

Syosset Pride

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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Parents and Guardians,

When we originally planned this issue, I was excited to explore the theme of how Syosset's students are not just well-educated, but well-rounded. We're very proud of the academic accomplishments of our students, and we are every bit as proud of the fact that our students are anything but one-dimensional. They are artistic, benevolent, athletic, and kind.

However, the day after the successful voter approval of our "Phase 2" facilities initiative, school security issues were again thrust into the national spotlight with the tragic loss of life in Parkland, Florida. As I wrote at the time, though the events occurred in a faraway place, it nevertheless hit close to home as there were many local connections between our schools and theirs.

In 2015, the District conducted a security audit, and in the time since, the District has added a significant surveillance infrastructure, enhanced night and weekend security patrols, and begun work on many of the projects approved in Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Facilities Improvement Plan to enhance our security and safety:

- Glass corridor walls are being replaced with security- and fire-rated corridor walls,
- Classroom doors and locks are being upgraded to the latest security specification,
- Vestibules are being added to every building to manage visitors,
- Security corridors will be built to replace outdoor student walkways at the high school and South Grove elementary school,
- Air conditioning will be added to every classroom to eliminate the need to open windows,
- Outdoor bathrooms will be constructed at Syosset High School to eliminate the need to keep the building unlocked during athletic events.

Additional initiatives in progress include electronic "door ajar" systems, exhaust fans in gymnasiums, and reconfiguration of door access to after-hours venues (gymnasiums and auditoriums).

We've made operational changes as well including: additional uniformed security guards, new visitor procedures, installation of the RAVE panic button app, institution of chip-enabled smart badges for all staff, new exterior electronic door locks, and new bid specifications for both security guards and surveillance infrastructure.

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Syosset's academic successes have been well-documented by the likes of the Department of Education, the State Education Department, and organizations that sponsor regional and national competitions that honor student accomplishments at the individual and group level. National publications such as Newsweek, U.S. News & World Report, The Washington Post and others sources also place Syosset in the national spotlight through their annual rankings of the nation's best schools. In many cases, however, it's the intangible results that help define the quality of a school system.

"While academic achievement remains a hallmark here, when measuring Syosset's success, it's important that we look at the breadth of high-caliber opportunities and experiences beyond the day-to-day curriculum," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Tom Rogers. "Just as the foundation for academic excellence is established early on, so is the

groundwork for well-rounded growth."

Communal civility and the commitment to self-improvement and improving the quality of life for others is evident through the many activities that complement the curriculum.

ENRICHING EXPERIENCES FILL THE DAY

The Kids Teaching Kids Club at Berry Hill Elementary School is taking the TED Talks concept to the student audience. The club allows students to take agency of their own learning by researching, exploring and sharing a topic of interest to them and discussing it with peers. Students engage in two-way questioning and respond to questions while exploring a variety of crosscutting disciplines.

In addition to an array of enriching clubs during the lunch/recess periods, Brown Bag sessions are made available to all district elementary students. This program provides students in grades 2-5 an opportunity to use their free time (generally recess) to participate

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HBT's PAL and Buddy clubs students complete an exercise through the ADL's World of Difference program.

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A Message from Your *Superintendent*

In addition, the Nassau County Police Department has announced several changes to how they will coordinate with school districts both in developing security plans and in daily operations. We'll elaborate more in a future issue, but expect police vehicles to visit our campuses frequently as a stop on their rounds, not necessarily in response to a 911 call.

A key factor in the strength of our District is our relationship with the community, and part of how we keep one another safe is to maintain a "see something, say something" mindset. Whether it's on-line or in person, if something doesn't seem quite right, we want to check it out so we can rule it out.

But we also keep one another safe by keeping

one another healthy. Syosset is fortunate to have a school psychologist in place on every campus, and a District-wide social work capacity. We place a great deal of emphasis on programs and services to promote student mental health.

An important part of student health is cultivating a sense of belonging. Syosset takes pride in an incredibly broad range of extra-curricular opportunities from elementary school right through graduation. There truly is something for everyone, and these opportunities form one of the cornerstones of our student well-being efforts.

That's why we are taking this issue to celebrate the fact that our students are not just well-educated, but well-rounded. In each building

and at every level, our students have the opportunity to explore interests that go beyond the curriculum, to find peers at Syosset and beyond who share those passions, and begin to define their futures blending vocation with avocation. At Syosset, we trust that every student learns they can change both themselves – and the world – for the better.

