

# Terrill Middle School Principal Jeanette Baubles Tells Second Marking Period Honor Roll Students

SCOTCH PLAINS — Jeanette Baubles, Principal of Terrill Middle School in Scotch Plains, has announced the names of sixth, seventh and eighth graders placed on the High Honor Roll and Regular Honor Roll for the second marking period of the 2004-2005 school year.

## HIGH HONOR ROLL GRADE 6-62 PUPILS

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| Ellesse Bartosik      | Jason Mazursky     |
| Shannon Bell          | Shannon McGovern   |
| Shreeta Bhojani       | Samuel More        |
| Anastasia Bogdanovski | Ryann Morrison     |
| Timothy Bonacum       | Emily Nagourney    |
| Kirsten Carbone       | Andrew Naugle      |
| Michael Chia          | Jonah Offitzer     |
| Emily Christiansen    | Elise Pak          |
| Zachary Cohen         | Michael Pesin      |
| Brittany D'Annunzio   | Nicholas Petrow    |
| Jessica DiGiacomo     | Niveda Ponnudi     |
| Patrick Dougher       | Corrie Port        |
| Kyle Douglas          | Christina Reiman   |
| Gregory Favreau       | Eve Rosenheck      |
| Christopher Gilman    | Alexa Rothenberg   |
| Amanda Ho             | Anthony Scalfaro   |
| Emily Horowitz        | Jacob Schaffer     |
| Julia Ingram          | Nehal Selim        |
| Katherine Keane       | Avika Shah         |
| Patrick Kelly         | Theodore Udelman   |
| Faiz Khan             | Gabrielle Vacca    |
| Ezra Klemow           | Sebastian Valdes   |
| Rebecca Kline         | Jessica Van Besien |
| Evelyn Klotz          | Andrew Vaslas      |
| Megan Koederitz       | Georgann Wallden   |
| Alison Koransky       | Amanda White       |
| Rebecca Kreyer        | Lauren Williams    |
| Jillian Leahy         | Caresse Yan        |
| Katie Levitt          | Kelly Yingling     |
| Isabel Lopez          | Jessica Yorkovich  |
| Jeffrey Marks         | Zachary Ziolkowski |

## REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 6-98 PUPILS

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|------------------|---------------------|
| Betsy Appel      | James Leitner       |
| Laura Arasin     | Christopher Lettera |
| Julia Babis      | Christina Lewis     |
| Nathaniel Bach   | Eric Leyden         |
| Emily Bayard     | Haley Lindenberg    |
| Emily Becker     | Raymond Lowrey      |
| Tori Berman      | Kevin Luce          |
| Chana Biner      | Taylor Marshall     |
| Kyle Birnbaum    | David McNally       |
| Jeffrey Brody    | John McNally        |
| Joshua Brooks    | Alexandra Molinaro  |
| Nicole Buzzanca  | Katherine Monfredi  |
| Cassie Caminiti  | Jessica Moore       |
| Moussa Channaoui | Michael Napolitano  |
| Jesse Charschan  | Tyler Nguyen        |
| Rebecca Chavan   | Chijioke Ohamadike  |
| Allison Chen     | Michael Parada      |
| Theresa Chrystal | Lydia Paradiso      |
| Bret Coffey      | Alexander Parker    |
| Emily Cohen      | Joelle Pisauru      |
| Evan Cole        | Alexander Prelusky  |
| Alan Dang        | Erica Randazzo      |

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| Lane Darwin        | Zachary Rauch            |
| Michaela Decker    | Sean Reilly              |
| Stefanie Devizio   | Sean Reilly              |
| Rebecca DiGiacomo  | Andrew Ricciardi         |
| Madeline Dillon    | Michael Rizzo            |
| Nicolas DiProspero | Amanda Rodriguez         |
| Juliane Duret      | Michelle Rogoff          |
| Osazenonori Ebose  | Melanie Rome             |
| Claudia Falconieri | Julia Root               |
| Jalynn Farmer      | Warren Rose              |
| Frederick Feller   | Lawrence Rothweiler, 3rd |
| Brian Fischer      | Charles Sciara           |
| Caitlin Foley      | Nicholas Sebolao         |
| John Foti          | Jason Shaub              |
| Hayley Geller      | Evan Shlissel            |
| Justin Gonzales    | Emily Skaar              |
| Yale Gordon        | Nicole Sultatos          |
| Jesse Haack        | Peter Surace             |
| Zachary Harper     | Aashraya Suresh          |
| Megan Huxford      | James Sweeney            |
| Victoria Ingato    | Charles Timko            |
| William Kempner    | Zachary Tussel           |
| Michael Kitts      | Hollis Wang              |
| Alexander Kostakos | Ryan Wheeler             |
| Stefanie Kuhn      | Norman Whitehouse        |
| Lindsay Laguna     | Ariele Zaksenberg        |
| Ryan Laguna        | Charles Zhou             |

