

A *Spotlight* on Wantagh's "Points of Pride" 2010 – 2011

OUR SCHOOLS

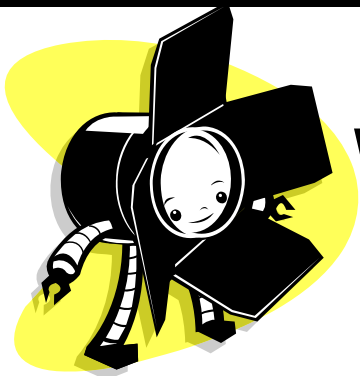
Total enrollment as of June 2011: 3,397 students

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. . .

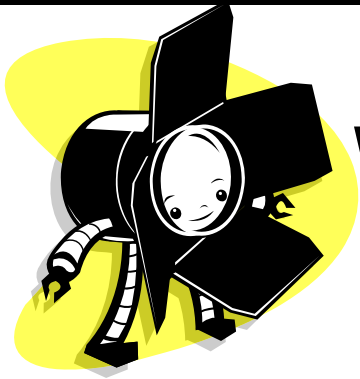
Academics

- ✓ **97.17%** of students in the Class of 2011 earned Regents Diplomas.
- ✓ **67.14%** of students in the Class of 2012 were awarded a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation or Advanced Designation with Honors.
- ✓ **99.9%** of students in the Class of 2011 are attending college.
- ✓ **77.38%** of students in the Class of 2011 are attending a 4-year university or college.
- ✓ **93.28%** of students in the Class of 2011 were enrolled in at least one college level or Advanced Placement course.
- ✓ **55** Wantagh High School students earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the AP exams. **16** of those students earned AP Scholar with Honors recognition and **15** earned the AP Scholar with Distinction recognition.
- ✓ **77.43%** of Wantagh High School students achieved an unweighted average of 85% or higher throughout the 2010-2011 school year.
- ✓ **124** Wantagh High School students were members of the National Honor Society during the 2010-2011 school year.
- ✓ **100** Wantagh Middle School students were inducted into the Middle School Honor Society.
- ✓ **47** High School students were inducted into the National Business Honor Society.
- ✓ **60** Wantagh Middle and High School students were inducted into the Foreign Language Honor Society.
- ✓ Our 2011 **High School Valedictorian** is attending Georgetown University.
- ✓ **54** extracurricular activities were offered to Wantagh's students during the 2010-2011 school year. **90%** of our students were involved in an extracurricular activity.



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- ✓ The **English** department's Comprehensive English Regent's mastery rate (85% or better) increased 10.6% over last year's results.
- ✓ The **High School** now offers AP Language and AP Literature and Comprehension.
- ✓ For the second consecutive year, the High School English department has offered students **12** mini-courses on such diverse topics as the graphic novel, the adolescent hero, art and poetry, song lyrics writing, humor, and sports literature. High School English teachers **Heather Romano** and **Christina Tepedino**, and ELA Director **Rebecca Chowske** presented at the 2010 New York State English Council's annual conference and the Long Island Language Arts Council's annual conference on this successful program.
- ✓ High School English and drama teacher, **Heather Romano**, has been selected as a 2011 New York State English Council Educator of Excellence.
- ✓ High School English teacher **Alisa Santamaria** has been selected to present her paper on authentic writing in the Advanced Placement classroom at the 2011 National Council of Teachers of English conference.
- ✓ The **Middle School** English teachers utilized technology to interview teen heroes in their research projects via Skype.
- ✓ Wantagh grades one and two teachers successfully launched the **Writers' Workshop** program this year. Grade three will begin the program in September 2011.
- ✓ The Wantagh school **librarians** have created a K-12 information literacy benchmarks which will be implemented in September 2011. They have also revised the K-12 summer reading lists in conjunction with the Wantagh Public Library.
- ✓ **12** High School students scored in the **top 20th 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.
- ✓ High School **business students** participated in the Adelphi University Adelphi Apprentice Program.
- ✓ **80** students were inducted into the National Business Honor Society.
- ✓ The High School Social Studies department offered a new **Advanced Placement** course in European History.
- ✓ **1** High School student won first place in the Theodore Roosevelt Public Speaking Contest.
- ✓ **1** Middle School student qualified to participate in the State National Geographic Bee.
- ✓ **1** High School student and **1** Middle School student were winners of the Daughters of the American Revolution Essay Writing Contest.
- ✓ **1** Elementary School student was a winner of the New York State Flag Essay Contest.
- ✓ The Wantagh **Science Olympiad Team A** placed 9th out of 67 teams, 5th in Forensics, 6th in Experimental Design, and 6th in Optics.

