

# Tuckahoe Happenings

January 13, 2023



## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

DR. AMY GOODMAN

On **February 15th**, the community will be asked to vote on a bond referendum to fund our 2023 proposed capital project. This project includes a renovation and modernization of the Cottle Cafeteria; much-needed infrastructure repairs in the middle/high school building so that broken and deteriorated pipes and areas of the tunnel are fixed/replaced to ensure students/teachers have well functioning heat and will no longer be assigned to classes because of leaks. New air conditioning and ventilation will be installed in all three schools to match the new wing air exchange systems for the health and wellness of the staff and students.

Last week, we released a [podcast](#) (click to watch) detailing the upcoming vote and the scope of our proposed project. This week, I also met with families at Cottle to detail the improvements planned for the elementary school building. I will meet with the middle TMS/THS parents on January 25th. This coming week on Thursday, January 19th at 7 PM there will be the first of two virtual Town Halls which will include some representatives from the facilities committee, including board members, our business facilities manager and contractors on the project. The panel will be there to address any concerns and answer your questions. A blast will be coming on Thursday morning with the link to the meeting.

**Again the vote takes place on February 15, 2023.** Please note, this February vote date is unique as it falls early in the school year and on a Wednesday. The timing of this vote was to take advantage of state approvals that we have already received for construction of the Cottle Cafeteria, so we can expedite the project to do the majority of the work this summer.

Soon, a mailer will be sent to all residents in the Tuckahoes community. I understand my correspondence reaches only the families of our students, so the mailer will bring all our neighbors into the conversation. On our [capital project website](#), we have links to more information and a communication timeline. And of course the [podcast](#). Thank you for all your support so that Tuckahoe can lead the way!

## Communication Timeline for Capital Project

December 12, 2023	<b><a href="#">Board of Education Meeting</a></b> <i>The Capital Project is presented and the proposal is adopted by the Board of Education.</i>
January 3, 2023	<b><a href="#">Board of Education Special Meeting and Workshop</a></b> <i>Dr. Goodman and Ms. Sparks provide a comprehensive facilities update and overview of the proposed Capital Project.</i>
January 6, 2023	<b><a href="#">Podcast: Laying the Groundwork for Success</a></b> <i>A podcast featuring Dr. Goodman's overview of the 2021 Capital Project and the proposed 2023 Capital Project.</i>
January 12, 2023	<b>Principal's Coffee: William E. Cottle Elementary School</b> <i>Dr. Goodman joins Principal's Coffees at 9:30 am in the Cottle Cafeteria and at 7:00 PM via Zoom.</i>
January 19, 2023	<b><a href="#">A TUFSD Town Hall on the Proposed Capital Project (Virtual)</a></b> <i>Representatives of the School Board and Facilities Committee will join Dr. Goodman and Ms. Sparks for a Town Hall on the Proposed Capital Project.</i>
January 25, 2023	<b>Principal's Coffee: Tuckahoe Middle and High School</b> <i>Dr. Goodman joins Principal's Coffees in-person and via zoom.</i>
February 7, 2023	<b>PTA Executive Counsel</b> <i>Dr. Goodman joins the PTA Executive Counsel to share details about the Proposed Capital Project.</i>
February 13, 2023	<b><a href="#">A TUFSD Town Hall on the Proposed Capital Project (In-Person)</a></b> <i>Representatives of the School Board and Facilities Committee will join Dr. Goodman and Ms. Sparks for a Town Hall on the Proposed Capital Project.</i>
February 15, 2023	<b>VOTE!</b>

### Additional Resources

[Facilities Podcast](#)

[TUFSD Capital Project Presentation to the Board of Education 12.12.22](#)

[Cost of Proposed Capital Project 2023](#)





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## Math in the Real World



“Math in the Real World” has begun this month with family members visiting fourth-grade math classes. Family members of Mrs. Pappas, Ms. Crotty and Mrs. Quartararo’s students came in this week to share how they use math in their jobs and daily life. Special thanks to Mr. Moffett, Mrs. Good, and Mr. Berenson!



## Examining Cell Structure in Life Science



Ms. Richter's seventh-grade Life Science class worked in small groups and used animal cell and plant cell models to review cell structures and functions. Some comments included, "using models helps me see the inside of the cell much better," "I am a visual learner so this is great," and "I like having this in my hand - it makes the cell notes so much clearer to me."





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## Congratulations NY Master Teachers



NY Master Teacher program recognizes top teachers in state and pools knowledge statewide. Congratulations to Science Teacher, Ms. Gwen Burke and Math Teacher, Ms. Lauren Dane on being selected into this elite program! They were selected from a competitive field in a rigorous application process that evaluated them on lesson plans, instructional knowledge, applications of their content in authentic conditions, and communication skills. It is a great honor to be chosen. As professionals who teach STEM courses, their four-year participation in the program as Master Teachers will engage in peer mentoring and intensive content-oriented professional development opportunities throughout the academic year. They will work closely with pre-service and early career teachers to foster a supportive environment for the next generation of STEM teachers, and attend, participate in, and lead several professional development sessions each year. They join another Tuckahoe teacher, Science Teacher, Melanie Buchanan, in this elite and rigorous program! We are so proud of them! Tuckahoe leads the way!

## JV Girls Basketball on a Roll!



Special Shout-Out to our newly formed JV Girls Basketball team! In the past two days the girls have defeated Class A Yorktown 38-27 and Class C rival Haldane 51-10! These girls are on a roll improving their record to 6-1 on the season! Go Tigers!

## Varsity Cheer Places First!

Varsity Cheer placed first at the Eastchester

Cheer Competition last Saturday!

We are proud of our extremely talented cheerleaders and coaches.

