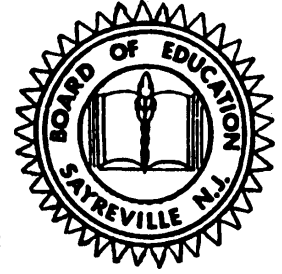


# HEAD OF THE CLASS



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The Sayreville Board of Education congratulates the following people who are at the

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### **SAMSEL UPPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASTRONOMY NIGHT**

Educational, entertaining, new and improved, an ASTRONOMICAL success... that's what the Samsel Upper Elementary School's "Astronomy Across the Curriculum" program was to both the young and old who attended this event. The program was born out of the ideas, organization and work of dedicated SUES teachers. The leadership involved in organizing this event is credited to Mrs. Bonnie Brady. Mrs. Brady orchestrated the "Astronomy Across the Curriculum" program and saw it come to fruition with the professional presentations and assistance of SUES staff members. A very special thank you goes to Mrs. Brady, Mrs. O'Keefe, Mr. Palermo, Mrs. Mazur, Mrs. Ust, Mrs. Pentek, Miss Smith, Miss Shortis, Mrs. Daszkowski, Ms. DeSantis, Mrs. Moskal, Mrs. Clarke, Ms. Duda, Ms. Griffiths, Mr. Lindemann, Mrs. Pfeffer, Mrs. Stratton and Mrs. Zydzik. We would also like to thank the following outside presenters that made this possible. They are: Telescope - Mr. Wisenfelder, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Fedor and Mr. Woznica; Twin Robots Exploring Mars - Dr. Kremer; Solar and Lunar Eclipses - Mr. Britz.

### **EMMA L. ARLETH SCHOOL JESSE SELOVER SCHOOL**

The Sayreville School District continues to give back to the community by way of the "Dollars for Denim" program that some of our schools have adopted. Thanks to this program, Arleth School raised \$231 which will go to charitable organizations. The Selover School staff raised \$600 last school year and this amount was sent to the American Red Cross to help the victims of the Katrina disaster.

### **MRS. KAREN WARANOWICZ**

Sayreville Public Schools won the National 2006-07 Student Data Management Award from Pearson School Systems for how the district manages student data to improve education. It was selected from among 1,600 school districts across the nation for its data management applications which have increased federal/state funding for programs like INFORM. Ms. Sutherland and Mrs. Karen Waranowicz were flown to Anaheim, California as Pearson's guests to accept the award on behalf of the district. Since Mrs. Waranowicz is the district's Student Information Systems Manager, the award is public testimony of the quality of the work she performs on a daily basis, as well as the innovative technological ideas she brings to the district.

### **SAYREVILLE EXPRESSO CAFE**

On November 6, 2006, over four hundred members of Sayreville's community and schools came out to the Starland Ballroom to celebrate the extraordinary talents of the students and the teachers of Sayreville War Memorial High School and to honor SWMHS alumnus, Patrick O'Brien. The Espresso Café was conceived of and developed by film and television production teacher, Susan Pellegrini and music teacher, Mr. James Craft in an effort to allow students to "express" themselves in video, music, poetry and comedy. For the past two years, Tony Pallagrosi, the owner of the Starland Ballroom, has graciously allowed the teachers and the students to perform at Starland, free of cost. Last year's Espresso Café was a tremendous success and this year proved to be even more meaningful as the teachers decided to add a charitable dimension to the show by benefiting Patrick O'Brien, a SWMHS graduate and a successful filmmaker. Unfortunately, in May 2005, he was diagnosed with ALS, an incurable, debilitating and terminal disease. In spite of his illness, Mr. O'Brien is an active filmmaker and is currently working on a documentary about his struggle with ALS. He and his film crew were at the Espresso Café and portions of the event may be included in his documentary. All proceeds from the show, which totaled \$4,380, were donated to the Patrick O'Brien Foundation.

### **SAYREVILLE BAND PARENTS**

The Band Parents Association held its Annual Night Of A Thousand Stars on Saturday, November 4th. Twelve schools, along with our own Marching Unit, performed for the crowd on a rather cold evening. Despite the temperature, a good time was had by all who attended and watched the musicians perform at their finest.

### **SAYREVILLE MARCHING UNIT**

It was a great year overall for our Marching Unit. In the first competition this year, the Unit was awarded a second place finish. After that, the band was named the Number 1 unit in the next four competitions. At the State Competition, we once again were awarded a second place finish among the bands in our level. The regional championships were held in Allentown, PA on Saturday, November 11, 2006. The band was awarded first place in five different areas and once again captured second place overall in the competition. Congratulations to Director Eric Boehm, Assistant Director Scott Paul, their staff, the parents, but most of all, to our students for having such a great year.

### **MR. NICHOLAS CIFELLI**

Congratulations to Mr. Nicholas Cifelli, SWMHS Boys' Soccer coach who was chosen GMC Boys' Soccer White Division Coach of the Year.