ATHLETES HELPING ATHLETES FIELD DAY

On May 15, the fourth graders had their annual Athletes Helping Athletes Field Day. This is a fun-filled day full of activities and events to promote sportsmanship and teamwork. After the morning of activities, the students share a pizza lunch with their high school athletes and then watch a movie that demonstrates perseverance, courage, and growth. It was a great day! This year’s t-shirt design winner was Jaime Salmonson who created a wonderful drawing that was replicated on tee shirts for everyone involved in the day!

Amazing Animals

Students prepare to hold a twelve foot Burmese python as part of an assembly highlighting rehabilitated animals.

Our thanks to the PTO for gifting this program to the elementary children.

PTO Book Fair a Success

Our thanks to the PTO for hosting four Book Fairs this year. The most recent, a ‘buy one get one free’ event in May provided every student the opportunity to look at a broad range of children’s literature selections. In addition the PTO donates numerous books to our library shelves. Be sure to mark next year’s Book Fair dates on your calendars!
Mr. Eric Powers of “Your connection to Nature” met with fourth grade students to discuss our impact on the environment.

Erik’s Reptile Edventures Show

Thanks to the generosity of the PTO, the fourth grade class was treated to a one of a kind animal show; Erik’s Reptile Edventure Show! Fresh off a trip to the African Island of Madagascar, Mr. Erik taught students about the animal adaptations and humane treatment of animals in a hands on presentation. Baseball the marine toad, Wally the alligator, Mimi the Mata Mata Turtle, and Madagascar Hissing Cockroaches were highlights of the gathering.

Congratulations to this years Jump Rope for Heart poster competition winner! Students from each grade level decorated our halls with creative posters to help promote our 2014 Jump Rope for Heart event. With their help Mt. Sinai Elementary School was able to raise an amazing $9,518 for the American Heart Association.

Third grade students (Sophia Denicker, Emma Wells, Elizabeth Fusco, Abigail Sabella, Mr. D. Lewis, Director of MORE) are recognized for initiating a fundraiser for children with cancer.

Kids Helping Kids
Honoring Our Military on Memorial Day

In honor of Memorial Day, the fourth grade students had the privilege of visiting with Sergeant Anthony Chiocchi and Private First Class Carlos Tenezaca of the Marine Corps. Sergeant Chiocchi read the book entitled “The Wall”, a picture book about the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, DC. Our guests discussed how the military keeps America safe and the sacrifices our young men and women endure to keep our country free. Sergeant Chiocchi also explained what each part of his uniform represents including his medals for service.

Our Thanks to an Eagle Scout

On Wednesday May 14th members of the community came together to celebrate the completed construction of a bobwhite quail coop, the latest addition to the Elementary School’s courtyard outdoor learning laboratory. The Elementary School is participating in a countywide effort to reintroduce the bobwhite quail and restore balance to our ecosystem. After hatching, the quail will enjoy the safety of the coop for five to seven weeks to mature and acclimate to living outdoors before being released into suitable local habitat. To assist with this effort, Boy Scout Kyle Thompson built the quail coop as his Eagle Scout Project. Kyle (center) is flanked by his proud parents and many of the scouts who assisted with the project. Eric Powers (kneeling left front) is the coordinating wildlife biologist. Building Principal Dr. John Gentilcore and supervising classroom teacher Kevin Walsh stand together on the right.

Monarch Habitat

Congratulations to Mr. Walsh, fourth grade teacher, on creating a butterfly habitat in the ES Courtyard. The garden was recently registered by Monarch Watch as a recognized habitat for these beautiful butterflies as they migrate through our area.
The kindergarten through fourth grade students purchased baseballs made and sold by our elementary school student council in an effort to raise funds for this worthy cause. Signed baseballs were displayed in the cafetorium to show our support for a cure for ALS. Our school was honored to be a stopping point for the Ride again this year. Student Council members presented a check for $1687! It was a rainy day but the weather didn’t dampen the spirits of hundreds of students who welcomed Mr. Pendergast and his friend to our school.

Lacey Summer, in Mrs. Nichols’ fourth grade class, submitted a unique and intriguing project in the ES Science Fair. She loves to play Monopoly with her grandfather and decided to investigate what property was the best to purchase and develop to win the game. Her prediction was that either Boardwalk or Park Place were the prime locations. She then rolled 720 times and kept careful data showing what properties were landed on after each roll. Her statistics indicated “Jail” was the space most frequently landed on, however Lacey explained “that is because there is more than one way to get to that space.” The property shown by the experiment to purchase, because it was the most often landed on was Illinois. This was one of the nearly 100 scientific inquiries in this year’s fair, making it another successful scientific evening. Congratulations to all the young scientists participating.

