

**Special points of
Interest:**

✓The next two
Board of
Education Meetings
are
Thursday,
December 15th
and
Thursday,
January 19th
7:00 p.m.
Leon J. Campo Center
718 The Plain Road
Westbury, New York

Holiday Greetings



Annual Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Dinner a Success

**Important Dates
to remember:**

December 21st—Interim Progress Reports Available on Home Access Center.

December 23rd Holiday Recess Begins

January 3rd School Reopens with Day A

Monday, January 9th - National Honor Society Induction Ceremony—6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 11th—EMPAC Meeting 6:00 p.m. Followed by PTSA Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, January 16th —Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day—schools closed

Under the guidance of Mr. Michael Barracato, Ms. Sherry Lombardo, Ms. Alexis Alterman, and Ms. Danielle Casamassina over 200 senior citizens living in the East Meadow community came together at East Meadow High School on Sunday, November 20th to enjoy the 36th annual Thanksgiving Dinner. This annual event, sponsored by East Meadow Kiwanis, Key Club, and Business Honor Society has been a long lasting tradition. With community members cooking eighty-five turkeys and all the food donated by residents, businesses and students, the golden aged diners enjoyed an afternoon of food, good conversation, and musical entertainment. The entertainment was provided by Mr. Stephen Engle and the East Meadow Jazz Ensemble. Students throughout the district representing Key Club, Business Honor Society and the Builders Club transformed the gymnasium with decorations in a patriotic theme. They also greeted the guests, escorted them to their tables and helped serve the magnificent dinner .

It was a great day for all.

East Meadow High School Music Performances

Students from the East Meadow High School Chamber Chorus sang for the annual Holiday Lighting Ceremony at Veteran's Memorial Park on Thursday, December 1st. The chorus is under the direction of Mrs. Caitlin Hale.

On December 2nd at 8:15pm, the East Meadow HS Wind Ensemble performed to at the NYSSMA All-State Winter Conference. They were chosen from bands across New York State for this significant honor by submitting a recording of their school concert from the previous year. The performance was held in the Lilac Ballroom of the Rochester Convention Center for a packed audience of musicians, educators and families from around the state. The Wind Ensemble was comprised of 52 students from East Meadow High School, and they received a wonderful ovation from the audience.

Four students from East Meadow High School were selected to perform with All-State Music Ensembles. At the NYSSMA All-State Winter Conference, held December 1st—4th. Congratulations to Jolie Rebelo (Concertmaster, Symphony Orchestra), Kevin Martin (String Orchestra), Won Son (Symphonic Band/Wind Ensemble), and Alissa Rojas (Mixed Chorus).

On Tuesday, December 13th the East Meadow High School Music Department presented its first of four winter season concerts. Featured were the Wind Ensemble under the direction of Mr. Christopher Hale and the Chamber Orchestra under the direction of Mr. Michael Cascardi. In addition, the Concert Chorus and Chamber Chorus under the direction of Ms. Caitlin Hale and Ms. Rachel Fogel also performed.

In addition, Arun Sam performed with the All-National Chorus this past November in Grapevine, TX.

The EMHS Marching Band will travel to Walt Disney World from February 10-13. They will perform in a parade on Main Street in the Magic Kingdom and attend a Disney Performing Arts Workshop, where they will experience first-hand how to create a soundtrack for a Disney film with Disney's professional music staff in their world-class recording facilities.

Junior Parents College Planning Night—Wednesday, March 8th

The FAFSA is a fundamental part of the financial aid process. If you are a parent who wants Federal student aid you must complete the FAFSA. If you're looking for College Financial Aid, student loans, college scholarships, federal student grants or federal student aid of any kind for your child, then this Guidance sponsored meeting is a most important date.

The FAFSA is defined as the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid**. The FAFSA asks for your family's financial information so it can determine your financial need. Financial need is defined as the difference between college expenses and your family's contribution. To determine your family's contribution the federal government uses a formula called the Federal Methodology which takes in to account your family's income, assets, debts, size of family, number of family member's in college, age to retirement and other expenses.

You must complete the FAFSA financial aid form in order to begin the financial aid process. Schools use the federal government's determination of financial need to determine the award package from the school.

Note: The FAFSA is required by every accredited school in the country.

Guidance is sponsoring a hands-on FAFSA meeting at EMHS on Wednesday, March 8, 2017.

The official url on the web is: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

You can print a non-submittable FAFSA on the Web Pre-Application Worksheet. The 2015-2016 Worksheet is in HTML format and consists of all questions related to the student's (and the student's parents') finances. It is made up of all 2016-2017 application questions in the same order as you would see them in the FAFSA on the Web.

This worksheet is helpful to: familiarize yourself with the kinds of questions you'll need to answer, familiarize your family with the required information you will need to provide, and remind you of the documents you'll need to fill out the online application.