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DATES TO REMEMBER

January

- 8 Board of Education—
Public Work Session
- 15 Board of Education meeting
- 21 Schools Closed—Martin Luther
King Jr. Day
- 22 Board of Education meeting

February

- 5 Board of Education— Budget
Work Session
- 18 Schools Closed — Presidents' Day
- 26 Board of Education meeting

*School Improvement Bond,
These are your buildings,
they need your help.*

A School Improvement Bond vote is set for Tuesday, March 19, 2013. Discussions regarding the Bond will resume at the January 8th Board of Education meeting beginning with the High School and its facilities. A meeting has been added on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 to continue discussions on the middle and elementary schools. At the January 22nd meeting, items in the bond will be finalized. All Board of Education meetings are held in room 112 of South Side High School at 7:30 pm.

Lists of recommended items for improvement have been developed by compact team committees from each school, the District Architect's Facilities Study and the 5 Year Building Condition Survey. These lists are available on the School Improvement Bond section of our webpage, which can be found by going to www.RVCSCHOOLS.org.

Your participation is vital as we prepare for the School Improvement Bond vote. Join us at these meetings and give us your feedback.

To All Rockville Centre School District Residents

If you believe that your school-age or preschool child may have a disability, please contact Mrs. Noreen Leahy, Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel Services and Special Education, at (516)255-8928, or Dr. Orly Gadon, Chairperson of the Committee on Special Education/ Preschool Education at (516) 255-8942

—ALL AMERICAN ATHLETES—

Congratulations to Senior, Mark Romanowski and Junior, Christina Klaum, who were named All American Athletes in soccer. Klaum also received 1st team All State, NYS Co-Player of the Year, All Long Island MVP, Nassau County MVP, Newsday/MSG Varsity's 1st Team All Long Island and All County, while Romanowski was named All Region, All State, Newsday/MSG Varsity's 1st Team All Long Island, Jim Steen Award Winner, Nassau County Player of the Year, Conference Player of the Year and All County. Romanowski will be attending Princeton in the fall.



District Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics, Carol Roseto with Mark Romanowski and Christina Klaum

School Roundup

COVERT

On Saturday, December 1, 2012 the 1st Annual Raymar Children's Fund Holiday Crafts Fair took place at Covert Elementary School. All proceeds went directly to Hurricane Sandy victims within our community, as well as their family members who were affected by this tragedy. In total the Raymar Children's Fund raised over \$3,500. At the same time Covert was able to help vendors who lost opportunities for displaying their crafts due to the hurricane by having them sell their goods during the fair.



HEWITT



First grade students at Hewitt have been working hard to collect school supplies for students in East Rockaway. Teachers Kristen Clancy, Maria Argondizzo, Donna Jackson, Colleen Powers, and Louise Sommers decided to make this part of the first grade's Community Service Project to help these students who lost so much in the hurricane.

According to Mrs. Clancy, Rhame Avenue School in East Rockaway was damaged during the storm and the entire school is now being housed in Centre Avenue School. There are now two classes of students to every one classroom at Centre Avenue. Each classroom holds approximately 40 to 50 students. The students of East Rockaway need school supplies and everyday items.

The first grade students began by brainstorming about the different supplies that the students needed for everyday use, including pencils, paper, crayons, glue, scissors, and notebooks. From there, they started collecting these items and in total, collected 10 boxes of supplies which were donated on Thursday, December 6th to the Centre Avenue School.

RIVERSIDE

During the Riverside Elementary School Concert, tunes could be heard from band, choral and recorder groups. Students from each and every grade in the school performed holiday songs that delighted the crowd and even had outfits that matched the songs they were singing. The excitement the students exuded made each group unique and memorable.



WATSON

On Wednesday, November 21, 2012, Watson School held a concert to celebrate all they were thankful for, post-Hurricane Sandy, and to welcome those students displaced from their homes and schools who have come to regard Watson as their new home. The band, *The Turn*, from Rockville Centre performed. All money raised was donated to a Hurricane Sandy relief fund, The Captain James Corrigan Foundation.

The Turn, opened up with *Eight Days a Week*, by the Beatles and later played a song by crowd favorite, Justin Bieber.

The children of Watson School were thankful for the joyous afternoon listening to the music of a talented band destined to play at the Barclay Center in the near future, and dancing together with their new and old friends and teachers.