Professor Crush recently met with students to discuss the differences between physical and chemical reactions in an exciting way. Our thanks to the PTO for gifting this science assembly to our school.

_Pictured: Matteo Marano, Gabrielle Muratore, Fred Coogan, Molly Cleveland and Dante Gervino_
Arbor Day Gift

Recently our fourth grade students were gifted small saplings by the Fourth Grade Foresters USA program. Every year this organization celebrates Arbor Day by teaching fourth graders about the benefits of reforestation. As Mr. Andy Matthews, District MST Director, wrote to the organizers: “The trees are always a big hit with the students, and in today’s world with so much emphasis and concern being placed on global warming and carbon dioxide production, it is always a good thing to teach kids about the benefits of planting trees. As you know, trees increase the amount of photosynthesis occurring on the planet and ultimately reduces carbon dioxide (CO2) levels in our atmosphere. This is something everyone should know, especially the younger generations of students. Thanks again for letting Mount Sinai be a part of the 4th grade forester program.”

Recycling for a Cause

From February through May, students of Mrs. Nania, Mrs. Nichols, and Mr. Walsh’s classes collected bottles to donate money to the Ride for Life. Earlier in the year, Mr. Pendergast met with the students to discuss the Ride and ALS or Lou Gehrig’s disease. The students took turns each day working during their recess to collect water bottles to be recycled. With great enthusiasm these classes helped the Mount Sinai Elementary school raise over $1,600 for ALS and the Ride for Life.
On Friday, May 30, 2014, the Mount Sinai Elementary School welcomed 95 new ‘entrants! Thanks to the effort of fourth grade teacher Mr. Walsh working collaboratively with Cornell Cooperative Extension bobwhite quail eggs were hatched in our school. After a short stay in the brooder they will relocate to the newly constructed coop in our school courtyard. Ultimately they will be released in a NYS park to help reduce the Long Island tick population. You are welcomed view their release this summer. Be sure to check out the Quail Cam on our school portal!

On June 3rd, the Elementary School celebrated its First (and we hope annual) Field Day. For months, Mr. Daquino, along with his physical education colleagues, Mr. Strovink, Mrs. Wilson and Mr. Herrschaft have worked tirelessly planning this day. Joined by dozens of faculty and parent volunteers, students participated in a soccer shoot-out, played blow-up basketball, outdoor chess, ran three-legged races and hurdle relays (to name a few), danced (with Mrs. Holden) to the tunes of our DJs, had their faces painted by HS Art students and snacked on Ralph’s Italian ices graciously provided by Mr. and Mrs. Albert. And of course our PTO and Booster clubs provided water and snacks. Thank you to ALL who helped make this a wonderful experience for all of our Mt. Sinai students.
March

Artist
Ashley Archila

Musician
Emma Valentine

Mr. Strovink, Mr. Daquino, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Chase congratulate Student Athletes Back Row: Kennedy Orlando, Jayden Caruso, Sarah Myln, Jordan DeBlasio Front Row: Aidan Passaro, Jackson Paplin, Hannah Strom

April

Artist
Jeffrey Paul

Athletes

Mr. Strovink, Mr. Daquino, Mrs. Wilson and Dr. Gentilcore congratulate Student Athletes
Back Row: Devin Carros, Austin Oppenheim, Jamie Salmonson, Kevin Goncalves

Musician
Zekey Huang
Several students were honored for their creative poetry from the Mid Island Y JCC in Plainview. Julia Hecht’s “Mirror” earned first prize, while Jake Taylor’s “Pinecone” earned fourth prize. In addition, Tatianna Spotorno’s “Earbuds,” Noah Endelson’s “Sneaker Heads,” Ryan Curtis’ “Paper,” and Claire Cai’s “Annecy, France,” received honorable mention from Gail Teller, Poetry Series Director.

On May 8, 2014, the Junior Great Books classes traveled to the Walt Whitman Birthplace in West Hills to experience a sample of the life of Walt Whitman, one of America’s greatest poets. Students went on a guided tour of the house where Walt Whitman was born, which was built by his father circa 1810. In the house, students viewed relics from his time period. Additionally, students learned about Long Island as it existed during Whitman’s lifetime and read some of his poetry that was inspired by this setting.

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Mr. O’Leary’s Junior Great Books class took part in the Dream Flag Project, which was inspired by the poetry of Langston Hughes. Students were asked to reflect on the universal theme of hopes and dreams and make a meaningful connection to their own life in the world we live in today. Throughout the school year, the students worked with a grand person, created their project, and then shared it with their family and friends during a heart-felt ceremony. The students’ work will be on a summer tour in Alaska, showcasing the importance of hopes and dreams with other classes and students.

The Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center Opened Its Doors

The Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center opened its doors this spring for students to create projects centered on this year’s theme: “The Holocaust is relevant and important today because...” Students had an opportunity to share their work and meet several Holocaust survivors, who were honored with the educational efforts put forth. Dylan Rinck captured the audience with his reading of “The World’s Scarce Changes” a poem that he created honoring the legacy of lessons from the Holocaust, which earned him first prize, along with a savings bond of $150. Ruchi Thaker’s poem “The Star of David” received second place honors, with a $100 savings bond. Tatianna Spotorno’s original drawing “The Death of Inspiration” earned second prize, with a $100 savings bond, depicting how the every person was not just a number.

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Mount Sinai Middle School honored by the Suffolk Reading Council

Congratulations to Kaitlin Chen for being honored by the Suffolk Reading Council. Kaitlin created a persuasive piece entitled: “Why Should Students Learn Foreign Languages at a Younger Age?” earning third place recognition. Kaitlin’s work focused on how children’s brains are more organized and accustomed to language when exposed at a young age. Additionally, she argued for the inclusion of a foreign language in the younger grade levels. Kaitlin’s influential piece stood out as a model of potential success. In addition to her submission, many other items were submitted in support of our Honor School application. Due to our work in promoting literacy, our school was once again named a Suffolk Reading Council Honor School.

Walt Whitman Birthplace Association Honored Students for their Poetry Writing

The Walt Whitman Birthplace Association honored several students for their poetry writing at the Walt Whitman Birthplace in West Hills. Students were asked to create works focused on this year’s theme: A Song of Joys. Tatianna Spotorno was honored as a grand champion for her creative multimedia work “Cello” and read her poem for the audience. Amanda DiDonato and Ethan Angress followed with second and third place respectively in the same category. In addition, Claire Cai, Bianca Lucas, Emily Seiter, and Ruchi Thaker all received honorable mentions for their projects. Samantha Valenti received second place honors for her individual anthology, accompanied by CaroleAnn Scott with third place, and Ryan Wilson with an honorable mention. Asad Azim’s individual poem “A Story of Jubilance” was also awarded honorable mention. To round out, three of Mr. O’Leary’s classes earned honors for their class anthologies. Congratulations students!

On behalf of the entire science department we would like to thank everyone who participated. We are very proud of your hard work. Good luck to the winners at LISEF!
The members of the Community Outreach and Service Club are dedicated to making a difference in our school and community. Throughout the year, members participated in various activities that helped them develop compassion and empathy for those less fortunate. They had the opportunity to collaborate with their peers and achieved priceless, intrinsic rewards. Each active member served 50 to 100 hours in the community. Their efforts were recognized as they received the President’s Volunteer Service Award issued by Points of Light Institute and the Corporation for National and Community Service on behalf of the President of the United States. In addition to the award, the students were presented with a letter from the President and a medal. Congratulations on a job well done!

Students and Citizens of the Month

APRIL 2014

Missing from photo is Jeffrey Caputo

MAY 2014

Missing from photo is Richard Checo, Clare Dana & Lawrence Giarrizzo
2014 NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

Inductees~Grade 7

Dora Batinovic  Robert DeMeo  Nicholas Livreri  Lauren Salmonson
Ryan Beiter    Emily Flamme    Isabella Martinis  Victoria Samour
Morgan Blasi  Aristeia Franks  Holly McNair  Angelie Sancha
Shane Bombace  Sarah Fuoco  John Munoz  Andrew Sartori
Emily Burrus  Alexa Fusco  Michael Muroff  Gabriella Sartori
Noel Calamas  Alexis Gergely  Nicolas Nigohosian  Anna Serro
Heather Caputo  Christopher Gill  Kierin Orlando  Ryan Smolarsky
Justyn Carreras  Katherine Gudzik  Julie Pfeffer  Lindsay Stancampiano
Ryan Carros  Alyssa Guiang  Nicolas Pintabona  Bridget Sullivan
Danielle Cavalier  Kaitlin Jensen  Ibrahim Qureshi  Marina Trepetta
Brooke Cergol  Matthew Kaminskey  Victoria Ravel  Zachary Tulloch
Dylan Champagne  Hailey Kellachan  Anya Reilly  Ryan Wilson
Gavin Code  Isaac Kisten  Brianna Ringle  Jonah Yonks
Clare Dana  Christian Law  Jacob Ritter
Anthony DeGennaro  Jackson Law  Michael Sabella

Inductees~Grade 8

Kaitlin Chen  Tyler Hinnerschietz  Anni Pattapong  Caiya Schuster
Ashley Conway  Bianca-Anne Lucas  Brett Petralia  Ariana Wright
Camryn Harloff  Connor O'Hanlon  Madeline Prunty  Jake Croston

Mount Sinai Mirror  11
Photography Field Trip

On April 11, New York City hosted one of the largest photography shows and Mount Sinai High School photographers were in attendance. The Association of International Photography Art Dealers (AIPAD) hosted their event at the Armory Building on Park Avenue.

