



Plainedgeschools.org March 28, 2025

A Message from Superintendent of Schools-
Dr. Edward A. Salina, Jr.

Music has always been a vibrant part of the Plainedge experience, and this month has truly showcased our students and staff's incredible talent and dedication. We have hosted several band, string, and choral festivals that brought our community together to celebrate the arts.

Plainedge Middle School recently presented a drama production, "*The Lightning Thief - The Percy Jackson Musical*." This captivating show brought to life the popular book series by Rick Riordan, combining humor, adventure, and heart-pounding action through live performances. Plainedge High School Drama Club will be presenting the iconic musical "*Mamma Mia*" this April. The beloved show is filled with the timeless music of ABBA and promises to be a memorable experience for all. With amazing performances from our talented students, you won't want to miss it!

Our music programs continue to see outstanding participation across the district:

- Band (Grades 4-12): 413 participants
- Orchestra (Grades 4-12): 349 participants
- Chorus (Grades 2-12): 667 participants
- General Music (Grades K-7): 1,341 participants
- Music Theory: 16 participants

This year, our students showcased their talents in several prestigious music festivals, including:

- NYSSMA All-State (Grades 11&12)
- NMEA All-County Music Festival (Grades 5-12)
- NYSSMA Solo and Ensemble Festival (Grades 4-12)
- NYSSMA Majors Festival (Group Performance 6-12)
- NYSBDA Honors Ensemble (Grades 7-12)
- Long Island String Festival (Grades 5-12)

We are incredibly proud of our students' accomplishments and the dedication they bring to our music programs!

As the spring season approaches, our sports teams are gearing up for an exciting and competitive time. I encourage our entire community to come out and cheer on

our teams as they compete this season. Thank our dedicated coaches, volunteers, and families who provide ongoing support to our athletes. Your involvement is essential to the success of our sports programs and the development of our students.

I, along with the Plainedge Schools Central Office Administrative team and the Plainedge Board of Education, thank you for your continued support of our schools.

Sincerely,

Edward A. Salina

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Superintendent of Schools



Honoring Our Crossing Guards

During a March Board of Education meeting, the Plainedge Board of Education, together with the Plainedge Central Administration, County Executive Bruce Blakeman, Nassau County Legislator, Nassau County Police Department, the New York State Senate, New York State Assemblyman, and the Town of Oyster Bay, formally recognized the exceptional contributions of our dedicated School Crossing Guards.

These individuals have become a vital part of our daily routines, standing at busy intersections with a watchful eye and a friendly smile, guiding our students and pedestrians across busy roads. Their commitment to maintaining safety, often in unpredictable weather and traffic conditions, deserves recognition. We are grateful for their unwavering dedication and their role in enhancing our neighborhoods' safety.

To express our appreciation, the crossing guards were presented with personalized thank-you cards created by John H. West Elementary School students.





Congratulations JHW Students

Congratulations to these fifth graders, representing John H. West Elementary School in the All county Art Exhibit. This show, run by the Art Supervisors Association, took place on Sunday, March 9th. Talented students from all districts in Nassau County were selected by their art teachers. Plainedge submitted 24 student pieces. Ranging from K-12. Plainedge Elementary students in Kindergarten through Grade 5 attend Art on a weekly basis. The Fine Arts Curriculum is based upon the New York State Learning Standards and the Seven Elements of Art



Plainedge High School Drama

Plainedge High School Drama Club presents: MAMA MIA!

Tickets can be purchased at **PHSDrama.BookTix.com**

Join us on April 3, 7:00 pm, April 4, 7:00 pm, and April 5, 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm



Plainedge High School Tri-M Recital

Congratulations to all the talented students who showcased their incredible skills at the Tri-M Recital on March 10th!



Best Buddies Fashion Show

What an unforgettable evening at the 4th Annual Best Buddies Fashion Show! Students were cheered on by a sold-out crowd of 700+ spectators in the PHS auditorium, and many more were watching from home via live stream! The show reminds us all of the power of friendship and community. We celebrated inclusivity, confidence, and the beauty of being ourselves. Thank you to everyone who made this night so special.



