

# Tuckahoe Happenings

September 16, 2022

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## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

DR. AMY GOODMAN

We enjoyed welcoming our MS families “Back to School” to meet our teachers and walk our halls. This week our students continued to enjoy school both in academics and extracurriculars.

This past Saturday was a great day for the Tuckahoe UFSD! Our Cross Country team kicked the day off at the Somers meet. The girls finished 10th overall and finished ahead of cross-town rival Bronxville! The boys finished 16th overall! Way to go, Coach Marissa Frusciante and the Tuckahoe Cross County Team!

Our Varsity Football team had a BIG WIN over a heavily favored Westlake team. The final score was 35-32! Great coaching was on display by Coach D’Arco and his crew. All while the players executed to perfection! The Tuckahoe Community was out in full force, cheering our team on! Go Tigers!

All other teams are playing hard, and many are in a winning position.



Our musicians continue to play at the highest levels, win awards, and wow audiences locally and throughout the states. Congratulations to Yuri Lee, who was selected to be part of the New York All-State Orchestra. Additionally, the following students were selected as alternates: Jess Kaufman for Orchestra, Andrew Swenson for Jazz Band, and Fabien duChateau for both Orchestra and Jazz Band. The All-State Festival features the best HS musicians in New York State.

All-State musicians will travel to Rochester on December 1st to participate in three days of rehearsal, culminating in a performance at the historic Eastman Theater on December 4th. The All-State selection process is highly competitive, and everyone at THS is very proud of our dedicated and hard-working musicians!



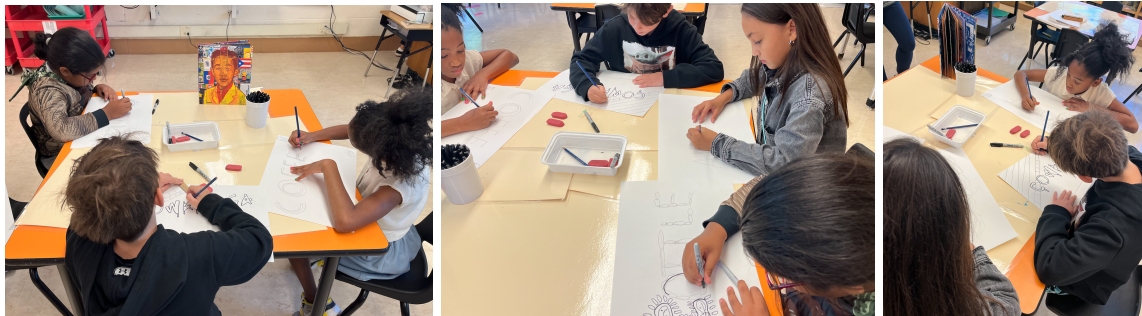
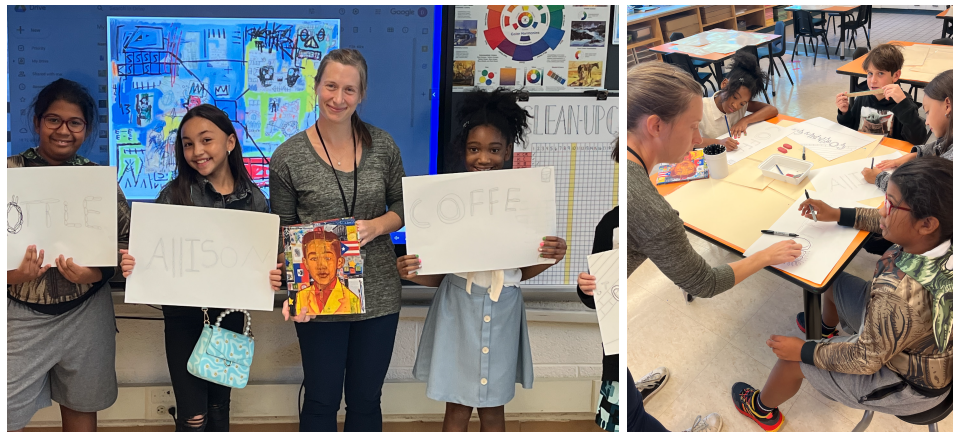


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## WEC Artists Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

The Grade 5 students learned about the life and work of Jean-Michel Basquiat, a Puerto Rican and Haitian graffiti artist. They viewed and discussed the symbolism and messages in his art, focusing on equality and human rights. The biographical story *Radiant Child* by Javaka Steptoe was read as an introduction to his childhood and path to artistic celebrity.

