Team*

See page 7 for more Fall Athletic Accomplishments.

*New Scholar-Athlete Qualifications: 75% of ENTIRE team must have a 90 GPA or above to qualify as a Scholar-Athlete team.