Our students had the opportunity to witness the vast arrangement of worldwide galleries. The galleries were set up like exhibits in a museum. Students explored and gained inspiration and new knowledge of photographers and techniques. While exploring, it was a great experience to see how photography not only has aesthetic function, but acts as a business as well. Photographers and retailers were accessible and offered information about the gallery of work displayed.

This experience was made possible by the generous donation of Mount Sinai’s Friends of the Arts. Our students and chaperones are truly grateful to have had the opportunity to see such a well-recognized show and gain additional inspiration.

Envirothon 2014

This April, teams from across Long Island went head-to-head in a competition that tested their knowledge of the Earth. The competition focused on five main categories: wildlife, forestry, aquatics, soils, and current issues facing the planet.

College Pride Day

On Friday, May 9, Mount Sinai School District celebrated College Pride Day. The purpose of this day was two-fold: to highlight the colleges our senior students will be attending in the fall, and to begin the process of underclassmen thinking about their future college plans.

All students were encouraged to wear a shirt and/or hat of their choice. Seniors wore shirts of the colleges they would be attending, while underclassmen wore a shirt of a college they hope/wish to attend, where their parents may have attended, or maybe their favorite college team.

Faculty and staff were involved as well, wearing apparel from the undergraduate or graduate school they attended.

The day was a huge success and highlighted many fine colleges/universities.
Students Visit the Riverhead Correctional Facility

Business Law students had the opportunity to receive a detailed tour of the Riverhead Correctional Facility on April 9. Over the course of the year, students were educated on both criminal and civil laws through classroom discussions, as well as through two mock trials. We examined repercussions that a defendant may be faced with based on court of law rulings.

Several days prior to the trip, Officer Oliver visited the class and provided a very comprehensive description of the facility. His presentation was well received and students were properly prepared.

Overall, this was a great firsthand experience for students who are pursuing law as a profession. It also encourages students to always obey and follow the law.

Central Islip Courthouse

Business Law students had the opportunity to receive a very comprehensive visit with the Honorable Joseph Bianco on Friday, April 4, in the Central Islip Courthouse facility.

The experience included a tour of Judge Bianco’s Chambers, along with a detailed personal overview of his career responsibilities. This was a wonderful experience, which enabled the students to see and hear firsthand the law concepts that have been covered in class.

The students also had the opportunity to conduct a “mock” trial in his courtroom. Overall, this was a great firsthand experience for students to respect our Constitution and to encourage students to always obey and follow the law.

The Mount Sinai Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Chapter was fortunate this year to send four students to the Rochester State Leadership Conference held April 9 through 11. The students, Seth Brand, Jeremy Kisten, Juliana Palmiotto and Sofia Tufariello, competed in both written exams and/or in public speaking events.

We are very proud of their placements. Jeremy Kisten, for the second year in a row, will represent our chapter at the National Competition later in June in Nashville, Tennessee.
On Sunday, April 27, members of Mount Sinai High School’s Student Council and Interact Club organized a food drive at the King Kullen Supermarket in Mount Sinai. The students collected non-perishable food items to donate to Island Harvest.

With the help of the community, food and necessary items were collected and “stuffed” into a school bus. This bus was then driven back to Mount Sinai High School, where students helped unload and move the groceries to the lobby. Later in the week, everything that the Student Council, Interact Club, and the numerous volunteers had collected was picked up and delivered to Island Harvest.

Thanks to the efforts of our students and community, we were able to donate over 1,100 pounds of food to this worthy organization. Thank you for your support.

The Art Department proudly presented the 2014 Mount Sinai High School Honors Art Show on Friday, May 16. The show took place in the auditorium and featured works from sophomores, juniors, and seniors currently enrolled in advanced level art courses. Paintings, drawings, collages, photographs, as well as 3-dimensional works were on display.

Parents, students, and community members were welcomed with refreshments courtesy of the Fine Arts Department as they enjoyed the display.

As strong advocates of helping the Mount Sinai community in any way possible, two groups, the Peer Leaders and Student Council, welcomed the American Red Cross to hold blood drives during the fall and spring seasons at Mount Sinai High School.

