



CLARKSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH



March Newsletter 2024

"Preparing today's students to Conquer Tomorrow's Challenges"

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, March 6

Science Honor Society
Induction – 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13

National Honor Society
Induction – 7 p.m.

Friday, March 15

Superintendent's Conference
Day – No School for Students

Wednesday, March 20

PTSA Meeting – 7 p.m.
Library

Friday, March 22

Newsies – 8 p.m.

Saturday, March 23

Newsies – 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Sunday, March 24

Newsies – 2 p.m.

Friday, March 29

Holiday Break - School and
Building Closed

Congratulations to...

- **Senior Lydia Jung** for being named a **National Merit Scholarship** finalist.
- **Juniors Liam Cacioppo and Harrison Caprara** who were selected to represent **Section One** at the **NYSPPHSAA Student Leadership Conference**.
- **The following students** who competed in the **Regional SkillsUSA** competition:
 - **Thomas Fleckenstein** – **1st Place in Cyber Technology**
 - **Alex Hahn** – **1st Place in Criminal Justice**
 - **Brianna Rossini** – **2nd Place in Criminal Justice**
 - **Jabes Tzoc Duque** – **2nd Place in Auto**

Pictured below, the cast and crew of Centerstage's *Newsies* with Broadway actor Stuart Marland who played Snyder in *Newsies*...he gave an acting workshop to Centerstage cast and crew on Monday, February 26th.



CENTERSTAGE PROUDLY PRESENTS NEWSIES MARCH 22, 23 AND 24

Extra Extra read all about it!

This year's Centerstage Spring musical is *Newsies*! Now that's a headline even Elmer can sell! *Newsies* is based on the true story of the newsboy strike of 1899 and the terrible working conditions that young children were working under. With the help of some great friends, young Jack Kelly starts a union. He and his ragtag team of newsboys fight to earn proper wages for all their hard work. Do they win the fight? Come check out ***Newsies*** on March 22, 23, 24 to see if this group of boys can stop the mighty Pulitzer and maybe find love along the way.

Written by Freshman Olli Cirlin

CLARKSTOWN SOUTH'S SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM PLACES 5TH AT REGIONALS



Thirty students from Clarktown South participated in the Lower Hudson Valley Regionals at Byram Hills High School on Saturday, February 10th. There were 22 separate events and students won 13 medals. Each event had between thirty-five to forty teams competing. Overall, the team placed 5th which means the team's advisors, Ms. Cunningham and Ms. Taylor-Blain, will advise the team at the State Competition in Syracuse on March 15 and 16.

- 1st place - Tower - Emmett Ferguson and Jake Bodkin
- 2nd place - Geologic Mapping - Adam Gru and Ishaan Pusuluri
- 2nd place - Microbe Mission - Christina Yan and Yuemeng Zhang
- 2nd place - Disease Detectives - Aryana Hou and Yuemeng Zhang
- 4th place - Dynamic Planet - Ishaan Pusuluri and Emmett Ferguson
- 5th place - Fermi Questions - Joel Joseph and Jayden Mahadeo
- 5th place - Fossils - John Obremski and Adam Gru
- 6th place - Engineering CAD - Ritesh Dave and Samuel Jacob
- 8th place - Scrambler - Jason Chen and Joel Joseph
- 9th place - Flight - Jake Bodkin and Ishaan Pusuluri
- 10th place - Air Trajectory - Jake Bodkin and Elena Mendiola
- 10th place - Anatomy and Physiology - Aryana Hou and Jason Chen
- 10th place - Astronomy - Emmett Ferguson and Ishaan Pusuluri



Seniors Laura Arciniegas and Linda Duy were recognized by the Sons of Italy as the Italian Students of the Month for December and January.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT SPONSORS SCHOOL-WIDE COLLECTION FOR PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

The Student Government post-holiday food drive successfully collected 774 pounds of food to donate to Rockland's People to People with an estimated value of \$2,304.72. Each year, the Student Government has homeroom contest among the homerooms to encourage students to participate.

