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# PELHAM FOCUS



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## 2002 District Report Card

### FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

This is the 6th annual edition of FOCUS which offers a comprehensive report on student achievement on standardized tests and other measures of progress during the prior year.

The results are a tribute to the hard work of our students and teachers. I hope that you share our pride in all their accomplishments, many of which rank Pelham students among the best in the region, state, and the country.

At the same time, I ask you to keep in mind that this data is, first and foremost, a resource that is critical in our planning process. We use this information to identify students in need of support, programs requiring adjustment, and trends indicating areas of strength and weakness. For example, the results on the new Math A Regents prompted us to extend this course an extra semester for some students. Modifications were made in other programs also.

If you have questions, please contact me at 738-3434. It is through community interest and support that we are able to succeed as a school system.

Charles T. Wilson, Ed. D.  
Superintendent of Schools

### EXCELLENCE ACHIEVED

- **PMHS was ranked among the top 1% of American high schools for its AP program and participation.** Continued higher percentage earning college credit compared to national average, see p. 2
- **Over half of PMHS class '02 are attending colleges ranked in the top three tiers of schools in the U.S.,** highest percentage in the last 6 years, see p. 3
- Percentage of PMHS students **exceeding the 3-year science graduation requirement doubled,** from 42% in 2000 to 82% in 2003, see p. 5
- Pelham's **4th grade** Language Arts score is among the **top six** in Westchester and the Math score is among the **top four,** see p. 4
- **Prizes in writing, foreign language, science, theater, music, art, sports, and community service** in local and national contests for students in elementary through high school, see p. 6-8

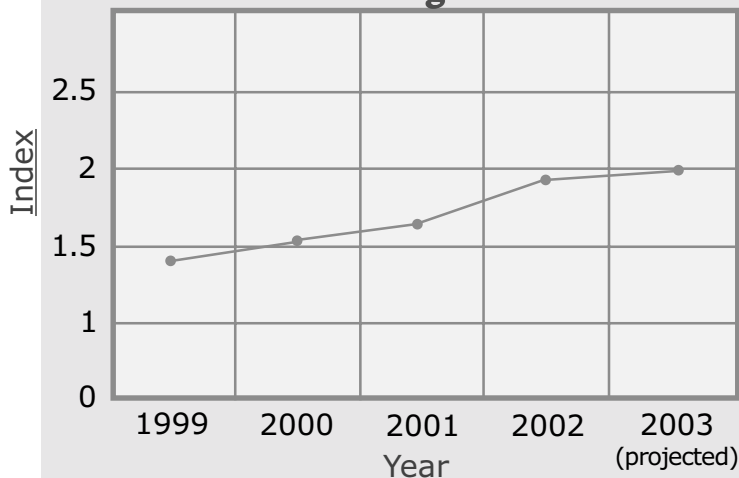
*These PMHS 9th and 10th grade research science students received Young Science Achievement grants for their projects this year.*



# ADVANCED PLACEMENT EXAMS



## PMHS AP Challenge Index



### PMHS AP Challenge Index: Top 1% of U.S. High Schools

The percentage of students enrolled in AP college level courses in PMHS is at an all time high. In 2002, 142 students completed 267 exams with 82% resulting in college credit or advanced placement in college. The national average is 62%.

This high participation rate, or **Challenge Index**, placed PMHS among the **top 1% of over 25,000 high schools** in the U.S. in 2000 and 2003 studies, ranking PMHS approximately 174th in the most recent study. PMHS was also recognized in a study of Westchester high schools for the "big jump" in its Challenge Index.

### Did You Know?

Research shows students who complete AP courses in high school are more successful in college.

## Advanced Placement Scores

AP Test	# Enrolled	% Scoring 3 or Above*	Nat. Average
<b>U.S. History</b>	51	92%	54%
<b>Eur. History</b>	35	100%	71%
<b>Eng. Lit.</b>	41	93%	66%
<b>Calculus AB</b>	12	92%	67%
<b>Calculus BC</b>	9	100%	81%
<b>Statistics</b>	19	74%	57%
<b>Biology</b>	12	83%	65%
<b>Env. Science</b>	43	47%	53%
<b>Chemistry</b>	9	33%	57%
<b>Physics</b>	21	81%	60%
<b>French</b>	4**	100%	54%
<b>Spanish</b>	6**	100%	58%
<b>Studio Art</b>	4**	75%	77%
<b>Music</b>	1**	100%	70%

\* Results in college credit or advanced placement.

