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

As we welcome the vibrant month of May, I hope this message finds you rested and recharged after spring recess. This time of year offers a wonderful opportunity to slow down, enjoy the beauty of the season, and reflect on all that we've accomplished so far. April was a month full of meaningful learning and exciting opportunities for our students. One highlight was our 3rd-grade students participating in the Student Robot Connection Event! They engaged in various Earth Day-themed challenges using different robots—an incredible way to combine creativity, technology, and environmental awareness. A special thank you goes out to our dedicated 5th-grade coaches and high school student volunteers who helped make the day such a success.

Looking ahead, we're thrilled to share that tomorrow, May 3, Plainedge will proudly host the Special Olympics Spring Games, a powerful day of inclusion, celebration, and athletic achievement. We are honored to support these incredible athletes and their families. The Special Olympics are open to the public. Please invite your family and friends to join us as spectators at any point throughout the day.

Opening Ceremonies will begin at 9:30 am, and events will start at 10:30 am.

Please note there is no parking at Plainedge High School for the Special Olympics event. Parking is available at the Massapequa Train Station, and a shuttle will run continuously throughout the day. Spectators can also be dropped off at N. Hickory & Peony. Pedestrian gates will be open for walkers.

If you cannot join us in person, there will be a live stream of Special Olympics New York, visit plainedgetv.com/specialolympics to watch!

Sincerely,

Edward A. Salina

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Superintendent of Schools



Law Enforcement and First Responder Day

On behalf of the Board of Education and Plainedge Public Schools, we offer so much gratitude to each and every law enforcement officer and first responder who spent their afternoon with us at our three elementary schools, middle and high school today. The hands-on experiences and real-life examples you shared with our students have left a lasting impression.

Some of the favorite moments that were shared by students:

- Hearing your stories
- Participating in Self-Defense
- Meeting your dogs and learning about drones
- Crime Scene Investigation, Forensics & Fingerprinting
- Fitness Course
- Fire Safety
- Learning about your life-saving tools + equipment

Special thank you to the PFT for providing a welcome breakfast and lunch for our first responders!

#WeArePlainedge #PlainedgePride #LawEnforcementAppreciation





Student Spotlight

Huge congratulations to six of our Plainedge High School Varsity Athletes!

Savannah Speicher - Newsday's Top 100 Softball Players!

Jaxson Torres -Newsday's Top 100 Baseball Players!

Bobby Wescott - Newsday's Top 100 Baseball Players!

Owen Donnellan - Newsday Top 100 Long Island High Schools Boys Lacrosse players.

Kate Franks - Newsday's Top 50 Long Island Flag Football Players for 2025

Gianna Ponticello - Newsday's Top 50 Long Island Flag Football Players for 2025









Coach Spotlight

Congratulations to our very own Coach Brittney Messina for being voted this year's Nassau County Assistant Coach of the Year for girls basketball. We appreciate everything you do for our players and the program!



Alumni Spotlight

Andrew Boryeko was a Plainedge High School Drama Club Stage Manager when he attended Plainedge High School. Andrew graduated in 2010 and went on to attend the stage management program at SUNY Purchase. Since college, Andrew has taken his passion for live events and has worked on many productions, such as the Tony Awards, VMAs, music festivals, and so much more. His career has taken him all over the world! We're proud of what Andrew has accomplished. It's great to know that working on his high school drama productions helped him find his calling in life.

Thanks for visiting, Andrew!



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To watch the events:
Scan the QR Code or visit:
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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 8 AM - 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!

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

FREE MEMBERSHIP FOR PLAINEDGE RESIDENTS



PLAINEDGE FITNESS CENTER

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



PHS Students Attend Women in Law Conference

On Friday, March 28th, current and upcoming female interns in the field of law had the opportunity to attend Nassau County's first Women In Law Conference at the Nassau County Courthouse. The program brings students and legal professionals together to teach young women about the various professions in law and to promote the advancement of women in the legal profession. Students heard from a professional panel including esteemed Justices of the Supreme, Family and/Local Courts, Law Clerks, Attorneys, Mediators, and Court Officers.



FBLA Spring Leadership Conference

Christian Hardiman and Ms. Lo Re attended the FBLA Spring Leadership Conference this week in Rochester. Christian had the opportunity to network with fellow FBLA members from across the state, attend Chapter President Leadership meetings, listen to an inspiring keynote speaker, participate in several engaging and applicable workshops, and even serve as an FBLA voting delegate.



National Junior Honor Society Outstanding Achievement Award

Congratulations to the Plainedge Middle School winners of the 2025 NJHS Outstanding Achievement Award!!! Christian Caldara, Matthew DeSimone, Corrine Hayward, & Gianna Moran. We are so proud of you and this tremendous accomplishment!



Student Robot Connection

At Plainedge, Earth Day isn't just about learning — it's about *experiencing* the power of innovation and the importance of protecting our planet. This year, our students participated in an exciting, hands-on Earth Day event featuring six engaging stations, each connecting robotics, creativity, and environmental awareness.

The day kicked off with “Strike Out Pollution with Dash,” where students programmed Dash robots to knock down pollution-themed pins. It was a fun, interactive way to show how technology can be used to “clean up” our world, one target at a time.

Next, students got a chance to bring their Earth Day ideas to life using the 3D Doodler pens. At this station, creativity took center stage as they designed Earth-inspired projects, learning that art, too, can send powerful messages about protecting the planet.

In “Dash in Our World,” students guided Dash robots through a custom-designed course that simulated real-world environmental challenges. They had to think critically and code carefully to help Dash navigate and complete Earth-saving missions.

From global to local — our fourth station, “Ozobot Across Long Island,” brought things closer to home. Students used Ozobot robots to travel across a map of Long

Island, stopping at key landmarks

Finally, we took things *out of this world* with a special showing of "Always Above" at the Plainedge Planetarium — a visually stunning space science experience produced by the United States Space Force. It reminded us how small our planet is in the grand scale of the universe, and how important it is to take care of our only home.

Our Earth Day celebration was a perfect blend of robotics, science, creativity, and environmental responsibility. Through these six immersive stations, students didn't just learn about Earth — they became part of its future.

Happy Earth Day from Plainedge!

[Click here to watch a slideshow from this event](#)



Music in the Parks

Congratulations to our Plainedge High School Band students who showcased their talent and hard work at the Music in the Parks Festival this weekend! We're incredibly proud of our student musicians and the dedicated teachers who guide them every day.

Final Results:

- Concert Band – Excellent (3rd Place)
- Wind Ensemble – Excellent (1st Place)
- Jazz Band – Excellent (1st Place)
- Jazz Band – Best Overall Jazz Ensemble

- Joe Altamura – Best Jazz Soloist



Remember to Vote!

Tuesday, May 20, 2025 • 6:00 AM – 9:00 PM Plainedge High School Gymnasium

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