In early April, these students helped nurses set up the equipment that was brought in, volunteered as escorts to make sure everyone who donated blood stayed on their feet and remained healthy, and encouraged their fellow students to participate and donate. Students took care of paperwork and monitored the area to make sure everything was going smoothly so that the nurses could complete their jobs properly. Due to the recruiting efforts of the students, thirty-seven pints of blood were collected from students, staff and community members.

Thanks to the generosity of our community, many local people were given “the gift of life.” We hope to see your continuous support in the coming years. The next blood drive at the High School will be held on November 20, 2014.
Music Students Visit NYC

On April 2, fifty-one Mount Sinai High School music students attended a trip to New York City. They started their day listening to an open rehearsal of the New York Philharmonic. They ate lunch at Applebee’s on Broadway, and then proceeded to the Broadway performance of “Pippin.”

This trip has been a tradition for the past eight years. It enables music students to take advantage of their proximity to one of the world’s greatest cities and experience professional performances by world-renowned artists. It was an inspiring day for all!

Mount Sinai Music Students Perform for Seniors

On April 28 and 30, several Mount Sinai High School music students volunteered to perform their NYSSMA solos for senior citizens at the Atria Senior Living in South Setauket and the Rose Caracappa Senior Center in Mount Sinai.

The purpose of this performance experience was two-fold: It allowed students to give back to their community, and it also gave the students an opportunity to practice performing in front of an audience right before the Solo NYSSMA Festival, which was the following weekend. The senior citizens were extremely supportive of our students and we hope to do this again next year!

“Unplugged”

On May 30, members of the Tri-M National Music Honor Society will be hosting the annual “Unplugged” event. It will take place in the High School library from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. and admission is $5 at the door.

Refreshments, courtesy of the Friends of the Arts, will be sold separately. This night is completely run by students and consists of live acoustic music. The library is transformed into a coffee house setting. All proceeds go to the Gregory Mantone Memorial Scholarship Fund. For more information, please e-mail Sarah Marceau at smarceau@mtsinai.k12.ny.us.
Trig Star Math

On April 23, four mathematics classes at Mount Sinai High School were visited by Christine Gayron, president of Gayron de Bruin Land Surveying, and Greg Peterman, a partner at Nelson and Pope Engineers and Surveyors. Ms. Gayron and Mr. Peterman presented some true-life applications of trigonometry in the land surveying industry. Their lesson included some of the surveying history of land parcels in Mount Sinai and its surrounding areas. Students also participated in a series of hands-on activities to take indirect measurements. These activities included students using actual field surveying instruments.

One week later, on April 30, thirty interested students participated in the Trig Star Math Contest. This is a statewide contest that was sponsored locally by the Nassau/Suffolk Chapter of Civil Engineers. Su Yang, a sophomore, won the local contest here at Mount Sinai. Su’s results were then compared to the results of all of the other students that had participated in the contest throughout the state. Su had the best overall score, making her the 2014 New York State Champion in the Trig Star Contest!

Next up, Su will be entered in the National Trig Star Contest.

President, Amanda D’Angio; Vice-President, Lindsay Putkowski; Treasurer, Kaitlyn Loh; and Secretary, Sarah Catterson.

The December ice-skating at Rockefeller Center, our annual Honor Society trip, was a great success. Everyone had a wonderful time skating and walking through the city during the holiday season. Safe Halloween and the November PTO Craft Fair were also enjoyed by all participants with face painting and lots of fun.

With our April induction, it’s time to pass the baton on to our new members, and to wish all our seniors best of luck in the future with a hearty thank you for all their hard work and best efforts representing Mount Sinai’s Chapter of the National Honor Society. Congratulations to all our graduating seniors.

On April 24, the new Honor Society members were inducted during an evening candlelight ceremony in which President of the Board of Education, Robert P. Sweeney, gave congratulatory comments. Our new members are:

Martin Barcelon
Seth Brand
Sage Budovsky
Robert Campbell
MaryEllen Carron
Joseph Casper
Timothy Chebuske
Shahajahan Chowdhury
Shannon Clusel
Sarah Combs
Deanna Dempsey
Jordan Diamond
Stephanie Dunham
Olivia Esposito
David Fuenzalida

Daniel Giordano
Kevin Gray
Carissa Gulli
Victoria Harman
Steven Kaufman
Jeremy Kisten
Lawrence Krepela
Ryan MacAvoy
Alexa Mani
Alyssa Muscarello
Leanna Nichols
Jenny Nieto Martinez
Ashley O’Connor
Jamie Parente