Way to go, Tigers!





## Science Olympiad Builds Bridges to Success!



Science Olympiad members came into Mrs. Ferguson's 6th grade STEM class to demonstrate how Bridges are tested and scored for the National Science Olympiad Competitions. Our FIERCE Competitors on the team explained bridge design and how it impacts significant variables in engineering. Mr. Greco explained the scoring process. Hats off to our Olympiad Bridge builders and to our Future Tuckahoe Science Olympiads!



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## Upcoming Athletic Events

### Saturday, January 14

- Varsity Boys Basketball vs Keio - THS Gym - 11:00AM
- Varsity Cheer @ Mahopac Competition - 9:00AM
- Varsity Girls Basketball @ North Salem HS Tournament

### Tuesday, January 17

- Varsity Girls Basketball vs Leffell - THS Gym - 4:30PM
- JV Girls Basketball vs Leffell - THS Gym - 6:15PM
- Varsity Boys Basketball @ Leffell - 4:30PM
- JV Boys Basketball @ Leffell - 6:15PM
- Varsity Ice Hockey @ Rye Town - 8:45PM

Please be sure to follow us on instagram:

@tuckahoe\_athletics

### Wednesday, January 18

- Varsity Girls Basketball vs Montfort Academy - THS Gym - 4:30PM
- Varsity Bowling @ Bowlerland - 4:30PM

### Thursday, January 19

Please be sure to follow us on twitter:

**\*Varsity Team Media Night\*** - THS Gym - 6:30PM

@TuckahoeTiger

### Friday, January 20

**\*Winter Pep Rally\*** - THS Gym - 2:00PM

**\*Augie Nardone Scholarship Basketball Games\***

- Varsity Girls Basketball @ Eastchester HS - 5:00PM
- Varsity Boys Basketball @ Eastchester HS - 7:00PM

### Saturday, January 21

- Varsity Ice Hockey @ Brewster Ice Arena - 4:00PM



## Facilities

For information on our proposed capital project, please visit our website at:

[https://www.tuckahoeschools.org/2023\\_capital\\_project](https://www.tuckahoeschools.org/2023_capital_project)



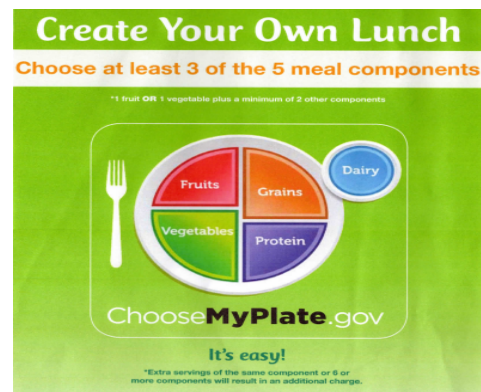
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Proposed Cafeteria Exterior Design @ Cottle ES

KG+D [Site](#) [Images](#) [3D](#)

## 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](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](mailto:Quatrochi-Jacquelyn@aramark.com) or at 914-337-6600 x 1232.





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## Board of Education Meeting Update

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

**Monday, January 30, 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](http://www.tuckahoeschools.org)

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

# PTA UPCOMING EVENTS JAN - MARCH



Date of Event	Event Title	Location	Start Time	End Time
1/10/2023	PTA Executive Board Meeting	THS Auditorium	7:30pm	9:00pm
2/9/2023	PTA Handbag Bingo	Generoso Pope Building	7:00 PM	10:30 PM
2/15/2023	PTA Executive Board Meeting	THS Auditorium	7:30pm	9:00pm
02/15/2023	Cottle Family Literacy Night	TBD	6:00 PM	8:00 PM
2/16/2023	PTA Bingo	Cottle Cafe	5:30 PM	7:00 PM
3/3/2023	K & 5th Grade Graduation Picture Day			
3/14/2023	PTA Executive Board Meeting	THS Auditorium	7:30pm	9:00pm
3/16/2023	Principal PJ Read-Aloud	Zoom	7:00 PM	8:30 PM



# 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](http://www.bullyingpreventionwestchester.org)

[bullyinghelpline@sascorp.org](mailto:bullyinghelpline@sascorp.org)

\*All services funded through a Phelps Community Corporation Grant

**EASTCHESTER PARKS & RECREATION**

# **HIGH SCHOOL E.I.B.L**

**FOR BOYS IN GRADES 9-12**

**\*PLAYERS CANNOT BE ON A CURRENT  
FRESHMAN, JV, OR VARSITY TEAM**

**PRACTICE ONCE A WEEK**

**GAMES ON SATURDAYS  
AND SOME WEEKDAYS**

**JANUARY - MARCH**

**\$125**  
**Per player**

**REGISTER OPENS ONLINE DECEMBER 20 AT 9AM**

**<https://register1.vermontsystems.com/wbwsc/nyeastchesterrec.wsc/splash>**

**REGISTRATION CLOSES ON JANUARY 9**

**IF YOU ARE UNSURE OF YOUR ONLINE REGISTRATION LOGIN, PLEASE CONTACT  
THE REC OFFICE. NEW ACCOUNTS WILL NEED PROOF OF RESIDENCY**

Tuckahoe High School

# ★ SNOW BALL ★



**FEB 3**  
**7-9pm**

Doors close at 7:30!

**THS GYM**

Semi-formal event.  
NO HEELS ALLOWED!

*No outside guests*

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Featuring:

*dj Bioe*

Catering by:

*Tuck'd Away*

tickets can be purchased from  
Mrs. Pinto in the main office



Cost of entry covers food, entertainment, and decorations

**TICKETS: \$15**

**MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCED  
Cash only!**