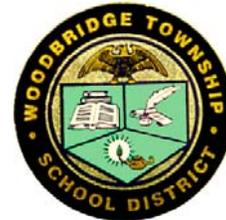


SUPERINTENDENT'S NEWSLETTER



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Welcome Back

By Robert Zega

On behalf of the central administration and the Woodbridge Township Board of Education it is a pleasure to welcome everyone back to the 2013-2014 school year. We have been working hard since graduation last June to ensure that the school opening, as well as the entire year, will be a rewarding one.

This year will bring about many exciting changes to our district. We have new initiatives in curriculum, technology and extracurricular activities. We have new and updated courses at all levels, including keyboarding for elementary school students and advanced math and robotics courses in our middle schools. New to our high school is a new forensics course, a literature and film course and a community service requirement for high school graduation.

We are proud to roll out many technology updates for 2013-2014. We have new district and school websites. We have updated our existing computers and have added hundreds of new computers as we progress toward PARCC compliance. We have added to our considerable inventory of classroom projection systems and interactive boards. We are continuing to incorporate more wireless technology in daily classroom activities—a student working on classroom exercises with his own device (BYOD) is not in our distant future.

We are also proud to begin our first year of expanded middle school sports. We are all excited to offer more opportunities for our young ladies and gentlemen to become more involved in their school communities outside the classroom.

These next few months will be exciting ones. Our high schools have been recognized by *Inside Jersey* for their standardized test scores

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and growth in academic areas. In the spring of 2013 we had more students take Advanced Placement Tests than before. Of these AP test-takers, we had more students score higher than any year before.

We will continue to focus on improving our SAT, ACT and AP test scores. To assure high academic achievement, we base all of our decision-making on several core beliefs:

1. **We will continue to strive to employ, train and retain excellent teachers who provide continuously effective, engaging instruction.**
2. **All children can learn, but learning takes effort.**
3. **Each child deserves our best every day.**
4. **Every lesson should be a positive learning experience for every child.**
5. **We are here to help our children.**
6. **We need to give the children what they need.**

Welcome (or welcome back) to the Woodbridge Township Schools. We are honored and privileged to teach the children of Woodbridge Township. We know this will be a great year. We look forward to enjoying it with you.



District Updates

1. Parents are invited to visit our new district website at: <http://www.woodbridge.k12.nj.us/>. This website is hosted by *Schoolwires* who hosts many school website throughout New Jersey.
2. We have a new instant alert system. Parents are encouraged to visit https://accounts.relianceco.com/cm/?u=woodbridge&is_return#login to update their contact info.
3. All opening day packets can be found on each school's websites.

*Whatever you do, or dream you can,
begin it. Boldness has genius and power
and magic in it.*

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe



New auditorium speakers at WHS

New Construction

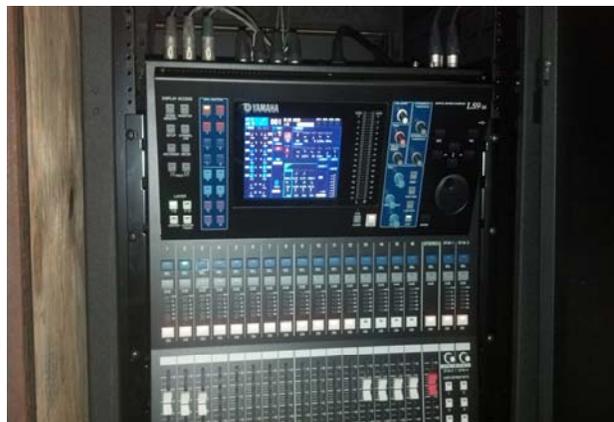
1. New front steps at Ross St. School #11 and Woodbridge Middle School
2. Fresh paint at the Woodbridge HS Gym
3. New carpet at the JFK HS auditorium
4. New Special Education programs at WHS and Port Reading School #9
5. New seats in the Iselin Middle School auditorium
6. Cooking room renovation at JFK HS
7. Conversion of the library to a computer lab at Iselin Middle School
8. New lockers in the boys locker room at Woodbridge HS
9. A new wireless clock system at Avenel Middle School
10. New practice baseball/softball fields at Woodbridge Middle, Avenel Middle and Fords Middle Schools
11. New interactive boards in elementary schools
12. New all-purpose room floor at Avenel St School #4&5
13. New laptops and carts for elementary schools



New gym floor at Avenel St School



New gym lockers at WHS



New sound board at WHS auditorium

*Coming together is a beginning;
Keeping together is progress;
Working together is success.*