\*\* These courses are offered in combination with other courses or through independent study.

See [pelhamschools.org](http://pelhamschools.org) for a report on PMHS AP and PMHS/MS Honors programs.

## SAT SCORES

## SAT I Scores: Five-Year Perspective

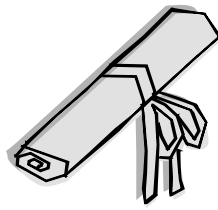
1998 1999 2000 2001 2002

### How PMHS Class '02 Scored on SAT's (135 students out of 142 graduates tested)

SCORE RANGE	# OF SCORES IN RANGE	
	VERBAL	MATH
700-800	21	23
600-690	36	43
500-590	42	33
400-490	26	19
300-390	10	14
200-290	0	3

PMHS Verbal Mean Score	548	558	542	577	574
PMHS Verbal Mean Score, Top Ranked 15%	654	694	682	720	681
Nat. Verbal Mean Score	505	505	505	506	504
PMHS Math Mean Score	554	557	549	584	565
PMHS Math Mean Score, Top Ranked 15%	671	688	673	678	693
Nat. Math Mean Score	512	511	514	514	516
Percent of Students Taking SATs					
PMHS Seniors:	94%	94%	90%	90%	95%
National Rate:	41%	41%	41%	41%	41%

# OUR GRADUATES



## Three Cheers for Class of 2002

52% of PMHS class of 2002 are enrolled in the top three tiers of colleges, the highest percentage in the last 6 years. ★

## Colleges where our students are currently enrolled:

Adelphi U.  
 American Academy  
 American U.  
 American U. of Paris  
 Arizona State U.  
 Batson C.  
 Bennington C.  
 Bentley C.  
 Berklee Coll. of Music  
 Berkeley C.  
 Boston C.  
 Boston U.  
 Brandeis U.  
 Brown U.  
 Bryn Mawr C.  
 Bryant C.  
 Bucknell U.  
 Caldwell C.  
 Carnegie Mellon U.  
 Case Western Res. U.  
 Catholic U.  
 Coastal Carolina U.  
 Colby C.  
 Colgate U.  
 Coll. of Charleston, S.C.  
 Coll. of the Holy Cross  
 Coll. of Mt. St. Vincent  
 Coll. of New Rochelle  
 Coll. of Santa Fe  
 Colorado State U.  
 Columbia U.  
 Concordia C.  
 Cooper Union  
 Cornell U.  
 CUNY: Baruch, City  
     Tech, Herbert Lehman,  
     Hunter  
 Dartmouth U.  
 Delaware State U.  
 Dickinson C.  
 Dominican C.  
 Drew U.  
 Duquesne U.  
 Eastern Ct. State U.  
 Emerson C.

Fairfield U.  
 Fisher C.  
 Florida Southern C.  
 Florida State U.  
 Fordham U.  
 Georgetown U.  
 George Washington U.  
 Georgia Southern U.  
 Gettysburg C.  
 Goucher C.  
 Hampshire C.  
 Harvard U.  
 Hobart/Wm. Smith C.  
 Hofstra U.  
 Howard U.  
 Indiana U.  
 Iona C.  
 Iowa State U.  
 Ithaca C.  
 Johns Hopkins U.  
 Kings C.  
 LaSalle U.  
 Lehigh U.  
 LeMoyne C.  
 Long Island U.  
 Loyola C. (Maryland)  
 Manhattan C.  
 Manhattanville C.  
 Marist C.  
 Marymount Manhattan C.  
 Massachusetts Inst. of Tech.  
 Mercy C.  
 Messiah C.  
 Michigan State U.  
 Middlebury C.  
 Mt. St. Mary C. (NY)  
 Naropa Institute  
 New Coll. of So. Fl.  
 NY Inst. of Technology  
 New York U.  
 Niagara U.  
 NC State (Raleigh)  
 Northeastern U.  
 Northwestern U.  
 Nyack C.

