

# Comsewogue

Community Connections

Spring 2022

## A Message from the Superintendent

Welcome to the Comsewogue School District. We are located primarily in the Port Jefferson Station and Terryville areas of northern Brookhaven Town, in Suffolk County, New York. Our school district educates approximately 4,000 students in four elementary schools, a middle school, and a high school.

In past years, New York State has given three of our schools recognition as Schools of Excellence in the national Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence Program. All six of our schools achieved full accreditation without any stipulations or recommendations from the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, Commissions on Elementary and Secondary Education. Comsewogue is in the enviable position of having above average program results with a tax burden in the lower third of the 19 Brookhaven Town school districts. The Comsewogue community takes great pride in the academic, athletic, and artistic achievements of its young citizens. This pride is evidenced by the high standards to which it holds its professional educators; the popularity of student athletic, musical, and dramatic events; and the continuing, long-term support of school district budgets.



I take great pride in the Comsewogue School District and I am so proud to be your Superintendent! Every effort is made to help students and parents receive the best possible service from all of our employees. Our website provides information about the Comsewogue School District, highlights some of our initiatives for the current school year, and provides links to reports and information which may be useful to parents, community members, and potential new residents.

With continuing support from parents, taxpayers, and local business leaders, Comsewogue will remain a wonderful place to live and raise children, and then to watch them grow to be educated, young citizens.

Jennifer Quinn, Ed.D.,  
Superintendent of Schools

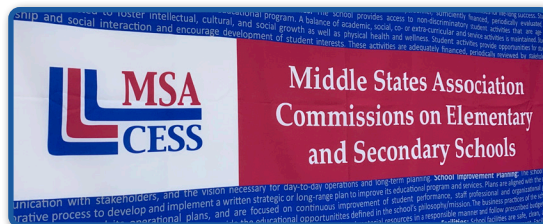
## Achievements Abound



Comsewogue High School's business program ranked top 50 in the nation for its student-run virtual enterprise program



Our school district was recognized as a NAMM Best Community for Music Education for the 6th consecutive year



All of our schools are celebrating Middle States Accreditation for 5 years without any stipulations or recommendations from the Middle States Association



Comsewogue High School introduced a program to allow students to earn a Seal of Biliteracy, recognizing those who are fluent in more than one language



Character education, social-emotional learning and service learning projects have been incorporated into our curriculum district-wide, grades K-12



Norwood students were recognized for their kindness and generosity to others.



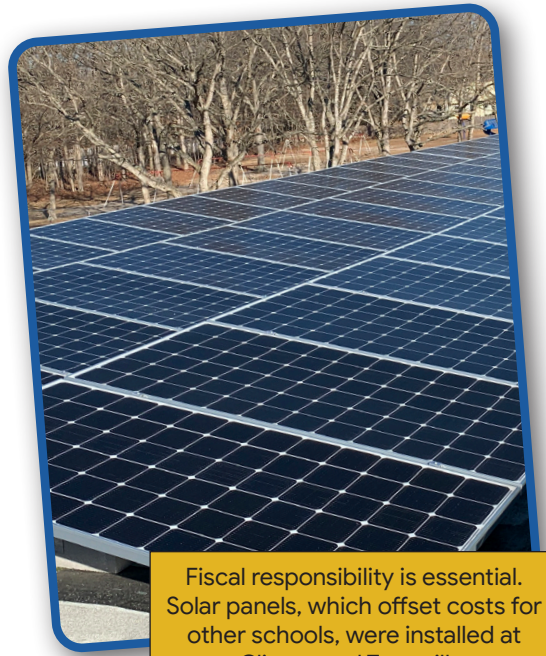
Kindness and compassion are essential traits of good citizens seen here in the Terryville celebrations to kick off "Start with Hello" Week!



Clinton classes join multiple virtual author visits and participate in related activities to the authors books.



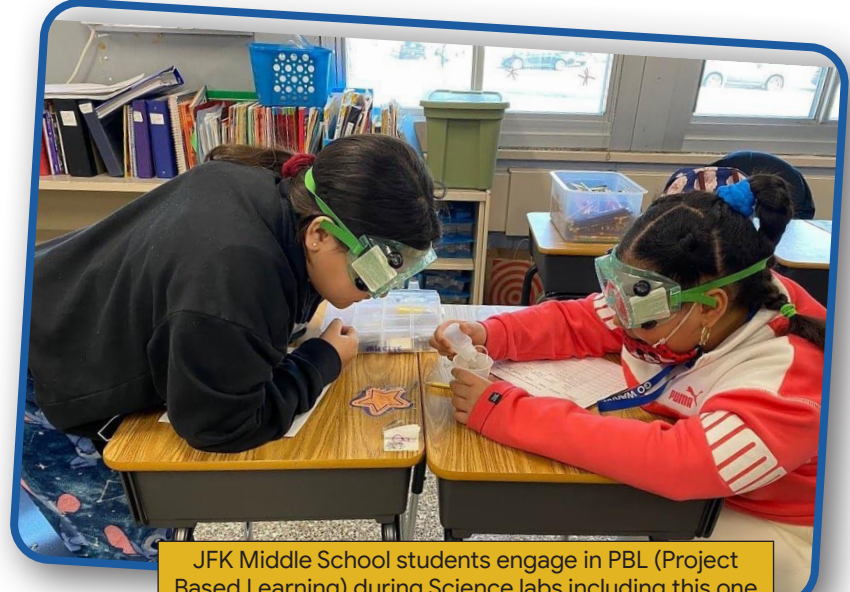
Norwood students learned about fire safety from the Terryville Fire Department.



