

Comsewogue

Community Connections

Fall 2022



Team-Building Kicks off New School Year

Students in all of our schools kicked off the 2022-2023 school year by having the opportunity to participate in a variety of team-building and character education activities and events.

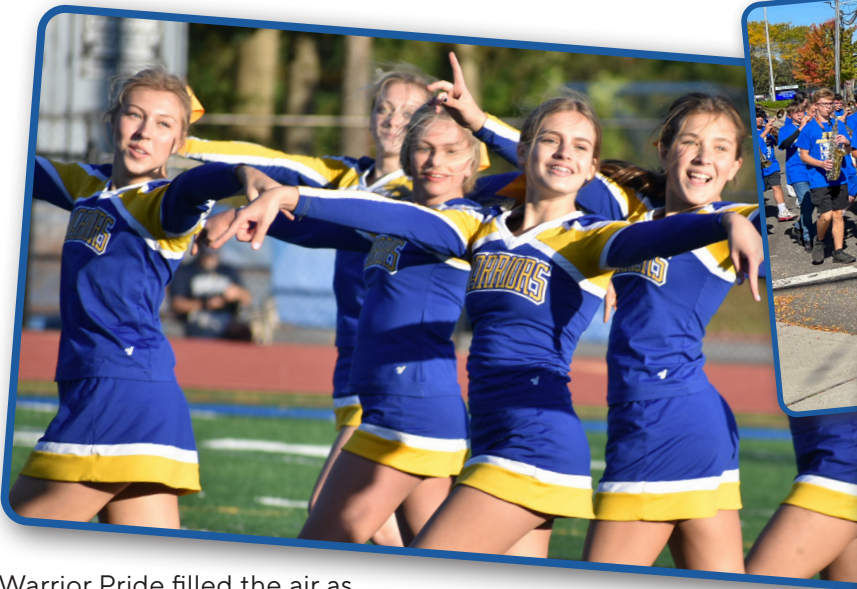
These activities, which included tie-dyeing t-shirts, read alouds, assemblies, scavenger hunts and more, were all focused on team-building, making new friends and creating and keeping a positive mindset. These initiatives are also part of our Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) program district-wide. In addition to blue and gold, we

have also been encouraging students and staff to wear their tie-dye shirts on Fridays throughout the school year to show that we may not all be the same, but we are still ONE.

Our read alouds are held once per month and focus on a different character pillar or trait for students to follow and practice. All of our elementary school classes join and participate virtually with Dr. Quinn, Dr. Polychronakos and Mr. Coniglione as they read the book.



Homecoming 2022



Warrior Pride filled the air as students, staff, parents and community members gathered on October 14th and October 15th for Comsewogue's annual Homecoming celebration.

Events kicked off on Friday, October 14th with our Bonfire at Comsewogue High School. Immediately following, was our Varsity Girls Soccer game vs. Miller Place, where the Warriors defeated the Panthers 3-1 to clinch a spot in the playoffs.

Homecoming main events were held on Saturday, October 15th beginning with a Costume Fun Run on the High School track. Students were invited to dress up in their Halloween costume and participate in a run of ghouls vs. goblins. Our Homecoming

Parade kicked off at 12:00 PM from JFK Middle School, marching down Jayne Boulevard and Clinton Avenue and ending at Comsewogue High School. As community members cheered for our Warriors, the Terryville Fire Department and JFK's Marching Band led the way, followed by our middle school cheerleaders, elementary schools, high school band and other local organizations.

Upon arrival at the High School, everyone enjoyed our Homecoming carnival where there were events for all ages. A bounce house and dunk tank were among the activities for everyone to enjoy. Inside the cafeteria, the Athletics Department held their annual

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony, where four new inductees were honored and later introduced in front of the crowd before the football game. A luncheon was held in the cafeteria to honor their accomplishments.

At 4:00 PM, Varsity Football players kicked off their game vs. Eastport-South Manor. The game was well attended by students and community members, and also included halftime performances by our cheerleading teams. This game also marked our first Homecoming celebration with the new John N. Swenning Sr. Field House.

Start with Hello & Unity Day: Kindness Matters!



Each year, students at our elementary schools are encouraged to participate in character education activities with an emphasis on kindness and the impact it can have on others.

From September 19th-23rd, we participated in "Start with Hello" Week, a nationwide program created by Sandy Hook Promise, that lets students engage in activities that help each student feel connected and included within our school community.

Each day included different activities to encourage friendship and kindness. Some of the activities included saying "hello" to three people that they didn't know and sharing their smile with those in need.



On October 19th, Comsewogue proudly participated in Unity Day to show that we all stand together against bullying and that we are united for kindness, acceptance and inclusion.

All of our schools participated in activities to show our support. Our social workers, focused on anti-bullying lessons in the classroom throughout the month of October. Everyone was encouraged to wear the color orange to show that we are a united and inclusive school community.



Welcome to our New Teachers!