The classes learned how to draw in a graffiti style and chose a “tag” to create for themselves. Students were encouraged to express their identities using symbols, fonts, and color choices to represent something about themselves. Their final step was adding a brick-walled background.



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## Honoring 9/11

The Tuckahoe Union-Free School District commemorates the twenty-first anniversary of 9/11. We honor the innocent civilians and first responders who lost their lives and keep those impacted by the terrible events of these attacks in our hearts. We vow never to forget.

To recognize this solemn anniversary, our local historical society brought speakers to address our eleventh-grade and twelfth-grade students. Additionally, along with the local Rotary club, the historical society will sponsor a trip to the mobile 9/11 museum later in the month.

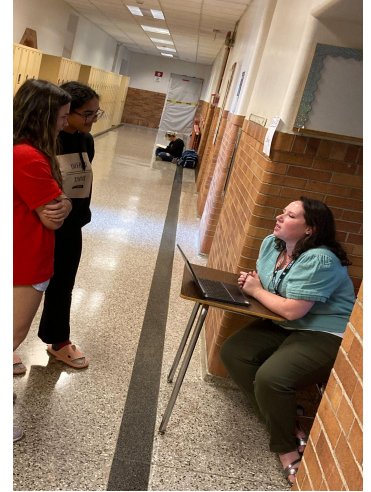


## Extracurriculars at MS/HS

Extracurricular activities include student participation in clubs, student government, sports teams, and volunteer work. Secondary students can sign up for extracurriculars. If your child is having difficulty deciding, please check in with your guidance counselor. Extracurriculars help build character, learn skills, and form friendships.







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## Get Involved!

### Clubs at TMS

- Advanced Strings
- Art Club
- Chess Club
- Diversity Club
- Drama Improv Club
- G.O.

- Science Olympiad
- Roaring Tigers
- Show Choir
- Yearbook Club
- Media Productions (AV Club)

### Clubs at THS

- 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Fundraising
- 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Fundraising
- 11<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Fundraising
- 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Fundraising
- Art Club
- Chess Club
- Coding Club
- Fitness Club
- G.O.
- GSA Club
- Habitat for Humanity
- Images Magazine
  - Art, Literary
- Jazz Band

- Marching Band
- Media Productions Club (AV)
- National Honor Society
- Quiz Bowl
- Robotics Club
- Science Olympiad
- Senior Internship Program
- Vocal Cats
  - Select Chorus Ensemble
- Show Choir
- Snow Sports Club

- Spring Musical
  - Art, Dance, Vocal, Orchestra
- Stock Club
- Varsity Club
- Web Design Club
- Yearbook Club
- *Community Service Activities*



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## WEC Students Enjoying the Literacy Center

The WEC Literacy Center is the newly furnished and recently redesigned elementary school space. Students can find their new favorite books, read independently, and discuss collaboratively. Special thanks to Ms. Vinnie for all her hard work bringing the new center to life and to Ms. Sparks and Mr. Russo for helping bring the space to Cottle.



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## Congratulations, Brooke Matarazzo!

Congratulations to Brooke Matarazzo and for winning the LoHud vote for player of the week!

### GIRLS SOCCER BLOG

## Girls soccer: Meet the finalists, vote now for lohud Player of the Week (Aug. 29-Sept. 11)



**Eugene Rapay**

Rockland/Westchester Journal News

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### Brooke Matarazzo, Tuckahoe

After creating a splash as a seventh-grade varsity call-up last season, Matarazzo has picked up from where she left off as an eighth-grader this fall. She has four goals and two assists, so far, through the Tigers' shutout wins against East Ramapo and Mount Vernon, then a tightly-contested overtime loss against Yonkers Montessori.