Fiscal responsibility is essential. Solar panels, which offset costs for other schools, were installed at Clinton and Terryville.



Our Virtual Enterprise Business classes earn Top Honors! Aroma placed in the Top 10% in the Nation and SubZero earned an Honorable Mention for their National Company Newsletter Competition.



JFK Middle School students engage in PBL (Project Based Learning) during Science labs including this one on characteristics of rocks and minerals.



Phase III of our Capital Improvement Bond included a brand new field house at the High School, dedicated to former BOE member John Swenning.



Boyle Road students march alongside all of our schools and community in our annual Homecoming Parade. Community is important here!



Two CHS Students receive the NYS AHPERD Suffolk Zone Award as they exemplify a supreme level of physical education achievement, demonstrate leadership ability in school-wide activities, and serve as outstanding role models for their peers and within their community.



Terryville students are recognized as Citizens of the Month for their commitment to kindness, perseverance, and our community.



# Highlights & Accolades

## Academics

- 15+ CHS college credit courses
- STEAM activities throughout our elementary & middle school classes
- **Programs that Bridge Gaps:** ENL & Bilingual program, Learning Leaps Academic Intervention
- Multiple successful SAT & college preparation courses



## Athletics

- 20+ Varsity teams, 10+ Junior varsity teams, 20+ Modified teams
- 21 NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Teams (exceptional team GPA)
- 2 Annual Suffolk Zone Award recipients at CHS
- Fall & Spring NLI College Signings
- State-of-the-art athletic facilities



## Technology

- New SMARTBoard Displays
- ADA Compliant & mobile-friendly/responsive websites
- New STEAM lab at CHS
- Computer science & coding K-12
- New electives at JFK & CHS
- District-wide Educational Technology Specialist Teacher (TOSA)



## Arts

- **Chorus:** Students in NYSSMA All State Mixed Choir, NYSSMA All State Treble Choir, NAFME All Eastern Mixed Choir, NYSCAME Festival Choir, and SCMEA Festival Choir
- **Orchestra:** Students in NYSCAME All County, LISFA and SCMEA
- **Band:** Students in SCMEA All County and NYSCAME All County



# A Message from the Board of Education

Dear Comsewogue Community,

First, it is important to acknowledge the hardships our community has endured over the last two years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in our community have experienced loss, isolation, and adversity. It is our hope that you were able to feel the support of your neighbors and the Comsewogue School District during this time.

In many ways throughout the pandemic, our schools became the hub of the community. We are incredibly proud that our district served over 10,000 meals to our neighbors in need at a time of crisis, and that our teachers, administrators, and staff worked hard to provide support, safety and connection for all of our students. The district shared every resource we found in real time to help neighbors with their needs. This year we hosted our first Community Resource Fair. During the event, dozens of organizations provided information to our neighbors to help with a variety of concerns including housing, food insecurity, healthcare and so much more. This collaboration and dedication to care for one another is exactly the culture that our Board of Education strives to build in every corner of our district.

We are continually working to expand on our educational opportunities and are excited to outline for you some of our most recent accomplishments in this newsletter. We are especially proud of our commitment to fortifying the mental health supports within our schools. Over the last three years, we have tripled the number of mental health staff available to our students, and those staff members are working tirelessly to create connections that will help consistently improve attendance, achievement and provide a sense of belonging to all of our students. Our students need and deserve all of the support we can provide. Moreover, it has been gratifying to be able to open our buildings again to allow for the parent participation that is important and brings joy to students and their families.

We are hopeful that as you read through this newsletter, you recognized the incredible dedication of our faculty and staff. At every building, in every level of education, amazing things are happening. Comsewogue is a special place, and our students are making strides in every aspect of their education that we should all be proud of thanks to that teamwork. The future is bright at Comsewogue School District!

Warm Regards,  
Comsewogue School District Board of Education  
Ali, Rick, Fran, Jim, Rob, Corey & Marge



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