



North Shore Schools

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Superintendent Message

Dear North Shore Community,

There is a lot to be proud of as I recap the first half of the 2023-24 school year for you. Our students have continued to excel at all five of our schools in academics, the arts, and athletics. This newsletter exemplifies, "What Makes Us, Us," and reflects on just some of our many *Viking Milestones*. I know that there will be so many more! Thank you on behalf of our Trustees, administration, faculty, and staff for all of your support.



We are having a stellar year where our students have excelled in academics, the arts, and athletics. On the academic front, earlier in the year we learned that NS High School, NS Middle School, and Sea Cliff School ranked among the "2023 Best" schools in NY State and on Long Island by *U.S. News and World Report*. These rankings are a significant benchmark in accessing educational institutions and we are very grateful for this recognition. More recently, we learned that two seniors were named among the top 300 scholars in the prestigious 2024 Regeneron Talent Search, and two students were designated Finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

In addition, our Varsity teams competed and won on the conference, county, and state levels (see page 5). Our student musicians were also recognized by NY State and traveled to Europe, while our HS Masquers created an amazing production of "The Prom." We are so proud of all our Vikings and schools.

In March, we held many conversations with parents, businesses, and community residents focusing on "What Makes Us, Us." This budget season, we are at a critical point and seek your input as we continue to focus on the revenue challenges facing the District. For the next few months, the Board will be discussing the 2024-25 school budget resulting in decisions that will impact our students in their North Shore Journey. We will continue to manage the budget in a way that balances the interests of our students with the financial concerns of our residents. After the Board adopts the budget, we will conduct many more budget talks in April with our parent groups and community stakeholders. I encourage all of you to please remain informed and engaged in our schools by attending upcoming Board meetings, events, and community gatherings. We urge you to join us and be an active participant in the decisions that guide our schools. Please visit the school website for all updates.

Thank you for a successful first half of the 2023-24 school year. See you in the Spring! Go Vikings! Go!

Sincerely, Dr. Christopher Zublionis
Superintendent of Schools

North Shore High School Students Shine Among Top 300 Regeneron Scholars

Congratulations to Claire Tao and Michelle Yu from North Shore High School who were named among the top 300 scholars in the 2024 Regeneron Talent Search (STS). Superintendent Dr. Chris Zublionis said, "The entire science department, staff, and I are immensely proud of Claire and Michelle. This prestigious honor highlights the school's remarkably strong science program and is something for the whole department to celebrate. It is the culmination of all their science learning throughout their North Shore Journey. It is our goal to always give our students more opportunities for research, so that they can learn and thrive. Go Vikings Go!"



Two North Shore Finalists in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship® Program

Noah Lee and Claire Tao were named as National Merit Finalists through the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Principal Contreras remarked, "We are proud of Noah and Claire on their terrific accomplishment. They are stellar members of our North Shore community. They are intellectually driven, talented musicians, multilingual leaders who bring out the best in those around them. We celebrate their recognition as National Merit Finalists."



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NORTH SHORE VIKING MILESTONES 2023-24

2023 was filled with extraordinary achievements for the North Shore School District. Our students and faculty excelled in areas including academics, the fine and performing arts, athletics, community service, and so much more. As we continue to embark on 2024 it is important for us to reflect and celebrate our *incredible Viking Milestones*. We thank the entire North Shore community for your continued commitment to our students, faculty, and staff. These are just a few highlights that make us proud!:



COLLEGE ACCEPTANCE & GRADUATION RATES SOAR

203 seniors graduated in 2023. 94% of students are attending colleges and 6% chose to join the military or take a vocational/gap year.



NSHS RANKS AMONGST NATION'S 2023 "BEST HIGH SCHOOLS" BY U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

NS High School (#43) ranked #8 among top LI public high schools in Nassau and Suffolk counties. #2 among STEM schools on LI.



THREE RECOGNIZED AS COMMENDED STUDENTS

Seamus Casey, Patrick Martin and Sofia Martini were recognized for their academic promise as Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship Program.



CONGRATULATIONS VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

Kudos to Sofia Martini and Claire Tao, the Valedictorian and Salutatorian of North Shore High School's Class of 2024! Go Vikings Go!



NORTH SHORE GIRLS TRACK TEAM CRUSHES CLASS C COMPETITION

Congrats to the Girls Winter Track Team for winning Class C competition. The Vikings not only won the team title for the first time since 2020 but won it by a record 40 points.



NORTH SHORE ALL-STATE MUSICIANS RECOGNIZED

Two HS musicians, Sophia Brandimarte and Harrison Levin, were participants the 2023 NYSSMA All-State Performing Ensemble(s) in Rochester, NY.



SEA CLIFF SCHOOL RANKS AMONGST "BEST 2023 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS" BY U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

Sea Cliff School (#14) was ranked among the top "2023 Best Elementary Schools" by *U.S. News & World Report*, and was ranked 4th on Long Island.



127 STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

127 North Shore High School students were inducted into the National Honor Society in the Fall 2023. Leadership, service, and character are among the many qualifications to gain entrance.



TWO FORMER GWL STUDENTS AWARDED FOR HOMELESS PROJECTS

Rea Gjenashi and Joanna Peng were Honorees at the Family & Children's Associations Fall Harvest Celebration for their self-selected, service-learning projects on homelessness.

NORTH SHORE VIKING MILESTONES 2023-24

Below are more *Viking Milestones* and culminating events that we would like to share with you. Our many achievements each represent a source of pride for the North Shore community. We will continue to look ahead with excitement and joy as we know that there will be many more successes in our classrooms as well as on the fields, courts, and stages of the North Shore Schools. For more information, please visit www.northshoreschools.org.



11 ATHLETES SIGN NATIONAL LETTERS OF INTENT

Three cheers to eleven Varsity senior athletes who signed National Letters of Intent (NLI) to play athletics at colleges and universities in the Fall of 2024.



MIDDLE SCHOOL MASQUERS' PERFORM IN THE MUSICAL, CINDERELLA

Bravo to the talented MS Masquers' cast and crew of "Cinderella". It was a magical performance with singing and dancing!



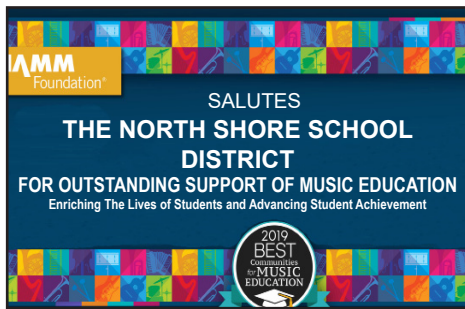
EIGHTH GRADERS PARTICIPATE IN HISTORY DAY AT MS

With the theme, "Turning Points in History," 8th graders selected a project type to communicate their learnings including papers, exhibitions, and documentaries.



NORTH SHORE MIDDLE SCHOOL RANKS AMONGST "BEST 2023 MIDDLE SCHOOLS"

NSMS (#22) was ranked among the top "Best 2023 Middle Schools" by *U.S. News & World Report*. It ranked 5th on Long Island.



RE-DESIGNATED BEST COMMUNITIES FOR MUSIC EDUCATION FOR 7 YEARS

For the seventh consecutive year, our music department was awarded the "Best Communities for Music Education" providing music access and education to all students.



NS AMONG TOP 6 NYS SCHOOLS AWARDED SEAL OF BILITERACY

NS recognized as one of the top 6 schools awarded the Seal of Biliteracy in NYS. Per capita, NS Schools ranked #1 of all NYS high schools offering the seal for students.



GH 3RD GRADE INTERDISCIPLINARY RAINFOREST STUDY

Students at Glen Head celebrated their Rainforest Study. They researched Brazil and the Amazon rainforest in their social studies unit that combined learning with aspects of weather and climate.



1,000TH POINT SCORED AT VIKINGS BASKETBALL GAME!

Congratulations to Vasilis Triantafyllou! He scored his career 1,000th point on January 29, 2024. It is an amazing achievement that only few athletes accomplish! Three cheers to Vasilis!



GWL 2ND GRADE COMMUNITY CULMINATION

2nd graders at GWL had a Community Celebration where each child became a member of their community. They sang songs and shared with family members artwork and individually-made books.

