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WHRHS WELCOMES NEW TEACHERS AND STAFF



 (above, l-r) The new teachers and Vice Principal at Watchung Hills Regional High School for the 2019-2020 School Year gathered in the school's Media Center for New Teacher Orientation on August 20-22.
 They are: (seated) Lam Wong, Dan Lamson, Alex Albaret, Vice Principal Jim Flakker; (standing) Natalia Berardo, Christina Longo, Pamela Phillips, Patrick Ganley, Mark Harley, Ofelia Rodriguez, Monica Rito, Douglas Radiewicz, and Kavish Dhaibar. Not in photo: Lexiang Chiarulli.

Submitted by Denis Kelly

The Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) faculty and administration includes two new interim staff, one returning staff, and 14 new staff with which to begin the 2019-2020 School Year.

The new members include five new World Languages teachers, two new Mathematics teachers, two new Science teachers, and one new Social Studies, English, and Choral Music teachers. There is also a new Guidance Counselor and a new Vice Principal.

"The new staff for the 2019-2020 School Year were welcomed to WHRHS at a three-day New Teacher Orientation program, Tuesday, August 20, to Thursday, August 22," said Beth Scheiderman, WHRHS Director of Human Resources and Professional Development. "The new staff received information about WHRHS systems, were introduced to key resource staff, were given tours of the WHRHS facilities, and had opportunities to get to know one another. All the new staff were eager to familiarize themselves with the school, and were looking forward to meeting their fellow faculty members during the full staff development program on Wednesday, August 28, and Thursday, August 29."



(above, l-r) Also joining the staff at WHRHS for the start of the 2019-2020 School Year are Interim Director of Guidance Julie Patterson; Administrative Assistant to the Principal Laurie Grafer; and Student Data Systems Manager Chris Beckert.







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WARREN TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS WELCOMES NEW STAFF FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Submitted by Shannon Regan

Warren Township students began the new school year on September 3, 2019.

Teachers, paraprofessionals, school bus drivers, custodians, a nurse and other educational support staff new to the Warren Township K-8 school district met for a two-day induction program on August 26 and 27, 2019. The entire administrative team along with Dr. Matthew Mingle, superintendent of schools, and Mr. David Brezee, school board president, were in attendance to greet the new group with many warm introductions.

The Whole Child Approach, information technology, special education, team building, curriculum and student-centered learning were among the many topics discussed with the new group of employees.

Mr. Scott Cook, Mt. Horeb School principal

and Mr. Jeffrey Heaney, Woodland School principal coordinated the New Staff Induction Program which was established over 15 years ago and continues to have a positive impact on new employees.

"We are committed to the success of all of our staff members," says Mr. Cook. "This program goes a long way in ensuring that success."

Highlights from day 1 of orientation included a team-building activity called Toxic Popcorn and the famous bus ride around the district. Day 2, the new teachers were introduced to their mentors. Each new teacher is paired up with a seasoned teacher to help strengthen instructional competence and to support the new teacher as they develop their craft through the first couple years of teaching. Mentors are carefully selected and matched to each new teacher by the new employee's building principal.



Warren Township Schools Welcomes New Staff for the 2019-2020 School Year.

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(above) Students of Mi La's Debut School of Music during a concert.



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The Somerset County Office of Volunteer Services is looking for volunteers for its annual fall leaf clean-up program. Volunteers are needed to rake leaves for elderly and disabled homeowners around the county who have no other means to do yard work.

The annual leaf clean-up project will take place Saturday, November 23. However, anyone who would like to help but cannot make it on November 23 is welcome to schedule an alternative date and time. For information and to sign up as a volunteer, call the Office of Volunteer Services at 908-541-5715.

Elderly and disabled residents who need the leaf-raking service are asked to call after October 1.

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If you are a victim of identity theft, the Federal Trade Commission provides a comprehensive booklet titled, "Identity Theft: A Recovery Plan," visit http://bit.ly/IDTheftTakeControl.

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Members of Warren Girl Scout Troop 65816 Krane in attendance. have installed a "Free Library" outside of the Warren Township Library at the Municipal complex on Mountain Boulevard. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on August 20, 2019 with Township Committeewoman Jolanta Maziarz and Township Administrator Mark

Residents of all ages are encouraged to take a book and replace it with another book.

Sara Allian, Sophia Mariano, and Francesca Salas worked with the township to bring the "Free Library" to life, earning their Girl Scout Silver Award.



(above) Committeewoman Jolanta Maziarz, Girl Scouts Sara Allian, Sophia Mariano, and Francesca Salas, and Warren Township Administrator Mark Krane.





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"SCLSNJ is excited to launch our new and improved Cultural Adventure Pass," said Darryl Voorhees, manager of adult services, programming and collaborations. "This program reflects our expanding horizons in catering to lifelong learning experiences. SCLSNJ encourages you to connect with nature by visiting our New Jersey State Parks; explore the animal kingdom at the Elmwood Park Zoo; share artistic talents with children at the Children's Museum of Manhattan: discover our country's history at the Museum of the American Revolution and the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia; and more. We hope Library customers will love the new Cultural Adventure Pass as much as we do."

Choose your next adventure based on your favorite items from SCLSNJ's collection:

- If you liked "Butterfly People: An American Encounter With the Beauty of the World" by William Leach or "A Butterfly Is Patient" by Dianna Hutts Aston, visit the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University in Philadelphia, PA.
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- If you liked "Pruning the Dead: Garden Squad Mystery" by Julia Henry or "A Big Garden" by Gilles Clément, visit the Brooklyn Botanic Garden in Brooklyn, NY.
- If you liked "If Picasso Painted a Snowman" by Amy Newbold, visit Children's Museum of the Arts in Manhattan, NY.
- If you liked "The Genius of Design" on DVD or "Ah-Ha to Zig-Zag: 31 Objects From Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum" by Maria Kalman, visit Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum in NY.
- If you liked "Life at the Zoo: the Secret World of Your Favorite Animals" by Michael George, visit Elmwood Park Zoo in Norristown, PA.
- VIf you liked "The Gilded Age in New York,



1870• 1910" by Esther Crain, visit The Frick Collection in NY.

- If you liked "I Am Never Bored: The Best Ever Craft and Activity Book For Kids" by Sarah Devos, visit the Garden State Discovery Museum in Cherry Hill, NJ.
- If you liked "Flora and the Peacocks" by Molly Schaar Idle, visit Grounds For Sculpture in Hamilton, NJ.
- If you liked "The Guggenheim Mystery" by Robin Stevens or "Peggy Guggenheim: Art Addict" on DVD, visit the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in NY.
- If you liked "NASA Space Shuttle: The History, Missions, the Heroes!" on DVD or "Safely to Earth: The Men and Women Who Brought the Astronauts Home" by Jack Clemons, visit the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum in NY.
- If you liked "Zoo Scientists to the Rescue" by Patricia Newman, visit the Lehigh Valley Zoo in Schnecksville, PA.
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- If you liked "On Broadway: From Rent to Revolution" by Drew Hodges, visit the Museum of the City of New York in NY.
- If you liked "Modern Art Adventures: 36 Creative, Hands-on Projects Inspired by Artists from Monet to Banksy" by Maja Pitamic or "The Artists Who Will Change the World" by Omar Kholeif, visit The Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) in NY.
- If you liked "Planning Your Model Railroad" by Tony Koester, visit the Morris Museum in Morristown, NJ.
- If you liked "Know Your Rights!: A Modern

Kid's Guide to the American Constitution" by Laura Barcella, visit the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia, PA.

- If you liked "The American Birding Association Field Guide to Birds of New Jersey" by Rick Wright, visit NJ State Parks.
- If you liked "Clara and Mr. Tiffany: A Novel" by Susan Vreeland or "New York City History for Kids: From New Amsterdam to the Big Apple: With 21 Activities" by Richard Panchyk, visit New• York Historical Society in NY.
- If you liked "The Female Gaze: Women Artists Making Their World" by Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts or "Get Into Art" by Susie Brooks, visit the Pennsylvania Academy Of Fine Arts in Philadelphia, PA.
- If you liked "Andy Goldsworthy: Projects" by Andy Goldsworthy, visit Storm King Art Center in New Windsor, NY.
- If you liked "Born on the Links: A Concise History of Golf" by John Williamson, visit the United States Golf Association Museum in Far Hills, NJ.

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If it's Fall, then it must be time for Warren's coolest pumpkin event! Returning for an 8th year, it's Wagner Farm Arboretum's spectacular Halloween-themed event "Brite Nites" which showcases an elaborate display of intricately and creatively hand-carved and lighted pumpkins. Meander through the Children's Garden path filled with breath-taking pumpkin sculptures, where the young and younger will be astounded by their complexity and originality. Returning again this year will be Dusk Productions to bring you an even bigger haunting experience with a revamped "Barn of Fear" display. Watch out for the roaming ghouls, zombies and witches. New this year will be the addition of a L'il Pumpking Patch, where the Pre-k attendees will pick a mini-pumpkin and play some games. The whole family is sure to be entertained. After all that fresh air, stop by the food pavilion where you can enjoy a quick bite from a rotating selection of food trucks including Oink and Moo, Pizza Vita, The Empanada Guy, Taxi Cab Burger, Chef J Latin/Asian Fusion, Romeo's Oriental BBQ and Eat My Balls. Hot cocoa and hot cider will be available for purchase. A visit to the WFA store should not be missed. There will be baked goods and local, hand-crafted gifts perfect for early holiday shopping. Come support a local organization while enjoying the great outdoors. With your help, we can continue to build out the vision of a worldclass arboretum, right here in town.

BRITE NITES 2019 - OCTOBER 11-12, 18-19, 25-27 with rain dates on Oct 13 and 20. Entry times start at 6:45pm and end at 8:15pm. Wagner Farm Arboretum, 197 Mountain Ave., Warren, NJ. Contact: Eileen Alario at (908) 350-7383 Email BriteNites@wfafnj.org Website: www.britenites.org Tickets: sold online, in 30-minute intervals Admission: \$15 per Adult; \$10 Senior, \$10 Child ages 5-12, Children 4 and under are free No Strollers, No Pets please - paths get muddy



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WARREN BOY SCOUT TROOP 228 HAS ACTION PACKED SUMMER

Submitted by Gretchen Minieri Warren Boy Scout Troop 228 kept active this summer, enjoying many backpacking and camping activities. Each summer, the troop sends a contingent to Sabattis Adventure Camp in Long Lake, New York for one week, and Winnebago Scout Reservation in Rockaway, New Jersey for one week. Thirty three scouts earned over 90 merit badges as well as enjoyed camping and outdoor recreation activities. Scouts were also able to attend other weeks at local camps to earn additional merit badges or specific instruction, such as the Backwoods Engineering Camp at Camp Somers attended by Tej Jasti and Zack Micheller. Graham Schmidt and Michael Minieri honed their leadership skills at the National Youth

Leader Training Camp held in Camp Winnebago.

Additionally this year, four scouts from the troop, Michael Minieri, Nolan Brunner, Buddy Steen, and Danny Brociner, attended the World Scout Jamboree held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia along with 40,000 scouts from around the world. Scouts shared customs and food from their countries, and spent time together ziplining, rafting, hiking, and hanging out. The event is held once every four years, and was hosted by all three North American countries.

The Boy Scouts of America operates four national high-adventure facilities, Summit Bechtel Scout Reserve in West Virginia, Florida Sea Base, Philmont Scout Ranch, and Northern Tier High Adventure Base. In April, two scouts, Danny Brociner and Buddy Steen attended Sea Base in Islamorada, Florida. There they had the opportunity to swim, snorkel, and fish among the most beautiful coral reefs in the northern hemisphere. In July, Scout Michael Minieri and his father and Troop 228 Committee Chairperson, also Michael Minieri, attended BSA's largest national high adventure camp in Philmont, New Mexico, where they hiked over 112 miles in the high country along rugged and rocky trails.

Boy Scouts of America is open to all youth in grade 6 through 18 years of age. Anyone interested in joining our troop should email troop228warren@gmail.com.



(above) Boy Scouts from Central NJ, including four from Warren's Troop 228, Michael Minieri, Buddy Steen, Danny Brociner, and Nolan Brunner, formed a new temporary USA Troop 123 as part of the US Contingent from New Jersey at the World Scout Jamboree held at the Mount Bechtel Scout Reserve in West Virginia.

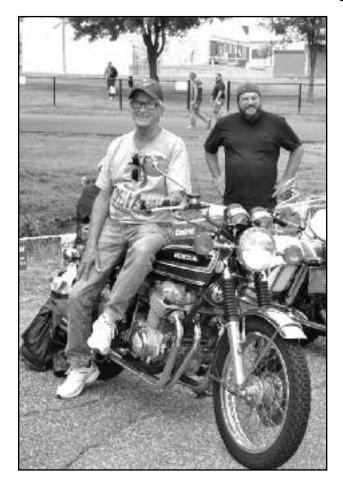


WARREN FIRE DEPARTMENT HOSTS 14TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW

The Warren Volunteer Fire Department hosted their 14th Annual Car Show on Sunday, September 8th, 2019 at the Warren Municipal Grounds. The show featured a wide variety of race cars, antique and classic cars, trucks, motorcycles, and vendors. `Trophies were awarded to vehicles across class, make, and year for the coveted "Best in Show" award. The event was a great success entertaining hundreds of spectators and participants alike.













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The event is free, but spaced is limited. To RSVP, call 908-222-7246.

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ALL AGE PROGRAMS

Music, Bubble, and Comedy Show October 5, 11-11:45 a.m. (ages 2 and up)

Family Storytime - Pajama Storytime October 2, 9, 16, 23; 7-7:30 p.m.

(families with children) **Game Dav** October 9, 14, 15; 9:30 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. (families with children)

Construction Zones October 12, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. (ages 3 and up) **Drop-in Craft - Halloween** October 19, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. October 22, 3:30-7 p.m.

(ages 3 and up) CHILDREN, TWEEN,

AND TEEN PROGRAM Let's Cook

October 1, 4:30-5:15 p.m. (grades 3-5) **Baby Storytime - Story and Play** October 1, 8, 15, 22; 10-10:30 a.m. (ages birth - 18 months) **Toddler Storytime - Story and Play** October 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24; 10-10:30 a.m. (ages 18 months - 3 years) **Preschool Storytime - Story and Craft** October 3, 10, 17, 24; 11-11:45 a.m. (ages 3-5) **Tween Advisory Board** October 3, 4-5 p.m. (grades 4-6) **Teen Leadership Academy** October 10, 7-8 p.m. (grades 7-12) **Chess Club** October 15, 4:30-5:30 p.m. (grades K-5) **Tween Book Club** October 17, 4-5 p.m. (grades 4-6) Read to a Therapy Dog October 21, 4:30-5:30 p.m. (grades K-4) SAT Strategy October 24, 7-8 p.m. (grades 9-12) Tween Night Out - Halloween Party October 25, 6-8 p.m. (grades 4-6) LEGO® Club October 26, 11 a.m. - noon (grades K-5) Crafty Kids - Spooktacular Halloween Craft October 29, 4-4:45 p.m. (grades 2-5) **Pop-Up Storytime - Halloween** October 30, 10-10:45 a.m. (grades 2-5)