Teacher Spotlight

Congratulations to PFT member Mr. Ryan Lane for being named the 2025 Molloy University Alumni Educator of Excellence Recipient. Mr. Lane was the keynote speaker at the Create, Innovate, and Inspire For Molloy, By Molloy Conference. Mr. Lane is an AP Biology, Chemistry, & Special Education teacher. He is also the director of the Plainedge HS musical, co-advisor of the PHS Drama Club, and an adjunct professor at Molloy. Please join us in wishing Mr. Lane a huge congratulations on this remarkable and well-deserved accomplishment!



Save The Date: Plainedge Hosts Special Olympics

Plainedge will be hosting Special Olympics NY once again this year on Saturday, May 3, 2025. If you are 12 or older, come out and volunteer on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at Plainedge High School. You can volunteer to help with sports, such as Track & Field, Powerlifting, Swimming, and Tennis! Volunteer Roles include: Athlete Escorts, Award Leaders, Check-In, Lunch Distribution, Event Support, Staging Managers & Setup.

[Click here to sign up to volunteer](#)

Email: SpecialOlympics@plainedgeschools.org for more information



SAVE THE DATE SPECIAL OLYMPICS NY MAY 3, 2025

Challenger Basketball

Congratulations to our Challenger Basketball team on an amazing season!



Plainedge Fitness Center

The Plainedge Fitness Center is open Monday-Thursday evenings from 6-10 PM, Saturday 8 AM - 12 PM, and starting **April 27th** on Sunday 8AM- 12 PM for our

community members. There are strength/cardio machines, Echelon Mirrors, dumbbells, kettlebells, and resistance bands that you can use.

Have you signed up for your free membership? [Click here to learn more!](#)
[Click here](#) to follow the Plainedge Fitness Center Instagram Account!

PLAINEDGE FITNESS CENTER

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP TODAY!



**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR
YOUR FREE GYM MEMBERSHIP YET?**

QUESTIONS? EMAIL: [FITNESS.CENTER@PLAINEDGESCHOOLS.ORG](mailto:fitness.center@plainedgeschools.org)

FREE MEMBERSHIP FOR PLAINEDGE RESIDENTS



Cardio/Strength Training-
This gym session combines the best of both worlds: cardio to boost your heart rate and burn calories, and strength training to build muscle and improve endurance. This session allows you access to our cardio equipment: Treadmills, Stationary Bicycles, Stairmasters, Rowing Machines and Ellipticals, as well as our strength training circuit.

Echelon Mirrors-
This will allow you to select a workout from a library of offerings. Fitness metrics like heart rate, calories burned, and workout progress will be tracked during your session. The interactive mirror incorporates a touchscreen display that allows users to interact directly with the interface.



QUESTIONS? EMAIL: fitness.center@plainedgeschools.org



Congratulations Student-Athletes

Earlier this month, our student-athletes were honored at the Plainedge HS College Signing Day! These student-athletes have committed to continuing their academic and athletic journeys beyond high school, and we couldn't be prouder of all they've achieved so far. Their dedication, resilience, and hard work will undoubtedly guide them in this exciting new chapter!

Congratulations:

Matthew Chadwick 🏏

Owen Donnellan 🏏

Kieran Judge 🏏

Lia Villari 🏏

Madison Wade 🏏

A.J. Gulino ⚽

Alec Anderson 🏈

Jayden Loccisano ⚾

Aiden McCarthy ⚾

Kimberly Dorane 🏐

Domenick Caponi ⚽ 🏌️



Student Spotlight

We're excited to share that Sabrina Johnson from Plainedge High School has been named an NHS Scholarship National Semifinalist, earning \$3,200! NHS continues to empower outstanding students to achieve their academic and leadership goals. This recognition reflects the strong support and leadership fostered within your school community.



