



SHS-PTSA Newsletter for 12/2020

Dear Students & Parents/Guardians,

As related in the SHS Holiday Letter, we are thankful for, and proud of, many things thus far this year. Here are a few quick highlights as we head into holiday break.

Students of the Month

Congratulations to November students of the month, seniors Cody Cole and Sarah Keane.

Cody is known around our school as a really talented student and super-nice person who is a “friend to all”. In academics, he is always engaged and participating in his learning. It is no wonder that he will graduate with 10 college level AP and dual enrollment courses on his transcript and earn the incredible Top 25 distinction as a member of National Honor Society and High Honor Roll. He is also very involved in student life at SHS serving as President of our important Freshman Mentors group, being involved with our Best Buddies program and playing varsity football. Cody’s willingness to challenge himself academically while also being a truly great young guy is well known around our school.

Sarah Keane has truly done it all around SHS. Her list of involvements and accomplishments runs very deep. By way of highlights, she is a Top 25 student who has taken the most challenging coursework at SHS and will have 13 college level AP and dual enrollment courses to her credit when she graduates, earning National Honor Society distinction and High Honor Roll throughout her academic career. She has participated in the demanding Science Research and AP Research programs and has worked with professors at Hofstra during summers to further her laboratory research. Sarah has done all of this while making public service a true focus of her life. As an example, and because of her dedication to the Best Buddies program (Best Buddies President in 2020-21), she invested countless hours to lead the first ever Challenger Track event at SHS. It involved over 30 athletes and was attended by hundreds of people and widely covered in local news outlets. She is also a three season athlete earning all-county honors while running for our Varsity Cross Country and Track Teams where she has served as a captain for many years. In recognition of all the above,

Sarah was just selected as a News 12 Scholar-Athlete for Long Island, an incredible honor reserved for less than 50 students each school year in Nassau and Suffolk combined.

Sarah and Cody are truly wonderful students and individuals, and we are very proud of them as our November Students of the Month.

Top 25 Breakfast

The holiday season would not be complete without our traditional Top 25 Breakfast. While not being able to have it in the exact same way as in the past, we were able to host a safe event honoring our highest achieving seniors. Congratulations again to valedictorian, Julia Gambino, salutatorian, Kaylee Sanderson, Joseph Abbate, Madison Ahern, Sophia Boulukos, Dominique Cannata, Cody Cole, Julianne Crawford, Emma Ettinger, Karolena Katsigiorgis, Sarah Keane, Shan LaGrassa, Chelsea Lin, Melissa Lochner, Samantha Lukaszewski, Mary Lynch, Sydney Mantione, Marissa McCandless, Marissa Mele, Colin Merrigan, Mary Pecoraro, Mali Pedone, Ashley Sidoti, Kathleen Tuohy and Amanda Williams.

The Arts

The NAHS Holiday “Artaments” sale culminated with the great group of artists creating some truly beautiful ornaments. We thank all the NAHS students as led by advisor, Mr. Kerr, and officers, Marissa Mele, president, Angela Dean, co-vice president, Peter Koubiadis, co-vice president, Leila Gomez, treasurer, Sofia Sanchez, historian, Aurora Fitzgerald, Secretary. The rest of the NAHS roster includes Meghan Allen, Paul Anzelone, Sophia Boulukos, Paige Burch, Sophia Cacioppo, Gabriela Cangialosi, Michael Cantwell, Dominique Cettina, Gabbi D’Avella, Angela Dean, Marissa DeSimone, Taylor DiFondi, Emma Ettinger, Aurora Fitzgerald, Leila Gomez, Kayla Guglielmo, Meghan Haug, Nicole Karaman, Peter Koubiadis, Jocelyn Kim, Madeline Kollar, Jessica Kruczko, Julia Martorana, Marissa Mele, Kaitlyn Milevoj, Ava Myhill, Alexander Peraino, Ekaterina Perlegis, Danielle Reid, Ashley Rigoli, Chelsea Russo, Sofia Sanchez, Jeffica Savio, Eric Schiller, Sabrina Schoendorf, Rabeya Shahid, Ashley Sidoti, Rachel Skennion, Ava Twibell, Nicholas Vasquez, Natalie Villecco, Juliana Virdone, Mike Volkl, Amanda Williams and Kelly Willig.

Toy Drive

With the help of the SHS School Community and a strong amount of donations, the Student Council once again brightened the holidays season for over 200 young people living under trying circumstances. This year, each child at the Hempstead Head Start and a few other locations received a Santa sack filled with personalized wrapped gifts, a book, stocking stuffers, candy canes, coloring book, crayons and a personalized letter from Santa.

"Kind Kids" Honors

One student from each class was recently recognized by faculty and staff for being "Kind Kids" in context of the hybrid learning environment. These students have been cited for thoughtful, compassionate and empathetic behaviors toward their peers related to academics and social situations. We congratulate senior, Giana Cesario, junior, Bryant Wong sophomore, Robert McKenny, and freshman, Angelia Dominguez, for being role models and school community leaders in what are often unsung ways. Great job!

Dec(k)ing the Doors

In line with a great tradition at SHS, and in celebration of the winter holidays season, the National Honor Society just decorated all classroom and office doors. The Society takes great pride in adding good will and cheer to the school, and its work this holiday season was truly wonderful, adding much "light" to our school building. Thank you to faculty advisors, Ms. Lubicich and Mr. Stazzone and the officers, Melissa Lochner, president, Brooke Emanuel, vice president, Sarah Keane, treasurer and Sophia Boulukos, secretary, and Joseph Abbate, parliamentarian.

Upcoming

After break, we look forward to a PTSA-SHS Senior Grab-n-Go Breakfast event, junior-sophomore college planning night and our 8th grade winter orientation program.

In the meantime, we wish you all an enjoyable holidays season, drinking in all its joy and warmth while remaining healthy and safe.

Sincerely Yours,

Mr. Bersin

Ms. Bisulca

Ms. Schnabel