Dr. Tom Rogers
Superintendent of Schools



A Message from Your *Board of Education*

Dear Syosset Community,

The horrific events at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida have once again raised school security discussions to the forefront. Please know that with all of the work that takes place in the Syosset schools on a daily basis, nothing takes precedence over the health and safety of our children. The Syosset School District has always been focused on creating and maintaining a secure environment for our community. In recent years the District began on a path to strengthen security at all of our buildings, and the facilities projects you have supported over the last several years are significant in furthering this endeavor.

On March 12, the Board hosted a special forum to receive feedback from the community on the topic of security. Undoubtedly there will be more conversations to be had on this topic. All of the comments and questions raised will be carefully considered and addressed. We are committed to working through this complex issue in a manner that ensures our students and staff are as safe as possible while maintaining a positive environment for the students. In this issue of Syosset Pride, Superintendent Dr. Tom Rogers provides an update on the progress already made to tighten security, as well as the status on our initiatives currently in progress.

While we are intently focused on the security of our schools, we have a student body to educate and we will not lose sight of our mission. High standards of academic excellence are synonymous with our district, yet it's worth noting that there is so much more to a Syosset education. There are many opportunities for students to express themselves creatively, intellectually, athletically and benevolently. Whether it's the College Board calling out one of our students for exceptional performance on the AP Computer Science exam, another student earning the Leukemia

& Lymphoma Society's Student of the Year Award, or our Forensics Society once again being recognized as a top team on the national stage, our students continue to validate our efforts to educate the whole child.

The excellence of the District has resulted in yet another acknowledgement, as Syosset High School was named a New York State Reward School in January. While the high school should be heralded for its academic achievements, this is a recognition of the strength of the district as a whole, as the foundation for success is established early on at the elementary schools and later built up through the secondary schools.

As we applaud our children, we also thank voters in our community for your support of the Phase 2 facilities improvement propositions. With your approval, we can now begin addressing some of the significant needs of our aging facilities, improve our instructional spaces, address traffic safety issues, and improve building security and energy efficiency throughout the district. Construction projects approved last May as part of the Phase 1 Capital Reserve vote are underway, and initial construction of the Phase 2 projects approved in February will begin in the summer of 2019. To help you follow the progress of this work, the District will post online updates via the District website www.syossetschools.org as well as on Facebook. You can also refer to future editions of Syosset Pride for information.

Our next edition of Syosset Pride will provide an overview of the proposed budget for the 2018-19 school year. Budget information meetings began in February and will continue up until the May 15 vote. As with all of our meetings, you are invited to attend to learn more about the programs and operations of the 10 Syosset schools and stay apprised of the budget process for the upcoming school year. Please note that information meetings are held just prior to the regularly scheduled 8 p.m. Board



business meetings. You may refer to the Board of Education calendar on the District website for exact start times.

In addition to the budget, the annual May ballot will include the election to seats on this Board and a proposition to permit the District to create a Capital Reserve for security-related facilities projects. Just as the Capital Reserve the voters authorized in 2014 allowed the District to defray borrowing costs for the Phase 1 and Phase 2 facilities votes, this new Capital Reserve would enable the District to respond quickly to any new security enhancements deemed necessary by the administration, or required by a future regulation from Albany.

For a summary of the events of every Board meeting, please refer to our monthly "Board Meeting Notes," found under the Board of Education tab of the website. To contact us, you can refer to our email addresses online or in the calendar. Online question forms are available on the Board of Education section of the website by clicking on "Audience to the Public." Questions will be addressed at the Board meetings. We look forward to seeing you there.

Warm regards,

The Syosset School District Board of Education

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in special programs or discussions on topics that are of interest to them. According to South Grove Elementary School Principal Mi Jung An, a broad range of topics is offered at the school to pique student interests.

“To us, educating the whole child also means taking advantage of the whole day,” said An, whose school has offered Brown Bags on topics ranging from Mayan math to criminology; the latter led by a New York City detective.

Many clubs and experiences spur creativity in the performing arts. Such is the case at South Woods Middle School, which boasts 30 clubs. This year, at the request of students, a Ukulele Club was formed and has proven inspirational to many. The club recently treated the entire school and faculty to performances of “Don’t Worry Be Happy” as they arrived to school during Spirit Week.

