



**LEARNING THEIR LESSONS...** Westfield High School teachers, pictured, left to right, Sarah Seiz, Richard Gange, Kristen Toriello and Peter McClellan, review a section from "The Differentiated Classroom" workbook, which was provided to the staff as a reference.

## Westfield Teachers Discover New Skills on Columbus Day

WESTFIELD - On Columbus Day, while the Westfield Public Schools were closed for classes, teachers became the students behind the desks, as all of the teachers in the district participated in various professional workshops.

Elementary school teachers, librarians and Special Education teachers attended in-service training on differentiated instruction for part of the day. They also attended sessions on the new Earth Science curriculum, which included many hands-on activities.

Nurses, paraprofessionals and guidance counselors received information on dealing with behav-

ior, crisis management and bullying in the classroom.

The Fine Arts Department and World Language Department held separate staff meetings throughout the day.

Intermediate school teachers had eight different workshops, from which to choose, many focusing on various aspects of differentiation, as well as one that gave suggestions on encouraging student participation and another on test-taking strategies.

At Westfield High School, outside specialist Sara Lampe presented methods of differentiated instruction.

## Updates, Progress on WHS Construction Seen On-Line

WESTFIELD - Photographs and descriptions of the most recent renovations and construction progress at Westfield High School (WHS) are now available at [www.westfieldnj.com](http://www.westfieldnj.com). A link is available at the top of the page, "Tour of WHS - A Work in Progress."

The "tour" includes exterior and interior improvements that are being funded through the 2000 public bond referendum. A new food lab, as well as

a new art room and student center, are already in use.

"There is excellent progress at the high school," stated Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Foley. "This website link is designed to give the viewer an opportunity to follow our progress. We will be updating the site on a regular basis through September 2003, the end of the major construction and renovation stage."



**MOVING FORWARD...**A new student food lab is up and running at Westfield High School.

## Holy Trinity Pupils Compete In Scholastic Olympics

WESTFIELD - Dorothy Szot, Principal of Holy Trinity Interparochial School in Westfield, announced that a group of eighth grade students participated in the 31st Annual Roselle Catholic High School Scholastic Olympics on October 3.

The team, competing against 14 area schools, consisted of Amanda Himmelstoss and Alexandra

Sommolet (Art), Matthew Stanczak and Mary Hilliard (Current Events), Andrew Colon and Rose Gregory (English), Nicole Benitez (Forensics), Jobin Mathew and Marissa Crawford (History), Emmett Marsili and Alexa Baird (Mathematics), Anthony Alvernes and Michael Pastore (Religion), Daniel Camargo and Kyle Gibbons (Science), and Thomas Fitzpatrick and Alyssa Agresta (Spelling).

First place was awarded to Mary Hilliard in Current Events and to Marissa Crawford in History.

Rose Gregory and Thomas Fitzpatrick won second place in English and Spelling, respectively. Scholastic Olympics Scholarships were awarded to the students winning first and second places.

Mrs. Szot said, "We are proud of this class and of their academic achievement in this competition."

Other local area schools participating included St. Agnes School of Clark, St. Michael's School of Cranford, St. Mary's of Rahway, St. Joseph the Apostle School of Clark, and St. Theresa of Kenilworth.

### Erin Breznitsky Named To Honors Program

SCOTCH PLAINS - Erin Breznitsky of Scotch Plains has been chosen to be a member of Susquehanna University's Honors Program. She is a freshman writing major.

A 2002 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, Erin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Breznitsky of Scotch Plains.

## Concepts & Thought

### SP-F School District Invites Residents to Visit Next Week

SCOTCH PLAINS - In celebration of American Education Week, November 11 through November 15, area residents are invited to visit all of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools this year.

As in previous years, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School will be open to the community while classes are in session.

The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School tour will take place on Tuesday, November 12, at 9 a.m. While everyone is welcome, the tour should be of particular interest to parents of eighth graders.

SPFHS has something for every student, including a TV production studio, studios for art and music, an auto shop, computer labs, as well as several levels of academic instruction. High school administrators and faculty will be available to answer questions.

An extensive packet of information is prepared for tour participants. To ensure sufficient materials are available, please contact the school's Main Office at (908) 889-8600, extension no 406, by Wednesday, November 6.

Parking is limited due to ongoing construction at the high school. Tour participants may park on an adjacent side street, where permitted.

The week will culminate in a "Community Thank You Tour" of elementary and middle schools to be held on Saturday, November 16.

Sponsored by the SP-F Board of Education, the tour is planned as a way to give thanks to area residents for supporting the \$35.7 million bond referendum for renovations and additions undergone at all the district's schools.

Board members hope that all local residents come out to tour the newly-renovated schools and visit the new classrooms and additions.

All area residents are invited to visit the elementary schools between 9 and 11 a.m. Park and Terrill Middle Schools will be open to the community from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The public is also invited to enjoy the annual exhibit of student work on display at the Fanwood and Scotch Plains public libraries. For more information, contact Heidi Sweeney, Parent-Teacher Association Council, at (908) 322-6772.

### Superintendent's Coffee Event Scheduled in S. Plains-Fanwood

SCOTCH PLAINS - Area residents are invited to attend a morning or evening coffee with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Carol Choye.

The morning coffee will take place on Tuesday, November 5, at 9:30 a.m., in the newly-renovated media center at Park Middle School, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains.

The evening coffee will be held in the newly-renovated media center of Terrill Middle School on Monday, November 18, at 7:30 p.m. Terrill

Middle School is located on Terrill Road in Scotch Plains.

These forums, hosted by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) Council, provide an invaluable opportunity to meet with Dr. Choye in an informal setting. All interested community members are invited to share their questions, concerns, and compliments.

For more information, please contact Heidi Sweeney, PTA Council, at (908) 322-6772.

### Elena Goetz of S. Plains Marks Academic Feats

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Summit College Club has reported that Scotch Plains resident Elena Goetz, one of five scholarship recipients, has been successfully pursuing her educational endeavors.

A graduate of Oak Knoll School of the Holy Child, Elena attends Harvard, where she is seeking degrees in biological sciences. She is aiming for a career in medical research.

At Harvard, Elena does poetry reading, is an Eucharistic minister, and plans to do community service

with the Young Catholics' Association.

Elena is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Goetz of Scotch Plains.

#### Carolyn Lathrop Enrolls At Dartmouth College

SCOTCH PLAINS - Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H. has announced that Carolyn Lathrop of Scotch Plains has enrolled as a member of the Class of 2006.

Carolyn is the daughter of Peter Lathrop and Martha Sides-Lathrop.

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