



Plainedgeschools.org December 23, 2024

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

On behalf of the Plainedge Board of Education, administration, faculty, and staff, we are thrilled to send our heartfelt wishes for a joyous and healthy holiday season to you and your loved ones!

There is so much pride and excitement in our school community! As educators, we are beyond proud to witness the incredible accomplishments and successes of our students while they continue to achieve their personal best every single day.

As the holiday season draws near, we are filled with joy seeing the countless acts of kindness and generosity shared by our students and staff throughout the community. These small yet powerful gestures truly embody the spirit of the season and make us even more grateful to be part of this incredible school family!

As we celebrate the holidays and prepare to usher in the new year, we are extending the warmest wishes from the Plainedge Public Schools Family to you and your families. Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and a Happy New Year to everyone celebrating!



Congratulations Superintendent Salina

Congratulations to Dr. Edward A. Salina, Jr. on being named the 2024 New York State Superintendent of the Year! His recognition at the New York State Association for Computers and Technologies in Education (NYSCATE) conference is a well-deserved honor, highlighting his outstanding efforts in leveraging technology to enhance education within the Plainedge Public Schools.

Dr. Salina's dedication to integrating technology into educational practices aligns with the values of NYSCATE, which annually celebrates innovative ways to improve learning environments. Seeing how his leadership has made a positive impact is inspiring, and this recognition at such a prestigious event reinforces the importance of forward-thinking in education.

With over 1,500 attendees and 150+ exhibitors, the NYSCATE conference is a fantastic platform for showcasing cutting-edge educational technologies. The diverse presentations and expert insights shared there continue to push the boundaries of what technology can achieve in the classroom. Dr. Salina's award is a reflection of his visionary approach to education in the digital age.



STEAM ARCADE

Thank you to our Pre-K - 5th-grade students and their families who joined us for the first-ever Plainedge STEAM Arcade event! It was an incredible evening of creativity and innovation, with all the arcade games designed by our talented 5th-grade students using the engineering design process in STEAM. We are so proud of their hard work and ingenuity.



CONGRATULATIONS

We are extremely fortunate and proud to have 5 musicians selected to participate in this year's New York State Band Directors Association All-State HS Honor Band ensemble. These students will perform in Syracuse, NY on March 3, 2025!

Congratulations:

Jessica Kanyaro, Clarinet

Daniel Lee, Alto Saxophone

Joseph Altamura, Tenor Saxophone

Thomas Frank, Trumpet

Cristopher Interdonati, Trumpet



Adult Continuing Education

We are pleased to announce that winter sessions will be available to serve our community. Learn at your own pace with supportive instructors! Our Adult Education Program is here to help you achieve your goals.

Registration begins upon receipt of the Adult Education Brochure.

[Click here to register](#)



The Season of Lights

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us at Plainedge Park for our annual Season of Lights Celebration!

A special thank you to:

- Plainedge Best Buddies Club and our 6-12 Chorus Members for the festive sing-along
- The Brian Moore Foundation, Plainedge Federation of Teachers, and Broadway Gourmet for participating in the festive event. Their generous contributions of hot chocolate, snacks, and holiday-themed toys for the children made the celebration even more joyous
- The Bethpage and N. Massapequa Fire Departments, who brought Santa from the North Pole
- Thanks to Nassau County Legislator John Ferretti, Assemblyman John Mikulin, Supervisor Joseph Saladino, and the Town of Oyster Bay for their ongoing support.
- Thank you, Superintendent Salina, whose unwavering leadership and commitment to the community are essential in making the event a success every year. His hands-on involvement and dedication helped bring the Season of Lights to life.
- Our appreciation goes out to the Plainedge Grounds and Maintenance crew, who consistently go above and beyond each year to set up and support the Season of Lights Celebration.



Plainedge Fitness Center

The Plainedge Fitness Center is open Monday-Friday evenings from 6-10 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!](#)

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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.