We are excited to welcome a large group of new teachers to the Comsewogue team for the 2022-2023 school year. With the expansion of our high school schedule to include a nine-period day, and the introduction of other programs throughout the District, we are proud to have brought in a strong team of educators to teach our students and make differences in their lives.



Allison Abbonzio
JFK
Math



Brian Biase
JFK
Science



Megan Elizabeth
Terryville
Special Education



Ryan Feeney
CHS / JFK
English



Taylor Gill
CHS / JFK
Math



Jamie Hagenburg
CHS
Special Education



Anthony Hegarty
CHS / JFK
Science



Rebecca Hershon
CHS
Music



Rami Joudeh
CHS
Business



Aanchal Katyal
CHS / JFK
Business



Justin Leitch
CHS
Social Studies



Delaney Leonard
Boyle
Special Education



Carolyn Liriano
Norwood
Special Education



Stephanie Lupo
JFK
Math



Jake MacGregor
CHS
Science



Justin Maxwell
JFK
Social Studies



Corrine Nocera
CHS
English



Hailey Ottaka
CHS, Terryville, Norwood
Physical Education



Trevor Ozimkowski
CHS
Business



Meaghan Reilly
Terryville
Library Media Specialist



Danielle Rich
Norwood
Speech



Anthony Rovello
CHS
Business



Alex Shear
CHS
Art



Yasemin Tastan
CHS
Social Worker



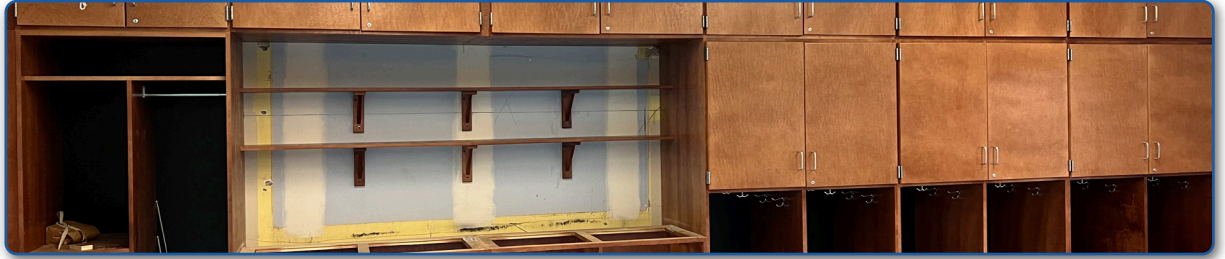
Xanthia Zoe
JFK
English

Bond Phase IV Updates: Arts & Academics



As students and staff came back from summer vacation, they may have noticed some major renovations in of our buildings. Work on Phase IV of our Capital Improvement Bond, passed by the community in May 2018, was underway within hours of the last day of school in June.

Continuing throughout the duration of the summer, JFK's art room and CTE rooms received a total transformation, including new cabinets, appliances, electrical outlets and SMARTBoards. Norwood classrooms received brand new ceilings and LED lighting, and the classroom casework at Boyle and Terryville was completely replaced.



Accolades & Achievements



CHS Business Academy Approved

Comsewogue High School's Business Program has been recognized and approved by New York State to offer a new Business Academy CTE Pathway starting in the 2023-2024 school year. This is a prestigious program where students would essentially be able to "major" in Business Management and graduate with distinction on their diplomas.

New Faces & New Places



CHS Named a School of Distinction

For the first time in our history, Comsewogue High School was named a School of Distinction for the 2021-2022 school year. This honor is given to schools where all varsity sports teams (fall, winter and spring) each held a combined GPA of 90% or higher. Congratulations to all of our student-athletes on receiving an outstanding honor for our school district.

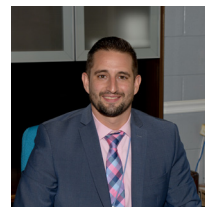


Christopher Cherouvis
Assistant Principal
Comsewogue High School



6 Years of Middle States Accreditation

All of our schools have now been Middle States Accredited for six years. Middle States Accrediting Organization guides schools through a self-analysis to improve and grow.



Timothy Dornick
District Administrator for
Pupil Personnel Services



Promising Practice Awards

We recently received two Promising Practice Awards from character.org. Each practice or initiative demonstrates a positive impact and aligns with the principles that help schools and organizations cultivate a culture of character.

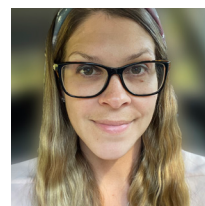


Robert Pearl
Principal
Clinton Avenue
Elementary School



2022 Hall of Fame Inductees

Each year at our Homecoming festivities, the Hall of Fame Committee inducts new members into the Comsewogue Hall of Fame. This year, we proudly inducted four new members: Tommy DeMartini, Derrick Jones, Jamie Smith and the 1988-1989 Varsity Boys Basketball team.



Tracie DeRosa
Director of Curriculum