## PMHS Students in Best Schools

5-year perspective of percentage of PMHS graduates enrolled in the top three tiers of colleges, according to Barron's *Profile of American Colleges*.

Class	Most Competitive	Highly Competitive	Very Competitive	Total
1998	8%	14%	25%	47%
1999	15%	14%	18%	47%
2000	11%	14%	20%	45%
2001	13%	10%	21%	44%
2002	16%	15%	21%	52%

Oberlin C.  
 Ohio Wesleyan U.  
 Pace U.  
 Parsons School of Design  
 Penn State U.  
 Pratt Institute  
 Princeton U.  
 Quinnipiac U.  
 Regis C.  
 Reed C.  
 Rensselaer Polytech. Institute  
 Rochester Institute of Tech.  
 Roger Williams U.  
 Rollins C.  
 Rutgers, State U. of NJ  
 Sacred Heart U.  
 Sage Junior C.  
 San Diego State U.  
 School of Visual Arts  
 Seton Hall U.  
 Smith C.  
 St. Bonaventure U.  
 St. John's U.  
 St. Mary's C. of Maryland  
 Swarthmore C.  
 Syracuse U.  
 SUNY: Albany, Binghamton,  
     Buffalo, Cobleskill,  
     Env. Sci. & Forestry,  
     Delhi, F.I.T., Geneseo,  
     New Paltz, Oneonta,  
     Plattsburgh, Potsdam,  
     Purchase, Stony Brook  
 Trinity C. (Ct)  
 Trinity C. (Ireland)  
 Tufts U.  
 Tulane U.  
 Union College  
 U. of Arizona  
 U. of Arts  
 U. of California (Berkeley)  
 U. of California (Santa Cruz)  
 U. of Chicago

U. of Colorado (Boulder)  
 U. of Connecticut (Storrs)  
 U. of Delaware  
 U. of Hartford  
 U. of Kentucky  
 U. of Maryland (Baltimore)  
 U. of Maryland (Coll. Park)  
 U. of Mass. (Amherst)  
 U. of Michigan (Ann Arbor)  
 U. of Miami (Coral Gables)  
 U. of N. H. (Durham)  
 U. of New Haven  
 U. of New Mexico  
 U. of NC (Chapel Hill)  
 U. of Notre Dame  
 U. of Pennsylvania  
 U. of Rhode Island  
 U. of Rochester  
 U. of San Diego  
 U. of Scranton  
 U. of Tampa  
 U. of Vermont (Burlington)  
 U. of Virginia  
 U. of York (England)  
 Utica C.  
 Vassar C.  
 Vanderbilt U.  
 Villanova U.  
 Virginia Technology  
 Wake Forest U.  
 Washington U. (St. Louis)  
 Wells C.  
 Westchester Business Inst.  
 Wesleyan U.  
 Western Connecticut U.  
 Williams C.  
 Winston-Salem State U.  
 Worcester Polytech Inst.  
 Yale U.

# NEW YORK STATE TESTING

## A+ : Over 90% of PMHS Students Meet Eng. Language Arts and Math Standards

With the class of 2005, new and more rigorous State graduation requirements will be fully phased in and the transition to an All Regents high school completed. The 2002 report card includes information on how well PMHS students are meeting two of these requirements, in English and Math.

State tests in the elementary and middle schools are designed to identify students at risk for not succeeding in high school and require support. In viewing the Middle School scores, keep in mind that:

- The drop in scores from 4th to 8th grade is consistent with most Westchester and NYS districts.
- Pelham's scores are higher than similar schools, i.e., schools with similar needs and resources.
- Of the Pelham 8th graders not meeting the standards, 27% were new to the District in the Middle School and 42% are special needs students.