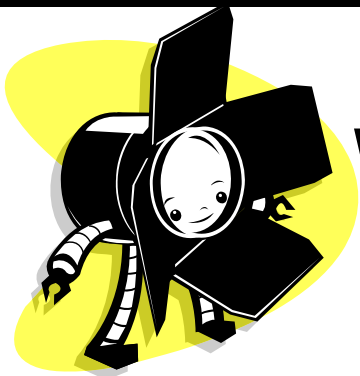


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- ✓ The Wantagh **Science Olympiad Team C** placed 19th out of 67 teams and 5th in Mission Possible.
- ✓ Wantagh placed **1st** at the Rube Goldberg Regionals held at the Cradle of Aviation, earning them a spot at the National Competition.
- ✓ Wantagh placed in the **top 15** in the Rube Goldberg Nationals held at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Michigan.
- ✓ The **Envirothon** team placed 3rd in the Environmental Science competition.
- ✓ Students in the research program competed in the **Protein Modeling Challenge** at Stony Brook University and the Brookhaven Science Bowl.

The Arts

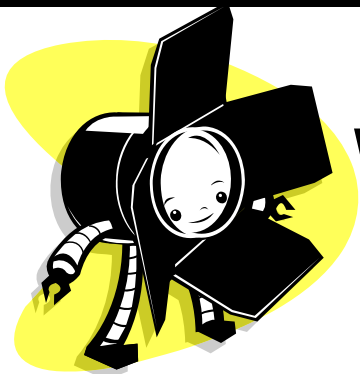
- ✓ The **majority** of students participate in our music and performing arts programs.
- ✓ **32%** of the High School students participate in music programs.
- ✓ **8** High School students were selected for the Nassau-Suffolk County Ensembles.
- ✓ **1** student was accepted to participate and perform with the New York State Band Director's Association Statewide Honor Jazz Ensemble.
- ✓ **6** students participated in the Seventh Grade Honors Band Festival at Hofstra University.
- ✓ **1** student was accepted to the New York State Summer School of the Arts.
- ✓ **1** student auditioned for and became a member of the Metropolitan Youth Chorus.
- ✓ **4** students were selected for the prestigious Long Island String Festival Concerts.
- ✓ **48** students were selected for participation in the various Nassau Music Educators' Association All-County Festivals; this is a **26% increase** from two years ago.
- ✓ **249** students participated in the 2011 NYSSMA/Solo Ensemble Festival.
- ✓ **4** performing groups participated in the 2011 NYSSMA Major Organizational Festival.
- ✓ For the **1st** time, Wantagh submitted an applicant for the Newsday Scholar-Artist competition.
- ✓ **1** student was the recipient of one of only three Juror's Awards for Best Use of Media.
- ✓ **3** High School students were selected to have their artwork displayed at the NYSSBA Conference in New York.