## HIGH HONOR ROLL GRADE 7-32 PUPILS

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| Matthew Alfano          | Scott Keogh      |
| Marissa Berlant         | Rebecca Krakora  |
| Alex Brass              | David Kreps      |
| Amelia Brause           | Lee Lenz         |
| Bianca Chaves           | Morgan Maisel    |
| Lyndsey Douglas         | Delia McGee      |
| Rebecca Dunn            | Daniel Nizri     |
| Jessica Feldman         | Adam Offitzer    |
| Zachary Flanzman        | Neha Pannuri     |
| Marc Gaglioti           | Lindsay Robinson |
| Kelly Gajdzisz          | Roger Romero     |
| Carly Goldner           | Kelsey Rossi     |
| Samantha Goldner        | Carrie Salem     |
| Samantha Henderson      | Eddie Sangern    |
| Michael Henkels         | Lauren Steinbeck |
| Caitlin Hoynes-O'Connor | Alexander Zaller |

## REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 7-73 PUPILS

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| Stephen Allen             | Sara Mankoff           |
| Mohammed Alzoobaee        | Daniel Mathan          |
| Dina Barny                | Kyle Mattson           |
| Jordan Bayroff            | John Maxwell           |
| Lauren Belfer             | Louis Mazzella, Jr.    |
| Steven Bello              | William McColly        |
| Steven Berkowitz          | Sruthi Narayanan       |
| Danielle Bernstein        | Timothy Nering         |
| Jeremy Bush               | Katarina Nier          |
| Graceann Caramico         | Matthew O'Donnell      |
| Lauren Casserly           | Chiemeka Onwuanaegbule |
| Daniel Chapman            | Jodie Ordanza          |
| Indranath Chhattaopadhyay | Kethan Reddy           |
| Matthew Ciabattari        | Andrea Redmount        |
| Kevin Coughlan            | Alyssa Resnick         |
| Devon Daly                | Dena Rice              |
| Jacqueline Depew          | Michael Riesenberg     |
| Diana Devries             | Jenna Romaine          |

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| Kathryn Dinizo        | Marissa Sacca      |
| Alan Dlugosz          | Alanna Salituro    |
| Luke Durett           | Kunal Saxena       |
| Geri Flood            | Devon Sepe         |
| Kathryn Foley         | Eliann Shadmi      |
| Christopher Fortunato | Mackenzie Sizemore |
| Toniann Gattozzi      | Benjamin Smith     |
| Matthew Goor          | Gregory Stein      |
| Alexander Graham      | Sarah Strong       |
| Stephanie Groben      | Tracy Toffolo      |
| Michael Harrison      | Nicole Vacca       |
| Sarah Hoffman         | David Van Wert     |
| Michelle Jenkelowitz  | Brian Walsh        |
| Alexandra Joy         | Emily Weinstock    |
| Brian Kahn            | Kevin Welch        |
| Andrea Lahoud         | Eric Wise          |
| Evan Levine           | Albert Wu          |
| Alyson Linsenberg     | Kelsey Zaller      |
|                       | Cassandra Zito     |

## HIGH HONOR ROLL GRADE 8-36 PUPILS

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| Jennie Altman      | Allison Lasher     |
| Anjali Bansal      | Jie Mei            |
| Dorian Bogdanovski | Kayla Molnar       |
| James Burke        | Gabriella Napoli   |
| Nicole Cicchetti   | Anne Marie Noronha |
| Julie Deutsch      | Austin Pfundheller |
| Elizabeth Ferraro  | Tyler Pfundheller  |
| Erin Finan         | Alyssa Riesenberg  |
| Amanda Gianni      | Michael Roth       |
| Stephanie Glover   | Timothy Seeman     |
| Naomi Goldstein    | Kristen Spirko     |
| Daniel Gore        | Marissa Squeri     |
| Eileen Jiang       | Martin Sweeney     |
| William Johnston   | Linda Timko        |
| Faraz Khan         | Ulysses Velasquez  |
| Mark Koransky      | Erick Walker       |
| Kapri Kreps        | Peter Weigel       |

## REGULAR HONOR ROLL GRADE 8-70 PUPILS

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| Sahrula Kubie        | Jennifer Yang       |
| Camilla Bach         | Joshua Lieberman    |
| Kyle Bascom          | Genevieve Lubas     |
| Brian Bonacum        | Daniel Lubranski    |
| Nickolas Bonadies    | Stephen Manzi       |
| Emily Carow          | Kevin Maroney       |
| Katherine Celardo    | Magan Mauro         |
| Kelly Cianciotta     | Christopher McManus |
| Patrick Clancy, 3rd  | Wesley Morrison     |
| Adam Clark           | Kathryn Moynihan    |
| Kathryn Cockrell     | Takia Neal          |
| Katherine Cornacchia | Brian Northrup      |
| Lauren D'Aloisio     | Elyse Nussenfeld    |
| Anthony D'Annunzio   | Alexandria Pisauru  |
| Sarah Daniele        | Mary Poillon        |
| Michelle De Santis   | Christian Prince    |
| Jennifer DiGiuseppe  | Maxim Rabinovich    |
| Christina Dokopoulos | Ryan Rappa          |
| Morgan Dorsch        | Katilin Rau         |
| Kelly Dyckman        | Davina Roshansky    |
| Mitchell Farce       | Samantha Schaffer   |
| Diana Ferrante       | Lisa Schardin       |
| Emma Forman          | Elizabeth Schreiber |
| Alexandra Friedman   | Joseph Sebolao      |
| Daniel Gilman        | Mark Shvartsman     |
| Erica Goldberg       | Matthew Simon       |
| Susan Gonch          | Alexis Sorace       |
| Jacqueline Halpern   | Paul Spicer         |
| Anthony Ingato       | Henna Tailor        |
| Aysha Iqbal          | Mangesh Tamhankar   |
| Brian Jascur         | Rebecca VonLangen   |
| Jeremy Kaufman       | Corinne White       |
| Donald Keenan        | James Walsh         |
| Michael Klotz, Jr.   | Julia Weigel        |
| Evan Lake            | Erika White         |
| Cara Levinson        | Eliza Ziegler       |

## CONCEPTS & THOUGHT

### SP-F Community School Coordinator Steps Down

By CHRISTIE STORMS  
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

SCOTCH PLAINS — After 28 years of service in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district, Cynthia Mendelson, Coordinator of Continuing Education and Special Funded Projects, has announced her retirement, effective Thursday, June 30.

Mrs. Mendelson will remain at the helm during the spring 2005 semester and stay long enough to plan this year's Creative Summer Workshop Program for its 21st season.

"That's really the way I want it," she told *The Westfield Leader* and *The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Times*. "Full tilt until the end!"

A New England native who now resides in Somerville, Mrs. Mendelson obtained her Master's Degree in School Administration and Supervision from Kean University in Union and has done some doctoral work at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa.

Mrs. Mendelson began her career in the district as a French teacher in 1971, and three years later she became Department Chairperson of Foreign Language at Park Middle School in Scotch Plains.

She left the district for six years to teach in her hometown, where she accepted her first community school position as Director of the Community School of Leisure Learning.

"It was part-time and quite unplanned, but I really enjoyed it," Mrs. Mendelson added.

While she continued on as director in Somerville, she simultaneously returned to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood district in a part-time position and launched a gifted program at the middle school.

During that time, she also taught children's enrichment programs, GED (General Equivalency Diploma) programs, and ESL (English as a Second Language) programs, so when the opportunity arose for a full-time Coordinator of Continuing and Community Education for Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools, she felt well qualified.

This past February marked her 20th year in that position.

Mrs. Mendelson's responsibilities go beyond directing the Community School. She has coordinated data collection and worked on principals' narratives for state report cards for all eight schools, served as

Coordinator of Public Relations for nine years, done grant work for the district, overseen the Character Education Initiative with Dr. Margaret Hayes, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, served five years as Chairperson of the JVC Mini Grants Committee, and taught grant development workshops for professionals in the district.

After wearing so many hats, Mrs. Mendelson's departure poses a challenge to Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carol Choye and the school board

as they work to find a suitable replacement with every intention of having the Community School continue on in her absence.

Mrs. Mendelson said she announced her retirement in advance to give the district some time to take the next steps.

The Community School is celebrating its 50th year, having expanded from being strictly

an adult school to one for all ages. One of Mrs. Mendelson's fondest accomplishments was the addition of the Creative Summer Workshop Program in 1985.

"When you see young people so delighted to arrive at their workshop and get right into whatever they're doing," she explained. "And then see some of them even shedding a few tears when summer's over, wanting to know what they can take next summer... that's very, very gratifying."

Along with the joy, Mrs. Mendelson also experienced great sadness during her career when her first boss from the Somerville Adult Education Council was killed in a car accident.

However, she turned tragedy into triumph when she founded the Jessamine S. Henderson Memorial Adult Education Scholarship Fund in her honor.

"The fund provides scholarships to adults who wish to return to education, many not having had a chance to go beyond high school education," Mrs. Mendelson stated. The vocationally-related fund has given out 41 scholarships to date.

Post retirement, Mrs. Mendelson hopes to pursue a part-time endeavor in areas she loves such as art and history or possibly higher education. She remains grateful for her experience in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood district.

"It's taught me so much about so many different kinds of people and different areas of life," she said. "And to be able to make a difference in someone's life... that to me is the best reward."



Cynthia Mendelson



SPECIAL GIFT...The Mountainside Woman's Club donated a portrait of George Washington to the borough's campus of Holy Trinity Interparochial School. William Sanders of "Portraits of Patriots" from Mountainside is resurrecting what was once mandated by Congress—that every school in every state will exhibit a portrait of our first president. Leslie Lewis and her kindergartners accepted the gift. Pictured, left to right, with the kindergartners, are: Pat Knodel, Linda Esemplare, Ms. Lewis, Ellie Annis and Julie Rusbarsky.

## Wardlaw-Hartridge's New Head of School Revealed

EDISON — The Board of Trustees of the Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison has announced that Andrew Webster has accepted their offer to become Head of School, effective Friday, July 1.

Mr. Webster was selected after a nationwide search and an extensive interview process involving faculty, parents, students, and alumni.

"I am honored to be appointed as the next Head of the Wardlaw-Hartridge School," said Webster. "The school offers a truly outstanding education for the 21st century world, grounded in the liberal arts but with a healthy dose of technology and innovation."

He continued, "Wardlaw-Hartridge educates students in a community that blends warmth with intellectual challenge, and academics with arts and athletics."

Mr. Webster holds an undergraduate degree from Brown University and a master's degree from the University of Virginia, both in history. He has served as an administrator, teacher, advisor, and coach throughout his career in education. From 1999 until the present he has been the Upper School Director at the Berkeley Carroll School in Park Slope, Brooklyn, N.Y., an independent coed day school.

Search Committee Chairperson Randy Rogers stated, "The constituency was impressed with Mr. Webster's excellent educational background and experience, his leadership and interpersonal skills, his commitment to students and faculty, and his acknowledgment of the advantages of a diverse school community such as Wardlaw-Hartridge."

Mr. Webster's wife, Aurea Hernandez-Webster, is also an educator who has until recently been a teacher and administrator in independent schools. They have five children ranging from age 10 to 18 month old twins. The family will move into Hill House, the Head of School's residence on

Inman Avenue, in Edison in July.

President of the Board of Trustees, Joseph Bonk, said he and the board are particularly indebted to the two hard-working, thorough, and thoughtful committees that guided the search process.

"We are grateful to all faculty and administrators, the many parents and students, and all Wardlaw-Hartridge community members who participated in this process," said Mr. Bonk.

The board plans to have a formal installation for the new Head of School in the fall to welcome Mr. Webster and his family to The Wardlaw-Hartridge School.

## Westfield School Board To Discuss Calendar, Enrollment Issues

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Board of Education will meet on Tuesday, March 15, to discuss the 2005-2006 school calendar and to receive a presentation on projected enrollment.

The meeting will 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, March 14, in the Board Secretary's office at 302 Elm Street and at [www.westfieldnj.com/boe](http://www.westfieldnj.com/boe).

All public school board meetings are taped and can 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.

## Alison Petrow Named To Fall Dean's List

WESTFIELD — Alison Veronica Petrow of Westfield was named to the Dean's Commendation List at Gettysburg College in Gettysburg, Pa.

A 2004 graduate of Westfield High School, she is a member of the college's Community Orchestra and Track & Field team.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Petrow of Westfield.

## Superintendent Will Host Coffee Discussion on Apr. 4

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Council will host the second of two "Coffee with the Superintendent" on Monday,

April 4, at 7:30 p.m. at Park Middle School in Scotch Plains. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carol Choye will lead an informal discussion about topics of interest in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district.

Parents and members of the community are invited to attend.

For more information, please call Margaret Ames, PTA Council at (908) 322-5805 or e-mail [Ameseast@comcast.net](mailto:Ameseast@comcast.net).

## Riggs, Tabachnik Placed On Boston Univ. Roster

WESTFIELD — Westfield residents David Riggs and Elizabeth Tabachnik have been named to the dean's list at Boston University for the fall 2004 semester.



BRACELET-MAKERS...Children from the Presbyterian Nursery School and Kindergarten in Westfield joined their teachers in crafting bracelets to raise money for victims of the tsunami during the annual Pizza Night.

## Tsunami Relief Fundraisers Held at Presbyterian School

WESTFIELD — The Kindergarten class at the Presbyterian Nursery School in Westfield has been studying the oceans of the world.

When the tsunami struck in the Indian Ocean, the kindergartners wanted to do something to help the victims.

The class decided to make beaded bracelets and sell them at the school's

annual Pizza Night event, a popular all-school occasion.

The bracelets were sold for \$1 a piece and \$408 was raised. A corporation matched the amount for a grand total of \$816. The money was sent to the Save the Children Federation.

One child remarked, "I get all tingly inside when I make these bracelets!"

## Guitarist-Singer to Entertain Woman's Club of Westfield

WESTFIELD — The Woman's Club of Westfield will hold its general meeting on Monday, March 14, at the Masonic Lodge, located at 1011 Central Avenue in Westfield.

Following a short business session, guitarist and singer Nancy Scharff of Middletown will present a program at 1:45 p.m. Ms. Scharff's performing

credits include Off-Broadway productions and recitals in New York, England, Italy, Hawaii and South Africa.

Between performances, she teaches voice, guitar and piano for the Monmouth Conservatory of Music in Red Bank and is a Music Director at the King of Kings Lutheran Church in Middletown.

The public is invited to attend this program and the reception afterwards. For further information, please call (908) 233-0532.

## Single Parent Families Invited to Pizza, Swim

WESTFIELD — On Friday, March 18, the Westfield Area "Y" will offer an "all-you-can-eat" pizza and swimming event for single parent families from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Participants will meet in Room 107/108 of the "Y," located at 220 Clark Street, at 6:30 p.m. for pizza and to make some crafts. Swimming will take place between 7:30 and 8:30 p.m.

Any family bringing a family that has never been to the "Y"'s Single Parent Family Group may attend for free, along with the family they are bringing. For all others, the fee is \$5 per family.

Interested persons are asked to confirm plans to attend so the right amount of pizza can be ordered. For more information or to respond, please e-mail Jill Brown at [Jill.Brown1@comcast.net](mailto:Jill.Brown1@comcast.net) or call (908) 233-2700, extension no. 233.

## Genealogist to Speak About 'Land Records'

WESTFIELD — The Genealogical Society of the West Fields will meet this Saturday, March 12, at 10 a.m. in the Program Room of the Westfield Memorial Library, located at 550 East Broad Street.

Genealogist Leroy May will speak on "Land Records." He will discuss the connection the ancestors of today's Americans had to the land they owned and the records that resulted.

He also will describe the motives for people to come to North America, especially since the land was available and inexpensive. Identifying records that were created may provide genealogical information that could be added to family histories.

A Basking Ridge resident, Mr. May began researching his own family history after retiring from a career in computers and telecommunications.

The public is invited to attend the meeting and admission is free. Refreshments will be served. For additional information, please call (908) 276-7104.

## Cast, Crew of WHS Drama Makes Donation for Needy

WESTFIELD — The Westfield High School cast and crew of the fall drama, *A Junkyard Christmas Carol*, donated to two organizations the funds collected after their show in early December.

This show was a special adaptation of the Charles Dickens classic featuring a homeless group of people living in a local junkyard.

The homeless in the Westfield area were the beneficiaries of the audience's generosity, primarily the Community Food Bank of New Jersey, a member of America's Second Harvest food bank network.

The food bank received \$650 and is able to purchase nearly \$11 worth of food for each dollar given. This donation enabled many families to enjoy delicious and nutritious meals.

A \$100 donation was also given

to Noah's Ark Animal Placement and Rescue, which helps with the work of rescue, care and feeding of stray animals. Noah's Ark is a non-profit, all-volunteer foster care organization dedicated to the health and welfare of animals.

## Sam Blum Named To Pingry Roster

WESTFIELD — Pingry School Headmaster John Neiswender announced that junior and Westfield resident, Sam Blum, was appointed to the Upper School's first semester honor roll for the period beginning in September and ending in January.

The roster recognizes students for achieving a B+ average or better with no individual grade lower than a B-