

# BERGENFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT DISTRICT NEWS



## SUMMER EDITION - AUGUST 2023



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## FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

By Christopher M. Tully Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools



Oh, what a year! I am thrilled to report that we had another outstanding school year. We experienced some fantastic accomplishments and experiences during the 2022-23 school year. This includes students being recognized for their exceptional academic, art, music, and athletic abilities. As you know, our district is focused on developing the whole child. It is gratifying to watch our students take advantage of these opportunities as they reach for the stars.

Did I say stars? As I have mentioned in the past, we are fortunate to have a world-class faculty and staff who are all determined to help our students achieve their goals. These loving, dedicated, and professional staff members inspire our students on a daily basis, and provide them with the skills necessary to be successful in life. I look forward to seeing the amazing ways they continue to instill a love for learning in our students in the coming weeks.

Speaking of recognition, we remain a top-ranked school district and a top community to raise a family. Bergenfield High School continues to be rated as one of the "Best High Schools" in Bergen County, New Jersey, and the United States by *U.S. News & World Report*. This district also earns high marks as a high-level school district by Niche.com. Additionally, Bergenfield Public School District continues to be recognized as one of the "Best Communities for Music Education" by the NAMM Foundation for fourteen years in a row.

As we enter the dog days of summer, we are looking forward to the 2023-24 school year. It is at this time of the summer when we transition away from our academic and enrichment programs to put the finishing touches on capital-building improvements. These improvements include the following examples: various classroom paintings, a new gym floor at Roy W. Brown Middle School, a tennis court replacement at Bergenfield High School, various paving projects, exterior security lighting upgrades, and electrical upgrades that will allow for air conditioning in our classrooms in the near future.

I love this time of the year and all of the challenges associated with having everything ready for the first day of school. In the meantime, please use the remaining summertime to relax, recharge, and come back hungry for more. Thank you for your continued partnership and support as we all work together to provide an excellent educational experience to our students. The best is yet to come!

## THE MOVING WALL



The Moving Wall was recently in Union, NJ.

The Moving Wall Vietnam Veterans Memorial will be on display at Bergenfield High School from Thursday, August 31st through Monday, September 4th.

The Moving Wall is a half-sized replica of the Washington, DC Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and has been touring the country for over thirty years.

The Moving Wall will be available for viewing from 9:00am to 9:00pm, September 1st-3rd. There is an opening ceremony scheduled for 9:00am on September 1st, and a closing ceremony at 8:00pm on September 3rd.

Volunteers will be needed for wall assembly/disassembly and various customer service duties. In addition, there will be a need for food and water donations.

For information on volunteer opportunities, sponsorships, or donations, please visit our Moving Wall website at <https://sites.google.com/bergenfield.org/movingwall>.

For more information about the Moving Wall, please visit the organization's website at <http://www.themovingwall.org>.

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

The first day of school for students for the 2023-24 school year will be Thursday, September 7th.



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## WE ARE BERGENFIELD: A SNAPSHOT OF THE CLASS OF 2023



**Kyle Nelson**

Completed 11 AP courses, Model UN, Purdue University



**Bianca Del Campo**

Salutatorian, All-State Choir, Model UN President, AP Scholar, Princeton University



**Daniel Sanango**

STEM graduate, Honors Symphony & Chamber Orchestras, Massachusetts Institute of Technology



**Lindsay Muneton**

Seal of Biliteracy, Peer Leader, AP Capstone graduate, University of Pennsylvania



**Frederick Vasquez**

AP Scholar, National Honor Society President, Varsity Track/XC, Marching Band, New York University



**Anna Marin**

Student Congress President, Honors Wind Ensemble, Student Rep. to BOE, Fordham University



**Mia Fitzmaurice**

AP Scholar, Peer Leader, Varsity Cheerleader, Marching Band, Bucknell University



**Joshua Naviamos**

Valedictorian, STEM graduate, full scholarship to New Jersey Institute of Technology



**Christopher Budiman**

STEM graduate, Eagle Scout, National Honor Society, Florida Institute of Technology.