Jessica Parente
Lauren Poretsky
Zaineb Qureshi
Yulia Rosenfeld
Keegan Sabo
Michelle Scanlon
Ashley Seiter
Jenna Shackles
Jordan Silberfeld
Emily Solomos
Amanda Uss
Sofia Tufarelli
Kathryn Walton
Brendan Zotto

National Honor Society Spring Induction

The Mount Sinai High School National Honor Society has had an outstanding year because of the diligent efforts of our officers:

Pictured above (l. to r.) are Mr. Tim Izzo, Mount Sinai High School Trig Star Coordinator; Ms. Kelly Lynch, Su Yang’s Classroom Math Teacher; Su Yang, and Mr. Greg Peterman, Partner at Nelson and Pope Surveyors and Engineers.
The Eleventh Annual Project Adventure Field Trip took place in late April. Students in eight Project Adventure classes were given the opportunity to challenge themselves on the high-ropes course at the Dorothy P. Flint 4-H Camp in Riverhead.

As in the past, all four days were wildly successful. Students had time to choose their level of challenge and perform without time constraints that are normally present when there is only one class period to climb, and to reflect and share their experience with others. Students arrived home tired, sore and feeling more confident in their personal abilities.

The next time they are faced with a difficult life choice, they will know that they have what it takes to overcome any obstacle!

2014 Junior Prom

The Class of 2015 enjoyed a memorable night at the junior prom. With the weather being gorgeous out, the day started off with excitement in the air.

Early in the evening, Mr. Cardo honored Ms. Amato for all the work she has done as class co-advisor over the past years. The class thanked her, presented her with flowers and wished her well on her upcoming retirement.

Then Mr. Cardo announced each junior with his/her date as they walked down a striking red carpet. After the red carpet event, students were transported to the beautiful Hamlet at Willow Creek Golf and Country Club.

Upon arriving at the venue, students enjoyed a cocktail hour, which allowed socializing, eating, and refreshments. When students entered the dining room, they were amazed by how beautifully the room was decorated. The sounds of the DJ’s music attracted many students to the dance floor. He provided students with great entertainment.

The photo booth was also a big hit and gave students an opportunity to have wonderful memories to cherish for years to come. Mr. Shapiro, along with the photographer, took amazing shots of students dancing, mingling with their peers and socializing outside during the evening. Everyone enjoyed the extraordinary water view from the balcony.

It was this memorable night that brought the whole Class of 2015 together.

Mount Sinai High School
at Stony Brook University STEM Initiative Program

Students from Mount Sinai High School and Port Jefferson High School participated in a Stony Brook University STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Initiative Program where high school students were given the opportunity to explore various aspects of engineering and computer programming. The program was conducted on Thursdays from January until April at the Center for Science and Math Education located on the Stony Brook University campus.

Funding for the program was arranged by Senator LaValle. Students along with science teachers, Glynis Nau-Ritter and Catherine Hantz, participated in Session 1 on Learning Programming with Images and Apps, and Session 2 on Electrical and Computer Engineering.

This STEM Initiative Program will hopefully continue next year with another group of students from ninth through eleventh grades who show a strong interest in pursuing science and engineering.

Mount Sinai student Jenry Nieto soldering in the STEM Initiative Program with Port Jefferson High School partner
A.P. Biology Explores Science Away from Mount Sinai High School

The Advanced Placement Biology (APB) class performed biotechnology lab techniques at Stony Brook University in preparation for their AP exam in May. A Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) technique was used to identify genetically modified foods (GMOs). Students also manipulated bacteria to insert the GFP (green fluorescent protein) when the class visited the Biotechnology Teaching Lab on March 27 with Ms. Nau-Ritter.

The GMO lab activity, which is part of their APB college lab portfolio, was coordinated by Professor Joan Kiely of CESAME at Stony Brook.

Civic Engagement

On May 27, Mount Sinai High School’s Student Government hosted Congressman Tim Bishop and representatives from six Suffolk County schools in the annual Civic Engagement Ceremony.

Students from high schools across Long Island had the opportunity to present the results of the hard work they put into community service activities and events. In previous years, students have accomplished many things; some traveled to Africa to bring school supplies to underprivileged children while others remained at home and created Safe Halloween events and Beach Cleanup programs to help the local community.

This year has been no different and students’ achievements were recognized for the positive influences they have had in the betterment of tomorrow. Congressman Tim Bishop personally commended students for their tireless efforts and rewarded them with congratulatory certificates as a token of appreciation and as a reminder that their efforts are not going unnoticed and are very much appreciated.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH
MOUNT SINAI HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS
Mr. Scott Reh, Athletic Director

SCHOLAR/ATHLETE SPRING TEAM AWARDS

The New York State High School Athletic Association has recognized Mt. Sinai High School varsity athletic teams for achieving academic excellence while actively participating in varsity level interscholastic athletics during the 2013-2014 spring season.