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Athletics

- ✓ **28** of our varsity teams were recognized by New York State as Scholar Athlete Teams, having a team academic average of over 90%.
- ✓ **Girls' Cross Country** was the Second Place Nassau County Champions.
- ✓ **Boys' Varsity Soccer** was Conference Champions.
- ✓ **1 Varsity Cross Country Runner** qualified for the New York State Cross Country Championships.
- ✓ **Girls' Varsity Volleyball** was crowned Nassau County and Long Island Class 'A' Championships.
- ✓ **Girls' Volleyball** was New York State Semi-Finalists.
- ✓ **1 Varsity Girls' Volleyball Player** was named to the New York State Girls' Volleyball Championships All-Tournament Team and All-Long Island Team.
- ✓ **5 Varsity Soccer Players** were chosen to play in the Long Island Exceptional Seniors Game.
- ✓ **1 Boys' Varsity Soccer Player** was the recipient of the Nassau County Boys' Soccer Coaches Association Scholar Athlete Award.
- ✓ **1 Boys' Varsity Soccer Player** was Conference 4 Player of the Year and Nassau County Class 'A' Player of the Year; he was also named All-State and All-Region.
- ✓ **1 Girls' Soccer Player** received a Scholar-Athlete Award.
- ✓ **2 Seniors** were named Nassau County Physical Education Students of the Year.
- ✓ **Boys' Varsity Bowling** was Conference Champions.
- ✓ **Boys' Bowling** had 2 State Qualifiers.
- ✓ **Boys' Varsity Swimming** was Conference Champions and set a new Medley record.
- ✓ **Wrestling** was Conference Champions and Nassau County Team Champions.
- ✓ **2 Wrestlers** were individual County Champions.
- ✓ **1 Wrestler** was New York State Champion.
- ✓ **1 Girls' Basketball Player** was named to the Basketball Coaches of New York All-Academic Team.
- ✓ **Winter Track** set a new indoor Shot Put record.
- ✓ **1 Cheerleader** received the LICCA Achievement Award for outstanding achievement in cheerleading and academics.
- ✓ **Middle School Physical Education Classes** raised more than \$9000 for the American Heart Association through Hoops for Hearts.



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- ✓ **1 Girls' Track** athlete set a new school record in the Shot Put.
- ✓ **2 Lacrosse Players** were selected to play in the Under Armour All-American Game.
- ✓ **2 Lacrosse Players** were named First Team All-Americans for the second consecutive season.
- ✓ **1 Boys' Lacrosse Player** was named All-American Finalist.
- ✓ **23 Seniors** received letters of intent.

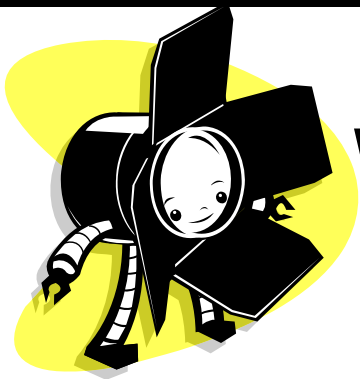
Coaches Corner

- ✓ Girls' Varsity Volleyball Coach **Katie McKeefrey** was named Nassau County Class 'A' Coach of the Year.
- ✓ Boys' Varsity Soccer Coach **Tom Liguori** was named Nassau County Boys' Nassau County Conference 4 Coach of the Year.
- ✓ Boys' Swimming Coach **Chris Rafferty** was named Nassau County Coach of the Year.
- ✓ Physical Education teacher **Christine Moran** was the recipient of the Elementary School Physical Education Teacher of the Year Award.

Accolades

- ✓ **1 Wantagh High School English** teacher was selected to present a workshop at the National Council of Teachers of English Conference.
- ✓ **1 Wantagh High School English** teacher was selected as a New York State English Council Teacher of Excellence.

Congratulations!



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Wantagh's Scores...

Percentage of Wantagh Students Passing New York State Regents Examinations, 2010– 2011 School Year			
U.S. History & Government	97.9%	French	100%
Global History & Government	96.8%	Italian	100%
Earth Science (WMS)	100%	Spanish	99.3%
Earth Science (WHS)	93.46%	English	99.2%
Living Environment	99.67%	Algebra	96%
Chemistry	97.49%	Geometry	97%
Physics	80%	Algebra II/Trig	74%

Percentage of Wantagh Students Passing New York State ELA & Mathematics Assessments	2010	2011
Grade 3 ELA	77%	80%
Grade 4 ELA	85%	80%
Grade 5 ELA	73%	78%
Grade 6 ELA	83%	75%
Grade 7 ELA	71%	68%
Grade 8 ELA	79%	70%
Grade 3 Mathematics	80%	88%
Grade 4 Mathematics	81%	87%
Grade 5 Mathematics	87%	87%
Grade 6 Mathematics	87%	89%
Grade 7 Mathematics	88%	89%
Grade 8 Mathematics	83%	91%

Source: Office of the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction