

Second Marking Period Honor Roll Announced By Edison Intermediate Principal Cheryl O'Brien

WESTFIELD - Cheryl O'Brien, Principal of Edison Intermediate School in Westfield, has revealed the names of students placed on the Distinguished and Regular Honor Rolls for the Second Marking Period of the 2004-2005 academic term.

DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL GRADE 7 - 49 STUDENTS

Meredith Ambinder Danni Lang
Elaine Anderson Melissa Littman
Leslie Bartsch Kamil Lupicki
Zachary Bowman Jessica Margolies
Emily Budnick Marisa Mormile
Heather Callahan Lisa Nehring
Victoria Cheung Steven Obiajulu
Kevin Clancy Joshua Perlman
Lacy Cummings Nicholas Polak
Monica D'Amico Lauren Posluszny
Andrew Deutchman Alison Ricardo
Marykate Doyle Melissa Riegel
Shannon Doyle Alicia Rogers
Kathleen Esler Philip Russo
Kevin Furlong Drew Schapow
Shelley Fussman Dylan Simon
Emily Gluck Emma Smelkinson
Adam Goldberg Virginia Spinelli
Christopher Heinbockel Sarah Spitz
Zachary Helfand Lindsay Steinbach
Kyle Higgins Sarah Szollar
Valerie Hoffman Janya Tagat
Leslie Holt Kelsey Wilson
Miles Hsu Melissa Wong
Siyu Xiao

REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 7 - 72 STUDENTS

Jamie Ackerman Michael Kauffhold
Allison Ammermuller Sara Koznecki
Calvin Antoniewicz Daniel Krack
Nicole Aronson Kristin Kukis
Zachary Bakhtin Lindsey LaRusso
Allison Barba Su Hee Lee
Richard Barber Rachael Lobo
Megan Boersig Nina Mantle
Jamie Bornstein Rachel McGovern
Joon Byung Chae Sara Mitchell
Robert Ciarrocca Rebecca Morse
Madeleine DeJohn Kathleen O'Donnell-Pickert
Brett Denicola Andrea Ortis
Elizabeth Dennerlein Elizabeth Penczak
Mary-Juliet Donohue Lindsay Posolka
Kathleen Dooley Megan Pulliam
Christopher Douglas Rebecca Romano
Jennifer Eisenberg Michael Ruschmann
Caroline Fahy Kevin Russell
Steven Fallon Jonathan Russo
Gregory Fortino Matthew Sanders
Elizabeth Frankola Ryan Scudato
Meghan Freudenheim Vishal Shah

Alex Furlong Nikolay Shargorodsky
Trent Gabriel Michael Sheehan
Brittany Graham Arielle Silverman
Rosa Graziadei Nicole Spera
Edward Greener Maxwell St. Lifer
James Hay Claire Stevens-Haas
Kate Heffernan Jenna Straus
Jakiyah Herron Madeline Tiedrich
Marlena Hirschfield Christina Tsui
Danielle Hopkins Rosalba Vasquez
Meghan Ince Katherine Venezia
Kelly Irving Queenie Villa
Rebecca Kape Jason Yang

DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL GRADE 8 - 49 STUDENTS

Caroline Albanese Kathryn Kiefer
Stephanie Albright Christopher Latimer
Sally Bregman Jenna Leopold
Charles Cary Alice Li
Alexa Cassaro Jason Lipshutz
Alexander Chartrain Justin Lo
James Chu Ezra Margolin
Christine Clark Joseph Martoglio
Alexis Constantine Natalie Morrison
Matthew DeMasi Alyson Moskowitz
Anthony DiIorio Evan Paulan
Jennifer Dilzell David Puser
Christine Feldbauer Carla Ralston
Mark Fischetti Samantha Ritter
Zachary Friss Abigail Ryan
Daryl Garfinkel Christopher Sheehan
Sophia Geskin Elyssa Solomon
Danielle Gillyard Marisa Stotter
Aileen Grogan Dean Thompson
Bridget Grogan Kimberly Townsend
Jessica Harris Keegan Wallace
James Hughes Jennifer Weidman
Michael Irving Amy Weiss
Ross Kettleton Corey Wisler
Danielle Zamarelli

REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 8 - 67 STUDENTS

Jennifer Ames Amanda Lojo
Paul Bai Kathleen Lynes
John Barnes Dayna Marino
Jonathan Berman Andrew Marra
Mallory Boesch Cyndil Matthew
Mark Caffero Matthew Morgan
Nicholas Chartrain Julia Murphy
David Chen Dana Newman
Colleen Cleary Katherine Nguyen
Benjamin Colvin Robert O'Rourke
Brittany Cortinhal David Ortuso
Adria De Vita Marisa Palestino
Nicholas DeFreitas Joseph Panarese
Natalie DiFrancesco Katherine Payne
Joshua Einbinder Andrea Petrarca
Dennis Elwell Ross Pohling

Eric Fahrenthold Samuel Reichbach
Alyssa Frank Elizabeth Riordan
Dan Fussman Brandon Rolnick
Dominique Gillyard Harrison Sacks
Brian Gingrich Matthew Scharpf
Nina Godbee Jeannette Sharpless
Alexandra Goldin Colleen Smith
Adam Gottdiener Moira Smith
Nina Helfman Emily Tebbetts

Monica Hong Elizabeth Thode
Matthew Isabella Jay Tieman
Allison Jakobovic Jemma Urban
Jennifer Jean-Louis Douglas Velasco
Melinda Jimenez Charisse Villa
Julia Knaus Sarah Vincett
Rachel Kreutzer Andrew Weiss
Jacob Lang Timothy Woods
Kevin Yang

Spring Break for Special Needs Children Planned by Resident

FANWOOD - Fanwood resident Claudette Bardwil is coordinating an excursion for special needs children and their families to the Pelican Cove Resort in Islamorada, Fla. from Tuesday, April 26, to Saturday, April 30.

A mother of an eight-year-old autistic child, Ms. Bardwil is a popular speaker and advocate throughout Central New Jersey regarding nutrition and holistic alternatives.

Her 20 years of experience as a travel agent has now helped her design this family vacation for those whose family includes a child with special needs.

"I still remember a trip we took with our daughter, Brianna, where she just started screaming on the airplane," said Ms. Bardwil. "Regular, healthy people can block out all the sensory input - like voices on the loudspeaker, buzzers, engines roaring, people talking - but kids with sensory issues cannot."

Recalling the experience, Ms. Bardwil added, "She just started screaming in fear. The woman sitting in front of us turned around and said, 'Can't you control your child?' At the same time, I didn't know how to handle it, and many parents of special needs kids stay home to avoid those kinds of situations. I decided that some special planning would help solve some of the frustrations and embarrassment."

The Florida excursion includes roundtrip airfare on American Airlines to Miami, transfers, oceanfront

accommodations, a "kid's night out" and group admission to such attractions as Theater of the Sea, with swimming or wading with dolphins also available.

A registered nurse will accompany Ms. Bardwil to care for the children.

Additionally, a parents' support network meeting and a special "Parents Night Out" will be planned so couples can have an evening on their own. Ms. Bardwil will also supply "sensory grab bags" for the special needs children and "surprise bags" for the siblings.

"When a family has a special needs child, thousands are spent on therapies, medications and doctors," said Ms. Bardwil. "Because a special needs child's care involves dietary and education issues, families tend to put vacation or family time with the other children on the backburner."

She continued, "A lot of families also don't want to deal with the hassles involved in travel - like the fact that most often, special needs kids cannot wait in line; they just have great difficulty with that."

Ms. Bardwil, who is also working with Disney to coordinate a future vacation trip, said her goal is to "offer solutions and to help these kids on their way to wellness."

Spaces remain available on the spring break trip to Islamorada, which will include a maximum of 30 people. The deadline to apply for the trip is Tuesday, March 1.

For more information, please visit www.briannatours.com, e-mail Claudette@briannatours.com or call Ms. Bardwil at (908) 889-8860.

Rensselaer Polytechnic Honors Local Students

AREA - Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y. has announced that students from Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Mountainside and Berkeley Heights have been named to the fall 2004 dean's list.

Vaidehi Patel of Scotch Plains, a freshman majoring in biology, joined Fanwood resident Eric Pratt, a junior majoring in computer science and philosophy, in being placed on the list.

Mountainside resident Brittany Hamil, a freshman majoring in "Elect Media, Arts & Communication," was named to the dean's list, along with Evan Finn, a sophomore majoring in mechanical engineering from Berkeley Heights.

Westfielders Graduate Boston University

WESTFIELD - Elizabeth McKeon of Westfield earned a Master of Science degree in Broadcast Journalism, while fellow resident Elizabeth Tabachnik received a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations from Boston University in January.