Henry Ford



New APR at Avenel St School

Woodbridge Township Board of Education

<p>Ezio Tamburello <i>President</i></p>	 A portrait of Ezio Tamburello, a man with short brown hair, wearing a grey suit jacket, white shirt, and yellow tie. He is smiling slightly and standing in front of a red and white striped flag.	<p>Term - 2015</p>
<p>John Golden <i>Vice President</i></p>	 A portrait of John Golden, a man with short hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit jacket, white shirt, and dark tie. He is smiling slightly.	<p>Term - 2013</p>
<p>Frank DellaPietro III <i>Board Member</i></p>	 A portrait of Frank DellaPietro III, a man with short hair and a mustache, wearing a dark suit jacket, white shirt, and dark tie. He is smiling slightly.	<p>Term - 2014</p>
<p>Judy Leidner <i>Board Member</i></p>	 A portrait of Judy Leidner, a woman with long brown hair, wearing a red jacket over a black top. She is looking directly at the camera.	<p>Term - 2015</p>
<p>Daniel Harris <i>Board Member</i></p>	 A portrait of Daniel Harris, a man with short hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit jacket, white shirt, and red patterned tie. He is smiling slightly and standing in front of a bookshelf.	<p>Term - 2015</p>

<p>Brian Molnar <i>Board Member</i></p>	 A portrait of Brian Molnar, a man with short dark hair and a goatee, wearing a grey suit jacket, white shirt, and patterned tie. He is smiling slightly and looking towards the camera.	<p>Term - 2014</p>
<p>Brian F. Small <i>Board Member</i></p>	 A portrait of Brian F. Small, a man with short dark hair, wearing a dark blue suit jacket, white shirt, and blue tie. He is standing outdoors in front of a green lawn and trees.	<p>Term - 2013</p>
<p>Monica Michelle Smith <i>Board Member</i></p>	 A portrait of Monica Michelle Smith, a woman with dark, wavy hair, wearing a light-colored blazer and a necklace. She is smiling and looking towards the camera.	<p>Term - 2014</p>
<p>Jonathan Triebwasser <i>Board Member</i></p>	 A portrait of Jonathan Triebwasser, a man with short dark hair and a mustache, wearing a light blue button-down shirt. He is smiling and looking towards the camera.	<p>Term - 2013</p>

Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending.

Carl Bard



School #11 gets some new front steps



New auditorium flooring and seating at Iselin Middle School



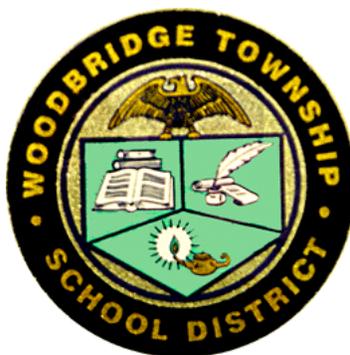
New ball field at Avenel Middle School

Students Letter

Each month we hope to publish a letter from a Woodbridge Township School District student. This month's letter comes from Colonia HS senior Christine Kim.

My name is Christine Kim and I am now a senior at Colonia High School, as well as student council president and a varsity runner. Senior year is a year full of expectations for awesome experiences and memories—I can't wait for spirit week, Homecoming, games under the lights, prom and all of the other great activities I've seen seniors partake in. Although I have been a part of some of these events since freshman year, I feel like being a senior is like getting front row seats to the ultimate high school experience. It's going to be interesting and pretty incredible to be able to utilize the knowledge I have been given at my time at CHS to help guide underclassmen through academics, clubs, sports and so much more. I'm looking forward to an equally challenging and exciting year as my fellow classmates and I navigate our way through the confusing mess of college applications as well as making the most of our last year at CHS.

I feel that senior year is ultimately about giving back. Now that it is the class of 2014's turn to be the leaders, I really hope that this year we can collaborate with the school to leave a lasting impression—I want the Class of 2014 to be different from the other classes that have graduated. I sincerely hope that we work hard to fundraise money for the school, the township and different philanthropic causes. As seniors, as the new leaders of the school, I hope that we build a community with all of the underclassmen and support one another. And most of all, as senior year begins, I hope that my class will not waste time and wait until the last month of high school to get to know each other. After all, it's been said that senior year is when you become the closest with your classmates. This is the last year that the class of 2014 will be together and as we prepare to go our separate ways, I hope we will spend this last school year as a family. Remember: once a Patriot, always a Patriot!



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*To be wholly devoted to some
intellectual exercise is to have
succeeded in life*

Robert Louis Stevenson