## ALL STUDENTS (GEN. ED. AND WITH DISABILITIES)

4<sup>th</sup> Grade

<b>Eng. Lang. Arts:</b>		<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>♦% Meeting or Exceeding Standards</b>			
PELHAM		94%	95%
NY State		60%	62%
<b>♦% with Partial Understanding of Standards</b>			
PELHAM		6%	4%
NY State		30%	30%
<b>♦% with Serious Academic Deficiencies</b>			
PELHAM		0%	1%
NY State		10%	8%

<b>Math:</b>		<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>♦% Meeting or Exceeding Standards</b>			
PELHAM		97%	98%
NY State		69%	68%
<b>♦% with Partial Understanding of Standards</b>			
PELHAM		3%	2%
NY State		22%	25%
<b>♦% with Serious Academic Deficiencies</b>			
PELHAM		0%	1%
NY State		9%	7%



*Pelham's 4th Gr. E.L.A. scores are among the top 6 in Westchester. 100% of Colonial students met the E.L.A. standards. Pelham's 4th Gr. Math scores are among the top 4 in Westchester. 100% of Colonial and Prospect Hill students met the math standards.*

8<sup>th</sup> Grade

<b>Eng. Lang. Arts:</b>		<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>♦% Meeting or Exceeding Standards</b>			
PELHAM		81%	74%
NY State		45%	44%
<b>♦% with Partial Understanding of Standards</b>			
PELHAM		18%	26%
NY State		41%	49%
<b>♦% with Serious Academic Deficiencies</b>			
PELHAM		1%	0%
NY State		14%	7%

<b>Math:</b>		<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>♦% Meeting or Exceeding Standards</b>			
PELHAM		80%	86%
NY State		39%	48%
<b>♦% with Partial Understanding of Standards</b>			
PELHAM		15%	12%
NY State		35%	33%
<b>♦% with Serious Academic Deficiencies</b>			
PELHAM		5%	2%
NY State		26%	20%

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<b>Eng. Lang. Arts:</b>		<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>♦% Meeting or Exceeding Standards</b>			
PELHAM		100%	97%
NY State		86%	86%
<b>♦% at Mastery</b>			
PELHAM		49%	65%
NY State		13%	24%

<b>Math:</b>		<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>
<b>♦% Meeting or Exceeding Standards</b>			
PELHAM		93%	93%
NY State		85%	82%
<b>♦% at Mastery</b>			
PELHAM		61%	67%
NY State		39%	38%

# H.S. REGENTS EXAMS

## *Pelham Memorial High School*

REGENTS EXAM	% Passing at 65	% at Mastery (85+)
ENGLISH	95%	66%
MATH A	81%*	28%
MATH 3	99%	66%
GLOBAL II	94%	42%
U.S. HISTORY	97%	52%
LIVING ENV.	97%	31%
PHYSICS**	70%**	7%
CHEMISTRY	83%	21%
FRENCH	100%	52%
ITALIAN	97%	47%
LATIN	100%	47%
SPANISH	98%	91%



**Revised Regents Exams:** Like the State Learning Standards, the revised Regents exams are more challenging, require higher critical thinking skills, and include fewer multiple choice questions.

**\*Math A:** This course, which incorporates topics from the former course levels 1 and 2, will be offered in four as well as three semesters next year, based on student needs.

**\*\*Physics:** This test was considered flawed by educators across NYS in terms of material tested, wording of questions and scoring. Like many districts, Pelham did not include these results in our students' cumulative grade.

**A+** 82% of PMHS students are exceeding the 3-year science graduation requirement and are enrolled in a 4th or 5th year of study. This is double the percentage in 2000.

### SCIENCE: 4th and 7th Grade

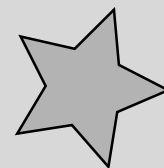
	2002	
% Above SDL	4th	7th
PELHAM	93%	92%

### SOCIAL STUDIES: 4th and 8th Grade

	2002	
Meeting and Exceeding Standards	4th	8th
PELHAM	100%	97%



# MIDDLE SCHOOL



## Challenging All 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students

*Pelham Middle School is one of a few middle schools to offer Earth Science Regents to ALL 8th graders.*

Earth Science not only prepares students for academic work in high school but also expands the opportunity for more advanced study of science in 11th and 12th grades. Students must complete approximately 50 labs in preparation for this exam.

In addition, high school Math A was introduced to over 80% of 8th grade students. A three or four semester course, the exam is given in 9th grade.

### EARTH SCIENCE

	% Taking Regents	% Passing
1996	68%	80%
2002	98%	91%

### Grade 7 IOWA Tests Results

*Pelham's National Percentile Ranking*

Reading	95%
Language	91%
Math	92%

# Excellence IN OUR SCHOOLS

## **NATIONAL MERIT RECOGNIZES PMHS STUDENTS**

Eight PMHS seniors were named **Commended Students** in the 2003 National Merit Scholarship Program: Rachel Bloch, Matthew Cisneros, Schuyler Clemente, Maximillian Del Rey, Bridget Fitzgerald, Francesca Heintz, Michael Lynch, and Ankura Singh. These students represent the top 5% of more than one million participants. Senior Julia Carmona was recognized as a scholar in the **National Hispanic Recognition Program** for exceptional academic achievement. Senior Kandice C. Wilson was selected as "outstanding participant" in the **National Achievement Scholarship Program for Black Americans**.

## **AP SCHOLARS**

Thirty-one members of PMHS class 2002 were recognized by the College Board for their high achievement on Advanced Placement exams:

**Scholars with Distinction:** David Blinn, Nicholas Brice, Christina Chestnut, Joseph Dela Pena, Natan Dotan, Yigi Gu, John Kiernan, Carine Laporte, Alexander Lemann, Blair Lorenzo, Raquel Otheguy and David Solimano.

**Scholars with Honors:** William Barbera, Thomas Hickernell, Daniel McLaughlin, Dana Pepe. **AP Scholars:** Charles Blanchard, Dennis Conners, Justine Davies, Timothy Evans, Lisbeth Furke, Patrick Gallagher, Aman Gujral, Matthew Hays, Jaimy Joseph, Lauren Keenan, Christian Marcks, Peter Monaldo, Gregory Neufeld, Jonathan Walder, and Joanna Zizzo.

## **NEWEST NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS**

The following students were inducted into the Knight and Lamp Chapter of the National Honor Society: **CLASS OF 2003:** Charlotte Johnson, Vanessa Myers and Joshua Sarver (32 members of the Class of 2003 were inducted last year.).

**CLASS OF 2004:** Alessandra Biaggi, Alejandra Bracero, Julia Broder, Michael Cannella, Lauren Carfora, Ariane Chang, Zachary Chestnut,

Elizabeth Clain, Michael Culen, Ales Cvekl, James Dela Pena, Ian Folkert, Frank Fraioli, Meighan Gallagher, Grace Gerald, Colin Gilland, Brendan Gray, Christine Greco, Emily Greenhouse, Megan Guerrieri, Danielle Hayman, Benjamin Horowitz, Meagan Irwin, Meredith Keyser, Roxanna Kobziar, Daniel Mazzella, Amanda Palmieri, Peter Ragaglia, Kirthana Raman, Robert Ramenofsky, Gary Ritacco, Meredith Swain, Zachary Thomas and Micol Zweig.

## **YOUNG SCIENCE ACHIEVERS**

Seven **Young Science Achievers grants** sponsored by the Lucent Technologies, AT&T, Avaya and New Jersey Science Teachers Association (NJSTA) were awarded to PMHS science research students: Daniel Begley-Groth, Charles Kenworthy, Nicole Dyer, Guy Monahan, Ashley Veselis, Joseph Sarver, Lauren Goldstein, Carolien Dikkers, David Clain, Katalin Gyulassy, Meg Zisser, Tamara De Moor, Max Jacob, Timothy Pestell, Scott Snyder, Allison Ambrosio, Vivian Bratone, Eva Catenaccio, Sophie Gandler, Reilly Kiernan, Kelly Schramm, Nicole Keane, Karen Benabou, and Kristen Penberthy.

## **RESEARCH PUBLISHED**

For her senior science research project, Lauren Keenan, PMHS class 2002, was named co author with a team of scientists at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, of an article on viruses that infect bacteria. The article was published in Cell Magazine.

## **MATH COMPETITOR**

Zachary Thomas, PMHS junior, qualified for the **National and NY State Math League** competitions.

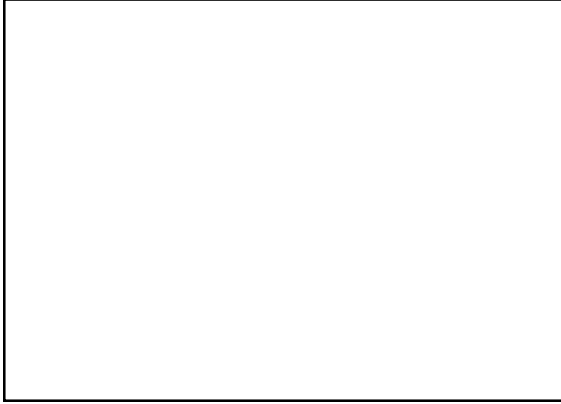
## **SPORTSMANSHIP & SCHOLARS**

The **2002 NY Good Sports Award** was presented for the third time in four years to the PMHS Athletic Department and administration. The distinguished **Scholar/Athlete Award** which recognizes teams with a combined GPA of at least 90% was presented to these fall & winter teams: Boys' & Girls' Cross Country, Swimming, Field Hockey, Girls' Tennis for the fall, & Girls' Varsity Basketball & Varsity Ice Hockey for the winter.

## **MODEL CONGRESS TOP AWARD**

PMHS Model Congress was awarded Best Delegation in the Lawrence High School competition, the highest achievement.

## **STUDENT AUTHORS**



Six PMHS and Middle School students were winners in the 2003 **Westchester Council of English Educators Young Writers Contest**, the most awards won by a district this year. Winners are Middle School students Morgan McDaniel and Madeleine Osborn and from PMHS, Joyce Dela Pena, Meg Zisser, Dominique Blakely and Carlos Gomez. PMHS senior Marc Arena was one of eight winners from "**Speak Up!**" a poetry event sponsored by Russell Simmons of "Def Poetry Jam."

Prospect Hill third grader, Maggie Livingstone, was one of ten winners chosen from 3000 submissions for the **Scholastic Book Club's "Lucky Book Club's Boxcar Children Mystery Writing Contest."**



## **PMHS AND MIDDLE SCHOOL FOREIGN LANGUAGE AWARDS**

### **FRENCH NATIONAL CONTEST WINNERS:**

The following HS/MS students placed in the top 10 regionally with seven placing nationally: **Level 01A:** Sarah Schwartz, Anne Aust, Katherine Niedt, Rachel Lynch, Assefash Makonnen, Sara Lravotz, and Carla Calderone (nat. 9th). **Level 1A:** Morgane Chang (nat. 6th), Sara Weschler (nat. 7th), Sophie Gandler. **Level 2:** Amanda Chue (nat. 11th), Tamara DeMoor, **Level 3:** Emma Otheguy (nat. 3rd), and Stephanie Flory (nat.7th), and **Level 4:** Emily Greenhouse (nat. 8th).

## **NATIONAL LATIN EXAM WINNERS**

**Three perfect scores:** Alexandra Solimano in Latin I and Katherine Arden and Sara Weschler in Latin II. **Outstanding Achievement:** Ami Tian, **7th Gr Achievement Certificate:** Alicia Darnell, Brian Cross, Michael Plotycia, Jonathan Chandler, **8th Gr Gold Medal:** Mark Wayne, **Silver Medal:** Jonathan Miner, Lia Grigg, Justin Devito, **Magna Cum Laude:** Michael Lapadula, Josh Cabrera, **Cum Laude:** Christopher Landis, Alex Bargmann, Alexandra Stein, Christopher Blinn, Christopher Bennett, **Latin I Gold Medal:** Alexandra Solimano, Amanda Chue, Tamara DeMoor, Reilly Kiernan, **Silver Medal:** Sarah Leary, Meg Zisser, Caitlin Benya, David Clain, Michelle McLaughlin, Sara Petri, Johanne Boursoit, **Magna Cum Laude:** Johnny Moran, Elizabeth Keyser, **Cum Laude:** Nicole Dyer, Jaclyn Ferrara, **Latin II Gold Medal:** Sara Weschler, Katherine Arden, Sophie Gandler, Robert Miner, **Silver Medal:** Adam Walder, Eva Catenaccio, Josh Essig, Joyce Dela Pena, Charles Kenworthy, Jesse Strauss, Molly Ryan, David Geraghty, Cooper Dickinson, **Magna Cum Laude:** Julian Mancina, Arianna Heintz, Peter Bruckmann, Nicole Keane, Katherine Hickernell **Cum Laude:** Meredith Swain, Oliver Langworthy, Lisa Keenan, Jamie Kamlet. **Latin III Gold Medal:** Zachary Thomas, Madelyn Priest, **Silver Medal:** Meredith Keyser, **Magna Cum Laude:** Sam Kiernan, Grant Marcks, Ian Kavanagh, **Latin IV Silver Medal:** Alejandra Bracero.

## **ITALIAN NATIONAL EXAM WINNERS:**

**Honorable Mention:** Middle School students Nicola Mossa and Ashley Comfort and PMHS students Arianna Heintz and Kelly Benabou.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

PMHS senior Vanessa Myers was one of two Westchester students to receive \$1,000 as part of the **Student Assistance Services Award**.

## **ART FINALIST**

PMHS senior Jaclyn Dooner was named a **finalist** on the **national level in the Coca Cola Art of Harmony Poster Contest**.

## **CHORAL RECOGNITION**

All four elementary school choruses participated in the **NYS School Music Association (NYSSMA) Festival**. Although not competitive, evaluations earned awards, gold medal for Hutchinson, silver for Siwanoy and Colonial, and bronze for Prospect Hill.

# Pelham PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## PELHAM SCHOOLS BUDGET VOTE AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

June 3, 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.  
Main Gym, High School



### **Are You Ready to Vote?**

If you are not registered, you can fill in a voter registration form, available from the Town Clerk (738-0777), any school office, the Superintendent's Office (738-3434) or at <http://www.lwvny.org>. or come to the high school between 10 am and 2 pm on May 28.

Applications for absentee ballots are available by calling the District Clerk at 738-3434.

### **For More Information on the Vote**

To learn more about the Budget and School Board Election, **tune to Cable Channel 77** during the week of May 27 or **borrow a tape** overnight by calling 738-3434. Our **website** also has information at [pelhamschools.org](http://pelhamschools.org). Or call Dr. Wilson or a Board of Education member at 738-3434.

### **Did You Miss the PACT series on Raising Sexually Healthy Youth?**

Videos of all the talks are available at the Pelham Public Library for borrowing.

### **Camp Openings**

The BEPT Summer Experience has several spots open for the half day program, \$200 per week. Please call 738-7352.

## Excellence *see p. 6-7*

### **SOCK N BUSKIN**

Sock N Buskin's 2002 performance of **The Secret Garden** added three nominations and one award for Outstanding Duet by Anthony and Will Nunziata to this group's long list of recognition. Last week, the 2003 performance of **Anything Goes** received 14 nominations, the most of any Westchester high school. Included was Outstanding Director for Mr. John Orefice.

### *Community Invited*

#### **High School Choral/Orchestra Concert**

May 28, PMHS auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

#### **High School Band Concert**

June 3, PMHS front lawn, off Corlies, 7:30 p.m.  
Rain date, June 11.

### **PMHS WPA Murals: Can You Help Us?**

The Pelham Education Foundation and Pelham Art Center are joining together to restore and preserve the two WPA murals in the high school Library/Information Center. Old yearbooks indicate that a third mural was also on display at one time. If you have any information about this mural or would like to join this project, call Rosemary Hays at 738-5965 or Angela Cox at 738-5163.

### **AFS Needs Host Families**

If you would like to host an exchange student next year, please contact Mr. Frank Orfei at 738-8106.