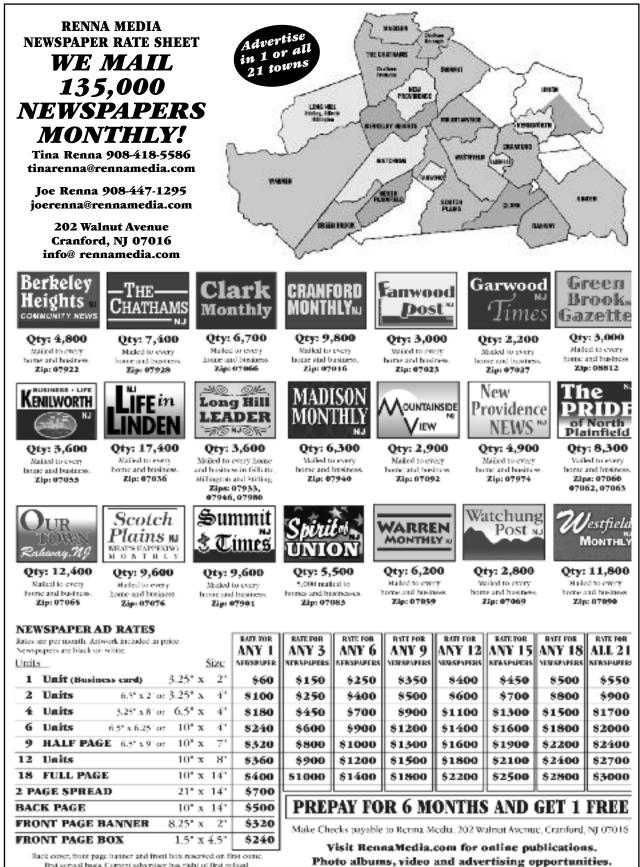
ADULT PROGRAMS

English Conversation Group October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; 10-11:30 a.m. **Capital Parenting** October 1, 7-8:30 p.m. Scarlatti in New Jersey Film Showing and Talk by Dr. Robert Butts October 3, 7-8:30 p.m. **Advance Care Planning - Panel Discussion** October 5, 2-3 p.m. Yarns and Threads October 7, 14, 21, 28; 10 a.m. - noon **Trauma Informed Care Workshop** October 8, 7-8:30 p.m. **Appy Hour for Seniors** October 9, 16, 23; 11 a.m. - noon

Book Discussion October 9, 7:15-8:45 p.m. October 15, 7-8:30 p.m. October 24, 1:30-3 p.m. Writers Group October 16, 7-8:30 p.m. Haunted New York. Eerie Tales. and Spooky Sights October 23, 7-8 p.m. **Medicare - What You Need to Know** October 24, 7-8:30 p.m.

October 28, 7-8 p.m. **Film Discussion** October 30, 1-4 p.m.

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ENTRIES SOUGHT FOR ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST

invited to submit entries in one of 4 themes by November 29.

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these four themes:

Community Events - neighborhoods, fairs, parades, etc. Looking for ideas? Visit visitsomersetnj.org/events.

Historic Sites in Somerset County – buildings,

Amateurs and professional photo buffs are reenactments and other areas and events of historic significance to Somerset County. For inspiration, visit bit.ly/HistoricSites19.

> Natural Environment – for example, rivers, forests, parks and wildlife.

> Recreational Opportunities - Somerset County offers many venues for recreation; show us your favorite activities. For example, wellness activities (e.g. hiking, biking, etc.) or leisure activities (e.g. golfing, dog walking, gardening, arts and culture engagements, etc.)

Submissions must be the original work of the Photo Contest entries should reflect one of applicant and not previously entered in the photo contest. A panel of judges will select two winners for each theme, as well as an overall contest winner in both the professional and amateur categories. Photographers whose artwork is selected as a winning entry will receive a \$50

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To enter the contest, individuals must complete an online form, which can be found at: co.somerset.nj.us/residents/photo-contest. One person can submit up to five images; the maximum size for each image is 10 MB. See photo contest instructions for more information. Contestants are responsible for acquiring subject release forms from identifiable people featured in the photographs. All images must be received by 4 p.m. on Friday, November 29, 2019. No late submissions will be accepted.

Images will be featured online and in printed materials produced by Somerset County and the Somerset County Business Partnership.

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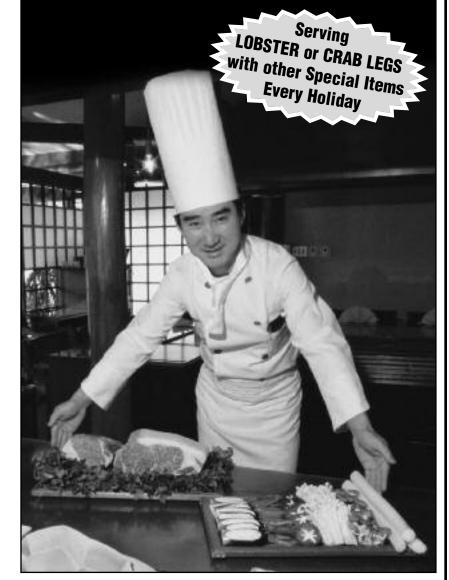
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