**Varsity Girls Spring Track**

- 96.204

**Varsity Boys Spring Track**

- 94.098

**Varsity Boys Tennis**

- 93.721

**Varsity Girls Lacrosse**

- 92.649

**2013 FALL LEAGUE AWARDS**

**Varsity Girls Soccer**

- Gabrielle Corrente – All County, All State
- Daria Martorana – All League
- Rachel Menna – All League

**Varsity Girls Cross Country**

- Caroline Fiordalisi – All League, All Division
- Caroline Hoeg – All League, All Division

**Varsity Boys Cross Country**

- Daniel Connelly – All League, All Division
- Matt Mavrovich – All Division 2nd Team

**Varsity Girls Tennis**

- Alexa Mani – All League
- Erika Mani – All League
- Tiffany Ong – All League
- Margarita Suvarov – All League

**Varsity Boys Soccer**

- Joseph Casper – Academic All League
- Coaches Award
- Christopher Marrs – Mustang Award

**2013 FALL MVP/COACHES AWARD**

**Varsity Football**

- Justin Burger – All Division 1st Team
- Nick Cavalleres – All Division 2nd Team
- Mike Clark – All Division 1st Team
- Mike Cortese – All County

**Varsity Volleyball**

- Maria Pellamin – All League
- Julia Gallo – All League
- Emily Solomos – All League

**2013 FALL LEAGUE AWARDS**

**Varsity Boys Soccer**

- Joseph Casper – MVP
- Anthony Pesce – Coaches Award
- Christopher Marrs – Mustang Award

**Varsity Girls Soccer**

- Gabrielle Corrente – MVP
- All County, All State
- Daria Martorana – All League

**Varsity Cross Country Girls**

- Caroline Fiordalisi – All League
- All Division

**Varsity Boys Cross Country**

- Daniel Connelly – All County
- All Season

**Varsity Girls Tennis**

- Alexa Mani – All League
- Erika Mani – All League
- Tiffany Ong – All League
- Margarita Suvarov – All League

**Varsity Boys Basketball**

- Seth Brand – Academic All League
- Coaches Award

**Varsity Girls Basketball**

- Victoria Johnson – All Conference
- Veronica Venezia – All League

**Varsity Boys Winter Track**

- Charles Kollmer – All County – All State
- 2nd time Small School County Champion, 3rd place in NYS – Pole Vault
- Daniel Connelly – All County – 3200 Meter Run, School Record Holder
- Thomas Yavorka – All County – Pole Vault

**Varsity Girls Winter Track**

- Francesca Carbonara – All League
- Jacqueline Cumings – All League
- Caroline Fiordalisi – All League
- Ashley O'Connor – All League

**Varsity Wrestling**

- Daniel Henry – All League
- Luke Marino – All League
- Laurence Paul – All League
- Leonel Paul – All League
- Ryan Schaal – All League
- Jason Shlonsky – All League
- Jon Shlonsky – All League

2013-2014 WINTER MVP/COACHES AWARD

**Varsity Girls Winter Track**

- Francesca Carbonara – MVP
- Amanda D’Angio – Coaches Award
- Ashley Becker – Mustang Award

**Varsity Boys Winter Track**

- Daniel Connelly – MVP
- Chris Dallao – Coaches Award
- Adeel Azim – Mustang Award

**Varsity Girls Tennis**

- Kaitlyn Loh – MVP
- Kelly Napolitano – Coaches Award

**2013-2014 WINTER MVP/COACHES AWARD**

(Continued)

**Varsity Girls Winter Track**

- Francesca Carbonara – MVP
- Amanda D’Angio – Coaches Award
- Ashley Becker – Mustang Award

**Varsity Boys Winter Track**

- Daniel Connelly – MVP
- Chris Dallao – Coaches Award
- Adeel Azim – Mustang Award

**Varsity Wrestling**

- Laurence Paul – MVP
- Ryan Schaal – Coaches Award
- Joseph Vella – Mustang Award

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Congratulations to the Varsity Baseball team and Coach Reichenbach on winning the 2014 Varsity Baseball Sportsmanship award from the Eastern Suffolk Baseball Umpire Association.

Congratulations to the following Gold Key winners. The Gold Key award is the highest honor in Section XI that an athlete can receive for sports participation. It is awarded to student-athletes who receive either a Varsity or JV letter in grades 10 through 12.