Student Spotlight

Congratulations to our student musicians who have been selected for the New York State Band Directors Association All-State HS Honor Band! We are incredibly proud and fortunate to have five musicians who were chosen to be part of this prestigious ensemble. Students performed in Syracuse, NY, on Sunday, March 3, 2025.

The students selected:

Jessica Kanyaro, Clarinet

Daniel Lee, Alto Saxophone

Joseph Altamura, Tenor Saxophone

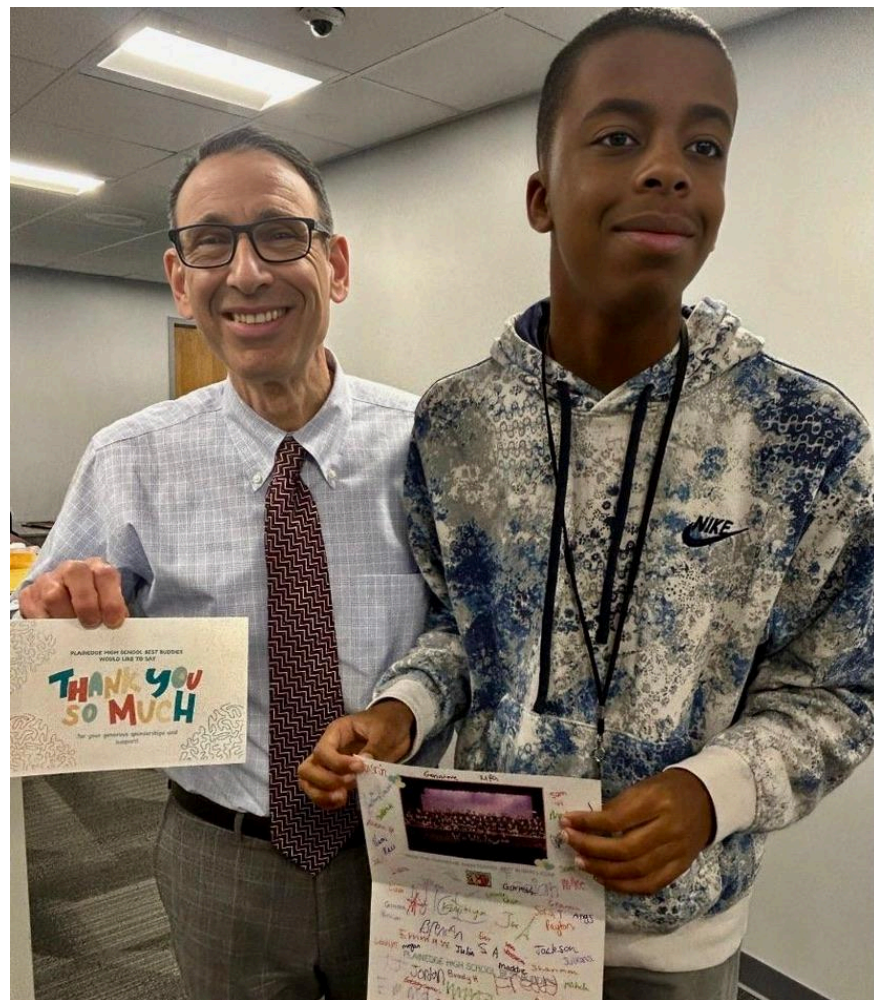
Thomas Frank, Trumpet

Cristopher Interdonati, Trumpet



Best Buddies Spirit Week

Rocking our Friendship Bracelets for Best Buddies Spirit Day, but it is also about SPREADING the WORD... INCLUSION DAY! Let's celebrate diversity, embrace differences, and create a world where everyone belongs.



Autism Acceptance Day



Welcome Back!



Plainedge Public Schools are proud to share that Mark Passamonte has rejoined the district as Interim Director of Health, Physical Education, and Athletics.

Mark has a strong understanding of the district's mission and values. As the Interim Director, he will continue enhancing our physical education curriculum, athletic programs, and overall student health initiatives. We are confident that his leadership will positively impact our students and the entire school community.

Please join us in welcoming Mark back!

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