A GROWTH MINDSETS DEVELOPS RESILIENCE TO OVERCOME CHALLENGES

February's SEL lesson encouraged students to embrace a growth mindset. The lesson encouraged students to consider how failing at something provides the opportunity for learning and growth leading to the opportunity to try again. Developing a growth mindset gives students the belief in the power of "yet". "There are skills we haven't mastered yet, but we can embrace challenges as they come." Developing a growth mindset leads to less stress and a positive outlook towards life's experiences.

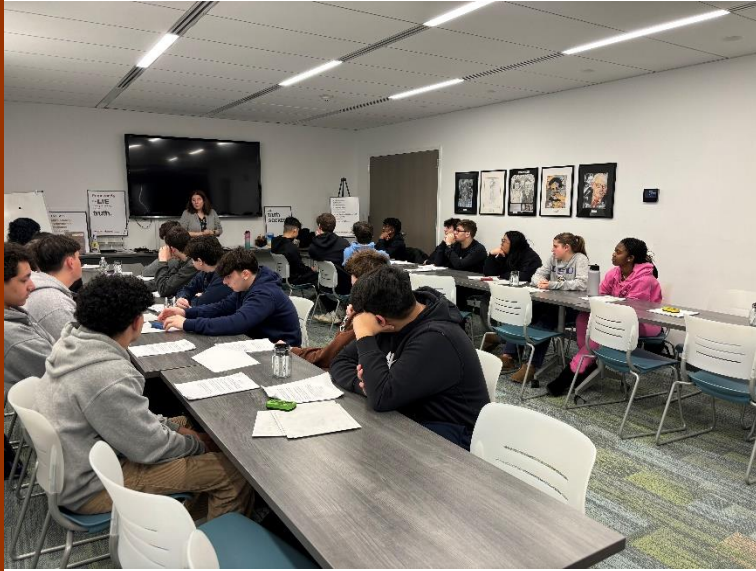
What is Growth Mindset?

- Growth mindset describes a [way of viewing challenges and setbacks](#).
- People who have a growth mindset *believe that even if they struggle with certain skills (ex- time management), [their abilities aren't set in stone](#).*
 - They think that [with work, their skills can improve](#) over time (leading to a [decrease in stress](#)).



SOPHOMORE SOCIAL STUDIES CLASSES VISIT THE ROCKLAND HOLOCAUST MUSEUM

Over the past month, sophomores from both Clarkstown North and Clarkstown South experienced a half day field trip to the Holocaust Museum at Rockland Community College. Once they arrived at the museum, the students viewed a brief video reviewing the Holocaust through archival footage and heard a survivor's story. After a brief discussion, the students were able to visit the museum itself with questions as a guide for their discovery. Finally, the students took part in a Moral Courage workshop and made connections between the past and the present experiences of oppression and moral courage during the Holocaust and today.



CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHT:

BIOLOGY STUDENTS PRACTICE PATHOLOGY

Ms. Franco's biology classes tested different mock urine samples to determine diseases that could be the result of poorly functioning kidneys. Students must complete 30 lab hours as a part of the curriculum.



ATHLETIC UPDATES

Congratulations to the Clarkstown Fencing teams who competed successfully all season. Here are the Section 1 runner ups and finalists!

Women's Foil, 1st place: Mahroz Shahbaz and Sophie Lederman (pictured right)

Women's Epee, 2nd place: Kaia Collopy and Maya Mahadeo

Men's Foil, 2nd place: John Reshoft



ATHLETIC UPDATES cont.

Congratulations and best of luck to our student-athletes who will be competing at the NYSPHSAA State Tournaments in the next two weeks.