- Frank Bosio
- Eric Compagnone
- Daniel Connolly
- Salvatore Costa
- Amanda D’Angio
- Charles Kollmer
- Dominique Parker
- Michael Power
- Amanda Rose
- Alexa Signorile
- Carly Spano
- Thomas Yavorka

Congratulations to the following teams for their outstanding achievement during the 2013-2014 school year.

- Varsity Football Big Four Champions
- Varsity Cheerleaders – 1st Place in the Nationals
- Varsity Girls Lacrosse – Division 2 Conference Champions
- Varsity Girls Golf – Division 2 Champions
- Varsity Boys Tennis—League 6 Champions

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Dear Parents:

For your child to be eligible to participate in interscholastic athletics for the Fall Season 2014 thru the Spring Season 2015, a sports physical must be performed after June 1st 2014. For this reason there will be a school physician available to do sports physicals on the following dates at the High School Nurses office:

- **Wednesday, June 18th**
  - 3:30 p.m. 7th through 12th grade girls (all sports)
  - 4:00 p.m. 7th through 12th grade boys (all sports)

- **Wednesday, July 16th**
  - 9:00 a.m. 7th through 12th grade girls (all sports)
  - 9:30 a.m. 7th through 12th grade boys (all sports)

- **Wednesday, August 13th**
  - 9:00 a.m. 7th through 12th grade girls (all sports)
  - 9:30 a.m. 7th through 12th grade boys (all sports)

**NOTE:** Athletes must report ONLY on their assigned day and time as indicated above. They should be prepared to stay for the entire session.

Students entering 7th grade who received a sports physical in June from the school physician at the Middle School are not required to have another physical during the 2014-15 school year.

**NO STUDENT MAY PARTICIPATE IN INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS UNLESS THEY HAVE BEEN EXAMINED AND CLEARED BY THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN OR THEIR PRIVATE PHYSICIAN.**

***STUDENTS USING A PRIVATE PHYSICIAN MUST HAVE THE ENCLOSED GOLDENROD SCHOOL EXAMINATION FORM FULLY COMPLETED, INCLUDING BLOOD PRESSURE, URINALYSIS & BMI. FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SCHOOL NURSE ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE START OF THE SEASON.***

***THE SCHOOL FORM WILL BE THE ONLY ONE ACCEPTED***

**ALL PHYSICALS MUST BE TAKEN ON OR AFTER JUNE 1, 2014 TO BE VALID AND WILL ONLY BE RECOGNIZED FOR THAT SCHOOL YEAR!**

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**Middle School—Grades 7 and 8**

1st day of school; Monday, September 3, meetings immediately after school, announcements will be made regarding location:

- Boys/Girls Soccer
- Football
- Boys/Girls Cross Country
- Girls Tennis
- Cheerleading

1st Day of Practice Thursday, September 4th

**2014-2015 ATHLETIC STARTING DATES**

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**Middle School**

- Fall
- Early Winter
- Late Winter
- Sprint

We hope this information will help your child meet his/her athletic goals and be ready when the season starts.

Sincerely,
Scott Reh
Director of Physical Education, Health Athletics, Nursing & Grounds
NYSSMA FESTIVALS

Over 400 Mount Sinai students participated in the Solo/Ensemble Festival sponsored by the New York State Music Association on Friday, May 2-Saturday May 3, 2014 at the Shoreham-Wading River School District. The students selected a piece of music according to the level of difficulty, and prepared it along with scales and sight reading. The scores received will aid in the selection to the various All-County Festivals in the coming school year.

In addition to these students, twenty-one high school sophomores and juniors competed at the All-State level, the highest level of difficulty.

Nine performing organizations from the Middle School and High School participated in the Major Organization Festival held on May 19-21 at West Islip. Their scores are as follows:

- High School Concert Orchestra, Gold w/Distinction
- High School String Orchestra, Bronze
- High School Symphonic Band, Gold
- High School Concert Band, Gold
- High School Chorus, Silver
- Middle School 8 Band, Gold
- Middle School 7 Band, Gold w/Distinction
- Middle School 7/8 Orchestra, Gold w/Distinction
- Middle School 7/8 Chorus, Silver

2014 Senior Music Awards
Awarded at end-of-year concerts:

Several graduating seniors from the Mt. Sinai High School were honored at the recent Spring Concerts on May 27-29 for their contributions to the Music Department. Receiving awards were:

- National School Choral Award: Samantha D’Orazi
- National School Orchestra Award: Kyle Cullin
- Louis Armstrong Award: Christopher Dallao
- John Philip Sousa Award: William Lamparter
- Patrick Gilmore Awards: George Grolz IV, Raquel Lobato, Bryan Reed
Have a Safe Summer, see you September 3rd

Congratulations Class of 2014!