SUPER SPELLERS TAKE THE STAGE

By: Joey Hassen

On January 14, 2019, the annual Knights of Columbus Spelling Bee was held at St. James Academy. The night was filled with entertainment, snacks, and fun. There were five students from Washington Park School and five students from St. James Academy who participated.

The students from Washington Park School were chosen to go to the spelling by a surprise test that Ms. Johnson, the eighth grade reading teacher, administered to the eighth grade students. The test had approximately thirty-five words that were very challenging to spell. The students with the most correct spellings were selected to represent Washington Park School at the spelling bee.

The top three winners of the spelling bee would win a combined total of $150. In first place was Lily Abbe of Washington Park School. In second was Christian Pagan of Washington Park School and in third place was a student from St. James, Natalie Coletti.

In the end, no matter the prizes, the participants all had an action packed night.
## Grade 3

**A Honors**
- Ryan Corentin
- Majd Adham
- Josephine Diliberto
- Kamil Aly
- Adrianna Galeazzi
- Sabrina Antonucci
- Kayla Giarrusso
- Sophia Balbaki
- George Golcev
- Ariana Bullaro
- Valer Gomez-Puentes
- Ashley Caggiano
- Luca Grant
- Philip Cheff
- Gabriella Juliano
- Alan Guilliani
- Joud Khatib
- May Hanini
- Patryk Kobyliński
- Dylan Holmberg
- Nicholas Lisitano
- Adyan Hussain
- Maya Lorusso
- Alyssa Latorre
- Dennis McVeigh
- Jacqueline McGovern
- Jil Modi
- Joseph Nieto
- Leah Olivo
- James Pascucci
- Alexander Owens
- Mehjabin Rahman
- Francesco Peluso
- Hannah Reynoso
- Fabian Perez
- Jordyn Rogin
- Nicole Pinto
- Arianne Rossi
- Yamile Principe-Leyva
- Daniel Sciancapaleore
- Chase Reynolds
- Mark Zalenski

**B Honors**
- Aya Zreik
- Joseiah Martinez
- Madison Massicot
- Aiden Doko
- Hailey Molan
- Naya Ramadana
- Eric Pugliese
- Payge Hasselberger
- Iden Khan
- Sabrina Linares
- Sophia Olsen
- Anthony Paese
- Jaylene Guzman
- Jolie Moursi
- Julia McGovern
- Sophia Sabatino
- Emily Sosnovska
- Michael Berman
- Evan Errigo
- Emily Kalafut

## Grade 4

**A Honors**
- Saul Claudio
- Isabella Cruz
- Angelo Di Blasio
- Aiden Doko
- Jayden Gandi
- Derek Guess
- Jaylanie Guzman
- Paige Hasselberger
- Shakir Khan
- Sabrina Linares
- Sophia Olsen
- Anthony Paese
- Jaylene Guzman
- Jolie Moursi
- Marley-Metta West

**B Honors**
- Jaxon Angelo-Marrugo
- Angelina Angotti
- Obada Arnous
- Chase Arrindell
- Granger Choie
- Keshav Desai
- Joshua Giarrusso
- Salvatore Gonzalez
- Rachel Gordon
- Aiden Guzman
- Sheyla Hernandez
- Francis Juliano
- Tanjim Kadir
- Chase Marshall

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- Chase Arrindell
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STUDENTS TAKE THE STAGE

By: Jasline Pena

On December 11, 2018, fourth through eighth grade students performed an amazing concert for parents, students, and staff at Washington Park School. The night started off with the Future Band, fourth grade students, playing their instruments beautifully with three songs, “Jolly Old Saint Nicholas”, “Good King Wenceslas”, and “Jingle Bells.

Next, the Junior Chorus performed four wonderful songs sung perfectly by the third through fifth grade students. Following the Junior Chorus, the Glee Club stepped up and sang a traditional song “I Saw These Ships” and two popular songs. The Glee Club sings traditional songs, pop songs, and suggestions are always welcomed.

The A Cappella group sang a lovely traditional song “Oh Come, Oh Come Emmanuel” that they put their whole heart into. The second to last performance was the Senior Band which played two songs which they performed amazingly.

The finale was astounding. Everyone came together to sing and play the lovely song “Sleigh Ride”. Thank you to Mr. Latka and Mr. Carl for all their hard work and effort in teaching the chorus and band students these wonderful songs. They were able to present an entertaining night for all to remember.

HOORAY TO THOSE WHO PLAYED

By: Matthew Antonucci

Jillian Baxter
Alisa Ceka
Brian Gaboda

The annual Washington Park School Student / Faculty Volleyball Game was held on November 13, 2018. The event is actually a fundraiser with the entrance fee deposited in the student activity account for the expenses of the graduating class of 2019.

It was a huge success based on the amount of money raised. The staff and students had a spectacular time. Though the students lost all games, there were two matches with close scores. In those two games, the students were in the lead until the very end.

The students were separated into three divisions. These groups included Groups 1, 2, and 3. In a game of volleyball, the goal is to have three hits with the third hit going over. However, our mindset as students wasn’t to play volleyball correctly, but to beat the faculty once and for all. And of course, the whole point of the game was to have fun, which the students did.

Overall, the volleyball game raised a substantial amount of funds and provided a great memory for both the eighth grade students and staff members who participated. Although the students were a bit frustrated that they did not win any games, it did not take away from the fun they had.
A SLAM DUNK SEASON
By: Gabriella Fodi

The 2018-2019 Girls’ Totowa Titans basketball team has had a notable season. They finished with an outstanding record of 8-3. They practiced three to four times a week and it paid off. According to Mr. D’Amelio, the girls’ coach, strong defense and playing as a team were two important factors that helped them win their games. Mr. D’Amelio strongly believed that they would win the championship, but the girls lost to Boonton and were eliminated from the tournament that was held in Whippany on January 28th.

Overall, the girls’ biggest rival was Rockaway Borough.

Meet the team:
8th grade
Natalie Stoupakis
Jennifer Salvemini
Gabriella Fodi
Olivia Guidice
Top scorer
Natalie Stoupakis

7th grade
Giavanna Forte
Sara Barrise
Mykhayla Lopez
STAT girls
Isabella Both
Sophia Guarente
Scoreboard
Isabella Rossi
Samantha Kranke
Aubrey Santos

6th grade
Ava Drakakis
Jordyn French
Lilliana Kalokitis
Alexa DiPasquale
Jessie Santos

WIN SOME
LOSE SOME
By: Joseph Mancini
Anthony Monaco
Paul Yannarelli

Basketball is just one of the programs that is offered to boys and girls in Washington Park School. This season the team finished the regular season with a record of two wins and nine losses. Fortunately, they suffered no injuries. The Totowa boys’ Titan basketball team’s biggest rival was Riverdale.

Saturday, January 26th, the team played in the final tournament against Kinnelon in Wharton. Unfortunately, the boys were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs. Even though the season didn’t turn out as hoped, in the future the team plans to win many more games and even the championship. Let’s go Titans!
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Shriya Kanani, left, pictured with Sunny Williams, Astronaut

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 12-Unplugged Concert 7 P.M. WPS
February 14-1:20 P.M. dismissal
February 15-18-Mid-Winter Recess-Schools closed
February 20-Board of Education Meeting 7 P.M. WPS
February 21-Fashion Show 6:30 P.M. Brownstone
February 27-Board of Education Meeting 7 P.M. WPS
February 28-Mid-Marking Period Reports
February 28-Nations Night 6:30 WPS
March 12-PTO Meeting 7 P.M. MS
March 20-Board of Education Meeting 7 P.M. WPS
March 28-30-Spring Musical Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory WPS

OUT OF THE WORLD CREATION

By: Gianna Hortas
Delanie Morrissey

Astronauts, as you may already know, only eat dry food in space. A museum in New York City is looking to change this with an independent STEM project. Shriya Kanani, a Washington Park School seventh grade student, and her robotic team, four eighth grade students from Randolph, proposed an idea to try to provide astronauts in space with protein.

Shriya had to get approval from Ms. Emerick, the seventh grade science teacher, in order to participate from WPS. To proceed with the project, the team interviewed a farmer who helped them continue with their project.

The team had two setups for growing plants (moong beans, chick peas, and black chick peas). One setup was Aerponics (no soil with a mister) and the other was Hydroponics (soil and water). The Aerponic setup yielded greater plant growth.

The project took two months but on August 4, 2018, it was completed, and the competition began. Shriya placed 16th out of 18th in the state. Congratulations!

This newspaper staff represents students from period 3 writing class during academic rotation. It reflects the journalism and process-writing skills that were taught during this time period, ending with this actual newspaper publication. Thank you to all WPS staff members who cooperated with the newspaper staff by giving of their time and interviews. The staff very much enjoyed their introduction to the world of journalism.