Girls Track & Field: In the Section 1 meet, Grace Camerlingo won 1st place in the 55 meter dash with a new school record of 7.27 seconds. She took 4th in the sectional meet in the 300 meter run and set another school record with a time of 41.34 seconds. Grace will be competing at States in the 55 meter dash and the 300 meter intersection relay team where she will run a 200 meter run in the relay team. Additionally, Maggie Hansen set a new school record in the weight throw of 40 feet 10.5 inches, and won the Section 1 title in shot put with a throw of 35 feet $\frac{3}{4}$ inch. Maggie will compete in the shot put at this weekend's States at Ocean Breeze. Good luck ladies!

Boys Swim: In the Section 1 meet, Luke Dwyer set a new school and Rockland County record in the 200 freestyle in which he took 1st place with a time of (1:39.70). Additionally, Luke was 1st place in the 100 butterfly in which he set a new Section 1, Rockland County, and team record with a time of (:48.7). His times in both events are All American consideration recognitions. Luke will compete in both of these events this weekend at States.

Isaih Francis placed top three in both of his individual events (3rd place in the 50 yard freestyle, and 1st place in the 100 yard backstroke. His backstroke time of :50.55 seconds is a new team record. He will be competing in both events at States. The team broke a Section 1 meet and set a new team record in the 200 yard free relay in which they received 1st place in sectionals, with a time of (1:26.41). Isaih Francis, Max Johnston and Luke Dwyer are all part of this relay who will be competing at States this weekend. All in all, the team qualified 7 student-athletes from South to compete at the NYS Championships at Ithaca College March 1st & 2nd: Aidan Dwyer, Luke Dwyer, Isaiah Fernandez, Isaih Francis, Max Johnston, and Lucas Park.



Girls Bowling: Senior Stephanie O'Malley had a 200 average which was the second highest average in Section 1. She was the Section 1 individual champion 2 years in a row with a total pinfall of 1,337 over 6 games. Stephanie will represent the Section 1 all-star team in the NYSPHSAA Bowling Championship on Saturday, March 9th!

Congratulations to the Varsity Girls Basketball team on winning the League title this season!



COP'S CORNER

CLARKSTOWN STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN YOUTH ACADEMY

The Clarkstown Police Department runs a Youth Police Academy for students from all of the high schools in Clarkstown - South, North, Nyack, Nanuet and Albertus. Last semester Clarkstown South had the strongest showing with 11 participants. We are hoping to have another large turnout of South students this semester.

During the Youth Police Academy, students will participate in a 10-week course that meets on Thursday nights from 7:00-9:00 at the Clarkstown Police Department. This semester starts on March 7th. Students will engage in group discussions regarding law enforcement incidents, both locally and nationwide, and will learn a new topic each week taught by an officer specially trained in specific fields. The topics taught include UAV (drone), defensive tactics, TASER, radar and traffic law, K-9, Critical Incident Response Team (SWAT), crime scene and cold cases. Students will also visit the firearms range and have a chance to take part in a ride along with Officer Rolston or Officer Caivano. At the end of the semester, students will have the opportunity to use the VirTra machine, a state-of-the-art training simulator where you become the police officer in a variety of situations.

If you are interested please complete the [application](#) and [hold harmless forms](#) and return them to Officer Rolston or Officer Caivano ASAP.

SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

SCHEDULING

March 4 - March 8: Counselors will be meeting individually with any student who missed their previous scheduling appointment to refine course recommendations and make elective choices for the 2024 - 2025 school year

JUNIORS

Register to take the **SAT** in May or

June: <https://collegereadiness.collegeboard.org/sat/register>

Register to take the **ACT** in April or June: <http://www.act.org/content/act/en/products-and-services/the-act/registration.html>

Individual Junior **college planning meetings** start the week of March 11th and continue through early May.

Students will be contacted by their counselor to set up the college meeting.

SENIORS

Seniors **must** update their Naviance accounts to indicate the **admissions decisions** that they received from colleges. This should be done as soon as the decision arrives: <https://www.ccsd.edu/Page/2349>

Seniors should continue to apply for **scholarships** through Naviance as well as outside sources: <https://www.ccsd.edu/Page/2428>

Parents of seniors should be filing their **FAFSA** form if they have not already done so: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>