“This is one of the most inclusive clubs I have ever been a part of,” said South Woods music teacher Emily Klonowski. “Its beauty is its diversity. Student leaders develop the confidence to teach newcomers, and friendships develop quickly. Motor, cognitive and social-emotional skills grow by leaps and bounds as students learn to appreciate the simple joys of playing music.”

At Robbins Lane Elementary School, fifth-graders also had a unique opportunity in the arts, as they learned choreography, singing and stage presence under the direction of an artist from the nonprofit Inside Broadway organization. This culminated with an evening performance of famous Disney Broadway productions staged by the students, putting smiles on the faces of many parents.

Students sometimes take their special talents on the road. Village Elementary School students plan visits to a local rehabilitation center to entertain the facility’s residents. The string ensemble stops by twice a year, and the school’s kindergartners perform there during the holidays.

SHAPING STUDENT CHANGEMAKERS

Developmentally appropriate and relevant discussions about how students should carry themselves in life are prevalent in the district.

These conversations are facilitated by Dignity for All Students Act (DASA) coordinators and enabled by various activities implemented districtwide through Syosset’s PRIDE initiative. Among them are opportunities for students to discuss some of the social challenges they face and better understand challenges faced by others.

At Harry B. Thompson Middle School, 45 students in grades 6-7 in the school’s PAL (Peers as Leaders) and Buddy Club underwent two days of in-school training by representatives of the Anti-Defamation League through the World of Difference program. Students conversed, role-

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– Superintendent of Schools Dr. Thomas Rogers

played and participated in different exercises to gain a greater appreciation for diversity while making new connections and identifying similarities in each other that may not have been obvious before. They are using what they learned to embed acceptance into the culture of the school. This includes encouraging others to speak up and stand up to bullying behavior.

“I learned a lot from this. It makes me reflect on myself and someone else’s views,” said HBT sixth-grader J.P. Cascón, who arrived to Syosset from Mexico City this year. “I think I’ll be a different person now. If someone says something mean to me or someone else, I can stand up for him or her or myself. This [experience] has taught me what to do.”

At Syosset High School, the students are



Senior Jake Gould (fourth from left) has seen the Breaking Borders club he started three years ago grow by leaps and bounds.

taking advantage of every opportunity to better themselves, their community and beyond.

Three years ago, Syosset High School senior Jake Gould approached the school leadership to bring Syosset students together with students from different cultures and socioeconomic backgrounds. The program, titled Breaking Borders, began with a circle of a half dozen students from Syosset and Freeport high schools meeting on a monthly basis, alternating schools, to discuss different issues of importance to them and in society. It began with a talk about the then upcoming presidential election. Last month, Syosset High School hosted more than 100 students representing Amityville, Elmont, Freeport and Syosset high schools. According to Jake, through courageous conversations, students are challenging themselves to think in ways they have never thought before, thus experiencing real personal growth.

“We are developing future leaders to go out in the world, spread messages of inclusivity and become more self-aware,” said Jake, who organizes topics of conversation and meets with administrators in Syosset and in other schools on behalf of the program. “Aside from the interactions and experiences I have had with my fellow students, one of the most important things I have learned is how to create something bigger than myself and pursue something that I am passionate about. That’s something that I will forever be proud of.”

Senior Ellie Hooey is a great example of a student who has developed many interests through her Syosset education. She is presently the COO of the In The Mix team, one of the Virtual Enterprises International businesses at the high school that enable students to take on different roles of running a business. However, Ellie’s leadership qualities materialized well before this experience. Last summer, she organized a community yoga event to benefit the GOOD+ Foundation, an organization dedicated to fighting family poverty and supporting new (including teenage) mothers. She also runs the school’s Unity Coalition, which meets regularly with representatives of the high school clubs to discuss a variety of topics and bring clubs closer together.

“Being in Syosset, we are fortunate to have so many hands-on opportunities to grow,” said Ellie, who also participates in a biology program through Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory and still finds time to captain the rowing team. “There is so much to choose from here, no matter what you want to do. It really sets you up for success in college and in life.”



South Woods Middle School’s Ukulele Club is one of the school’s popular new clubs.

AROUND THE SCHOOLS

Ambassadors of Kindness

At Walt Whitman Elementary School, Kindness Club ambassadors have been calling out students for their kind acts. In the near future these acts will be posted on a bulletin board in the hallway, on view for everyone in the school to notice. The club also created its own pledge, which was unveiled at one of the monthly character education assemblies.