School Roundup

WILSON

On Thursday, December 13th, FBI Special Agent Danielle Messineo, RVC Police Commissioner Charles Gennario and RVC Lieutenant Chris Romance spoke to fifth grade students about the positive and negative aspects of Internet usage. The event was presented live at Wilson School and simulcast using our vBrick system for other fifth grade classes throughout the district. The informative presentation covered cyberbullying, predators and privacy setting usage. Students actively participated in a question and answer session, in person and virtually via email questions posed from other schools.

Danielle Messineo has been a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation since 1995. She is currently assigned to the Long Island Innocent Images Task Force, a combination of local and federal law enforcement partners who work in collaboration to investigate the online sexual exploitation of children. She has been the primary investigator for child pornography matters for nearly a decade and works closely with our police force in protecting our community's children.

Since second grade, students have learned about Internet safety through integrated units conducted in the STELLAR program. The transition into middle school will greatly expand their lives. As they mature, each child will make many personal decisions, including smart use of the Internet. This program represented another building block in honing their Internet Safety skills and keeping them safe.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

On Friday, December 14th South Side Middle School revealed its brand new S.T.E.A.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) Lab during a ribbon cutting ceremony. According to Director of the Arts, Dr. Brian Zuar, the S.T.E.A.M Lab was originally a music lab with 12 stations, but with the help of a grant from the Rockville Centre Education Foundation the District was able to add 8 work stations and update the already existing equipment so the room now has the capacity to teach science, technology, art, engineering, and math.

The grant was applied for in March of 2012 by Dr. Zuar and Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Mr. Christopher Pelletieri. "We felt that this was an important project because interdisciplinary work makes students college and career ready and has a strong connection to Common Core Standards," said Zuar when asked why they applied for this grant.

HIGH SCHOOL

Students and staff at South Side High School have come together to raise money for history teacher, Vinnie Falivene's mother, Barbara, who became very ill when her gall bladder burst causing severe life threatening damage to her small intestine. She does not have Health Insurance and her family needs to fundraise so that she can be admitted to Mt. Sinai Hospital.

When the students learned of the plight of their teacher and his mother, they immediately began brainstorming ideas to raise money. At first, a website was set up to accept donations. The information quickly spread around Facebook. In addition an email was sent to each club in the school detailing the situation and asking for support.

Students set up a paper thermometer in the High School lobby that displays the current amount of money raised. So far, a walk-a-thon was hosted which raised \$3,000, and on Wednesday December 19th, 15 teachers volunteered to have their heads shaved for every \$200 donated to the fund. This event was covered by News 12 and broadcast on the school channel (to watch the video online visit <http://vimeo.com/56115272>.)

Due to the generosity and support of the South Side High School Community, Barbara has been transferred to Mount Sinai Hospital where she is undergoing treatment.



The South Side High School Girls' Varsity Soccer Team Wins the State Championship for the Second Year in a Row!



The South Side High School Girls' Soccer Team brought home their 17th State title in school history on November 17th when they beat Janesville Dewitt in a 2-0 win. The first goal was scored by Midfielder Michaela Lynch and the second by Christina Klaum.

"The girls worked so hard this year to win another State title. They overcame being apart for a week when Sandy hit and played multiple games back-to-back to make up the time lost. I was so excited for the girls when they won a second consecutive State title, they are such a dedicated and amazing group of girls," said Coach Shannon McEntee.

McEntee was named the New York State Girls' Soccer Coach of the Year for the second year in a row and five of her players also received prestigious awards.

- Christina Klaum was named All American, 1st team All State, NYS Co-Player of the Year, All Long Island MVP, Nassau County MVP and All County
- Michaela Lynch received NYS Tournament Most Outstanding Player
- Alex Reis was 1st team All State and All County
- Kelsey Ford was 2nd team All State and All Class,
- Keri Cavallo was 3rd team All State, All Long Island, and All County
- Sarah McCarthy was named 4th team All State. Nassau County Finals Tournament MVP, and All Class

The South Side High School Girls' Volleyball team wins the Nassau County Class A Championship!

The South Side High School Girls' Varsity Volleyball team was named Class A Nassau County Champions after winning their game against the Wantagh Lady Warriors, 3-1 at Adelphi University.

