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The Berkeley Heights Public School District is proud to announce that following the Spring 2024 exam cycle, 11 Governor Livingston High School students have earned the AP Capstone Diploma™. Additionally, 4 students have earned the AP Seminar and Research Certificate™ during the 2023-24 school year. The AP Capstone Diploma program helps students develop critical thinking, research, collaboration, and presentation skills that are essential to academic success. The AP Capstone Diploma program is a project based learning experience valued by colleges and universities across the U.S. and around the world offered at approximately 2,500 schools. In partnership with the higher education community, College Board developed AP Capstone courses to help students build and master skills essential for success in college and career.

“We proudly recognize the achievements of our students who participated in the AP Capstone Diploma program,” said Ms. Jackie Bartlett, Interim Principal at GLHS. “With the help of dedicated AP Capstone teachers Ms. Lindsey Gismonde and Ms. Sharon Leahy, our AP Capstone students explored their passions through scholarly research as part of an impactful, multi-year program. This meaningful college readiness program will serve our students well after high school.”

To receive the AP Capstone Diploma, students must earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar, AP Research, and on four additional AP® Exams of their choice. To receive the AP Seminar and Research Certificate, students must earn scores of 3 or higher in AP Seminar and AP Research (AP Capstone is a two-year program consisting of AP Seminar and AP Research). Student participation in the AP Capstone program has been steadily increasing, with over 100,000 students in over 2,500 schools worldwide taking part during the 2023-24 academic year.

Unlike traditional AP subject exams with a single end-of-year assessment, AP Seminar and AP Research assessments are project based and evaluate skills mastery through group projects, presentations, and individual essays completed throughout the year. Instead of focusing on one specific academic discipline, AP Seminar and AP Research are interdisciplinary: Students are encouraged to create research projects based on topics of personal interest. Students are assessed on the critical thinking, research, collaboration, time management, and presentation skills needed to complete their projects.

Ms. Lindsey Gismonde shared, "Like many AP courses,

AP Capstone courses foster critical thinking skills. However, AP Seminar and AP Research are unique in that they allow students to develop strong research and analytical skills while deeply exploring an area of interest through meaningful independent inquiry. It's because of this that alumni of the program tell us that it has prepared them for college and beyond."

According to current AP Capstone student, Senior Victoria Stambaugh, "The AP Capstone program has been the most rewarding academic experience I have had at GL. In AP Seminar I learned so many skills that are going to be important to me in college and beyond that. We learned how to work well in groups, manage our own time, and most importantly, how to enhance our writing and presentation skills. Last year going into AP Seminar, I thought my writing was pretty good, but it has improved so much already. In Seminar I was able to refine my vocabulary and overall communicate my ideas more effectively and analyze data and information a lot better. Now that I am in Research, I am excited to begin using all of the skills I have learned and expand upon them, especially since research is something I am interested in doing in college. I know that AP Capstone is perfect for that and will help prepare me well."

Ms. Laurie Scott, Supervisor of English, Music, FCS, Media Centers, TV Production, & Drama, commented, "It can be argued that no program better prepares students for college research than AP Capstone. The research and writing in which students engage is so beneficial, and truly sets them up for a successful college experience. Students who complete both courses will undoubtedly find themselves ahead of their college peers."

College Board's Advanced Placement® Program (AP®) gives students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school. Earning a score of 3 or higher on an AP Exam has multiple benefits for students, including earning college credit, advanced placement in college courses, or both, saving them time and money. Research shows AP students are better prepared for and more likely to enroll and remain in college, do well in classes, and earn their degrees on time. Each exam is developed by a committee of college and university faculty and AP teachers, ensuring that AP Exams align with their high standards.

In addition, GLHS proudly recognized 48 AP Scholars, 80 AP Scholars with Distinction, 27 AP Scholars with Honors, and one student earned an International Diploma during this exam cycle.

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**HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**

*Berkeley Heights Public Schools*

Students at Mountain Park and Thomas P. Hughes Schools have been learning about Hispanic Heritage Month with a focus on understanding the idea that just because someone speaks Spanish doesn't necessarily make them Spanish. Spanish is a global language spoken by millions of people across many countries and cultures primarily in Latin America, the U.S. and Spain. People from Spain are considered Spanish, however individuals from Latin American countries such as Mexico, Argentina or Colombia identify as Hispanic or Latino not Spanish. It's important to recognize the cultural diversity within Spanish-speaking communities and not assume someone's background based solely on the language they speak. Speaking Spanish connects many cultures but each one has its own unique history and identity.



(above) Hispanic Heritage Month is September 15-October 15 and Senora O'Shea's students will continue to learn about many of these unique cultures during this time. Check out the exciting bulletin boards they have been working on during this time, as well.

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The Berkeley Heights Police Department is thrilled to announce its annual Trunk or Treat event, scheduled for Saturday, October 26, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Town Hall parking lot, located at 29 Park Avenue, Berkeley Heights. This fun-filled Halloween event is perfect for families and children looking to celebrate the spooky season safely.

Families are invited to decorate the trunks of their vehicles with Halloween-themed decorations and provide treats for all participating "trunk or treaters." Decorators should arrive at 10:00 a.m. to set up and ensure their trunks are ready for the event. Trunk or treating will officially kick off at 11:00 a.m., with costumed children making their way from car to car, collecting candy and enjoying festive Halloween displays.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the Berkeley Heights community to come together, share in the Halloween spirit, and ensure that everyone has a safe and enjoyable experience.

Important Note: Families wishing to participate by decorating their vehicles must arrive at 10:00 a.m. to set up. Candy and treats should be provided for all participants.

This community event is free to attend. For more information, please contact the Berkeley Heights Police Department.

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The breakfast will feature pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee, and tea, offering a simple but satisfying meal for all ages. "This event is a great way to bring our community together while supporting important causes," says Mike Higgins, Pancake Breakfast Chair.

The suggested donation is \$10 per person or \$25 per family. The Berkeley Heights Rotary Club invites everyone to enjoy a morning of good

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For more information, contact the Berkeley Heights Rotary Club at [berkeleyheightsrotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:berkeleyheightsrotaryclub@gmail.com) or visit [bhrotary.com](http://bhrotary.com).

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The Berkeley Heights Rotary Club is a dedicated group of community leaders, professionals, and volunteers committed to making a positive impact on the local community and beyond. Through various initiatives, the club strives to promote goodwill, foster connections, and support charitable causes that enhance the well-being of individuals and communities. New members are always welcome.

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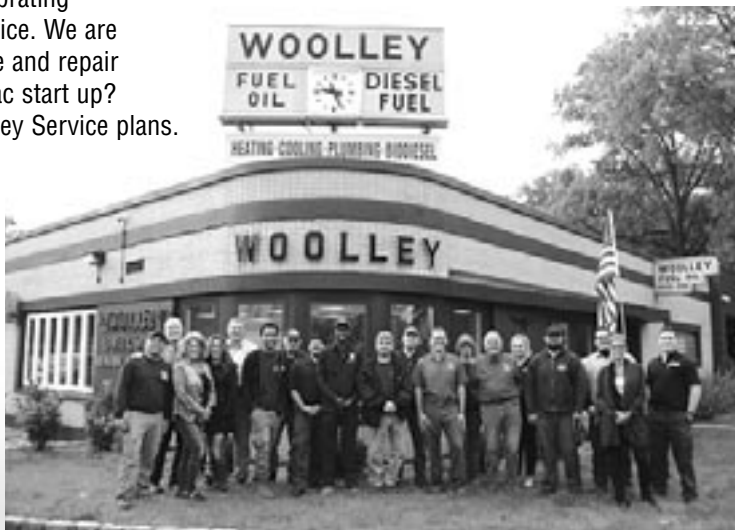
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### *The Seeing Eye*

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“Each year, The Seeing Eye’s Family Day is a celebration of all the hard work and dedication of our volunteer puppy raising families,” said Seeing Eye director of canine development Peggy Gibbon. “An army of volunteers provides each Seeing Eye puppy with a loving home environment, socialization, and basic training that prepares them to become Seeing Eye dogs for people who are blind.”

“We’re actively recruiting puppy raisers and puppy sitters for our upcoming litters that are planned for the coming months. If you’re interested in joining our community of dog lovers, now is a great time to reach out to us and learn what puppy raising is all about,” said Gibbon. “We need homes and families of all shapes and sizes for our puppies because fully trained Seeing Eye dogs are placed in similarly diverse families and living situations with people who are blind.”

A puppy raiser family is responsible for providing a loving and nurturing home environment for approximately one year. During that time, the raiser is responsible for teaching

basic obedience, house manners, bringing the puppy to Seeing Eye puppy club meetings and socialization trips in their area. The Seeing Eye puppy could be a German shepherd, Labrador retriever, golden retriever, or a Labrador/golden retriever cross.

Puppy raisers must live within New Jersey, eastern Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware or New York (Rockland or Orange Counties) so they can attend regular puppy club meetings where they will receive help and coaching with their puppies. All veterinary expenses are covered by The Seeing Eye and a stipend is provided to help cover the cost of dog food. If a Seeing Eye puppy does not graduate from the program, the family who raised the puppy is offered the first option to adopt the puppy they raised. For more

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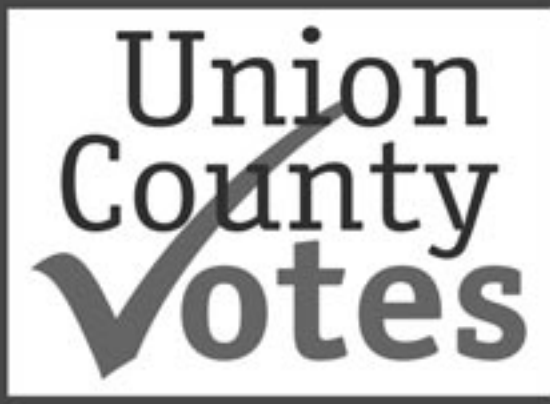
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Most of the restaurants offer outdoor dining or if you prefer to eat in the comfort of your own home, all of the restaurants offer take out.

Visit the Restaurant Week website **mountainsiderestaurantweek.com** for more information, including a full list of participating establishments.

#### Participating Establishments:

- Bovella's • Chrono's • Echo Tap • Famous Dave's
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## WINTER CLOTHES COLLECTION

### Faith Lutheran Church

Cold weather is on the horizon and Faith Lutheran Church is collecting winter coats, scarves, hats, and gloves for Market Street Mission's Annual Coat Giveaway in Morristown.

The local community is invited to help. If you have a new or gently worn winter coat that you would like to donate, please bring it to Faith Lutheran at 524 South Street, New Providence during office hours Monday – Thursday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. We are also collecting (only new)- handmade or purchased warm winter hats, scarves, and winter insulated gloves and mittens.

All men's, women's and children's size coats are requested with a special call for children's 2T-16 and women's small and medium. Please note that no rain jackets, windbreakers, vests, or sweaters are needed.

The coat collection at Faith Lutheran will run through Sunday, October 20. After that, the coats will be delivered to Market Street Mission in time for the big Giveaway, which is scheduled for Saturday, November 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the Morristown Green. Anyone in need of a coat can come to the Giveaway.

Market Street Mission is a non-profit organization helping to fight alcoholism, drug abuse, hunger and homelessness in Northern NJ.

Faith Lutheran gathered 287 total items during the 2023 collection.

