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Superintendent's Message

Dear Bound Brook Community,

Spring is a busy time for our Bound Brook community; our schools are buzzing with activity and anticipation as we prepare for end-of-year events and celebrations.

In March, we proudly presented the <u>Tentative Budget</u>, which, if approved this week, will expand educational programs and opportunities for student success. Since my first day as superintendent of Bound Brook School District, my priority has been getting to know our wonderful



schools and everyone in them, understanding how I can support students and staff, and giving our students a solid foundation for the future. This budget is another step toward achieving these goals.

In this issue of the e-newsletter, you will see more Bound Brook Brilliance in action. You'll read about Smalley's new art and chorus clubs, which provide creative outlets for our Junior Crusaders. You'll learn more about the recent achievements of our Robotics Team and their outstanding mentors. The opportunities are endless for our Bound Brook High School graduates, as you'll read in the article about alumni who are helping current seniors navigate the transition from high school to the future.

I hope you enjoy this small sampling of the many great stories that come out of Bound Brook School District!

Sincerely,

Bound Brook High School Robotics win big at district competition

The Bound Brook High School (BBHS) Robotics team (Team 56) won the prestigious FIRST Impact Award at the Mount Olive District Competition, and the Team Sustainability Award at the Warren Hills District Competition. Both competitions took place in March.

The FIRST Impact Award has only been won twice since the team's inception in 1997 (first in 2019 and now in 2023). This is the second year in a row the Team Sustainability Award has been achieved.

Together the team crafted the FIRST award submission that encapsulated the spirit of their entire team and their goals for the future, like promoting STEM [Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math] education in the community.

Team 56 reached its goal by organizing the Raritan Valley Science and Technology Showcase (RVSTS) in October 2022. The event became the largest STEM school event in Somerset County and reached over 50,000 people.

"We congratulate ALL Team 56 team members, as the entire team deserves recognition, especially Kim Chaves, Jessica Garcia, and Andrea Avendano who wrote the essay, filmed <u>the video</u>, and interviewed in front of a panel of judges together to win this award," they said. "As the team's advisors, we are so proud of these kids and couldn't be happier to be their coaches and mentors."

More about the team's incredible win!









DID YOU KNOW?

Are you or someone you know looking for an opportunity to join our school community? Bound Brook School District is hiring! Explore job openings and apply using the <u>Frontline Education tool.</u> Full time, part time, and more career opportunities are available.



Nine Bound Brook High School Alumni Return to Pay It Forward to Seniors at Alumni Panel

With so many different college and career paths, seniors at BBHS are wondering, what will I do when I graduate? Lucky for them, nine outstanding alumni returned to offer advice for success to the Class of 2023.



Bound Brook School District's 2023-24 Tentative Budget Decreases Taxes and Expands Programs

The 2023-24 tentative budget expands educational programs and student services that help students thrive, and the district stand out in New Jersey, while keeping the needs of taxpayers in mind.



Smalley Expands Horizons and Welcomes New Art and Chorus Clubs

The new Art and Chorus clubs continues our commitment to enhancing students' educational experience. "The Smalley community is very excited to add additional opportunities for extracurricular activities for our Jr. Crusaders," said Ms. Leunig, acting principal of Smalley.

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