"This group of young ladies was remarkable in a sense that they were extremely hardworking and dedicated individuals. Our team went through a rough patch of injuries and then super storm Sandy. These hardships made them even more determined to prevail. Additionally, the credit for their accomplishments goes to the leadership in the seniors who reinforced daily the concept of "TEAM." The team was led by seniors Allison Glass, Deanna Mostowfi, Emma Paris, Bridget Kiernan and Allison Leonard. I am extremely proud of our entire team," said Coach Cheryl Scalice.

Scalice was named Nassau County Coach of the year, while two of her players, Allison Glass and Deanna Mostowfi, were named All State. Mostowfi also received All County, while Glass was All Long Island-1st team, Nassau County MVP, and All County.



Ten South Side High School Students Perform in All State Ensembles

NYSSMA (New York State School Music Association) provides individual music students and school ensembles, such as bands, orchestras, and vocal ensembles, the opportunity to be assessed by a trained adjudicator. Music literature in the NYSSMA Manual is divided into six levels of difficulty, Level VI being the most difficult. A seventh category is Level VI All State.

Of the 6,600 students who were adjudicated for solos at the All State level, 890 of them were selected to go to Rochester, NY and perform in All State Ensembles, ten of which attend South Side High School. Congratulations to the following students on being selected for this prestigious honor:

All State Women's Chorus:

Jackie Cano, Soprano I

All State Mixed Chorus:

Lauren Baez, Alto I

Emma Weissman, Soprano II

Austin Wild, Bass II

Nicolas Marcotrigiano, Bass I

Noah Dion, Tenor I

All State Vocal Jazz Ensemble:

Dylan Seeger, Jazz Tenor Voice

All State String Orchestra:

Meghan Mullooly, Viola

All State Symphony Orchestra:

Alan Liu, Violin

Harrison Park, Violin



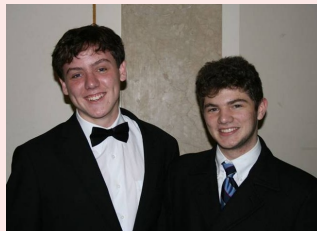
Dr. Brian Zuar and Meghan Mullooly (Viola, String Orchestra) and her family



Jackie Cano (Soprano, Women's Chorus) pictured with her parents



District Director of the Arts, Dr. Brian Zuar, Noah Dion (Tenor), Emma Weissman (Soprano), Lauren Baez (Alto), Austin Wild (Bass), & Nicolas Marcotrigiano (Bass)



Harrison Park, (Violin, Symphony Orchestra), with Austin Wild (Bass II, Mixed Chorus)



Dylan Seeger (Jazz Tenor Voice) with Dr. Herbert Deutsch (Professor Emeritus, Hofstra University, MC for the concert and a pioneer in the field of electronic music.)

Kindergarten Registration Information

Kindergarten Registration will be conducted by the **District Registrar in Room #105, South Side High School, 140 Shepherd Street, Rockville Centre, New York.** Registration dates are as follows:

COVERT SCHOOL	JANUARY 14, 2013	8 AM - 11:50 AM 1 PM - 4 PM	A - L M - Z
WILSON SCHOOL	JANUARY 15, 2013	8 AM - 11:50 AM 1 PM - 4 PM	A - L M - Z
WATSON SCHOOL	JANUARY 16, 2013	8 AM - 11:50 AM 1 PM - 3 PM	A - L M - Z
HEWITT SCHOOL	JANUARY 17, 2013	8 AM - 11:50 AM 1 PM - 4 PM	A - L M - Z
RIVERSIDE SCHOOL	JANUARY 18, 2013	8:30 AM - 12 PM	A - Z

Registration packets may be downloaded online by logging on to www.rvcschools.org and clicking on the Kindergarten Registration logo. Packets can also be picked up at your child's home school, the Registrar's office in Rm. 102 at South Side High School, or mailed to you directly by calling the Registrar at 516-255-8926.

PLEASE BE SURE TO COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION PACKET AND OBTAIN THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION NEEDED TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD PRIOR TO KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION.

If there is any reason that you will not be able to attend registration at the time assigned, or if you are not planning to send your child to the Rockville Centre Public Schools, please notify the Registrar.

If you have any questions, please call the Registrar, Ms. Eleanor Condenzio at 516-255-8926.



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