

# A *Spotlight* on Wantagh's "Points of Pride" 2008 – 2009

## OUR SCHOOLS

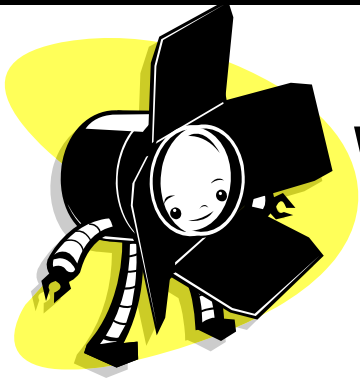
Total enrollment as of June 2009: 3,683 students

Forest Lake Elementary School (K-5)	Mandalay Elementary School (K-5)
Wantagh Elementary School (K-5)	Wantagh Middle School (6-8)
Wantagh High School (9-12)	

## Wantagh by the Numbers. . .

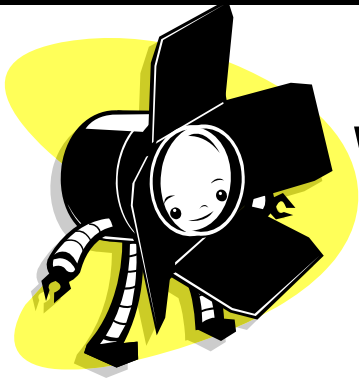
### Academics

- ✓ **98%** of students in the Class of 2009 earned Regents Diplomas.
- ✓ **95.4%** of students in the Class of 2009 are attending college.
- ✓ **87%** of students in the Class of 2009 were enrolled in at least one college level or Advanced Placement course.
- ✓ **73%** of students in the Class of 2009 were awarded a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation or Advanced Designation with Honors.
- ✓ **40** Wantagh High School students earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the AP exams.
- ✓ **78%** of Wantagh High School students achieved an unweighted average of 85% or higher throughout the 2008-2009 school year.
- ✓ **106** Wantagh High School students were members of the National Honor Society during the 2008-2009 school year.
- ✓ **103** Wantagh Middle School students were inducted into the Middle School Honor Society.
- ✓ **64** High School students were inducted into the National Business Honor Society.
- ✓ **106** Wantagh Middle and High School students were inducted into the Foreign Language Honor Society.
- ✓ Our 2009 **High School Valedictorian** is attending Yale.
- ✓ **19** awards were given to Wantagh High School's literary magazine, *Escapades*, at the Empire State Scholastic Press Association competition. *Escapades* took home the prestigious Gold award in the "Best All-Round Literary Magazine" category, Silver award for the cover, and Bronze and two Honorable Mention awards for the layout. Additionally, the Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA) awarded Wantagh High School's 2008 *Escapades* a Gold Medalist Certificate in its annual critique of submitted literary magazines along with three Scholastic Circle Awards.



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- ✓ 1 Middle School student participated in the Long Island Scripp's Spelling Bee finals.
- ✓ 5 awards were given to Wantagh High School's newspaper, *The Warrior*, at the prestigious Empire State Scholastic Press Association competition.
- ✓ 1 Wantagh Editor-in-Chief won the Gold as the "Most Outstanding Reporter" and the Bronze in the category of "Best Feature Story" at Adelphi University's Press Day awards.
- ✓ 1 Senior Associate Editor won the Gold in the category of "Best Sports Story" at the Adelphi University's Press Day awards.
- ✓ 1 11th grader was selected as a Nassau County Poet Laureate Finalist in the 2009 Nassau County Poet Laureate School Poetry Contest. The poem was published in *Young Voices: An Anthology of Poetry by Nassau County Students*.
- ✓ 3 High School students earned Honorable Mentions in the New York Center for the Book "Letters about Literature" contest.
- ✓ 55 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students entered the Wantagh American Legion Memorial Day Essay Contest. Three winners and five honorable mentions were selected.
- ✓ 2 Wantagh High School students participated in the American Legion Oratorical Contest in 2009.
- ✓ 3 High School students were finalists in the Theodore Roosevelt Public Speaking Contest.
- ✓ 1 High School Honors Class piloted an on-line literature discussion with Oakland California's Lionel Wilson Preparatory Academy using a PB Wiki.
- ✓ For the **second** consecutive year, Wantagh High School students were honored as the Best Overall Delegation at the Hewlett Model Congress competition.
- ✓ 1 Middle School student qualified to participate in the State National Geographic Geography Bee.
- ✓ 5 students from the Wantagh Science Olympiad Team were awarded medals in the Physics Lab, Forensic Science, and Electric Vehicle competitions at the Western Long Island Regionals at Kellenberg.
- ✓ 64 extracurricular activities were offered to Wantagh's students during the 2008-2009 school year. **Ninety percent** of our students are involved in an extracurricular activity.



