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The Schreiber Scribe

SCHREIBER HSA NEWSLETTER , DECEMBER 2012



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Schreiber Scribe-the first of 2 semi-annual newsletters written and designed by the HSA (Home and School Association) to keep parents informed of what's going on at Schreiber.

At this time, we do hope this newsletter finds all of you and your families recovered from "Sandy". We must say, as a community, we were very lucky, and as always, blessed that we were there for each other in so many ways.

We would like to wish a warm welcome to our new parents and students that just started Schreiber. We know you may have been nervous and concerned with the change from Weber to Schreiber, but at this time, I am sure your children have adapted to the High School lifestyle!

Thank you to those families and administrators that have joined and supported the HSA thus far. The HSA conducts no other fundraising campaigns to support our general programs at the High School and depends solely on membership dues and donations for financial support. HSA membership dues support School Clubs, Cultural Arts Programs, Senior Awards, The Schreiber Scribe, the Student Directory (distributed to all members), and special gifts to the school to enrich student life. In addition, we help fund certain programs and activities for students that cannot afford them, as well as contribute to scholarship programs.

Please visit our website **Schreiberhsa.org** for continual updates, news and happenings at Schreiber. If you haven't already done so, you can still join the HSA and let us know if you are interested in helping or chairing one of our committees. It is so important to be involved in our High School children's lives, and the easiest way to do so, is to join a committee.

We encourage you to join us at our next HSA meeting on January 23rd, at 7:30pm in the Schreiber Commons.

Lastly, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact either of us-JoAnn at joannsica@gmail.com, or Karen at karensambursky@gmail.com.

We hope you enjoy this issue and we wish you and your families a very happy and healthy holiday season.

JoAnn Sica and Karen Sambursky, Schreiber HSA Co-Presidents

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COMMUNITY FAIR

December 14, 2012- Our deepest condolences go out to the families impacted by the tragic event at the elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut. With sincere sympathy the Schreiber HSA sends prayers to those who have experienced unspeakable loss.

From Ira Pernick, Principal



Sandy & Social Media

Of the many inconveniences all of us had to endure during Sandy and the aftermath was our collective lack of technology. This was not only frustrating, but puzzling too. I think we all understand that when we lose power we also lose our televisions, our cable access, and our telephones. And thanks to previous storms, we are now better prepared for inconsistent cell phone performance, due to damaged cell towers and an overburdened cellular network. So, while many of us were not able to see pictures of the devastation around the Island, could not talk to our friends in a conventional manner and were lighting candles to provide even the smallest amount of light, we were far from being without technology. Of Sandy's many lingering lessons one has to be the benefits of the appropriate use of social media.

Despite its millions of users many remain skeptical of the impact of social media. Perhaps it's the myriad of negative stories that dot the landscape of social media or that, aside from Facebook, social media is dominated by our children. Still, here we were without the ability to do much but be able to access Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and other social media outlets from our iPhone, Droid, or tablet as long as you could charge your device.

The use of social media allowed me and so many others to not simply keep each other informed and somewhat entertained, but to also communicate with friends and

relatives around the world as they all worried about us. Facebook pages lit up with images of damage to homes and downed trees as those who suffered loss were able to find a new community of people with an unfortunate connection. As power slowly returned across the island invitations to well lit, warm homes appeared as status updates along with open invitations. News of gas lines and even gas deliveries appeared frequently on our screens as people found a way

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to share even when conventional ways didn't exist.

My own, almost non-existent, Twitter account grew by leaps and bounds as students and parents craved information about our school. The need for connectedness was so desperate that teenagers resorted to following their own principal!!

Ultimately we saw the true power of social media. We experienced the speed that information can be distributed to a vast number of people. We found out that while many of us felt alone, as long as you had the capability, we were together the entire time.

Ira Pernick, Principal



Principal Ira Pernick circulated amongst the many clubs & organizations on hand at *Schreiber Open House* on October 4, 2012.



From 12th Grade Assistant Principal, Craig Weiss



Senior Year is off to the Races

For all students, high school can be a very busy and stressful time. Never is that more true than in the fall of senior year. Whether it's college visits and applications, taking that final SAT or ACT or just trying to figure out what

comes next, senior year is a difficult time and this year certainly has been no exception. With the added burden of having missed a week of school and feeling like we are all playing catch up, the stress is really piling up for some students. But, do not despair; there is a light at the end of the Senior Year Tunnel. The approaching holidays also signals the beginning of the end of the college deadline season and the end of SAT and ACT prep. While the feelings of tension

will not dissolve completely until students have that college or military acceptance in hand and they have made definitive decisions about what comes next, it is okay now to start to take a few deep breaths. On November 29th, the seniors got to take their first breath when they posed for the senior class group portrait in the main gym. Both formal and informal photos were taken of the class and then individual groups of students had the opportunity to pose for yearbook photos with their friends. It was a welcome respite for the students from their daily routines. This is the first of several senior class activities that will ultimately serve to both bond the class together and allow the students a chance to relax a bit before they leave Schreiber. There is still time to stop, take a breath, and look around because before you know it, high school will be over and it will be time to move on. And one more thing ... GO SENIORS!!! The class of 2013 is awesome!!

Craig Weiss, Class 2013

From 11th Grade Assistant Principal, Julie Torres



Middle States Self- Study Begins

Schreiber High School is currently accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Elementary and Secondary Schools. The accreditation is granted for a seven year period.

Schreiber, at the end of the seven year cycle, is beginning the accreditation process again. During the accreditation process, Schreiber participates in the Accreditation for Growth (AFG) protocol which uses strategic planning as a vehicle for growth and improvement in student performance and in the school's capacity to effect that growth. Schreiber's first step on the Middle States Accreditation process is to complete a self-study.

Every seven years, Schreiber and the community engage in a Self-Study process to determine objectives and set action plans for the school. Students, staff and parents complete a survey which provides the school with data on how Schreiber meets the standards and indicators of quality. This data reveals our strengths, identifies areas where the school can improve, and is then used to

establish goals. As parents, your feedback is valuable during this process. Every parent is encouraged to anonymously complete the parent survey. It should take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

To take the survey, please click on the following link

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SchreiberParentSurvey2012>

Para tomar la encuesta en español, oprima aqui

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/EncuestadePadres2012>

The internal coordinators for the Middle States Accreditation process are Mrs. Alicia Cotter, Social Studies Teacher and Mrs. Julie Torres, Assistant Principal. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact them or Mr. Pernick, Principal. It is our hope that through this accreditation process Schreiber provides a means for public accountability, fosters community involvement and commitment, and builds positive community and stakeholder relations.

Thank you for taking your time to complete this survey.

Julie Torres, Class 2014
Alicia Cotter, Social Studies

From 10th Grade Assistant Principal, Dr. Brad Fitzgerald



Dear Parents,

It certainly has been a packed year of events so far.....including the record-breaking hurricane. Yet with it all, the sophomores stayed on track and are doing well. Sophomore year is marked by a few distinct changes for many of the kids. On

one hand, all the kids need to have an updated physical with the medical office and we will be contacting a few parents to remind them. On another level, many kids registered for their first AP course which can be like a jump in cold water...the reading and writing expectations are nothing less than shocking and some kids get worried that they won't be able to keep up. By the end of the first quarter some had opted to drop the AP but are hoping that another year of preparation will put them in better standing to try AP again next year. The same goes for Honors Chemistry and other such courses.

These are all normal attempts and results. Over the years many graduates have visited only to report that they felt

that our more rigorous coursework helped them be prepared for college work. However, it does come at a cost in that the kids sense the increase in pressure which can be felt by parents. For many families it's fine to hold off and try again next year. Overall, I think the kids are better off getting used to upper level coursework and the routine of sports and other activities. Over time, kids and their parents begin to manage schedules so that the family has some down time and kids get to socialize.

Some of the sophomores are in other classes where the emphasis is not on AP exams or honors projects but on improving their academic skills and becoming more involved in their Schreiber lives. In every way I am proud of all the sophomores. As a class they have embraced the high school culture and are doing the right thing. When a few have made some mistakes my sense is that they have learned from the experience and have moved on. In my opinion, many of the parents would be pleased with these kids if they saw them in school as I do. They are really on the right track and have been a pleasure to know.

Dr. Fitzgerald, Class of 2015

From 9th Grade Assistant Principal, David Miller



Dear Parents,

This has been quite the start to the school year hasn't it? Now that we have most of the 10 plagues out of the way perhaps we can begin to focus on education! All kidding aside, this past month has been rather eventful but from my perspective the students in the ninth grade

have taken things in stride and continue to forge ahead undeterred. I have said it several times – this is a rather impressive group of young men and women.

Sitting down to write this article for the Scribe is a bit of a challenge for me because, as you know, I have tried to make a habit of maintaining open communication via email and the 9th grade parent coffee hours. The student Town Hall meeting was enjoyable but the fact is I wish more students

had attended. I think that attendance was low because it was the week we returned from the storm. The next time I do one I will try to recruit on a more individual basis. The questions that were asked at the first Town hall meeting were interesting. As could be expected we spent a fair amount of time talking about school policies related to storm recovery. There were also several good questions about policy. I thought it was interesting that the biggest source of concern was an increase in the cost of items in the vending machines! For the record, I found out we were only passing along the cost handed down by the vending service.

As I write this, the marking period has ended and I assume you will receive this copy of the Scribe right about the time the first report cards are emailed home. If you do not get your child's report card please call Mrs. Pond at 767-5844 so that we can make sure we have your email address properly formatted in our system.

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I also want you to remember that each marking period at Schreiber is more important than the one before. This weighting system makes it easier for students to recover from a bad start and pushes students to maintain excellent performance. The point is, if your child struggled, do not panic. Encourage them to seek extra help and to speak to their teachers and guidance counselor. You too should consider reaching out. If your child did well, congratulate

them on a good start but remind them not to rest on their laurels! There is still much work to do!

Have a wonderful holiday season. I have a feeling we all have a great deal to be thankful for.

David Miller, Class 2016



Photos by Marivic Restivo

Assistant Principal David Miller and Principal Ira Pernick field questions from parents of 9th graders at morning coffee, one of several open-agenda meetings available to parents this fall. "The student is the winner when a true partnership exists between school and home. For this to happen, parents need to know how I think and I need to know their concerns" says Principal Pernick.

Guidance

In August of this year, the parents and students of Paul D. Schreiber High School were informed of changes in the scheduling protocol. The scheduling letter they received indicated that a "moratorium" would be in place for dropping courses at the beginning of the school year. Students who wished to drop a higher level course (ex. honors or AP) were instructed to remain in the course until the end of the first two cycles (a cycle equals 6 instructional days). This would give the student 8 class periods to fully experience the course and make an informed decision on their ability to meet the challenge of the curriculum and to determine how it will benefit them.

The decision to institute this new protocol was made after careful review and consideration. In discussing the past practice it was assessed that in many instances the decision to move into less challenging levels was done before the student even attended the first class. In these instances the student did not have the opportunity to fully experience the course and make an informed decision. The two cycle period would give the student a greater perspective on the course, the degree to which he/she would be challenged, and what benefits it would have for them. This time period also provided the family and the school personnel greater information and time in which to discuss any proposed changes and the long term affect it will have for the student. The administration assessed that any

move from a more challenging level to one not as enriched (ex. honors to regents) made after the "moratorium period" would not place a burden on the student.

As with any protocol, considerations were given for exceptions to this initiative. Any student who wished to move into a more rigorous course did not have to wait until the end of the 2 cycles. The move could be made at any time. A student who presented any unique or extenuating circumstances that warranted a move before the end of the period could also have the request considered. The student and counselor present the information to the grade level administrator for review and consideration. If the information substantiates the request and meets the established criteria, then the grade level administrator could authorize the change. Again this allows families and school personnel to adequately assess what is in the best interest of the student.

As with any new initiative, the administration is reviewing the results of the changes and taking any suggestions into consideration for the future. Any adjustments which result in a more effective program will be incorporated for next year.

Hank Hardy, District Director of Guidance K-12

Japan Comes to Port Washington Schools to Study

October Press Release-

It isn't often that Port Washington's schools' ideas are heard bouncing around the Pacific Rim but, in fact, that is the case these days. Through the collaborative efforts and direction of Dr. Mooney, interim superintendent, and Mrs. Sloan, Board president, our school district finds itself in the honored position of playing host to a visiting group from the Japanese Ministry of Education.

It seems that bullying and angry students are not only American problems. According to the Ministry, these societal difficulties puzzle Japanese educators as well. In an effort to personally interface with American educators over these topics, approximately 20 Japanese visitors, ranging from college professors to elementary teachers, will spend four days touring schools and attending workshops from October 9-12. The hope is that an open exchange of ideas in an uninterrupted setting designed to bring together various groups of educators will result in a productive and intelligent summit whose conclusions can be brought back for consideration to Japanese public schools.

Not lost on NY schools is the serendipitous timing of the visit; it is only the past few months that our state's public schools are operating under landmark legislation, the Dignity Act. Long overdue in American education is a governmental, school-sponsored stand against harassment and discrimination where bullying so often finds its sadistic power. No longer are schools forced to go it alone in protecting the innocent from the mean-spirited aggressor. Now, schools and their blameless students have formal protection to force wrongdoers to think otherwise or to face the impact of this powerful law. Bullies are in for a big lesson. So there's no better time for having the Japanese delegation come than in the fall of this school year to study our strategies for bullying, anger management and dealing with emotionally-distracted students.

Dr. Mooney produced a broad agenda that will introduce district-wide approaches including pupil-personnel services. The superintendent will provide a walk-through of the Dignity Act and its implementation by the schools. She will hand over the presentation to Ms. Fryzel and Mr. Hardy who will speak in more detail on the issues. In particular, as the Director of Guidance and the Dignity Act Coordinator, Mr. Hardy will feature a short video created

by his district subcommittee on how students can productively respond to harassment.



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The remainder of the week, the individual schools principals will play both participant and moderator in a number of workshops that will include our faculty with the visiting educators. The week promises to offer a unique and fertile series of conferences where both sides stand to learn plenty. Of course, no international visit would be complete without a bit of ceremony. For that reason, a small series of luncheons, welcoming and farewell rituals, and student performances are planned. The superintendent wishes to thank Dr. Fitzgerald, Mr. Spiezio, Mrs. Sica, Ms. Shoga, Ms. Talukdar, Ms. Kim, the F.B.L.A., the HSA and Mrs. Balaban for their help in managing the weeklong event.

Brad Fitzgerald, AP

PWEF at SCHREIBER

PWEF at Schreiber - a TV Studio Reopens and More...

The Port Washington Education Foundation (PWEF) will fund 9 educational grants at Schreiber this year. At a recent Board of Education meeting, Schreiber Principal Ira Pernick spoke about the high school of the future. He shared that over the next few years Schreiber administrators and staff will be looking at new courses with a focus on student relevance and increased rigor. This year Mr. Pernick, along with Peter Koch and David Miller, have been awarded a PWEF grant to reopen the Schreiber TV Studio with upgraded camera equipment and plans for a new TV production class. Mr. Pernick commented, *"The re-establishment of the TV Studio is the first step in developing*



a media studies program that includes our radio station, WDOT and the Schreiber Times."

"Ancestors and Artifacts" is another exciting PWEF grant awarded to Schreiber art teacher, Mrs. Marisa DeMarco along with colleagues Peter Koch and Miranda Best and in

collaboration with The Great Neck Arts Center. The grant will allow students to study their ancestors through exploration of found objects and oral histories. Ms. DeMarco shared the vision, "Our students will have the unique opportunity to investigate their personal histories and origins through the guidance of visiting artist workshops and hands-on classroom instruction. They will learn how to identify a special family artifact and conduct oral

history interviews at home." The project will culminate with students creating visual and literary art interpretations of their personal studies.



HEARTS Donates \$500

The local community organization Helping Enrich the Arts in Port Washington donated \$500.00 to the Schreiber Cultural Arts Committee for the 2012-13 school year on behalf of the students at Schreiber. HEARTS' mission is to add meaningful value to young people's lives and our community by

supporting, promoting, and enriching the arts in Port Washington and its' public schools. This grant was made possible by fundraising efforts at their 2012 PortFest Music, Arts & Cultural Festival with the help and support from Schreiber's HSA, students and faculty. If you'd like to get involved with their next PortFest scheduled for Saturday, May 11, 2013, you can contact HEARTS directly at heartspw@gmail.com.



Flash Mob by Berest Dance Center



Berest Dance Studio partnered with HEARTS to choreograph a flashmob created for Portfest 2012. Schreiber students surprised the crowd by suddenly starting to dance on cue to the song "hands up baby, hands up, give me your heart...".



Oceanside Outreach

Schreiber Supports Oceanside School District

Dr. Kathleen Mooney, Interim Superintendent, proudly reported that Oceanside administrators were not only grateful, but truly overwhelmed by the generosity of the Port Washington community to provide much needed supplies in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. Many Oceanside residents lost their personal items including basic school supplies. The supplies Schreiber donated enabled students to return to school feeling much more prepared to resume their studies. "The donations made by so many students, families, staff members, administrators and BOE members truly embody the community service spirit that defines the Port Washington School District."



Congratulations to all on the success of FOOD DAY 2012!

As a district, Port Washington collected 50 bags of fresh produce which is even better than last year! Many thanks to North Shore Farms for starting off our produce collection, to those who helped get the word out, set up their collection sites, picked up donations, and helped distribute them. We first delivered fresh fruits and vegetables locally to Our Lady of Fatima food pantry, and the Twin Pines Co-op. After those pantries were stocked, we were still able to donate over 30 bags of fresh produce to the INN soup kitchen.

During the Schreiber produce collection, student volunteers from the Tree Hugger's club helped repeat the "bottle exchange" initially done during Nutrition Week 2012. Students and faculty were able to exchange disposable plastic water bottles, for an environmentally friendly re-usable bottle that can be filled, and refilled at Schreiber's Hydration station.

Port Washington students and staff were able to not only protect the environment, but provide access to food and help alleviate hunger. How wonderful it is to provide fresh fruits and vegetables to those that rarely get to enjoy what nature has to offer. Well done and thank you everyone!

Jill Eisenberg, Nutrition Committee



It's not too late to join the HSA!

Those families who paid 2012-2013 HSA dues (only \$25 per family), will soon be receiving the Schreiber directory. You can find the membership form on our website,

www.schreiberHSA.org, or contact our VP of Membership, Dorothy Rule at pwrules@optonline.net.

Support the Schreiber Community!

Athletics

Stephanie Joannon, Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics

Schreiber Sports Fall 2012

This fall was a banner year for the 18 varsity sports teams at Schreiber. Beginning in the heat of the summer on August 15 with the start of football practice, to the snow bordering the soccer and field hockey fields of early November, all varsity teams were all part of exciting playoff games and matches.

Playing in its first season in Conference V football, the team boasted a 7-1 record and captured the conference championship against Jericho in a hard fought rematch in week seven.

The boys and girls volleyball teams completed successful seasons that earned them a bye in the first round of the playoffs. Both teams hosted a quarterfinal game at home where the boys team defeated Calhoun and the girls defeated Farmingdale. Both teams advanced to the county semifinals in four intense games.

Girls tennis finished their team season as runner up county champions. The team sent two players, Lauren Livingston and Emma Brezel as its represent Port in the State Tournament Both girls advanced to the semifinals.

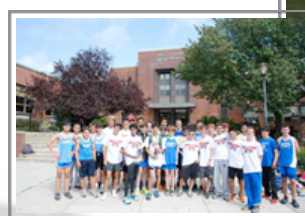
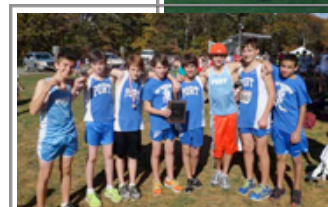
The girls swimming and diving team successfully defended its conference championship title with a repeat this season. The team posted many personal records.

The girls soccer team qualified for the playoffs. Their first round loss to defending state champion MaCarthur HS did not diminish their hugely successful season.

The boys soccer team was the talk of the town. They entered the tournament as the #8 seed in the playoffs. After a first round win over Long Beach 5-1, the team hosted the #1 team Elmont at home. With snow bordering our turf and a raucous crowd cheering on the Vikings, the team won 2-1. This set up a match with Syosset at a neutral site. The team couldn't hold on and lost 4-3 to the eventual county champion.

The boys and girls cross country teams once again proved to be among the elite in the county. Though the county meet was cancelled because of Superstorm Sandy, the boys team went undefeated and the girls team only had one loss. Each team sent a representative to the state tournament. For the boys it was Sid Kakkar and for the girls Bianca Luparello.

The field hockey team had the furthest success in the county tournament. The team hosted New Hyde Park in a tough semifinal game at the turf. The team held on to win 2-1 and move on to a rematch of last years final against Massapequa. The team played outstanding in letting up only one goal, but that was all that was needed at the end. The team was led by a strong senior class that has put Port field hockey on the map for many years.



Photos by:
James Burns, Lauren Edwards
and Lisa Castaldo

MSG Varsity filmed a girls soccer game while Verizon FiOs filmed our field hockey, boys soccer, boys volleyball and girls volleyball teams.

The second annual Bruce MacDonald 5K run was held at the beautiful Sands Point Preserve. The field expanded to 14 teams and included varsity and junior varsity cross country runners.

There is a new scoreboard and new sound system in the main gymnasium. Special thanks to the Gambol 2011 and the Schreiber HSA for the donation of the sound system that sounds great!

On November 19, the athletic department hosted a "National Letter of Intent" signing day for three student athletes who have committed to play Division I sports in college. The students are Brenna Betsch who committed to play womens' lacrosse at Sacred Heart University, John Crawley who committed to play mens lacrosse at Johns Hopkins University and Maggie Nelson who committed to the crew program at Clemson University. These students were recognized in a ceremony held in the Schreiber lobby amongst parents, family and friends.

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Also, on Nov. 19th, the athletic department and guidance departments held an NCAA Workshop presentation. Through the sponsorship of the AAPW, Mr. Andy Herman, a former teacher, coach, athletic director and college consultant gave a comprehensive presentation on the college selection and recruiting process. The turnout was close to 200 parents and athletes. Thanks to the AAPW for their sponsorship of this event.

All of our teams dedicated the month of October to Breast Cancer Awareness. All wore some sort of “pink”

during the month. Girls soccer and both volleyball teams as they wore pink shirts in their games boys soccer played with a pink ball, the football team wore pink socks and wrist bands while the coaches work white with pink shirts. Field hockey dedicated a game and fundraised for cancer awareness. All together Schreiber teams raised in excess of \$3,000 for Breast Cancer Awareness.

Stephanie Joannon, Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics



PWEF Grants

The following is a list of the **9** PWEF grants being funded at Schreiber this year. The list includes a program description and the teacher(s) who applied for and will oversee the program. For a list of all PWEF 2012-2013 Grants, log onto: www.PWEF.org.

1. Ancestors and Artifacts, an Intergenerational Exploration of Personal History. Marisa DeMarco, Miranda Best, Peter Koch. *Foundations In Studio Art and Drawing & Painting students will explore personal and cultural history through literacy and art activities, fostering self-expression and curriculum connections.*

2. Interactive Projector for English Classroom. Joan Lisecki. *Entire English Department will have use of state-of-the-art projector to enhance lessons.*

3. SMART Boards: Open the Door to Geometry. Elizabeth Kamerer. *Math students will gain better insight into Geometry through use of the SMART Board.*

4. Schreiber TV Studio Reopens. Ira Pernick, David Miller, Peter Koch. *TV Studio will reopen with upgraded equipment and a new TV production class.*

5. 21st Century Orchestra. Anthony Pinelli, John Meyer, Jr., John Spezio, Jr., Carol Garofalo. *Epson interactive projector will enhance all high school orchestra classes.*

6. SMART Board for English Language Learners. Susan Goldstein, Julie Barbieri, Sara Choit, Sandra Decker, John Davis. *SMART Board technology will support the language acquisition process of English Language Learners.*

7. Multi-Cultural Mentors. Lucy Portugal, Susan Goldstein, Elise May. *Using literature as a medium to develop students' cultural voices. (in conjunction with Manorhaven Elementary School, taught by Elise May, Expressive Elocution instructor)*

8. Halls of Tolerance. Alicia Cotter. *A mobile museum exhibit designed to increase awareness of genocides and promote tolerance. Three different displays will be placed in the school Lobby throughout the year.*

9. News Literacy. Lauren Giliouf. *Interactive program that will teach critical thinking skills in order to judge the reliability of news in a variety of outlets.*

The Port Washington Education Foundation is an independent, non-profit, community-based organization. The Foundation supports initiatives that enhance and expand educational opportunities over and above basic educational needs for all students in the Port Washington public schools.

Upcoming Yearbook Deadlines

The Port Light Yearbook also suffered the effects from Hurricane Sandy. As a result, meetings were cancelled, certain events had to be rescheduled, and major deadlines had to be extended. Below you will find a list of important upcoming dates to keep the progress of yearbook's creation on track.

December 14th – Baby photo and Senior Quotes are due.

Baby photos should be placed in an envelope addressed to Yearbook and can be dropped off to Ms. Lane in the Senior Office or put in the Yearbook mailbox located in the Main Office. The envelope should have the students name on it.

Senior Quotes are restricted to 20 words and must be submitted to portlight2013@gmail.com. Students must also cite the source of their quote.

January 15th – Yearbook ad submission deadline. This year for the first time, families can

create yearbook ads on-line and submit them directly to Herff Jones, the yearbook publisher. The program is user-friendly and will give you immediate feedback on the quality of the ad before the ad is finalized.

<https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/index.cfm/job/3910>

If you are not tech savvy, just bring photos and text to the school on **Wednesday, January 9th**, and the Yearbook Staff will help you create the ad.

January 21st – Yearbook pre-sale date. There are 3 convenient ways to purchase the yearbook. The accepted payment methods include checks or money

orders made payable to **Herff Jones Yearbooks**, or major credit card. All orders for Schreiber's Port Light Yearbook are referred to as **Order # 3910**.

Visit www.YearbookOrderCenter.com

Call **1.866.287.3096**

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Yearbook Order Center

P.O. Box 29

Edwardsville, KS 66113-9029

Questions:

Please contact JP Placella, Yearbook Advisor

jpplacella@portnet.k12.ny.us

Yearbook prices are as follows:

Platinum Package Includes the Yearbook, Plastic Dust Jacket, World Yearbook and One-line Name Plate.	\$120
Gold Package Include the Yearbook, Plastic Dust Jacket and One-line Name Plate.	\$115
Silver Package Includes the Yearbook and One-line Name Plate.	\$110
Yearbook ONLY	\$95
Plastic Dust Jacket	\$10
World Yearbook	\$10

GAMBOL Volunteers Needed

June seems far off, but plans are underway to make the senior prom, "GAMBOL", a spectacular send off for our graduates. **Fundraising events** are in the works to raise \$100,000 through donations and **sales of tickets, bleacher seats, lawn signs, senior grams and bricks**. There is much to do to make an exciting event for our students. Be on the lookout for upcoming planning and fundraising events and join us!

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Gambol

Art Department

The Art Department is Awarded a Grant!

Thanks to the generosity of the PWEF and HEARTS organizations, Miranda Best, Pete Koch, Marisa DeMarco, and Terri Hall were awarded a grant to fund a special project for students of Foundations In Studio Art and Drawing & Painting within the Schreiber High School Art Department in collaboration with the Great Neck Arts Center. Beginning on Wednesday, November 14th through the week of December 17th, the **"Ancestors and Artifacts" Project: An intergenerational exploration of personal and cultural history through the literary and visual arts** will be in full effect through four hands-on visiting artist workshops along with a guest artist lecture session.

Students will have the opportunity to choose a personal artifact within their family as a story telling device through which connections are made to the students' self-concept and family ties as a means to foster self-awareness and build community within the studio setting. Over Thanksgiving break, students will be conducting oral histories at home and will keep an "Art-in-Facts" Ethnography Journal to record their findings--later to be transformed into a work of art.

The experience will culminate with a "living museum" exhibition in which students and their families will come and celebrate the works of art on display!

Marisa DeMarco, Art Department



"Ancestors and Artifacts" Project: An intergenerational exploration of personal and cultural history through the literary and visual arts



Social Studies

Social Studies Update

During the early months of the 2012-2013 school year the Schreiber Social Studies department has continued to actualize its mission to promote awareness of issues related to history and the social sciences. Mrs. Cotter and the Young Historians continue to meet to discuss options of an expanded future role for the club. Mr. Schultz and the Social Studies Honor Society have begun the fundraising process and are actively looking for worthy social causes to make donations to. Mrs. McClean and the Schreiber Debate Team put on another very successful showing at the Yale Debate invitational where several students made it

deep into the playoffs. The Mock Trial team, Academic Decathlon, Quiz Bowl, and the Model UN are all gearing up for repeat performances from stellar playoff runs. Mr. Klaff's Cross Country team continues to perform strongly in regional tournaments. The Social Science Research Program led by Dr. O'Connor, Mr. Macrigiane, and Mrs. Dragos is hard at work completing this year's submissions into the Intel Science Competition. The Schreiber Social Studies department is once again sprinting out of the starting block towards another successful, active, and prosperous school year for all.

Bryan Frank, Social Studies Chair

Drama 2012

Lillian Hellman's Famous Play "The Children's Hour" Comes to Schreiber HS.

THE CHILDREN'S HOUR, by Lillian Hellman (1934) is an award winning play about the devastating effects that lies and gossip can have on human lives.

This gripping tale takes place at a boarding school for girls, established and run by two young teachers. All is going well until a spoiled and discontented pupil, Mary Tilford, is disciplined for her lies and poor behavior and plans revenge on the two headmistresses. She spreads a rumor about an "unnatural" relationship between the two teachers and once this lie spreads, matters go from bad to worse until they lead to irreversible tragedy.

This remarkable production featured the acting talents of the following Schreiber students: Julia Bain, Sabrina Brennan, Alexandra DeAngelis, Bridget Doherty, Nina Grauer, Liam Marsigliano, Max Miranda, Elizabeth Muratore, Tessa Peierls, Sydney Ronis, Kimberly Suzzan, Stephanie Anne Thomsen, Delia Van Praag & Kimberly Winter.

Directed by Christine Nelson and produced by Lauren Foster-Holzer, the production had performances on November 15th, 16th and 17th at 7:30pm and Sunday, November 18th at 2pm, in the Schreiber High School Auditorium. Tickets were \$10 for General Admission, \$5 for children under 18.



Coming March
14th-17th to the
Schreiber stage!
For more
information, call
the Creative Arts
Department at
767-5480.

Schreiber Times Wins Awards

The Schreiber Times, produced entirely by students under the guidance of Co Advisors Evelina Zarkh & Craig Medico, recently won awards from 3 distinguished organizations: Columbia Scholastic Press Association, Quill and Scroll Society and Empire State Scholastic Press Association. Other than the Empire State Association, the other two contests are national and the judging and awards are done

through college journalism programs. (Columbia, ESSPA is affiliated with Newhouse at Syracuse, and Quill and Scroll is affiliated with University of Iowa).

