

Roth Named Supervisor of World Languages, K-12

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Board of Education unanimously appointed Robert J. Roth as District Supervisor of World Languages, K-12, effective July 1.

In his expanded role, he will assume the high school supervisory responsibilities held by Suzanne Jacobus, who recently retired, combined with the K-8 World Language department that he has overseen since 1999.

Mr. Roth began his career in Westfield 36 years ago as a teacher of French at Westfield High School (WHS). Since his early years in Westfield, he has incrementally added administrative duties to his assignments. In 1981, he moved to Edison Intermediate School as the World Language Chairperson, supervising the French, Spanish, Latin and German programs. Five years later, he was appointed the World Language Chairperson of Edison and Roosevelt Intermediate schools.

After assuming the duties of District Supervisor of World Languages K-8 in 1999, he led the introduction of Spanish to the elementary curriculum. As a French teacher in WHS in the 1970s, he established the French Club and also launched the First In-

ternational Carnival, continued annually for many years.

He was instrumental in designing the "mini-course" curriculum that later evolved into semester courses in World Languages and also wrote the curriculum for "L'Experience Canadienne," a course that focused on French language and culture in the province of Quebec.

A graduate of Seton Hall University, Mr. Roth began his career teaching French at Lawrence High School in Lawrence, New Jersey and subsequently earned a Masters Degree in French Literature from Seton Hall. Following a summer study program at the Sorbonne in Paris in 1970, he moved to Westfield with his wife Joanne and joined the faculty at WHS. They, along with their two children, Rob and Stephanie, – WHS graduates – have continued to call Westfield their home.

In accepting the new combined supervisory position, Mr. Roth said, "I look forward to working with the entire World Language staff in the district, in aligning the curriculum and building on the already strong set of competencies existing within the department today."



Robert Roth

More Education News



POLICE RADIO...McKinley School Principal Claudia Andreski receives her school's emergency radio system from Sergeant Christopher Battiloro of the Westfield Police Department.

David Koepfel Named To Syracuse Dean's List

WESTFIELD – Westfield's David Koepfel, son of Judith and Jeffrey Koepfel, has been named to the Dean's List at Syracuse University.

David is a senior at the Martin J. Whitman School of Business with a minor at the Newhouse School in Communication. David just returned from a semester abroad in London and is currently doing a summer internship at Deutsche Bank in New York City.

Two WF Residents Graduate from Scranton

The University of Scranton conferred 1,260 graduate and undergraduate degrees at its commencement ceremony on May 28.

Among the many students on hand for the ceremonies, two are Westfield residents: Suanne Hutchinson and Kaitlin Valla.

Hutchinson received a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science while Valla earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Westfield Schools Receive Emergency Handheld Radios

WESTFIELD – The Westfield Public School district is now equipped with a new emergency communications system.

Prior to the close of school for the summer, Captain David Wayman and Sergeant Christopher Battiloro of the Westfield Police Department distributed the handheld radios to each of the district's nine principals, as well as to Superintendent William Foley.

In his presentation on their use, Sergeant Battiloro explained that telephones, both conventional and wireless, will remain the primary means of contacting the Westfield Police Department. However, if that primary communications infrastructure were inoperable, the radio, which could be described as a sophisticated and more powerful walkie-talkie, would be utilized to report emergencies within the schools.

The radios instantly can reach both the local police and the Union County Police Department. The pre-pro-

grammed radios may also be used as a means for the police to alert the school administrators that an emergency condition exists in Westfield.

The Union County Bureau of Telecommunications developed and implemented the emergency system, which is funded by a United States Department of Homeland Security grant.

WF DAR Presents Eighth Grade Awards

WESTFIELD – Westfield Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution recently honored area students graduating from the eighth grade with awards for their achievements in American history and citizenship.

Those who have done outstanding work in American history are Kathleen Esler of Edison Intermediate School, Carly Erman of Roosevelt Intermediate School and Benjamin Stracquantanio of Holy Trinity Interparochial School.

Good citizenship medals were given to those students who exhibit honor, service, courage, leadership and patriotism. The medalists were Edison Intermediate School's Jenna Strauss and Vishal Shah, Roosevelt Intermediate School's Sarah Glickstein and Christopher Salemme and Holy Trinity Interparochial School's Patricia Whitehead and Caragh Ball.

The faculties of the individual schools selected the recipients.

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