**Irthu Pillai**

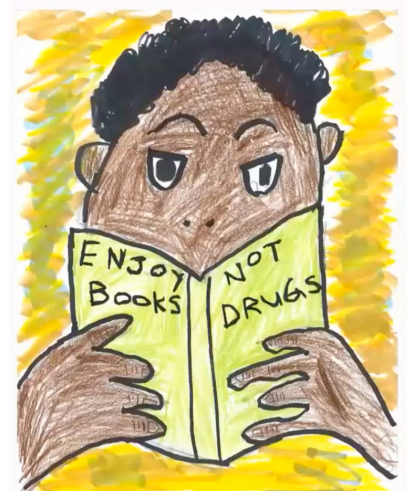
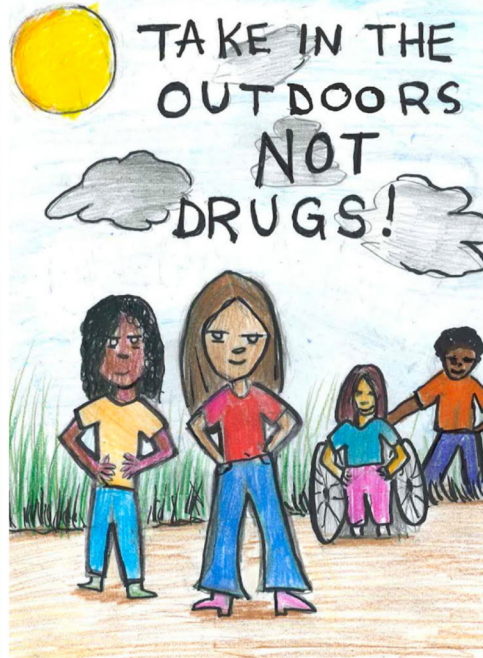
STEM graduate, Honor student, St. Bonaventure University

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## BERGENFIELD REIGNS SUPREME IN STATE ART COMPETITION



Winning submissions by Venpa Ramesh and Anabelle De Moya in this year's PDFNJ Contest.



Chase Edwards was among the field of finalists.

Bergenfield's young artists were triumphant in this year's Partnership For a Drug-Free New Jersey (PDFNJ) Fourth Grade Folder Contest, as they captured four of the 36 finalist spots in the highly competitive, state-wide competition. Congratulations to Chase Edwards, Samaira Joseph, Venpa Ramesh, and Anabelle De Moya on this impressive feat.

Not only did our students dominate the field of finalists, but Venpa and Anabelle were also selected as the grand prize co-winners! This marks the second year in a row that two Bergenfield students captured both grand prizes.

With over 3,000 entries submitted to the contest, it is truly incredible to see our talented students shine so bright. Next school year, approximately 40,000 PDFNJ folders will be distributed to schools throughout the state with Venpa's and Anabelle's renderings on the front and back covers.



Finalist submission by Samaira Joseph.

### COUNTY SOFTBALL AWARDS



Student-athletes and their coaches at the banquet.

On June 7th, at the BCWCA Awards Dinner, the following award-ees were recognized for their achievements in high school softball: Kayla Porter—1st Team All-County Pitcher; Deja Suero—2nd Team All-County Infielder; Jasmine Viray—3rd Team All-County Infielder; and Nick Pamaloni—County Coach of the Year.

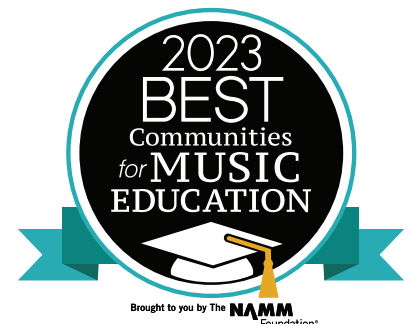
### COMMUNITY ART PROJECT



An array of faces and things adorn the windows.

Members of the BHS National Art Honor Society recently worked on a window project at the Bergenfield Public Library. The students designed and painted murals to coincide with the library's summer reading program theme—"All Together Now." Their vibrant work added a delightful touch of color to the building.

### BEST IN MUSIC



The district was recognized for the 14th year in a row.

Bergenfield has once again been selected as a Best Community for Music Education by the NAMM Foundation. This designation is earned based on the submission of an extensive survey which collects information regarding school and community support, staffing, program offerings, and instructional time.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2023!

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