

WF Community Welcomed Back to New School Year

WESTFIELD - Westfield Public School Superintendent, Margaret Dolan, welcomes the Westfield community to a new school year via her video message appearing on the district's website at www.westfieldnj12.org.

Dr. Dolan announced that the district has planned a stimulating, safe and supportive school year for students in all 10 of Westfield's public schools. More than 35 different curricula have been revised and hundreds of new computers are ready for students and teachers. New teachers - mostly filling retirement positions - have attended multiple training sessions and many students benefited from supportive summer programs to maintain and strengthen academic skills.

The school district's brand new summer program - STEM Camp - was a huge success, with a second week added to accommodate the interest of students to participate in hands-on science, technology, engineering, and math activities.

Measures have been implemented in the district to provide for the safety of students and staff, and security training took place this summer for principals, assistant principals and front office staff.

Many maintenance projects have been accomplished over the summer and the district's roof replacements at Westfield High School, Roosevelt Intermediate School, and Washington Elementary School are being completed.

Any additional work on the schools' roofs will take place when school is not in session.

During the summer of 2014 the remaining school buildings will undergo roof replacement. Dr. Dolan announced a new opportunity that was just made available to the school district. The state confirmed that the summer 2014 roof projects are eligible for \$2.7 million in state grants. By law, the original bond referendum approved by voters in December 2012 needs to be replaced by a new one to confirm the Westfield community's acceptance of the state aid.

If approved by Westfield voters, the amount of local monies needed for next summer's roof work will be reduced by 40 percent. The board unanimously adopted a resolution to move ahead with the replacement bond referendum, which will be included on the Tuesday, November 5, ballot - during the general election.

Dr. Dolan explains that if the replacement bond referendum this November is not approved, the community would forego the \$2.7 million in state funding, and the previously passed referendum (December 2012) would remain in effect.

In concluding her back-to-school message, Dr. Dolan recalls that graduates often return and comment on how they have benefited from their education in Westfield. She states that she looks forward to working together with the community to continue that tradition of excellence.



NEW TEACHER TRAINING... Newly hired teachers in the Westfield Public Schools attend training in the New Staff Institute - specially designed to familiarize them with resources, procedures, and expectations of the school district.

New Westfield Teachers Attend Orientation Program

WESTFIELD - A total of 53 Westfield Public School teachers attended the New Staff Institute (NSI) prior to the start of school which provided an orientation and training program for first year educators, as well as veteran teachers new to the district. To provide further support, NSI meetings also will take place during the next two years.

Human Resource Specialist Barbara Ball stated, "It is a pleasure to welcome our new staff members into the Westfield Schools. The New Staff Institute is the district's program which provides an opportunity for these educators to learn and grow together as a cohort."

Superintendent of Schools Margaret Dolan welcomed all teachers in the district to the new school year at a morning assembly for staff held August 28. She stated that the schools were fully staffed and ready for students. Superintendent Dolan emphasized the responsibility of teachers as role models and referred to the challenging events of the previous school year, including Superstorm Sandy and the tragedy at Newton, Conn.

Board of Education President Richard Mattessich echoed those sentiments by stating that teachers enter both the hearts and minds of students. He credited teachers for nurturing and preparing students.

The new teaching staff for the Westfield Public Schools include:

Lincoln School (Early Childhood Learning Center) - Jennifer Durkin, Kindergarten; Michelle Rickles, Coordinator of Lincoln Wrap Around Program; McKinley - Christopher Orzechowski, Resource Center.

Franklin Elementary School - Rachel Kennedy, Library; Maryann Topping, Fifth Grade; Jefferson/McKinley Elementary - Jennifer Russo, Speech.

Jefferson Elementary School - Lauren Brown, First Grade; Bruna Marques, Third Grade.

Tamaques Elementary School -

Vanessa Carmona, 3/5 English Language Learners; Courtney Farruggia, Fourth Grade; Emily Fusco, Fourth Grade; Jenna Rizzi, Third Grade.

Washington Elementary School - Carolyn Sluberski, Occupational Therapist.

Wilson Elementary School - Michelle Cook, OT; Lauren Couture, Second Grade; Janine, Dayson, Leaps and Bounds; Zena Fermano, Speech; Adriana Guerra, LLD 2 Self Contained; Marie Morris, First Grade; and Suzanne Toriello, Second Grade.

Edison Intermediate School - Edward Ruggieri, 3/5 Art; William Thoman, 4/5 Music; Lauren Feeley, Special Education; Rebecca Keating, Special Ed/Math; Patricia Kelly, Nurse; Richard McNanna, Special Ed/English; David Tarullo, Physical Education.

Roosevelt Intermediate School - Christina Davison, Science; Brittany Hillier, French; Kimberly Lasky, Social Studies; Paula Parada, Spanish; Megan Scott, Math; James Shabazz, Industrial Technology; Kate Young, 2/5 French; Special Services - Heather Alvarez, School Psychologist.

Westfield High School - Barbara Bair, 2/5 Latin; Marielena Ciampini, English; Lesley Cora, Media Specialist; Marlena Cortese, English; Brett Curtis, Social Studies; Christian Howell, Social Studies; James Lane, Social Studies; Kimberly Lee, English; Kimberly Leegan, Social Studies; Sean Mack, Physical Education; Allison Schachtel, Guidance; Elizabeth Sheehan, Math; Shabnam Walele, Special Education/English; William Wertheimer, Physical Education; Steven Whittington, Chemistry/Physics.

This summer, the Board of Education welcomed Pamela Garcia-Ackerman to Westfield to fill the position of Supervisor of Language Arts. Maureen Mazzaresse, who had held the position of Supervisor of K-12 Counseling, was named its Director.

Salvatore Chiarelli to Perform at Garwood Library

GARWOOD - Salvatore Chiarelli, will return to the Garwood Public Library for a musical encore on Tuesday, September 17, at 7 p.m.

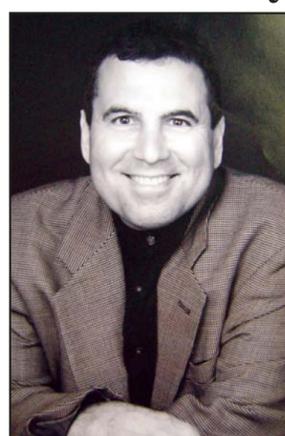
A native of New York City, Mr. Chiarelli was vocally trained in both Italy and New York City for the opera stage. He has been heard on television and radio, as well as on the opera stages of both North America and Europe. In addition, he has performed as a soloist on satellite television, reaching 75 countries around the world. At the very outset of his vocal training, this tenor won an audition in Manhattan to be a soloist for a five-week concert tour of Italy.

In 2006, Mr. Chiarelli recorded his first CD entitled "Due Terre, Un Cuore," which includes fifteen tracks of opera, Neapolitan songs, and musical theater. In January of 2011, Mr. Chiarelli has completed the recording of his second CD. He was a finalist in the New York State regional singing competition in 2006 and 2007 and was a recipient of the 2008-2009 Distinguished Artist Award from the Town of Oyster Bay, Long Island. In September of 2008, he had an award winning performance at Hofstra University.

In the last five years, Mr. Chiarelli has performed in over 200 concerts and shows in more than 150 towns and cities in the N.Y. Metro -Tri State area. During this time period Mr. Chiarelli has sung for over 20,000 fans, singing to capacity - sold out - standing room only crowds wherever he performs.

Some of the venues include: concert halls, theaters, auditoriums, cable T.V., playhouses, catering halls, country clubs, restaurants, churches, synagogues, colleges, universities, schools, cultural centers, community centers, private communities, civic organizations, libraries, parks, outdoor festivals and stadiums.

In 2008, Mr. Chiarelli performed the lead role of Turridu in the opera Cavalleria Rusticana with Brooklyn Repertory Opera. With overwhelmingly positive reviews, Salvatore gave a repeated performance with The West Side Opera in Manhattan. Because of



Salvatore Chiarelli

his success with Turridu, Mr. Chiarelli was offered the role of Canio in the Capital Opera's production of I, Pagliacci treating the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania audience to, as a reviewer wrote - "a truly splendid evening of Leoncavallo". He is currently learning the principal roles from the opera Tosca, Andrea Chenier, Otello, Manon Lescaut and Turandot.

Mr. Chiarelli received his Masters Degree in Music Education with honors at Hunter College and passed the NYS Teachers Exam. He has taught music in the New York City Public School System at the middle and high school levels and is currently studying voice with the acclaimed and world renowned William Glazier in Manhattan.

Registration is required for this event and may be done in person at the Library, by phone (908) 789-1670, or at the Library's interactive calendar found on their website yousemore.com/garwood.

The Garwood Public Library is located at 411 Third Avenue (corner of Walnut Street). Hours of operation are: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WF Special Ed. Community Hosts Roundtable Meeting

WESTFIELD - The Westfield Special Education Community will host an evening of education and insightful conversation on Wednesday, September 11, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Edison Intermediate School Library, located at 800 Rahway Avenue, Westfield.

In the spirit of Back-to-School, Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Services, Dr. Michael Weissman, and the Westfield Special Education Committee will host a roundtable meeting to "Meet Your Special Education Community."

Dr. Weissman will review the latest activities and initiatives in the Special Education environment, including the new Easy IEP implementation, one year later, and other up-

dates. His team of Special Education Experts and the Special Education PTC-Parent Committee will be on hand to answer questions.

The meeting will be a "roundtable" discussion with members of the Special Education Community, including Dr. Weissman, and Andrea Lo, Special Education Supervisor, PreK-12. In addition, members of the Child Study Team will be present to answer questions you may have with respect to special and general education.

This program is free and all parents, teachers, and school therapists are invited to attend. Pre-registration is not required.

For further information, visit www.westfieldnj12.org/specialparents.

F.L.A.G. World Language Enrollment Now Open

WESTFIELD - Registration is now open for the Foreign Language Awareness Group (FLAG) 2013-14 language classes. FLAG will be offering after-school French, Spanish and Mandarin classes to Westfield K-5 students. FLAG will also offer a special introductory Mandarin class to middle school students interested in preparing for the Westfield High School Mandarin program.

The French classes provide excellent preparation for children who will elect that language in the sixth grade. The second-level Spanish class complements the public school curriculum, thereby allowing students to reinforce the oral skills they are learning in school. Two separate Mandarin classes will be offered, an introductory class and a second level class for returning students.

FLAG's mission is to offer students in our community high quality and practical educational programs that foster student confidence in expressing themselves in another language. FLAG also enhances student awareness of other cultures, customs and lifestyles. Class sizes are small to ensure a comfortable and supportive learning environment.

FLAG is an independent, non-profit organization that has been offering language training programs for the

past 26 years under the Westfield Parent Teacher Counsel (PTC).

The 2013-14 brochure and registration forms can be found in the students' opening day information packet and are posted on Westfield elementary schools' websites. For further additional information, contact Sylvie Macdonald by e-mail at lasyylvie@aol.com or call at (908) 232-4429.



Purdue Announces Academic Honors

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. - About 13,600 Purdue University students earned semester honors for the spring 2013 semester.

Jean Ruggiero of Mountainside, was among those students.

To earn semester honors, students must be attending at least half-time, have at least a 3.5 semester grade point average and at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA.

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"The World's End"

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By MICHAEL S. GOLDBERGER
Film Critic

Director Edgar Wright's "The World's End," a sci-fi comedy about five British pals attempting to relive their youth in one outlandish night of pub crawling, is creative, witty, nutty, irreverent and satirically savvy...but maybe a little too smart for itself.

You see, a damper is put on the lads' plans when it turns out a higher intelligence trying to turn humanity into robots a la "Invasion of the Body Snatchers" (1956) has preceded them to Newton Haven, their old stomping grounds. And while the context supplies apt opportunity for deriding social propriety, the resolution is disappointingly anticlimactic.

It is sort of like a political party making a big fuss about trying to upend a major piece of potentially humanitarian legislation, but offering no alternative of its own. The difference is, "The World's End," starring Simon Pegg as a Peter Pan-like pleasure monger who reunites the old gang for the mission, is just a movie. Worse case scenario, you're out \$10 and you didn't laugh. Hopefully the popcorn was good. In the analogous, real life example of political skulduggery, poor, sick people die.

Here, perhaps in an attempt to obliterate all those ugly realities, thumping his nose at every convention but youth, drinking, sex and his buddies, Mr. Pegg's Gary King is the nihilist extraordinaire. We all knew one, the fun guy, the devil-may-care soul who beckoned you - a moth to his fire - with promises of untold thrills, but failed to mention the repercussions that were sure to follow.

He lied, he cheated and rarely took responsibility for how whatever fallout resulting from his grandiose fantasies may have scared you. Still, his puckish smile gave you the idea he truly had your good time at heart. Bouncing a ball outside the window where you studied, not a care in the world, he was your personal tour guide to the wilder side.

Thus it is for Simon's retinue, who view him on surface with disdain, each harboring a past injury or insult that is divulged as he comes to gather them in "The Magnificent Seven" (1960) style. Yes, they all have a bone to pick and, now all leading bourgeois lives with bourgeois expectations, declare how happy they are to have escaped his Pied Piper-meets-Machiavelli grip. No surprise, Gary isn't buying and, really, neither are they.

So, as Mr. Sherlock Holmes was so fond of declaring with each new adventure, the game is afoot. Which reminds me to inform, be prepared for a whole lot of British vernacularisms. Of

course, for those so inclined, there is entertaining reward in the slight challenge - the slang, usage and nuances adding their own bit of cerebral whimsy to the doings. So clever the English, you know.

That noted, like the odyssey it details the film is an awfully messy affair...a dump truck full of discomfited, helter-skelter rambunctiousness unconcerned with any sort of cogency. Even its more brainy drollery is but a small step away from private joke elusiveness. Wacky characterizations are a partially saving grace.

The better comedic portrayals emanating from across the pond thrive from a built-in contradiction, the heretofore proper Brit citizen uncharacteristically forgoing his stereotype as keeper of the civilization and exulting, albeit guiltily, in the liberation. Scratch the cacophony just one layer and "The World's End" is essentially a meditation on middle-aged crisis dressed in edgy clothing.

Playing second banana to Gary, Nick Frost's rotund Andy Knightley, the most aggrieved of the tacitly acknowledged leader's old chums, boasts his successful transition to middle class conformity. We doubtfully believe it, much in the same way that we politely abide similar tales of acquired maturity syndrome from the others.

Oliver (Martin Freeman) maintains his complacency as a real estate broker; Peter (Eddie Marsan) declares contentment as the number 2 man at his dad's auto dealership; and Steve (Paddy Considine), while divorced, nonetheless asserts his happiness in the building trade...far from Gary's grip and the complicated challenges it entails.

Psst - Steve's lying, at least a little. Factis, he has never gotten over Oliver's sister Sam, played by the attractive Rosamund Pike. Nor has he really forgiven Gary for beating his time with her. Still living in Newton Haven, Sam supplies the offbeat love interest, moral conscience and a semblance of common sense to the doings.

Alas, there is much chaff to be separated from this intelligent form of tomfoolery...a style reminiscent of the "Carry On" farces the U.K. film industry churned out from the 1950s through the '70s. Plus, way too much monster fighting overstates its welcome. Still, Simon Pegg fans needing an ingestion of his signature caprice and rebelliousness probably won't, in the final analysis, mind the downside of attending "The World's End."

"The World's End," rated R, is a Focus Features release directed by Edgar Wright and stars Simon Pegg, Nick Frost and Martin Freeman. Running time: 109 minutes



FLASH BACK...Liberty Hall Museum in Union announced it will host a lavish Great Gatsby Party on Saturday, September 28.

NJWA Rockin' Jazz Band Begins New Session

WESTFIELD - The New Jersey Workshop for the Arts (NJWA) Rockin' Jazz Band, directed by Brian Plagge, will begin rehearsals on Saturday, September 7, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the NJWA studios at 150-152 East Broad Street, Westfield.

A favorite at street fairs, community events, private parties and special occasions, the band is comprised of musicians who enjoy playing jazz, rock, blues, pop, Broadway, Latin and dixieland.

Instrumentation of the Jazz Band includes alto, tenor and bari saxophone, trumpet, trombone, electric and bass guitar, drum set, percussion and piano. Vocalists are also welcome.

Ms. Plagge, who was named director of the band this past March, is a staff member at Oratory Preparatory School in Summit. He holds a Bach-

elor of Arts in Music Education from the College of New Jersey, where was a member of the Wind Ensemble, Orchestra, Brass Quintet, Brass Ensemble and the Jazz Ensemble, where he was a featured soloist and a member of the New Jersey Interscholastic Jazz Ensemble.

His credentials include performances in various musical pit orchestras, and membership in the Princeton Brass Band, which makes perennial appearances at the North American Brass Band Association Championships.

For membership in The Rockin' Jazz Band, an ensemble of the New Jersey Workshop for the Arts, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, call (908) 789-9696, visit their studios at 150-152 East Broad Street, Westfield or [logon to www.njworkshopforthearts.com](http://logon.to/www.njworkshopforthearts.com).

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