

Tuckahoe Happenings

December 16, 2022



MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

DR. AMY GOODMAN

At [this week's Board meeting](#), we shared exciting information about our proposed capital project. It builds on recent efforts to both modernize and preserve our beloved school buildings. This was the first in a series of meetings to discuss the proposed bond. The project will be discussed at our January 3, 2023 board meeting, in a bond newsletter, and in an in-person and virtual town hall meeting. [Click here](#) to visit our website, which will be updated with information about the bond proposal.

The community will vote on the referendum on February 15, 2023, which will allow for a timely review by the State Education Department. We are hoping to break ground on this new project as soon as possible.

During the holidays, we gather for spirited musical performances. I encourage you to check out our [YouTube Channel](#), where you can see some of the concerts featured in this edition of the Happenings. We are also celebrating the victories and accomplishments of our athletes. It has been an exciting time of year!

Our week came to a rainy conclusion, but it did not dampen our spirits! Next week we head into our final week before the holiday break. Our MS/HS students will be celebrating spirit week, and there will be multiple opportunities to recognize the gifts our Tuckahoe Community provides on a regular basis.

Jingle Bells: The Final Frontier



Our Middle and High School bands started off the winter concert season with a night of holiday classics. Jingle Bells was heard on many different occasions and a welcome sound to get us in the holiday mood! Congratulations to the 6th-grade band, 7-8 Grade Band, HS Concert Band, Jazz Band, and Small Jazz Combo and Mr. Evans. Way to go, Tuckahoe musicians!



Skype a Scientist!



To support lessons on space systems, fifth-grade teacher Ms. Guiffra invited Mr. Christopher Centi, an astronomer and space science educator, to meet virtually with her students. Known as "C the Rocket Man," Mr. Centi is owner and CEO of Centi Astro-Space Activities. He advocates for hands-on science, is an author of various articles, and has appeared on radio and TV. Chris was instrumental in developing and building the planetarium for the Lucile M. Wright Air Museum in Jamestown, NY, and served as the Planetarium Director and Space Science Coordinator from November 2012 to December 2016. His involvement with many Astronomy and Space Science organizations has led him to several research interests including: studying exoplanets and the search for life elsewhere, Mars exploration, categorizing and researching various projects for Zooniverse, psychological implications of long term space travel and developing useful hands-on activities to teach science. Cottle scientists submitted questions about zero gravity and the inner workings of telescopes. They learned a lot in this very informative session!

Celebrating the Vocal Artists of Tuckahoe



On Tuesday, December 13th, almost 200 Middle School and High School students led a celebration of song for their Winter Concert. The Middle School was led by the Roaring Tigers ensemble, which included Gabby Berkman, Darcy Klinger, Bianca Amaro, Abigail Arana, Ethan Cen, Ari Chahine, Allyson Duffy, Lauren Lee, Violet Linn, Samantha Anderson, Keiji Nakaseko, Pedro Menegasso, Scarlett Moschitto, and Marin Swenson who were featured in two pieces. They were accompanied by Senior Yuri Lee on the Piano.

The Middle School sang and danced with energy and excitement. Senior Santa Claus' Mike Annunziata and Brendan Fleming joined in the fun bringing along some Senior and Junior elves to share in the festivities during a rousing rendition of Holly Jolly Christmas. The entire Middle School chorus was spectacular and it was a wonderful start to a holiday-filled evening.

Following the Middle School, the Tuckahoe High School performed their wonderful concert of 7 pieces for their winter concert. Some of the pieces included White Winter Hymnal by Pentatonix, Andrea Bocelli's The Prayer performed by the Vocal Cats, and The Concert choir performed a host of lively tunes that had the audience tapping along. Julia Fret and Artemis Caporoso of Show Choir performed a vibrant tap dance to the song "Underneath the Tree" sung by the concert choir. As the students commented, "It felt exciting and euphoric to be back on stage together; we are Team Tuckahoe - go Tigers!". As always, the Tuckahoe chorus is a team. Under the spirited direction of Ms. Reidy, both the MS and HS worked together to put together a beautiful night of music.



'Tuck Fit'

Our 'Tuck Fit' fitness initiative continues to be a huge success. We have expanded after-school fitness to five days per week. Our fitness center hosts 20-25 students daily. Thank you to our fall and winter fitness coaches, Mr. Pappas and Mrs. Colasacco!



This Week in Athletics

Saturday, December 17

- Varsity Girls Basketball @ Bronxville HS - 4:00PM *Championship Game Bronxville Tourney*
- Varsity Ice Hockey @ Mount Pleasantville - 8:40PM

Monday, December 19

- Varsity Girls Basketball vs Woodlands - THS Gym - 4:30PM
- JV Boys Basketball @ Hastings - 4:30PM
- Varsity Bowling @ Bowlerland - 4:30PM

Tuesday, December 20

- Modified Boys Basketball @ Dobbs Ferry Blue - 4:30PM
- Modified Girls Basketball vs Dobbs Ferry Blue - 4:30PM

Wednesday, December 21

- Varsity Girls Basketball vs Dobbs Ferry - THS Gym - 4:30PM
- JV Girls Basketball vs Dobbs Ferry - THS Gym - 6:15PM
- Modified Girls Basketball @ Eastchester - 4:30PM
- Varsity Bowling @ Bowlerland - 4:30PM
- Pioneer Team @ Port Chester - 4:30PM
- Varsity Ice Hockey @ Rivertowns - 6:50PM

Thursday, December 22

- Varsity Boys Basketball @ Hastings - 4:30PM
- Modified Boys Basketball vs Irvington Green - 4:30PM
- Modified Girls Basketball @ Irvington Green - 4:30PM

<https://tuckahoeathletics.org/>



All-Conference Honorees

Section 1 honored its best players for the 2022 season, naming the All-Conference honorees for Classes C and D as voted on by the coaches association. The Tuckahoe Tigers took home the gold! We are so proud of this team and the coaches. And special congrats to the honorees named below and to Coach of the Year, John D'Arco. Tuckahoe Proud!!

All Conference:

Connor Benke

Jake Matarazzo

Thaddeus Curylo

All Section:

Jason Smith

John Benke

Michael Annunziata

MVP-Linebacker:

Connor Benke

MVP-Lineman:

Thaddeus Curylo

Class C/D Defensive MVP:

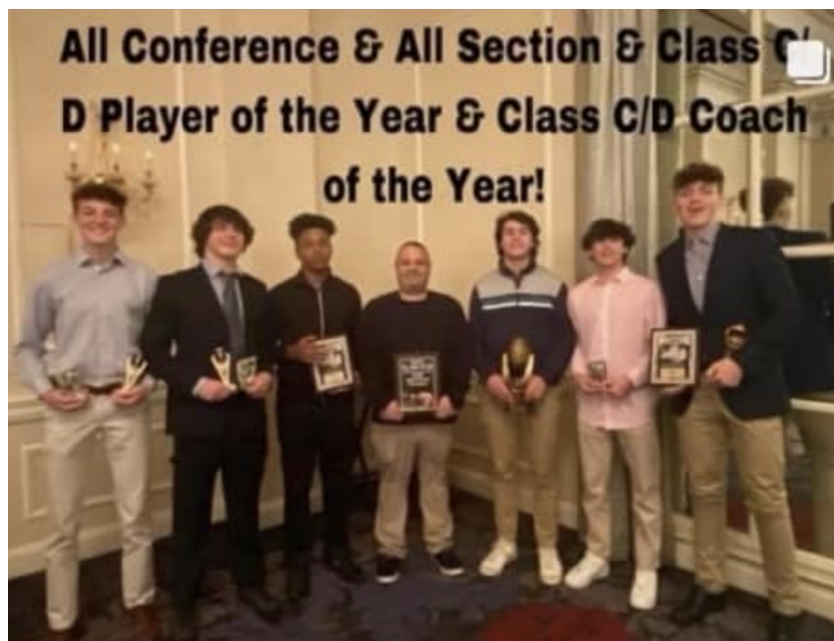
John Benke

Class C/D MVP:

Michael Annunziata

Coach C/D Coach of the Year:

John D'Arco



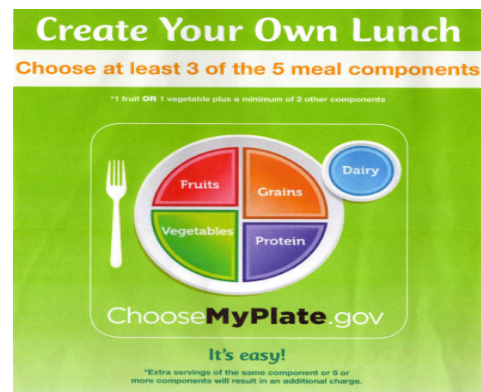
Facilities

Supply chain disruptions and exceptionally long lead times for construction materials and equipment have pushed the anticipated substantial completion date of the Middle/High School cafeteria and library to mid to late-February. We are thankful for everyone's patience and understanding while we navigate these challenges. Our students and staff have shown remarkable flexibility during this time, and we look forward to the unveiling of these new and modernized spaces.

New Bond: At this week's Board of Education meeting, we shared exciting information about our proposed capital project.

Food Service

Children need healthy meals to learn. Tuckahoe Union Free School District offers healthy meals every school day. Your children may qualify for free meals. Please visit https://www.tuckahoeschools.org/food_service for more information. Gluten Free, Kosher and Halal options are available upon request. Please contact our Food Service Director at Quatrochi-Jacquelyn@aramark.com or at 914-337-6600 x 1232.