Biliteracy Opportunity for Graduates

The World Language Department is excited to announce a new opportunity the District is extending to students who demonstrate a high proficiency in English and a second language. Students can now attain a New York State Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSOB), a distinction that is awarded to high school graduates who are literate in English and a second language. In recognition of this honor, the seal is placed on the recipient's diploma and a notation is included on their transcript as an indicator of this achievement.



In order to earn the Seal of Biliteracy, students must complete the requirements as outlined by New York State. Students are evaluated on their speaking, reading and writing skills in English and a second language (Spanish, French or Italian), as presented through a culminating project on a theme of their choice.

One of the goals of the Syosset Central School District is to prepare graduates for a continually changing world. To be successful in the future, students need to develop a cross-cultural understanding and competency, and be able to navigate a multilingual and global society. For these reasons, the District is proud to support our students who wish to achieve this honor.

Caring With Haring

Third-graders at Robbins Lane Elementary School created works of art that displayed "Pride and Love" in the style of Keith Haring. Dubbed "Caring with Haring," the project afforded students the opportunity to work collaboratively to create life-sized figures that are not only simple but also bold, in an effort to represent diversity.



"Pride and Love" at Robbins Lane.

Exhibiting Unity

South Woods Middle School hosted "South Woods as One," an interactive museum of exhibits that addressed diversity, human rights, acceptance and cultural awareness. Students spent the day circulating through exhibits, which were designed and curated by their peers at the school.

Global Play

A.P. Willits Elementary School students took a step back from their regular routines to simply enjoy being kids, joining schools in 51 nations for Global School Play Day. For an entire day, devices and technology were off-limits, and teachers and staff encouraged students to use their imagination to participate in unstructured activities including crafts, reading and imaginative free play.



APW students do the limbo on Global School Play Day.

Opera Appreciation

Syosset High School and the district's Department of Fine and Performing Arts continued its more than 20-year partnership with the International Vocal Arts Institute and the Metropolitan Opera with this year's presentation of Gian Carlo Menotti's comedic one-act opera, "The Telephone." IVAI members gave performances to students in the chorus room and auditorium to help inspire an appreciation for opera.



Baylis alumni from the high school returned to read to students.

Pick a Reading Partner

The Baylis Elementary School PTA organized a special week to celebrate the students' love of reading. A prismatic laser light show inspired students to imagine fascinating places, characters and ideas. Students and staff also participated in D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything and Read), and enjoyed visits by author David Schwartz, as well as former Baylis students from Syosset High School who came back for a read aloud with current students.

'Spark'ing Teamwork

New York Islanders mascot Sparky the Dragon recently visited Berry Hill Elementary School for an assembly on the importance of teamwork. Students viewed a video with testimonials from current Islander team members. A few members of the audience also participated in a challenge to see which team could dress a member in goalie equipment faster, which further demonstrated how working together achieves a common goal.



Celebrating the Olympics and raising money at Village.

Service and Enrichment

The Village Elementary School Art Enrichment Club recently used the backdrop of the Winter Olympics to raise money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The children created flags of the nations in physical education and Art Club, tracked the Olympic medal count and incorporated their math lessons, all while securing pledges for LLS.

Sharing Culture

South Grove School held a multicultural share throughout the building. Fifth-graders served as the presenters, sharing information, customs and fun activities with children in the earlier grades. Presentations were delivered in the form of crafts, food, games and workshops, all designed to build confidence and presentation skills while sharing cultural pride.

Harry B. Thompson Middle School also celebrated the diversity of the school during the annual Multicultural Week festivities. Staff and student presentations were given on a wide range of cultures represented by the student body. Highlights included Greek and Israeli dancing, crepe and rice-making demonstrations, and origami. The week culminated with a Multicultural Exposition consisting of various stations set up in the gymnasium, where delicious foods from around the world were sampled.



More than 30 different stations featured countries from around the world, including Israel, during HBT's multicultural expo.



MUSIC AND ART HIGHLIGHTS



National Finalists

Congratulations to A.P. Willits Elementary School student Lawrence Hon, South Woods Middle School student Darius Fan and Harry B. Thompson Middle School students Maxwell Greene and Griffin Hon for winning the New York State Award of Excellence in their respective categories in the National PTA Reflections art program. As a result, they have all advanced to the national competition, which will conclude in April. Darius and Maxwell are finalists in the music composition category and Griffin and Lawrence advanced for separate video productions. Last year, Syosset High School student Rachel Doyle won the National PTA Reflections Outstanding Interpretation award. Best of luck!

Clockwise from top left, Darius Fan, Lawrence Hon, Maxwell Greene and Griffin Hon.



PRESTIGIOUS INVITE



Kudos to the South Woods Middle School sixth-grade band and director Mandy DeShrage. The 85-member group was invited to attend and perform at the New York State Band Directors Association 2018 Symposium in Liverpool, New York in early March. The NYSBDA Symposium consists of workshops and performances by select ensembles from throughout the state. The entire South Woods band was slated to perform five musical pieces, leading off with “Triton Fanfare” – a celebratory statement for band. Unfortunately, inclement weather prohibited the South Woods sixth-graders and two other ensembles from Long Island from flying into the area.

The South Woods sixth-grade band has consistently earned Level 2 “Gold with Distinction” ratings at New York State School Association major festivals under the direction of DeShrage.

Chamber Musicians PLAY TILLES

Once again, a student chamber ensemble from Syosset High School was selected to participate in the Young Musicians Long Island Regional Concert, sponsored by the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center. These students recently performed at the Hillwood Auditorium at the LIU Post Tilles Center, with coaching from a member of the society.

The Syosset ensemble is one of only eight groups from Long Island chosen for the concert. They performed “Piano Quintet in E-flat Major, Op. 44; Allegro ma non troppo,” by Robert Schumann. The group is comprised of Caroline Lee (viola), Caroline Ruggiero (violin II), Elizabeth Ruggiero (violin I), Kevin Xu (cello) and Siyu Yang (piano). Congratulations to these students and their orchestra director, Stephanie Merten, on this wonderful accomplishment!



From left, Elizabeth Ruggiero, Caroline Ruggiero, Siyu Yang, Kevin Xu and Caroline Lee.

STUDENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Science Olympians Advance to States



Captains of Syosset HS's Scioly Science Olympiad team

Congratulations to the Syosset High School Science Olympiad team Scioly, and the South Woods Middle School Science Olympiad team for advancing to the state Science Olympiad to be held at East Syracuse Minoa High School in April.

Scioly claimed the top spot at the Nassau Eastern Regional and is one of only 16 high school teams from Long Island to qualify for the state tournament. As a school, South Woods won 87 medals overall in regional competition en route to its qualifying victory. Last year both

schools, as well as H. B. Thompson Middle School, advanced to the state competition.

Science Olympiads provide challenges in various STEM disciplines, exposing students to practicing scientists and career choices, as well as dynamic content experiences. Scioly is one of Syosset High School's largest extracurricular groups, with approximately 75 members.

Mildred Castañeda coaches Scioly; Linda Stollow the South Woods team. Good luck to both at States!

PRIZEWINNING SCHOLARS

Congratulations to Syosset High School seniors Justin Cohen and Monet Yuan, who have been named prizewinning scholars in the Regeneron Science Talent Search, the nation's oldest and most prestigious precollege science competition. They were among 300 Regeneron STS scholars recognized nationwide.

Justin studied 9/11 first responders who were later exposed to Superstorm Sandy. His research established coping skills as an important therapeutic target for individuals at risk for exposure to trauma, such as disaster responders.

Monet's research isolated two cancer genes within the same family to see if there was any interaction between them and how this would affect and hopefully prevent cancer growth. She confirmed a synthetically lethal relationship between the two types of genes, which caused the cancer cells to die off. To ensure her theory was consistent for varying cancer types, she conducted experiments through three different types of cancer cell lines: melanoma, colorectal and breast cancer.

Alumni of the Regeneron competition hold more than 100 of the world's most distinguished science and math honors, including the Nobel Prize and the National Medal of Science. As a result of their award-winning research, Justin and Monet will each receive \$2,000 and the school will receive an additional \$4,000.



Monet Yuan and Justin Cohen are Syosset's 2018 Regeneron Scholars.



Representatives of South Woods' state qualifying team

Nat Geo Bee Champ



Congratulations and good luck to South Grove Elementary School fifth-grader Samuel Wang, who, for the second consecutive year, has advanced to the state Nat Geo Bee championship. Samuel recently took the qualifying exam and is among the top 100 scorers in the state. One national champion will be named this spring and will receive a \$50,000 college scholarship, among other prizes, from National Geographic.