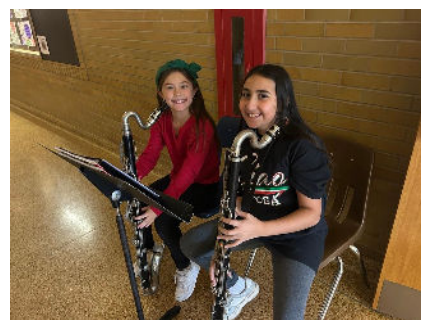


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Charles E. Schwarting Spreads Holiday Cheer

Our amazing Schwarting 5th-grade band students kicked off the holiday season by greeting everyone at Schwarting this morning with some festive tunes! They'll be spreading holiday cheer every Friday until the holiday recess! We're so proud of their hard work and dedication!



Plainedge Middle School gives thanks

The Plainedge Middle School Student Council created holiday gift bags to show our thanks to the NCPD officers for their dedication and service in keeping our community safe.



PHS Visits Brookhaven National Laboratory

A group of PHS 10th and 11th-grade research students visited Brookhaven National Laboratory for an exciting field trip.

They participated in two advanced labs: one where they simulated how physicists use magnets to steer high-energy beamlines and control a miniature electron ring, and another where they created a Monte Carlo simulation, running over one million trials using Python coding to calculate probability outcomes.

This incredible experience has opened doors for future opportunities, including potential research projects and applications for summer research programs at Brookhaven National Lab.



Plainedge HS Varsity Cheer

Congratulations to the Plainedge Varsity Cheerleading squad on winning their division this past weekend in #uca regionals in both Gameday and traditional competition.



Plainedge HS Kickline

Congratulations to our Plainedge Kickline squad for their performance at LIDTA! 1st place in Hip Hop, 1st place in Contemporary, 2nd place in Pom.

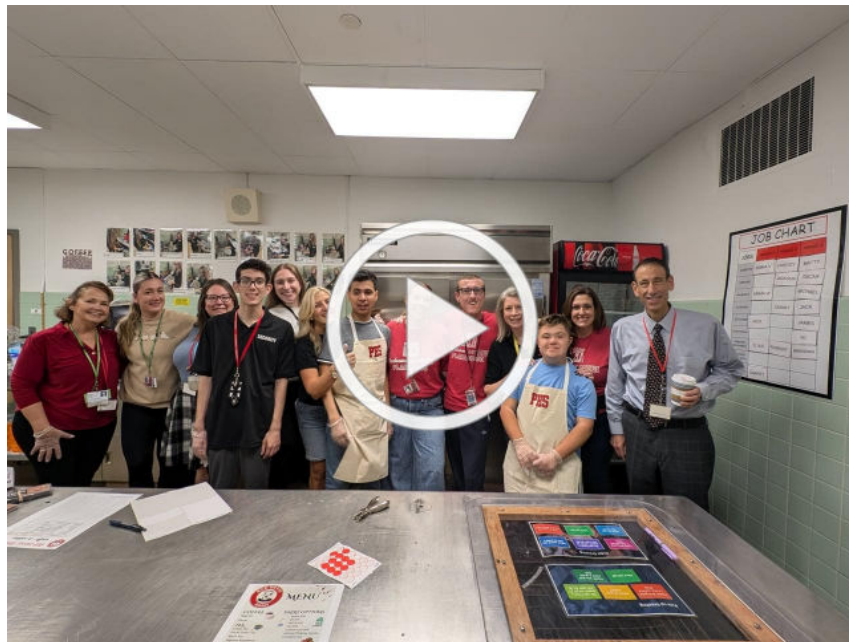


Plainedge HS Drama Club

Plainedge HS Drama Club presented *It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play* on December 13th & 14th! The Drama Club's performance showcased the students' dedication and creativity, highlighting the spirit of community and the importance of kindness and perseverance. It was a wonderful way to kick off the holiday season!



Plainedge HS Red Devil Roast-



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