Faith Lutheran Church is located at 524 South Street, New Providence, NJ. Faith Lutheran worships on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. with livestreaming available on our website, Facebook, and YouTube. We practice an open Communion table, and all are welcome. The Rev. Jane McCready is the pastor. For more information visit online at famfaith.org or call 908-464-5177.



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## FAMILY PROGRAMS

### Family Fun Friday

Friday, October 18 at 3:30 pm

Color a canvas Trick or Treat bag.

### Pumpkin Palooza

Sunday, October 20 at 2:30 - 4:30pm

### Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 26

### Family Movie Matinee - Inside Out 2

Sunday, October 27 at 2:30pm.

### Haunted House

Wednesday, October 30, 9am - 5pm

Halloween decorations and crafts.

### Halloween Storytime

Thursday, October 31 at 10am

Come in costume

### Trick or Treat

Thursday, October 31, 9am - 8pm

Come in your costume and get a treat!

### Halloween Movie Night

Hocus Pocus: Thursday, October 31 at 7pm.

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

### Lego Play

Friday, October 4 at 3:30 pm

### Good Time String Band

Tuesday, October 8 at 10:30am

A fiddle and banjo sing-along.

### Read to a Dog

Wednesday, October 16 at 3:30pm

### Yoga Storytime

Monday, October 21 at 9:45am

## WEEKLY DROP-IN PROGRAMS:

**Crafternoon: for ages 4-7 with caregiver**

Mondays, October 7, 14 & 21 at 3:30 pm

### Toddler Explorations

Tue, October 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 at 10 am

## Toddler Storytime

Wed, October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 10 am

## Baby Playtime

Wed, October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 at 1:30 pm

## Block Party

Thur, October 3, 10, 17 & 24 at 10 am

## Play Pals

Fri, October 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 10 am

## Saturday Hangouts at 10am

October 5 (free play), October 12 (craft),

October 19 (storytime).

## TWEENS & TEENS PROGRAMS

(For ages 10 and up)

### Tinker Tuesday Crafts:

October 15 at 7pm

### Teen Haunted House Painting

October 22 at 7pm

### DIY Popcorn Bar

October 24 at 6:30pm

### Switch It Up

Monday, October 10/21 at 1:30 pm

Play video games on the big screen.

### Interactive Movie: Beetlejuice

Monday, October 28 at 1:30pm

### Teen Book Club: A Monster Calls

Tuesday, October 29 at 6:30pm

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Tinker Tuesday Crafts at 7pm

October 1 (Fall Potpourri)

& October 8 (Family Tree Shadow Boxes).

### Spooky Wine Glass Painting

Monday, October 7 at 7pm.

For ages 18 and up. (Registration required)

### Coffee & Conversation Group

Wednesdays, October 9 & 23 at 1pm

### Tech Help

Saturday October 12, 10am-12pm

and Sunday, October 13 at 2pm-4pm

## Pins & Needles Crafting Group

Sunday, October 13 at 2:30 pm

## Ancestry Program

Wednesday, October 16 at 7pm

## Armchair Traveler - Offbeat Travels in Italy

Tuesday, October 22 at 7 pm

## Friday Movie Matinee: A Haunting in Venice

Friday, October 25 at 1pm

## Jazz Concert

Sunday, October 27 at 3pm

## BOOK GROUPS:

### Morning Book Group

Friday, October 4 at 10:30 am

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### Mayor's Book Club

Thursday, October 10 at 7pm

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### Evening Book Group

Tuesday, October 15 at 7 pm

Breathing Lessons

### Books Speak Volumes

Thursday, October 17 at 7 pm

A Fever in the Heartland

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Monday, October 21 at 6:30 pm

Celebrity Chefs

### Silent Reads

Sunday, October 6 at 2:30pm;

Friday, October 11 at 11am;

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### Virtual Author Talks

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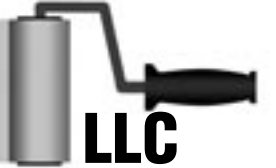
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