



# Updates About

Oct 2023 - Bound Brook School District



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## Superintendent's Message

### Dear Bound Brook Community,

October is National Bullying Prevention Month, which means it is time to recognize and highlight the importance of taking action against bullying and making our schools kinder, more welcoming places. Part of Bound Brook's *brilliance* is how we work together to foster a safe, inclusive environment for all Bound Brook students to learn and grow.

Bullying can take many different forms, in-person or online. And it is all too prevalent: 1 in 5 students nationwide report they have experienced bullying. The good news is strong anti-bullying prevention programs and awareness work. Even a quick intervention can stop bullying in its tracks.



**Superintendent of Schools**

That's why BBSD has a zero-tolerance policy for bullying in school or online. You can read our district's Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying policy [online](#) and report any inappropriate behavior through the [HIBster portal](#). Anyone can anonymously report an incident, and then an anti-bullying specialist or administrator will follow up on the report.

Please join me this month in actively creating a positive and supportive culture at BBSD!

Sincerely,  
**Alvin L. Freeman, Ed.D.**

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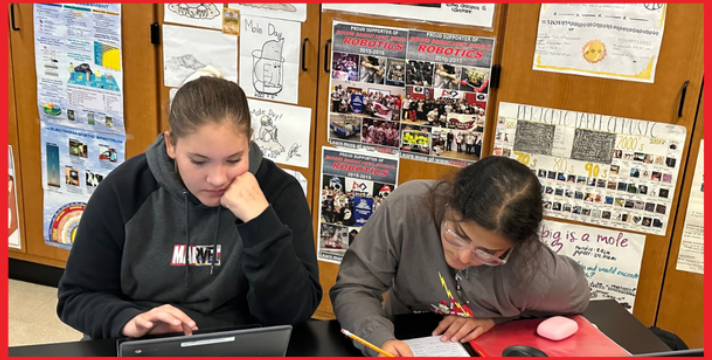
## BBHS Students Explore New Worlds and Outerspace in Virtual Competition

Four students from Bound Brook High School participated in Space Teams, a 6-day virtual competition created by NASA Astronaut, Dr. Greg Chamitoff, that promotes STEM programs with customizable curriculum and virtual engineering design activities. The Bound Brook School District is excited to highlight the four students and their efforts:

- Antony Chavez (12th grade)
- Emanuel Munoz (11th grade)
- Sam Wisniewski (10th grade)
- Diana Salazar (10th grade)

As a team, students worked together through learning the engineering design process and running simulations to design a mission to another planet in our solar system. Students were able to design and fly their own spacecraft, explore new worlds, build space habitats, and search for resources to sustain human life via software and applications created and used by NASA.





## More about Space Teams



### IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

Visit Instagram to see reels from Hispanic Heritage Month!

### EN CASO QUE TE LO HAYAS PERDIDO...

¡Visite Instagram para ver videos del Mes de la Herencia Hispana!

## A Warm Welcome to our New Principal at Smalley Elementary School

Learn more about Ms. Carbone and what drew her to the Bound Brook School District, including her inspiration for becoming a school principal and what the new role means to her.

Please tell us your educational background and about your role prior to becoming principal at Smalley.

**WELCOME TO  
THE TEAM!**

**MS. CARBONE**  
Principal, Smalley Elementary School

I am an ELA teacher at heart! I taught 8th grade language arts and was a reading specialist before

coming to Bound Brook. My passion is finding “just right books” for reluctant readers. Prior to working in Bound Brook, I was the principal of a K-4 building in Jersey City.

### What made you want to work at Bound Brook?

I live in Middlesex! Working in Jersey City was quite a commute. I was looking for a school where I could be part of the community. I am so excited to live close and be able to come to the soccer games and after school events. I lived in Costa Rica, too. When I learned that Bound Brook has a large Costa Rican population, I fell even more in love.

**See what Ms. Carbone looks forward to most this school year!**



### "After the Fire" program comes to BBHS and teaches responsibility

Thank you to the Bound Brook Fire Department for bringing the “After the Fire” program to BBHS!

The program documented the events of January 19, 2000 at Seton Hall University, when a fire set by arsonists raced through a freshman dorm, killing three students and injuring 58 others.

Two of the most critically burned survivors were freshmen roommates Shawn Simmons and Alvaro Llanos, who presented their documentary to our senior class, told their story, and answered student questions.

The program challenged staff and students to think about fire safety, the responsibility of making mature decisions, and the impact your decisions have on family, friends and loved ones.



### Check out these photos! Homecoming Festivities at BBHS

BBHS's Student Council hosted Spirit Week, the Pep Rally, and the 2023 Homecoming Dance this month.

Spirit Week consisted of themed days (BBQ Dad vs. Soccer Mom, Barbie/Pink, Sports Jersey vs. Jersey Shore, and Class Colors), and ended with a friendly competition between the classes at our Homecoming Pep Rally. After tallying the scores, the seniors were victorious!

The 2023 Homecoming Court was recognized at the Homecoming Football Game against Manville and at the Homecoming Dance on Oct. 14 at the DoubleTree in Somerset. At the dance, our 2023 Homecoming winners were announced: David Ruiz Ruiz and Allison Mora (Class of 2027), Harrison Musson and Beatriz Arruda (Class of 2026), Jamile Adobe and Adrianna Padlo-Matousek (Class of 2025) and



finally King Jesus Lopez Antonio and Queen  
Sara Thiessen (Class of 2024).

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