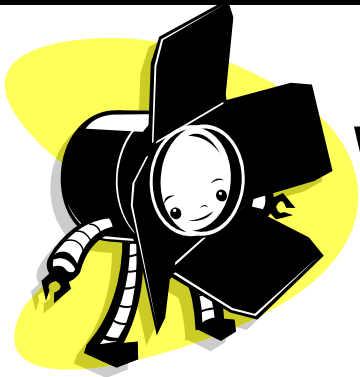
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## The Arts

- ✓ Over **1,750** students are in our music program.
- ✓ **75%** of Wantagh students are involved in performing arts programs.
- ✓ **2** Wantagh High School music students represented our district at the 2008 NYSSMA All-State Conference in Rochester.
- ✓ The **Wind Ensemble** performed at Carnegie Hall.
- ✓ **38** students were accepted to this year's All County Music Band Festival at Hofstra University.
- ✓ **1** High School Junior was selected to represent Wantagh at the 2009 All Eastern Jazz Music Festival in Providence, Rhode Island.
- ✓ **5** students participated in the Seventh Grade Honors Band Festival at Hofstra University.
- ✓ **1** performance of *Anything Goes* was staged for our community's senior citizens during an intergenerational dinner before the evening performance.
- ✓ Our **chorus** performed in Boston this year at Faneuil Hall and worked with college professors from the area.
- ✓ **1** High School student won the 2009 NYS Science Olympiad Poster Contest.
- ✓ **3** music ensembles, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble, performed literature of substantive levels of difficulty at the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Majors Ensemble Festival. The bands each received a Gold Rating and the WHS Wind Ensemble was awarded the Gold with Distinction Rating.

## Athletics

- ✓ **50%** of Middle School and High School students are involved in athletics.
- ✓ **21** of Wantagh's **22** varsity teams were recognized by New York State as Scholar Athlete Teams, having a team academic average of over 90%.
- ✓ The 2009 **High School Valedictorian** was honored by News12/Citibank as an outstanding Scholar Athlete.
- ✓ The award winning **Wrestling Team** won the Nassau County Tournament and took the New York State Team Championship for the first time.
- ✓ **1** wrestler won his second consecutive New York State title.
- ✓ **1** wrestler placed third at the New York State Competition and became the all time "winningest" wrestler in Nassau County.



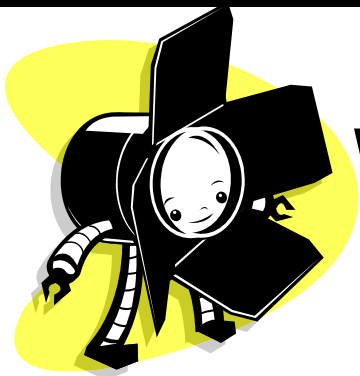
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- ✓ 1 eighth grade gymnast was a Nassau County finalist and represented Wantagh at the New York State Championships.
- ✓ 1 High School student was the Nassau County Diving champion and competed in the State Championships.
- ✓ 2 High School winter track athletes qualified to run at the New York State meet, placing 2nd and 7th in their respective competitions.

### Accolades

- ✓ 4 Wantagh Teachers were spotlighted as KJOY's *Teacher of the Week*.
- ✓ 1 Wantagh High School teacher was named a 2008 *Educator of Excellence* by the New York State English Council.
- ✓ 1 Wantagh Principal was named New York's 2009 *Principal of the Year*.
- ✓ 1 High School art teacher was named the winner in the School Arts Third Annual Artist Trading Card Contest.
- ✓ 2 High School English teachers presented at Columbia University's Scholastic Press Association Fall Conference.

**Congratulations!**



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## Wantagh's Scores...

Percentage of Wantagh Students Passing New York State Regents Examinations, 2008 – 2009 School Year			
U.S. History & Government	99.0%	French	100.0%
Global History & Government	96.4%	Italian	100.0%
Earth Science (WMS)	100.0%	Spanish	100.0%
Earth Science (WHS)	94.0%	English	98.0%
Living Environment	99.6%	Algebra	99.6%
Chemistry	90.0%	Math B	89.0%
Physics	84.0%		

Percentage of Wantagh Students Passing New York State ELA & Mathematics Assessments	2007 - 2008	2008-2009
Grade 3 ELA	90%	92%
Grade 4 ELA	91%	95%
Grade 5 ELA	93%	93%
Grade 6 ELA	83%	91%
Grade 7 ELA	90%	96%
Grade 8 ELA	79%	87%
Grade 3 Mathematics	97%	98%
Grade 4 Mathematics	96%	98%
Grade 5 Mathematics	93%	96%
Grade 6 Mathematics	91%	95%
Grade 7 Mathematics	97%	97%
Grade 8 Mathematics	93%	97%

**Source: Office of the Assistant to the Superintendent for Instruction**