## Cheer Us On! Let's Go, Tigers!



### **Saturday, September 17th**

- Varsity Girls Soccer vs. Dobbs Ferry - HS Turf Field 10:00 AM
- Varsity Boys Soccer @ Bronxville HS (vs. Croton Harmon) 12:00 PM
- Varsity Football & Cheerleading @ Dobbs Ferry 1:30PM

### **Monday, September 19th**

- Varsity Girls Soccer vs. Leffell - HS Turf Field 4:30 PM
- Varsity Volleyball @ Gorton 4:30 PM
- JV Volleyball vs. Hastings - HS Gym 4:30 PM



### **Tuesday, September 20th**

- Varsity Boys Soccer @ Haldane 4:30 PM
- Modified Boys Soccer vs. Pocantico Hills - Parkway Oval 4:30 PM
- Varsity Cross Country @ Van Cortlandt Park 4:30 PM
- Varsity Girls Tennis vs. Woodlands - Leewood Tennis Courts 4:30 PM

### **Wednesday, September 21st**

- Varsity Girls Soccer @ Alexander Hamilton 4:30 PM
- Modified Girls Soccer @ Pocantico Hills 4:30 PM
- Varsity Volleyball @ Keio Academy 4:30PM
- JV Volleyball vs. Leffell - HS Gym 4:30 PM

**For all your up-to-date scheduling needs:**

[tuckahoeathletics.org](http://tuckahoeathletics.org)

### **Thursday, September 22nd**

- Varsity Boys Soccer vs. Leffell - HS Turf Field 4:30 PM
- Modified Girls Volleyball @ Hastings 4:30 PM

**Please be sure to follow us on twitter:**

[@TuckahoeTiger](https://twitter.com/TuckahoeTiger)

### **Friday, September 23rd**

- Varsity Girls Soccer vs. Roosevelt - HS Turf Field 4:30 PM
- Modified Girls Soccer vs. Sleepy Hollow - Parkway Oval 4:30 PM
- Varsity Volleyball vs. Eastchester - HS Gym 6:00 PM
- JV Volleyball vs. Eastchester - HS Gym 4:30 PM
- Modified Girls Volleyball @ Dobbs Ferry 4:30 PM

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## **Homecoming Weekend:**

October 6-8



CELEBRATES

# HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 15



"Don't be afraid to reach for the stars. I believe a good education can take you anywhere on Earth and beyond."

– Ellen Ochoa



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## Facilities Update

The District continues to navigate a turbulent economic climate, but we maintain steadfast in our commitment to improving the experience for our Tuckahoe learners. Due to the current economic landscape and supply chain issues, we will not be able to complete the full scope of this bond project, but much is getting done in this round. In the coming weeks, we will begin to assess ways to complete the remaining scope of this project and prioritize emerging infrastructure needs.

What we are able to complete:

- Cottle: Turf field, including improvements to Siwanoy Blvd.
- MS/HS: Library renovation
- MS/HS: Cafeteria renovation
- MS/HS New Wing: HVAC units retrofitted and or replaced to provide air conditioning and a higher level of filtration (MERV 13)
- MS/HS: Hardware/Security Upgrades to the exterior and interior doors.
- MS/HS: Upgrade Emergency Lighting and Fire Alarm System.
- MS/HS: Replace exterior stairs and railings at the Gymnasium exit.

What we are unable to complete at the present time:

- Cottle: Cafeteria renovation and expansion
- Cottle: Renovation of certain bathrooms
- Cottle: Replace Corridor Ceilings and related abatement
- Cottle: Update balance of fire alarm system
- Cottle: Mechanical Ventilation in older classrooms
- MS/HS: Mechanical Ventilation in older classrooms

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## Board of Education Meeting Update

The next scheduled Board of Education Workshop meeting will be held on:

**Monday, October 3, 2022, 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](#).

## Other News and Events



# Now Available

## Westchester Works Child Care Scholarship

**Scholarships are not just for college!**

**You may be eligible for help to make  
quality child care more affordable**

If you earn up to:

- \$73,240 for a family of 2
- \$92,120 for a family of 3
- \$111,000 for a family of 4