

Week of 11/7/11

We are very happy to report that Harborfields High School has been named to the College Board's National Advanced Placement Honor Roll. This recognition, which is bestowed upon only a handful of Long Island schools, is reserved for those institutions that demonstrate a pronounced impact upon Advanced Placement instruction. Our selection was based upon the remarkable level of Advanced Placement participation at Harborfields, coupled with the 83% college credit rate. The simple fact is this performance places us among the elite schools in the nation and distinguishes us for excellence across the country. We are very fortunate to have a student population that looks to challenge themselves and parents who support lofty academic expectations. We are equally blessed to have a remarkable teaching staff that willingly opens Advanced Placement opportunities up to our students. Years ago our teachers accepted the challenge of increasing Advanced Placement membership for the youngsters in this school. The talented team then went about adjusting instruction to reach the more heterogeneous population while simultaneously improving results. I cannot thank the members of our learning community enough for bringing such honor to Harborfields High.

Congratulations to our dynamic theater company and their director Jim Incorvaia for his outstanding work with this weekend's drama production. The hours of rehearsal and pronounced level of preparation were evident from the very first to last curtain of the show. The students performed with distinction and kept the audience laughing throughout the two outstanding performances

Congratulations, as well, to our Men's Cross Country Team and their coaches Tim Russo and Chris Kahler on their recent Cross Country League Championship. By capturing yet another title these talented athletes and coaches furthered our school's reputation as a cross-country powerhouse.

We are proud to report that Harborfields had 2 youngsters recognized in this year's Suffolk County Women's Bar Association "Hero in Service, Hero at Home" essay contest. Julia Friedman was awarded 2nd Place and Kristen Kelly was awarded 3rd Place. Both students read their essays before a packed crowd of over 175 people and received a Congressional Proclamation as well as United States Savings Bonds. Thank you to Jess LaMantia for stimulating the students' interests and generating such a pronounced level of excitement about heroism.

It is a tremendous honor that I inform you that Kasey Stolba, one of our truly gifted senior student athletes, has been recognized as News 12 Scholar Athlete of the Week winner. Kasey is a three sport athlete who excels in field hockey, basketball and lacrosse. For the past four years, she has earned post season awards that include all league, all division, all county, League V Player of the Year, NY All State Player, Newsday MSG Varsity Player of the Week, and Team MVP. She is a dedicated athlete who places her team above all else. Kasey has emerged as a confident and poised leader who is a true role model to her classmates and teammates.

Kasey embodies the true meaning of “scholar athlete” having achieved excellence in the classroom equal to that on the playing fields and court. Kasey is in the top 10% of her class with a GPA of over 96.864. Kasey has been on the Principal’s Honor Roll (2009/2010/2011), named an AP Scholar with Distinction (2010) and National Merit Scholar (waiting to hear what level).

In addition to being the team Captain of her field hockey and basketball teams, she is also secretary to the Harborfields Athletic Council, member of the High School Principals Leadership Council, Circo Italian Club-Public Relations Officer, and Senior Senate.

Kasey is a member of *Athletes Helping Athletes*, Global Justice Club, Habitat for Humanity, Harborfields Wind Ensemble (First Clarinet), and Safe Halloween. She has also participated in the American Cancer Society “Relay for Life”, Annual Breast Cancer Walk and Make a Wish Foundation Walk.

Special thanks to all of our teachers and coaches who have nurtured and supported Kasey on her very special journey. Congratulations as well to Kasey’s wonderful family for all of the love and support they provided this special young lady. This is a wonderful accomplishment for our Harborfields community.

A Look at the Week Ahead:

Monday 11/7 Natural Helpers Retreat

Tuesday 11/8 Natural Helpers Retreat
 Supt. Conference Day

Wednesday 11/9 District SDM @ 3:45PM

Thursday 11/10 End of First Marking Period
 Student and Faculty Make Up Pictures

Friday 11/11 School is Closed