

A *Spotlight* on Wantagh's "Points of Pride" 2009 – 2010

OUR SCHOOLS

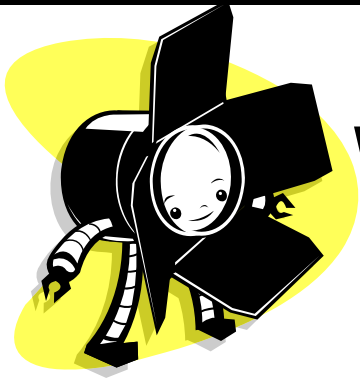
Total enrollment as of June 2010: 3,609 students

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. . .

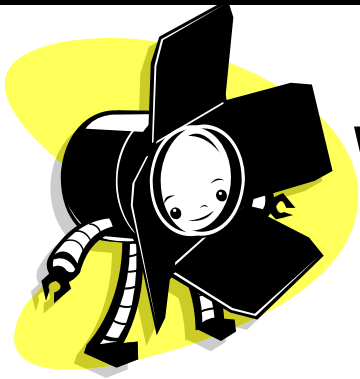
Academics

- ✓ **98.6%** of students in the Class of 2010 earned Regents Diplomas.
- ✓ **75.9%** of students in the Class of 2010 were awarded a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation or Advanced Designation with Honors.
- ✓ **97.5%** of students in the Class of 2010 are attending college.
- ✓ **77.9%** of students in the Class of 2010 are attending a 4-year university or college.
- ✓ **93.66%** of students in the Class of 2010 were enrolled in at least one college level or Advanced Placement course.
- ✓ **46** Wantagh High School students earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the AP exams. **18** of those students earned AP Scholar with Honors recognition and **8** earned the AP Scholar with Distinction recognition.
- ✓ **78%** of Wantagh High School students achieved an unweighted average of 85% or higher throughout the 2009-2010 school year.
- ✓ **102** Wantagh High School students were members of the National Honor Society during the 2009-2010 school year.
- ✓ **99** Wantagh Middle School students were inducted into the Middle School Honor Society.
- ✓ **85** High School students were inducted into the National Business Honor Society.
- ✓ **179** Wantagh Middle and High School students were inducted into the Foreign Language Honor Society.
- ✓ Our 2010 **High School Valedictorian** is attending Syracuse University.
- ✓ **53** extracurricular activities were offered to Wantagh's students during the 2009-2010 school year. **90%** of our students were involved in an extracurricular activity.



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- ✓ **21** 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 in the Best All-Round Publication category.
- ✓ **7** High School students were recognized for their contributions to Wantagh High School's newspaper, *The Warrior*, at the Newhouse School of Communications Empire State Scholastic Press Association (ESSPA) ceremony. Awards included a bronze for Best Editorial, 2 silvers for Best Columnist, a gold for Editorial, a bronze for Best News Story, and a bronze in Sports Writing. *The Warrior* won the silver award for Best Newspaper.
- ✓ **2** High School students won awards through Long Island Business Teachers Association (LIBTA). Awards were won for Entrepreneurship and Fashion Marketing.
- ✓ **6** High School students scored in the **top 25th percentile** in the U.S. Department of the Treasury's National Financial Literacy Challenge and **2** students scored a perfect score. There were over 75,000 high school students in this challenge.
- ✓ **3** High School students participated in the Adelphi University and the United Nations' "Teaching for Peace and Human Rights" videoconference with India, British Columbia, Mexico City and Pakistan.
- ✓ **8** High School students won prizes in the Mid-Island Teen Poetry Contest.
- ✓ **1** High School student was a New York State winner in the Daughters of the American Revolution Essay Writing Contest.
- ✓ **5** High School students participated in the Theodore Roosevelt Public Speaking Contest for the fifth straight year and **3** students were finalists.
- ✓ **1** Middle School student qualified to participate in the State National Geographic Geography Bee.
- ✓ **1** High School student was selected to participate in the Town of Hempstead "Students in Government Day" with Supervisor Kate Murray.
- ✓ **45** High School students of the Science Olympiad Team competed at the Western Regional Competition at Kellenberg Memorial this year. The teams had top ten finishes in Forensics and Mission Possible.
- ✓ **1st** year for the Middle School Science Olympiad Team, which consisted of 15 students who competed at the Western Regionals at C.P. Weber Middle School. The team received a medal in Ornithology and had top ten finishes in Meteorology and Write It/Do It.
- ✓ **2** High School students were honored by the India Association of Long Island and the Long Island Sierra Club for their essays that focused on powering Long Island in an environmentally friendly manner.



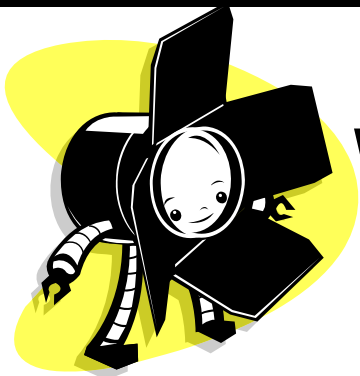
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- ✓ 1 High School student was a top 10 finalist in the Survival Design Challenge Essay Contest sponsored by the National Academy of Engineering.

- ✓ High School students in our Science Research program competed at the **Protein Modeling Challenge** at Stony Brook University sponsored by OSI Pharmaceuticals Foundation. Students had to build a model of insulin and submit it prior to traveling to Stony Brook for competition.
- ✓ 2 High School students received certificates and meritorious recognition for their independent research at Long Island Science Congress competition.