A staff of 40 students produce the 24-page issues, 10 times per year. The editorial staff is comprised of 20 students, and another 20 are contributing writers, artists, and photographers. The Times can now be read online at schreibertimes.com. Congratulations student journalists!



Columbia Scholastic Press Association:

Quill and Scroll Society, University of Iowa:



Empire State Scholastic Press Association:

EDITORIAL A-

Gold- Editorial Board
"Student punishments for hacking reveal flaws in Internet filter system"

Bronze- Editorial Board
"Reaction against derogatory language"

EDITORIAL PAGE-

Silver- Editorial Board
Nov. 28, 2011 p. 11

FEATURED STORY-

Bronze- Hannah Zweig
"Students struggle with knowledge of current events"

IN-DEPTH COVERAGE-

Gold- Katya Barrett, Sophia Jaffe & Hannah Zweig
"Standardized stress"
Kayta Barrett, Matt Heiden & Sophia Jaffe
"Technology Evolution"

Honorable Mention-

Katya Barrett, Sophia Jaffe & Hannah Fagen,
"Rumors"
Illustration portfolio, HM Risa Choi

SPECIAL TOPIC/EVENT COVERAGE

Gold- Katya Barrett & Hannah Fagen
"Joke, insult or threat?"

Silver- Hannah Fagen,
"Student publications grapple with censorship"

Bronze Katya Barrett, Sophia Jaffe & Celine Sze
"Apocalypse Now, Later, or Never?"

SPORTS NEWS

GOLD Dan Miranda
"Football team demoted to Developmental League"

Silver: Dan Miranda
"Junior runner youngest in New York City triathlon"

PHOTOGRAPHY

Bronze Harry Paul,
"Relay coaches bring Valentine's Day to cancer patients"

EDITORIAL CARTOON (portfolio)

Gold Chris Hart, "The Hart Knock Life"

PICTURE LAYOUT

Silver Hannah Fagen, Minah Kim, Lena Kogan & Celine Sze,
"AP Photography classes visit 9/11 Memorial"

COLUMNIST (portfolio)

Gold Hannah Fagen, "Schreiber Science"

FRONT PAGE

GOLD Loren Giron & Risa Choi,
November 2011, February 2011, April 2011

ENTERTAINMENT/REVIEW (portfolio)

Silver Kerim Kivrak,
"Classic Album: Beach Boys: Smile"

Bronze Dan Bidikov,
"Touch engages viewers on a higher level than most shows"

NEW STORY

Gold Hannah Fagen, "Students caught for violating school's Internet restrictions"

Silver Minah Kim
"SAT cheating scandal in nearby school district"

PWEF's Amazing Race

PWEF's Amazing Race - This fun community event incorporated teams of adults and members of the Port Washington business community who turned their shops into special scavenger hunt destinations. Schreiber's own Key Club members provided support along the way by reading out the scavenger hunt tasks and handing out refreshments. Many teams donned personally designed tee shirts for the race along Main Street and Port Washington Boulevard completing fun tasks at each stop. For example, competitors were asked to identify the flavors of 10 gourmet jellybeans while blindfolded at local candy shop. A fun time was had by all! Funds raised will go towards awarding educational grants in all our schools. For a complete list of PWEF grants, log onto: www.PWEF.org

Photos of the *Amazing Racers* include Principal Ira Pernick & Administrators' team and Key Club Members.



Schreiber Community Fair

Schreiber Community Fair Builds Awareness and Offers Opportunity

The Community Fair was produced by the Schreiber Compact Committee. Schreiber principal, Mr. Ira Pernick states, "Through the community fair we hope to connect the wonderful organizations that exist throughout our community to our wonderful students. The more contact opportunities we create, the more likely it is that a match will take place."

Some 30 local non-profit organizations gathered in the Schreiber Lobby on a Friday in October (pre-storm!), offering students a meet-n-greet opportunity to learn about the important and varied organizations that are located right here in Port. The goal of the fair was two-fold...to build awareness and offer our students volunteer opportunities (especially our Seniors, who need to complete volunteer community service hours as a requirement for graduation.)

Organizations included, PW Community Chest, [PWEE.org](#), Nassau County Tolerance Museum, Landmark Theater, North Shore Animal League, PWFD and Residents for a More Beautiful PW.



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OF LIFE AT SCHREIBER HIGH SCHOOL
KEEP THEM COMING!
NEXT ISSUE IN MAY.

DO YOU HAVE AN IDEA, BUT NEED WRITE-UP OR
PHOTO TAKEN?

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