Congratulations to...

- Senior Andrew Son for being named as a recipient of the Robert Chao Award for Activism by the Organization of Chinese Americans Westchester and Hudson Valley Chapter.

- Senior Leah Choi for being recognized as the Student of the Month by the Blauvelt Chapter of the Sons of Italy.

- Sophomore Aiden Georg for taking second place in the NYS Association of Mathematics Teachers poster contest.

- Junior Chris Mundankel for taking third place in the NYS Association of Mathematics Teachers poster contest.

NOVEMBER’S SEL FOCUSES ON IDENTIFYING HOW WE FEEL

Last month’s SEL lessons brought attention to the fact that an individual’s feelings change throughout the day depending upon many outside factors and experiences. Students read a fictional scenario of a student’s morning and day at school and considered how our emotions throughout the day fluctuated, much like a roller coaster. They also discussed strategies they use to address their feelings. Yesterday’s lesson re-introduced students to the mood meter used to identify one’s feelings.

LOOKING FOR A HOLIDAY GIFT IDEA?

How about wrapping up your child’s 2024 Clarkstown High School South Yearbook! It can be pre-ordered, guaranteeing them a book in June, by going to www.jostensyearbooks.com. Print out the gift certificate to wrap up and present.

Happy Holidays!
Congratulations to the following Viking athletes who recently signed to compete at the Division 1 Athletic Level:

Laura Arciniegas – Swimming – College of the Holy Cross
Luke Dwyer – Swimming – Loyola University Maryland
Jenna Gerlach – Lacrosse – Sacred Heart University
Enya Gilroy – Rowing – Bucknell University
Karlie Maye – Lacrosse – University of New Haven

ATHLETIC NEWS

The following teams received NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team status. This means at least 75% or more of the team had a 1st quarter grade average of 90 or better. Congratulations to Girls Soccer, Boys Soccer, Boys Cross Country, Boys Volleyball, Girls Tennis, Field Hockey, Girls Cross Country, Girls Volleyball, Cheerleading, and Girls Swim & Dive. Congratulations to all of the student-athletes for their continued success in the classroom and on the playing fields!

Congratulations to Shana Goldsmith and Kevin Butler on being named our Senior Fall Athletes of the Season, and Laura Arciniegas and Casey Rich on being named our Senior Fall Scholar Athletes of the Season.

Please check the Athletic website or the Activity Scheduler app to find out when our winter sports compete this season. Come out and support our Viking and Clarkstown athletes and teams!

CLARKSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH
Annual Holiday Boutique
Please come and support 30 + local vendors and small businesses!
Jewelry, Pottery, Exclusive Handmade items, Wood Craftsmanship & much more!!!!
When: Saturday December 16th from 9am -12pm
Where: 31 Demarest Mill Road, W. Nyack, NY
(in the back of the school by the OUTDOOR basketball courts)
How much: FREE PARKING & NO entrance fee!
Proceeds Benefit the Class of 2025 and NHS

ATTENTION STUDENTS AND STAFF

Join us for our Winter SE[a]boration!
Southern Lights
WHEN: Friday, December 15
Lunch periods: 4, 5 & 6
WHERE: Lobby
WHAT: Activities that promote how to be a light in our South HS community, including activities, treats, a photo booth, music & more!

Congratulations to Shana Goldsmith on receiving All State honors for Field Hockey. Shana will be continuing her academic and athletic career at Scranton University.
SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Extended Homeroom for Juniors - 2nd period: 12/5, 12/12, 12/19
Topic: College Planning
The school counselors will be meeting with the Juniors in three extended homerooms to discuss the college application search process and Naviance.

Reminders for Seniors:
Complete college applications prior to the December winter recess.
Contact your counselor asap if you need help with any part of the college application, or post high school planning process.
Begin applying for scholarships: https://www.ccsd.edu/Page/2428

Pictured Right: Ms. Solar’s Assets Team celebrates World Kindness Day on November 13 with chalked messages of kindness and support for staff and students.

Progress reports will be available on the Eschool portal on December 8, 2023.

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHT

MS. BLAIN’S UNIT ON ECOLOGY CULMINATES IN STUDENT LED PRESENTATIONS

Biology students in Ms. Blain’s honors biology classes moved their class to the auditorium for a day and set up their student created presentations representing the information they learned during their ecology unit. For the first part of the time, half the students presented while the others learned in a one-on-one situation. Then, students went to another station to learn, ask questions and participate in a dialogue with their peers. Ms. Blain explained, “This end of the unit activity encompassed the learning objectives of the unit. Furthermore, it met the objective of the new New York State Science Standards that include having an anchoring phenomenon to tie the unit together and give it context. The new science standards emphasize real world implications and applications based on the learning.
**COPS CORNER**

**JUNIOR VS. SENIOR LICENSE**

Do you know the differences between your junior (DJ) and senior (D) license? Here are some important aspects to remember:

When do you get it?
- **Junior:** 16 + 6 months with permit + pass the road test
- **Senior:** 18 OR 17 + completed Driver's Education

Limitations?
- **Junior Drivers**
  - No driving from 9 p.m. – 5 a.m. unless coming from work, or must be under direct supervision of a parent, guardian, “in loco parentis”, or driving school instructor.
  - Only 1 friend allowed in the car
  - Can have multiple members of immediate family
  - Cannot drive in NYC or Long Island

- **Senior Drivers**
  - Unrestricted

License Suspension?
- **Junior Driver**
  - If you receive one ticket worth 3 points (which is when you are convicted of most moving violations) or 2 other violations (which are less than 3 points), junior drivers receive a 60 day suspension.
  - Any cell phone ticket conviction will lead to a 120 day suspension and a second cell phone conviction within 6 months leads to a 1 year revocation.

- **Senior**
  - 11 points in 18 months (that is 2-3 tickets or 1 ticket for speeding in excess of 40 mph over the limit)

As we discuss in our Safe Driving Seminar, drivers between 16-19 are 3 times more likely to be involved in a fatal accident than a 20 year-old. Please use this time with your license to learn to become a safer driver by following the rules of the road and limiting your distractions.

Drive safely!
Officer Rolston and Officer Caivano