MORE MAJOR VIKING MILESTONES 2023-24

While it is difficult to capture all of the *Viking Milestones* in this short space, we look ahead with enthusiasm and delight as our students, faculty, and staff continue to actively participate in critical thinking, wellness, and community service in a healthy and safe school community. It has been a wonderful school year already with many successes and achievements, but there is more to come! Congratulations Vikings now and in the future! Please visit our school website and social media pages for updates!



K-12 STUDENTS DISTRICTWIDE CELEBRATE LUNAR NEW YEAR

Districtwide, students under the leadership of their Mandarin teachers celebrated the Lunar New Year. It was the Year of the Dragon!



DURING E3 DAY, MS STUDENTS MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE

During "Everyone Cares Day" (E3) in November 2023, MS students learned about themselves and others while making a positive difference in the world.



NY STATE OUTSTANDING PHYSICAL EDUCATION AWARD

In December, both Alexandra Selmani and Rishi Malhotra, received the prestigious New York State Outstanding Physical Education Student Award.



HS MUSICIANS PERFORM IN ITALY, SLOVENIA, AND CROATIA

During February break, HS musicians experienced a trip of a lifetime - traveling and performing concerts in Vicenza, Italy, Ljubljana, Slovenia, and Zagre, Croatia



SENIOR ADVANCES TO SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH OF SECTION 8

Congratulations to Kailin Gochna, the first North Shore tennis player in 30 years to play in the Singles State Championship! Go Vikings Go!



SC 5TH GRADE SGO MEMBERS VISIT NOSH FOOD PANTRY

SC SGO members under the direction of Ms. Malis and Ms. Bader went on a field trip to the NOSH Food Pantry to learn how to give back to the community.



MS. ANA AGUIAR-MADY RECEIVES THE REMUNDA CADOUX AWARD!

Ana Aguiar-Mady, Director of World Languages & ENL, was selected by the NY State Association for Language Teachers to receive the Remunda Cadoux Award for Leadership in World Language Supervision.



30 HS STUDENTS INDUCTED INTO TRI-M MUSIC HONOR SOCIETY

30 high school musicians were inducted into the Tri-M Music Honor Society, a student organization that helps reinforce mentoring, tutoring, and/or supporting fellow students through music.



RUNNER PLACES 8TH IN NY STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Congratulations to Robby Levy! He placed 8th in the New York State Cross Country Championship in November 2023 under the leadership of Coach Jason Millard.

AROUND THE DISTRICT

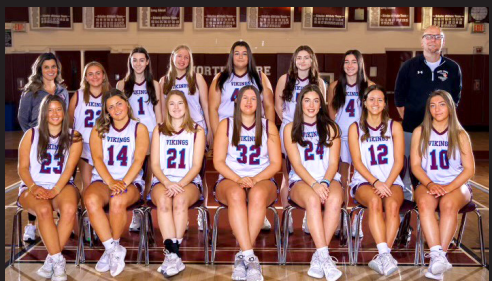
CONGRATS VARSITY VIKING TEAMS



Boys BB Team - County Finalists



Fall Girls Cross Country Team - County Champs!



Girls BB Team - County Semi-Finalists



Girls Soccer Team - County Semi-Finalists



1st Boys & Girls Hockey Team Takes the Ice!





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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS! JOIN US!

Thursdays, 7:45 PM
North Shore Middle School Cafeteria

(unless scheduled otherwise)

BOE Budget Adoption, April 16
Adopción del presupuesto

Meet the Candidates Night, May 2
HS Cafeteria, 8 PM

Noche para conocer a los candidatos cafeteria de la escuela secundaria, 8 pm

BOE Budget Reading, May 9
Lectura del presupuesto

BUDGET VOTE/ELECTION OF TRUSTEES
TUES, MAY. 21, HS GYM
7 AM-10 PM

Votación del Presupuesto y Elección de los Fideicomisario, Martes 21 de Mayo, Gimnasio de HS
7 am - 10 pm

Thank You! Veterans Who Visited MS Classrooms



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Legislative Action Breakfast at North Shore and Dr. Zublionis in Albany



Thank You! Legislators & LAC



SC Fairy Tale Ball



GH Schools Long Ago



GWL Students Visit Sunrise Assisted Living Facility