

Academic Highlights

Tuckahoe High School students competed in this year's Academic Challenge Program against S.S. Seward Institute located in Orange County. Tuckahoe was victorious and will now move to the 2nd round of this multi-county competition. Their win will be televised on Channel 12 on January 27, 2010. Congratulations to Matt Cucino, Michael Ciotti, Tim Moroney, Dru Ionescu, Alexia Copeland and their advisor, Ms. Heinsohn.

Students in grades 10, 11 and 12 have been offered an SAT prep program through the Kaplan SAT Center. This program has been underwritten by the Generoso Pope Foundation.

Michael Ciotti has been awarded the Pace University Lubin School of Business Homer S. Pace Medal. He was honored at a dinner on October 29, 2009.

Kelly Raho and Tatiana Gargiulo have been selected as Outstanding Students of Italian. They received their awards at a Westchester County ceremony in early October 2009.

Our high school seniors have already begun to receive acceptance notices from a number of very impressive colleges and universities.

The district continues to move forward in its K-12 Curriculum Evaluation Process:

Last June, the Board received the completed, revamped K-12 math curriculum from the principals and teachers. The implementation of the math recommendations is under way and ongoing.

The district's next initiative is a K-12 science program evaluation which commenced September, 2009.

The ELA curriculum accepted by the Board in June of 2007 is in the monitoring phase and adjustments continue to be made based upon improved student performance.

In the area of technology with the help of the Tuckahoe School Foundation and the Generoso Pope Foundation, the Board continues to move forward on its smartboard implementation objective. This year 12 additional smartboards were installed in district classes. With the majority of rooms now containing smartboards, the district is hoping to complete the initiative of a smartboard in each classroom by 2011. Because of the success in utilizing technology to enhance student learning, the district is working with BOCES and Verizon to install a TLS data line to significantly improve our data transmission speed and capacity. We expect this line to be operational shortly.

Where to find information about the Tuckahoe Schools:

Website: www.TuckahoeSchools.org
Our website provides information about each of our schools as well as contact information, procedures, upcoming events, etc.

Channel 77 (Cablevision) and Channel 27 (Verizon) Tuckahoe Educational Access Cable programming highlights our school events (concerts, presentations, sports, graduations, Board of Education meetings.)

HOW TO SIGN ON TO K-12 ALERTS - EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM. Please log on to our web site: www.tuckahoeschools.org and click on **K-12 ALERTS** to register for email and text to cell alerts 24/7.

Office of Communications
Contact Dr. Michael Yazurlo at 337-6600, ext. 251 or
email: supe@tuckahoe.lhric.org

Other contacts:
To reach the Board of Education, contact the District Clerk, 337-6600, ext. 262 or to send comments or questions, email our District webmaster: donnelyc@tuckahoe.lhric.org

Diana Ottamanelli has been chosen out of more than 4,000 singers who auditioned for the New York All State Chorus.

P.J. Castracucco was selected Honorable Mention for the Golden Dozen Award. This is a very prestigious award for exceptional football student athletes.

Xavier Griffiths has been awarded a National Achievement Scholarship.

Board of Education President Tony Buonocore was named the 2009 recipient of the Monsignor Anthony Maltese Humanitarian Award for his many years of dedicated service to our community.

Board of Education Vice President Rev. Frank Coleman has relocated to Virginia. We wish him and his family the best and thank him for his contributions to our district.

The art work of three of our high school students will be shown at the student art exhibition from January 8 – 22, 2010 at the OSilas Gallery at Concordia College.

The students are: Victoria Ottamanelli, Christopher Conkling and Kelly McKeon.

The National Honor Society students have participated in the Thanksgiving Senior Citizen Luncheon in November 2009; the Toys for Tots Drive in December 2009 and the Prom/Evening Dress Drive (through March 12, 2010).

The Parent/Teen Alcohol Awareness Forum held on November 19, 2009 in the high school auditorium was a great success.

The teachers, staff and students all volunteered many hours to prepare and perform at the Tuckahoe Middle/High School Variety Show on December 4, 2009 to assist the G.O. Scholarship Fund. They performed to a packed auditorium and all the acts were amazing!

The following are summer accomplishments of several Tuckahoe children:

**Selected for Eastchester Little League All Star 12u Team
Champions of the Westchester Baseball Summer 12/13u League:**

Mario Forgione	John McGrath	Salvatore Villano
Michael Liscio	Anthony Ortiz	Brandon Zingaro

**Selected for Eastchester Little League All Star 11u Team
Champions of the Little League District 20 11u Division:**

Anthony Castracucco

**Selected for Eastchester Little League All Star 10u Team
Champions of the Little League District 20 10u Division:**

Christopher Corrado

**Selected for Eastchester Little League Softball All Star 10u Team
Second Place in the Little League District 20 10u Softball Division:**

Cassandra McGrath

**Invited to play on travel teams in the Cooperstown Dreams Park
Baseball Tournament:**

Mario Forgione	-	NY Panthers
John McGrath	-	White Plains Wildcats
Anthony Ortiz	-	White Plains Wildcats

In addition, the following children participated in the Tuckahoe Challenge Summer Races:



Please note that there has been a change in this year's school calendar:

February 12, 2010 is now a full day of school. May 10, 2010 will be used as a Superintendent's Conference Day.

This change has been made to address the scoring of State tests while reducing the cost of substitute coverage.

West Point Triathlon – Children's

Brian Baker – 5th grade
Caitlin O'Leary – 5th grade
John Reichelt – 5th grade
Elizabeth Reichelt – 8th grade

Adult Triathlon

James Baker – 9th grade
Michael O'Leary – 9th grade

Tuckahoe Challenge – 6 miles

James Baker – 9th grade
Michael O'Leary – 9th grade

Tuckahoe Challenge – 5 miles

Caitlin O'Leary – 5th grade
John Reichelt – 5th grade
Sage Pregiato – 5th grade

The following are the Sports Awards for the 2009 Fall Season:

Varsity Boys Soccer

Honorable Mention All League -- John Crimmins and Mark Sarno

All League -- Domenick Villano

Varsity Girls Volleyball

All League -- Dina Moss

Honorable Mention All League -- Christina Manias and Briana Oliverio

Varsity Girls Tennis

All League -- Amber Cannale and Kelly Raho

Honorable Mention All League -- Isabel Artaza and Katie Ferrone

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Varsity Football -- Section One Class D Champions

All League -- Philip J. Castracucco, Kevin Chen and Jarett Sommer

Honorable Mention All League -- Ryan Snavelly, Joseph Jacopino, and Jonathan Jubilee

All Section -- Philip J. Castracucco

Honorable Mention All Section -- Jarett Sommer

Sectional Game: Most Valuable Player: Jarett Sommer

Regional Game: Most Valuable Player: David Paez

We hope you had a chance to see all the Tuckahoe winter concerts. They were exceptional. Congratulations to the performers, tech crews and staff members!

The process of the 2010-2011 school budget is underway. We are committed to keeping the tax rate as low as possible while maintaining a quality educational experience for all children.

We, like our sister districts, face numerous issues from the State that will be a challenge as we move forward. For example:

- The uncertainty of State Aid. We have been told that reductions can be expected.
- Increased contributions to both the Teachers and Civil Service retirement funds.
- Increases in health insurance.
- Increases in utility costs.

We have contingency plans to face these challenges and we pledge to do our best to contain and/or reduce costs.

For more information, please view our District website: www.tuckahoeschools.org

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