The Arts

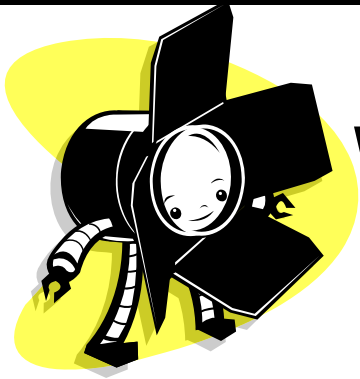
- ✓ **1,924** students were in our music program.
- ✓ **75%** of Wantagh students are involved in performing arts programs.
- ✓ 1 High School student represented our district at the 2009 NYSSMA All-State Conference for the All-State Symphonic Band on trumpet.
- ✓ **44** students were accepted to this year's NMEA All County Music Festivals.
- ✓ 1 High School student was a member of the Nassau/Suffolk Vocal Jazz Ensemble.
- ✓ 6 students participated in the Seventh Grade Honors Band Festival at Hofstra University.
- ✓ 1 performance of *Grease* was staged for our community's senior citizens during an intergenerational dinner before the evening performance.
- ✓ Over **100** Middle School students participated in the production of *Fiddler on the Roof*.
- ✓ **232** students participated in the NYSSMA Solo/Ensemble Festival.
- ✓ **35** students were inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society.
- ✓ 3 High School students were selected to have their artwork displayed at the NYSSBA Conference in New York.
- ✓ 3 High School students were selected by the Heckscher Museum of Art for their prestigious display "Long Island's Best High School Art Students Exhibition".
- ✓ 8 Wantagh artists had their work displayed at the 20th Annual NYSATA Legislative Student Exhibit.
- ✓ **24** district student-artists had their work displayed at the Art Supervisors Association 6th Annual Nassau All-County Art Exhibition.
- ✓ 2 High School students won Awards for Excellence through Long Island Arts Alliance's Scholar Artist Awards.



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Athletics

- ✓ **62%** of Middle School students were involved in athletics.
- ✓ **65%** of High School students were involved in athletics.
- ✓ **ALL 30** of our varsity teams were recognized by New York State as Scholar Athlete Teams, having a team academic average of over 90%.
- ✓ **Varsity Baseball Team** was crowned Nassau County and Long Island Champions and New York State Runners-Up.
- ✓ **Girls' Volleyball Team** was the 2010 Nassau County Champions.
- ✓ The **Wrestling Team** was the 2010 Nassau County Dual Meet Champions and finished 3rd in New York State.
- ✓ **Girls' Cross Country** was crowned Nassau County Class 'A' Champions and took 5th Place at the New York State Championships.
- ✓ **Girls' Spring Track Team** was crowned Division Champions.
- ✓ **2 Boys' Varsity Cross Country** runners qualified for the New York State Championships.
- ✓ **1 Boys' Cross Country** runner finished 6th at the New York State Championships which earned him All-State and All-Federation honors.
- ✓ **1 Boys' Track** athlete qualified for New York State Championships.
- ✓ **Varsity Gymnastics Team** had an undefeated season and was Conference Champions.
- ✓ **1 Varsity Gymnast** took First Place at the Nassau County Coaches Association Invitational and **1 Varsity Gymnast** was named to the All-State Team.
- ✓ **Varsity Cheerleading** qualified for Long Island Championships.
- ✓ **1 Varsity Bowler** bowled a perfect 300 game.
- ✓ **Varsity Girls' Badminton** was undefeated and took the Conference IV Title.
- ✓ **Varsity Softball Team** was crowned Conference Champions.
- ✓ **6 Spring** athletes were named to Newsday All-Long Island Teams in Baseball and Girls' and Boys' Lacrosse.
- ✓ **4 Lacrosse** players earned Garner All-American Honors.



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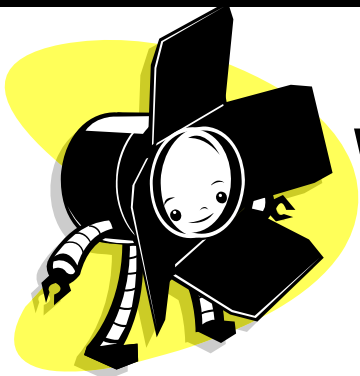
Coaches Corner

- ✓ Coach **Keith Sachs** won his **100th** game as Varsity Football Coach.
- ✓ Coach **Gary Reh** was named Nassau County Boys' Lacrosse Coach of the Year.
- ✓ Coach **Bobbi Colavita** was named Girls' Lacrosse Conference Coach of the Year.
- ✓ Coach **Lisa Fugazzi** was named Boys' Volleyball Conference Coach of the Year.
- ✓ Coach **Keith Sachs** won the Nassau County Coaches Association Mike Kostynick Coach of the Year Award.
- ✓ Coach **Keith Sachs** won his **300th** career game as Varsity Baseball Coach.

Accolades

- ✓ **2 Wantagh** teachers were spotlighted as KJOY's *Teacher of the Week*.
- ✓ For the second year in a row, **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, 2009– 2010 School Year			
U.S. History & Government	99.6%	French	100%
Global History & Government	96.1%	Italian	100%
Earth Science (WMS)	100%	Spanish	100%
Earth Science (WHS)	91%	English	99%
Living Environment	99%	Algebra	99%
Chemistry	97%	Geometry	99%
Physics	89%	Math B	89%

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

Source: Office of the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction