



Principal's Newsletter-January 2020

ShopRite Kindness Award

Each month Suffield High School chooses a student to receive the ShopRite Kindness Award. This award is given to a student who has shown kindness in one way or another. The student chosen has demonstrated one or more of the following characteristics: Exemplary Citizenship, Civic Awareness, Responsibility, Leadership, Commitment to Others and Helping Others. In addition to the honorary recognition, ShopRite will donate \$50 to the charity of the student's choice.

Congratulations to Cami and Cassie Bosco who were chosen to receive the ShopRite Kindness Award for November. Cami and Cassie were nominated by Ms. Kate McCluskey and Ms. Samantha Schrager. Ms. McCluskey wrote, "I have had the pleasure of getting to know Cami and Cassie Bosco in Interact Club. Suffield High School Interact Club takes an active part of the Suffield Community and volunteers in many community projects. Cami and Cassie are both very involved with Interact, and they are willing to step in and help in any way they can. Some examples of their willingness include helping at Suffield on the Green, prepping meals for Loaves and Fishes, food drives, and Bell Ringing for the Salvation Army. Both girls organized and ran the blood drive this year for the Red Cross. They are very committed to civic awareness and helping others. In addition to community service, Cami and Cassie are members of the girls' soccer team. Cami has been involved with our Manufacturing to Marketing project this year. Both girls exemplify leadership in and out of the classroom." Ms. Schrager wrote, "I have been fortunate to work with Cami and Cassie Bosco twice in my capacity as a teacher in Suffield Public Schools. The Bosco sisters are a delight to know, whether it is in English class, or study hall, as they are conscientious, creative and thoughtful students. In addition to their exemplary academic achievements, they both demonstrate the qualities highlighted by this honor. As student athletes, they demonstrate responsibility and leadership, and as helpful classmates and tutors, their commitment to helping others. This year, Cami and Cassie epitomized citizenship and civic awareness when they arranged and managed a Red Cross blood drive at Suffield High School. I love how the girls choose to act instead of just talk about helping others, and the time they dedicate to our school. It is my privilege to nominate them for this award."



Cassie Bosco (left) and Cami Bosco (right)

Congratulations to Sophia D'Addario who was chosen to receive the ShopRite Kindness Award for December. Sophia was nominated by Ms. Kelly Blais. Ms. Blais wrote, "Sophia has done a wonderful job in class being responsible, helping others and showing a commitment to others. Throughout class, she is always willing to take the time to help her classmates with questions they may have related to content. During this last unit, she took the responsibility to help teach and then conduct a 15 minute component of class! She did so positively, and with a lot of patience. She always completes her work, on time and to the best of her ability. She is a student that other students like to be around, and she is respected and appreciated by everyone who is in the room."

Congratulations to our wonderful students for being nominated for their Kindness. As the saying goes, "**Kindness Matters.**"



Sophia D'Addario

Suffield High School's Kindness Crew

Since cancer has affected many of our lives, The Kindness Crew decided that working with the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute along with the Jimmy Fund would be the best possible choice to raise and donate as much as we can for cancer research.

"Dana-Farber provides expert, compassionate care to children and adults and is home to groundbreaking cancer discoveries. Since its founding in 1948, the Jimmy Fund has raised millions of dollars through thousands of community efforts to advance Dana-Farber's lifesaving mission."

Dr. Sidney Farber created the Jimmy Fund to raise money to support Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, the cancer hospital he founded in Boston in 1947. On May 22, 1948, "Jimmy," one of Dr. Farber's young cancer patients, inspired a movement on Truth or Consequences, a national radio program. Jimmy was a pseudonym to protect his identity—his real name was Einar Gustafson. Jimmy was visited in the hospital by star players from the Boston Braves. When

asked what he wanted most, Jimmy said he wanted a TV so all the kids in the cancer ward could watch his heroes play baseball. Those listeners to the radio game show were so moved that they not only sent enough money for the television, but an additional \$200,000. The additional money that was raised was put into a fund which they named "The Jimmy Fund."

If we take into consideration inflation, that \$200,000 donated in 1948 would be equivalent to \$2,135,651.45 in 2019.

Jimmy Fund's baseball origins later evolved into a longstanding partnership with the Boston Red Sox that began in 1953, the oldest & most successful charity relationship in all of sports.

We thank our community for their generous contribution to a very important cause!

Businesses in our community who were so willing to contribute were; Tosca's Restaurant, CVS, Three Figs, Creative Clips Pet Salon, Pacifica, Highland Park Market, Cheng's Gourmet Chinese Food, Santo Restaurant, Francesco's Restaurant, Bissell's Meeting House, as well as Suffield families, the Hoyt, Wosko and Tucker families. This is not to forget our neighboring supporters, Cinemark Movies, Lulu's Restaurant, V's Trattoria Restaurant, Red Robin, Agawam Cinemas, Barnes and Noble, the Gaudreau family and Suffield High School's own Kerry Michaud-Bagley (Heart Stone Gallery) and Tim Percoski (Reclamations and Creations Woodworking)!

The Kindness Crew raised \$1,110.98 for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Jimmy Fund.





National Honor Society Toy Drive

Annually, our NHS Sigma chapter organizes a Toys for Tots and Teens drive. Each day, during a ten day window, donations of cash and toys are collected during second period. SHS tradition allows the winning classroom to go on a shopping trip to spend the money raised. Today the group spent nearly \$2,000 at Target then went to the Bergdorf Clinic in Hartford. All totaled, over 300 toys worth nearly \$4,000 were donated on behalf of the SHS Community!

SHS has a positive impact on the greater Hartford community, and I am very proud of our learning community!



Rotary Student of the Month

Congratulations to Joseph Puia who was chosen as the Rotary Student of the Month for January. Joseph is a senior at Suffield High School and is an Honors student. Joseph is a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society. Joseph has been involved in Football since the 6th Grade and is on the Suffield/Windsor Locks Raiders Football Team. Joseph was chosen as the Football Captain in his junior and senior year. Joseph has also been involved in the Suffield Basketball Driveway League throughout his high school years. He was the recipient of the Saint Michael's College Book Award in his junior year. In his spare time, you might find Joseph volunteering at the Windsor Locks Fireman's Carnival as a parking assistant or volunteering at the Freshman Step-up Open House, where he was a "Football Table Coordinator." In addition, Joseph has volunteered at the Lions Bradley Road Race helping to hand out flyers and direct traffic. Joseph has been a member of the Student Council in his junior and senior year. Another impressive thing about Joseph is that he runs his own business called "Puia Paints" where he paints shoes. Joseph said, "I have done a variety of pairs, ranging from tributes to heritage, movie themes like "Toy Story" and the "Joker" and even many pairs that are just special to the customer.

Congratulations to Joseph. He is the perfect choice for Rotary Student of the Month!



Joseph Puia

80th Session of Model Congress

Every year, several schools in the local area gather at American International College to participate in collegial debate on mock legislation and Constitutional Amendments that they have diligently developed regarding current national and global issues. Bills crafted from other schools ranged from declaring war on China to protecting the treatment of race horses. Suffield High School developed two bills, both in which passed committee and the Senate. Our first bill, written and sponsored by Veronica Partain deemed "CRABLEGS" was a bill implementing an excise tax on fossil fuel emissions to help reduce the impact of Climate Change throughout the world. The second bill, written by Ian Woods and sponsored by Ian Woods and Jack Flanagan, was on Mandatory Vaccinations in Public Schools (MIPS). This bill was deemed 'the most compelling, thoughtful, thorough and mechanically accurate piece of legislation' and won 'BEST LEGISLATION' overall.

Prior to attending, students within our Model Congress group spent many hours researching, developing and practicing how to debate mock legislation. While Ian, Jack and Veronica did an awesome job representing Suffield High School with their legislation, we also had three amazing associate delegates in attendance: Sophia Mormino, Ella Milton-Benoit and Lucie Cashinghino. Associate Delegates had the opportunity to review the committee process, learn the appropriate procedures and practice with the mock legislation. These three ladies were actively engaged and did a fantastic job displaying their skills in the associate sessions.

With the close of the 80th Session, our students can now start drafting bills for the 81st! After a short reprieve, Model Congress will commence again on Thursdays during Wildcat Time. All students are welcome!



Ian Woods and Jack Flanagan