Board of Education Meeting Update


The next scheduled Board of Education Special Meeting & Workshop will be held on:

Tuesday, January 3, 2023, at 7:30 PM in the MS/HS Auditorium


To access the meeting via live stream, please click on the link below:

www.tuckahoeschools.org

Board of Education agendas, policies, and other related documents are available in [BoardDocs](#).



TUCKAHOE
UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT



UPK

Are you ready?

We are pleased to provide an opportunity for Tuckahoe families to enter a lottery for our Universal Pre-Kindergarten program (UPK), a partnership with the Cornerstone Children's Center, located at 65 Main Street. The program will run five days per week from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM and will follow the school district calendar. Eligible children must be four years old by December 1, 2023. Transportation is not provided.

More Information!
Visit our website tuckahoeschools.org/UPK



Important Notes!

- Publicly funded at no added cost to the family
- Stimulates creativity and self-expression through creative play
- Develops critical thinking skills and social awareness essential for school success
- Offers a caring and safe environment to learn and play in
- Resources, materials, and staff training aligned with Tuckahoe K-12 program

**TUCKAHOE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNOUNCES
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Registration for Kindergarten students for the 2023-2024 school year will be held on **Wednesday, January 25, 2023** and **Thursday, January 26, 2024**. Children who will be five years of age by December 1, 2023 are eligible to attend Kindergarten.

Parents/Legal Guardians are urged to register children according to the following schedule, utilizing the first letter of the child's last name:

Wednesday, January 25, 2023	9:00AM – 11:00AM	A – L
Thursday, January 26, 2023	9:00AM – 11:00AM	M – Z

Registration takes place at the William E. Cottle Elementary School, 2 Siwanoy Boulevard, Eastchester, New York in the Auditorium. At the time of registration, parents/legal guardians must bring the required registration forms, which can be found on the District's website (www.tuckahoeschools.org), filled out and notarized along with the following documents:

Three (3) Proofs of Residence

Parents/Legal Guardians **must** bring originals and copies of the following documents:

1. **Property tax bill, deed, co-op shares, OR a signed current lease**
(valid through June 2024)

AND

2. **Con Edison bill, cable bill, phone bill, OR current income tax return**

AND

3. **NYS Driver's License, NYS Registration OR NYS Insurance Card with**
your current address

AND _

- **Your Child's Proof of Age**
(i.e., birth certificate, passport, baptismal certificate, etc.)
- **Your Child's Immunization Record including date of last physical exam**
- **If you are divorced or separated, please bring a copy of your Custody Agreement.**

If you have any questions regarding Kindergarten Registration, please contact Karen Barros at 914-337-6600 x1262.

TUCKAHOE PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

TEEN D&D

AGES 11+

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20TH
AT 3:30 PM**



Join Mr. Justin for a session of Dungeons and Dragons Fifth Edition. D&D is a interactive tabletop role-playing game in which you create and embody a character, join a team of heroes, and go on exciting adventures. The only limit is your imagination! (And the luck of the dice.)

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Please Register Online <https://tuckahoelibrary.libcal.com>

Contact: tukreference@wlsmail.org / 914-961-2121

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The Tuckahoe and Harrison Public Libraries Present

Virtual Tibetan Sound Healing



***WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28TH
AT 4 PM***

Join us for this online program presented by Roberta Brugo. Studies have shown that Tibetan Singing Bowls have the ability to:

- induce a deep relaxation of muscles, joints, organs
- reduce stress and stress related disorders, lower blood pressure and heart rate
- improve sleep
- balance the chakras (energy centers of the body)
- detoxify the body
- help with pain management, addictions, depression and anxiety

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Bullying: What Parents Need to Know to Best Support All Youth

Speaker:

Kara Santucci, MS, CCTP, Coordinator, Student Assistance Services Adolescent Counseling & Bullying Prevention Resource Center will provide strategies to help children feel safe, valued, and respected at home, school & online.



Tuckahoe Union Free School District

January 18, 2023 @ 7 PM - Virtual Webinar

NO-BULLYING (662-855-9464)

www.bullyingpreventionwestchester.org

bullyinghelpline@sascorp.org

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SENSORY INTEGRATION STRATEGIES: TOOLS FOR PARENTS

TUESDAY, DEC. 20 | 5:00PM-6:00PM

LOCATION: VIRTUAL EVENT (ZOOM LINK BELOW)

The Tuckahoe School District is proud to partner with Westchester Therapy Solutions and bring to you a wonderful presentation on “Sensory Integration Strategies: Tools for Parents.” Interested parents are encouraged to attend to learn more about sensory processing difficulties impacting their children and tools to support these concerns at home!

We will be hosting a virtual event with Emily Rudolph, OT/PT Supervisor and Occupational Therapist, and Dr. Kate Sweeney, Director of Special Education and Student Services.

If you have any questions, please contact:

**Dr. Catherine Sweeney, Director of Special Education and Student Services
at sweeneyc@tuckahoeschools.org**

[Zoom Link Invite](#)