SPORTS WRAP-UP

Fall and Winter Highlights

BASKETBALL

The girls team won the conference championship with a 10-2 record. The boys team qualified for the playoffs for the third consecutive season, finishing second in its conference.

BOWLING

The girls team won its second consecutive county championship. Rebecca Lee finished with the third-highest average in the county and won the Todd Heimer Scholar/Athlete Award.

CHEERLEADING

The team finished in first place in five different county competitions and placed second in another two. Overall, they finished as the county runner-up and also took the first-place award at the Pocono and second place at the Empire regional tournaments.

CROSS-COUNTRY

The girls team won its sixth consecutive county championship and its eighth in 10 years, qualifying for the state meet in every instance. Reilly Siebert was the individual county champion for the third consecutive year in a row, receiving All-State honors and finishing 18th at the state competition.

KICKLINE

Kickline competed in two regional competitions, earning first- and second-place awards in hip-hop, jazz and kick categories. The team finished eighth in the country in jazz and 13th in hip-hop at the National Dance Association nationals.

SOCCER

The boys team was named co-county champion, appearing in the county finals before falling on a penalty kick in overtime. C.J. Emmerich won the Jim Steen award as the most outstanding player in the county. Coach Brett Waxer also won County Coach of the Year honors. For the second consecutive year, the girls won the AA1 Sportsmanship award as determined by coaches.

SWIMMING

The boys team placed second overall at the county championships, won its conference and completed its third straight undefeated regular season (31-0). Javier Ramirez won the county title in the 500-yard freestyle and qualified for the state championships in multiple events. Michael Jiang, Alexi Weis and James Wun all qualified for states as well.

TENNIS

The girls team advanced to the semifinals of the Nassau County team tournament before falling to eventual county champ Port Washington.

VOLLEYBALL

The girls team finished the season ranked 5th in Nassau County Class AA. The team advanced to the county semifinals where they lost to eventual county champ Long Beach.

WINTER TRACK

For the girls, Reilly Siebert qualified for the Millrose Games and was the county champion in the 3000-meter run, qualifying for the



Girls cross-country won its sixth-consecutive county championship and eighth in 10 years.

state championship meet and the national championship meet, also breaking the school record. The team of Rojean Aminian, Samantha DeStefani, Mayu Iio and Reilly Siebert qualified for the national championship in the distance medley relay. The boys finished in 10th place in the county championship. Andrew Lafferty finished second in the open 1,000-meter, and the team of Justin DePinto, Andrew Lafferty, Hunter Pick and Ross Reddock finished second in the 4x800-meter relay. Reddock qualified for the state championship in the open 1,000-meter and Lafferty for the 1,000-meter in the intersectional relay.

WRESTLING

Fifteen wrestlers earned New York State Academic All-State status. Junior Matt Majoy was the county runner-up and qualified for the New York State championship.



ATHLETES *Make Their Mark*

Syosset High School's most distinguished student-athletes signed National Letters of Intent to play their respective sports at the collegiate level during a ceremony before family, faculty and coaches. Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics Drew Cronin and boys varsity lacrosse coach John Calabria

hosted a National Commitment Day ceremony in the school library, where students, wearing a cap from their school of choice, signed their respective letters.

Congratulations to these seniors, for their commitment to continuing their athletic careers in college!

- Sofia Afkham – girls lacrosse at Binghamton University
- Brandon Brosnahan – boys lacrosse at Assumption College
- Kyle Curtin – boys lacrosse at Colorado College
- Samantha DeStefani – girls cross country/track at Marist College
- Cody Johnston – boys lacrosse at

- Manhattanville College
- Liam Kalbacher – boys lacrosse at Stony Brook University
- J.P. Lannig – boys lacrosse at Brown University
- Daniel Ochs – boys lacrosse at Hofstra University
- Daniel Pellerito – boys tennis at William and Mary
- Jack Pucci – boys lacrosse at Jacksonville University
- Javier Ramirez – swimming at Iona College

- Nicole Rizzo – girls lacrosse at Stony Brook University
- Reilly Siebert – girls cross country/track at Villanova University
- Taylyn Stadler – girls lacrosse at University of Pennsylvania
- Matthew Tesoriero – baseball at Catholic University
- Max Verch – boys lacrosse at University of Maryland

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