Elizabeth Grausso Named to Dean's List

SCOTCH PLAINS - Scotch Plains resident Elizabeth Grausso, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Grausso, has been named to the dean's list at Vanderbilt University's Blair School of Music.

Curry College Names Annese to Dean's List

WESTFIELD - Curry College in Milton, Mass. has named Christopher Annese of Westfield to the dean's list for the fall 2004 semester.

He is a communications major with a concentration in television production, and a politics and history minor. He is also the Assistant Production Director of WMLN-F.M. Radio at Curry College.

During the summer of 2004, he interned at Magi Filmworks and Multimedia of North Jersey, whose primary business is production, development and execution for electronic media and television commercial production.

A 2002 graduate of Westfield High School, Christopher is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Annese of Westfield.



PROUD PRINCIPAL...Westfield High School Principal Dr. Robert Petix receives a check for \$2,000, representing monies raised by members of the Asian Awareness Club, for victims of the Asian earthquake and tsunamis.

WHS Asian Awareness Club Assists Victims of Tsunami

WESTFIELD - The Asian Awareness Club of Westfield High School (WHS) recently raised more than \$2,000 from the sale of ribbons to aid the victims of the Asian earthquake and tsunamis.

In a ceremony held this past week, the club's officers, in the company of club members and faculty advisors, presented a check to WHS Principal Dr. Robert Petix, which will be forwarded on the club's behalf to the U.S. Fund for UNICEF.

"We decided to organize the fundraiser during the winter break when we saw the outpouring of responses to the tsunami disaster," commented Yuchen Zhang, club president.

"Carina Don came up with the idea of selling ribbons," he added, "which were red and white to symbolize the colors of the flag of Indonesia which suffered the greatest losses."

Club members coordinated the sale of ribbons, which was conducted in the cafeterias during the lunch periods and in the high school's main office.

According to Yuchen, many students and faculty members donated more than the one dollar suggested contribution. In addition, several pupils who were not members of the Asian Awareness Club also volunteered to help the club with its efforts.

"Several students helped with the sale of ribbons," Yuchen stated.

"Jessica Cain independently made bracelets for sale and donated the funds to the club," he added. "Students in Ms. Mickulick's Project 79 English class took up a collection and donated the funds to the club as well."

In addition to raising funds to aid in the relief, club members hoped that the wearing of ribbons would be a visual reminder of the magnitude of the tragedy in South Asia and the importance of providing assistance.

"I am very proud of the efforts and great work of our students," commented co-advisor Mabel Hunyh, adding, "The kindness and cooperation of the school community have been impressive."

Budget Discussions To Continue Mar. 1 With Westfield BOE

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Board of Education will continue to discuss the proposed 2005-2006 school budget at its Tuesday, March 1, meeting to be held in Room 105 at 302 Elm Street at 8 p.m. The public is welcomed to attend.

A complete agenda will be available on Monday, February 28, in the Board Secretary's office at 302 Elm Street and on www.westfieldnj.com/boe.

All public school board meetings are taped and may be seen on Channel 36 on Tuesdays at 8 a.m., 3 and 11 p.m. and Thursdays at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Jeremy Lipstein Earned Dean's Award This Fall

SCOTCH PLAINS - Jeremy Lipstein, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lipstein of Scotch Plains, has received the Dean's Award for academic excellence during the fall 2004 semester at Colgate University, where he is a member of the Class of 2007.

A 2003 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, Jeremy is concentrating in economics at Colgate.

Evelyn Lozano Named To Fall Dean's Roster

SCOTCH PLAINS - Evelyn Lozano of Scotch Plains has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2004 semester at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Metropolitan Campus in Teaneck.

Telethon to Aid Victims Of Tsunami Scheduled

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Asian Student Association at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS) will air a telethon on Saturday, February 26, to aid victims of the December 26, 2004 tsunami. Filmed at SPFHS, the telethon, which will air from 6 to 10 p.m. on TV-34, will feature a live talent show, auctions and more.

Columbia Univ. Names Korecky to Dean's List

WESTFIELD - Columbia University in New York City has placed Jennifer Korecky of Westfield on the fall 2004 dean's list.

To qualify for this distinction, a student must achieve a 3.6 or higher grade point average. Jennifer is a senior majoring in architecture with a specialization in urban studies. A 2001 graduate of Westfield High School, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Korecky of Westfield.

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