

**Principal's Newsletter-November 2018**



**World Language Student of the Month-September-by Carl Casinghino**

Samuel Petrucci, a sophomore at Suffield High School, is the World Languages Student of the Month for September, 2018. Sam is currently in the French 4 Honors class, where he has shown a strong commitment to speaking in French during class and developing his cultural and linguistic understanding of French. Sam helps to make his class an energetic and engaging place to learn French and brings highly original viewpoints to his work.

Sam is also a committed participant in school life and our community. He is in the Agriscience program at the high school and is a member of the FFA organization. He is also a life scout in the Boy Scouts of America and is working on his eagle rank while serving as a volunteer for several charitable organizations. Sam has a strong interest in music, particularly drumming, and he benefits from his widespread interests as he integrates them with his writing and speaking in French class.

It is with great pleasure that the World Languages Department offers this award to Sam. He helps to elevate our learning experience along with his peers to generate an invigorating and immersive environment for language learning. The enthusiasm and team spirit that we strive for every day are embodied in his accomplishments.



Samuel Petrucci

Chanel Poitras

### **World Language Student of the Month-October-by Kae Volpintesta**

Ms. Chanel Poitras is the World Languages Student of the Month for October, 2018. Chanel is currently a senior at Suffield High School, where she is a member of ASL III class. Chanel exhibits not only a superior level of skill in American Sign Language; she approaches her study of ASL with enthusiasm and a genuine respect for the culture and the language itself. Chanel is a leader in her class and cheerfully serves as a model to the other students. Chanel has excellent receptive and expressive skills in the language which is a direct result of her commitment to her study of ASL.

We are very happy to offer our World Language Student of the Month award to an American Sign Language student for the first time. Chanel's hard work and dedication to the mastery of the language help to make our ASL classes at Suffield High School both rewarding and applicable to the real world.

It is my true pleasure to have such fine, outstanding students with which to work. Congratulations Chanel!

### **Farmington Valley Superintendents Award**

Bruce Wilson is a senior at Suffield High School. Bruce is involved in many extracurricular activities such as Science Fair Club, Wildcat Advisory Group and Best Buddies. Bruce volunteers for Suffield Emergency Aid, has been a server at St. Mark's Episcopal Church serving food to the less fortunate, and through the SHS Giraffe Club. Bruce was the group leader of his Science Fair group who received the Samantha Freeman Award for Excellence in Sports Science or Engineering. He was also awarded second honors for his science fair project titled, "The Impact of Physical Activity on Human Reaction Time." Bruce has consistently been on the honor roll through his four years at Suffield High School and is also a member of the Spanish National Honor Society. Bruce has received the Spanish Department Award and the Scholar Athlete Award. Bruce has been on the varsity lacrosse team during his four years of high school.

In his leadership rolls, Bruce was the organizer of the "New Year, New Pillow" Drive in New Britain. He also organized the "Button-Up New Britain" coat drive, where over 250 winter coats were collected. Bruce also organized a back-to-school supply drive for the children of the Prudence Crandall Center for women who faced domestic abuse.

Congratulations to Bruce for receiving this prestigious award!



Bruce Wilson

### **ShopRite for Education**

Suffield High School is participating again this year in the ShopRite for Education Program. From October 1, 2018 through April 26, 2019, when parents and supporters enroll their ShopRite PricePlus Card to your school's code and shop at a participating ShopRite store, your school will earn points towards free equipment and supplies from the program catalog. Please go online to [www.shopriteforeducation.com](http://www.shopriteforeducation.com) to sign up. You must sign up each year. Our School Code is 50196. Thank you for your support.

### **Parent/Teacher Conferences**

You are invited to schedule your parent/teacher conferences for November 14, 15, or 16, 2018. All scheduling will be completed through our on-line website, which will be open from November 1 through November 13. You can reach the link through our website or directly through the following web address:

<https://pickatime.com/client?ven=11608505&event=328997>

You will have a choice of either afternoon or evening appointments as scheduled below:

11/14/18	Wednesday Afternoon	12:30 - 2:30 PM
11/14/18	Wednesday Evening	6:00 - 8:30 PM
11/15/18	Thursday Afternoon	12:30 - 2:30 PM
11/15/18	Thursday Evening	6:00 - 8:30 PM
11/16/18	Friday Afternoon	12:30 - 2:30 PM

## **Music Department News**

Students of the Suffield Music Department will be participating in the annual NCCC Music Festival this month. Select musicians from all the NCCC schools will rehearse for two days as a large chorus and band with guest conductors. They will perform a concert on November 15 at 7pm at Ellington High School. Our students participating are: Allison Davis, Paul Falvo, Jack Flanagan, Benjamin Grigoriou, Gretchen Gustafson, Julia Hart, Nicholas Hyder, Lauren Kleszczewski, Kristen McCarthy, Eva Nick, Veronica Partain, Bryan Tompkins, Olivia Zacchia. Congratulations to all!

## **Joseph C. Migliore Music Center**

At the end of the 2017-2018 school year, senior year students in Mr. Migliore's Band Class wanted to pay tribute to Mr. Joseph Migliore for his 35 years of service to Suffield High School. The students did their research and reached out to teachers, conductors, musicians, and retired teachers from the area asking for letters endorsing Mr. Migliore. The students went up through the chain of command to the Vice Principals, Principal, Superintendent, Board of Education and up to the State Representative. Their request was to name the band room "The Joseph C. Migliore Music Center." On the evening of the spring concert, the students presented Mr. Migliore with the plaque which is proudly posted outside of the Band Room. Joe also received a certificate from the state legislature congratulating Joe on his 35 years of service. Congratulations to Mr. Migliore on this very well-deserved recognition.



## Athletic News

The field hockey team has had an amazing season. They are 14-1-0-1 and are currently ranked 1st in Class M. They recently jumped into the state coach's poll as one of the top ten teams in the state. The team is preparing for the State Tournament where they hope to continue their winning streak. Girls' swimming has had another successful campaign with a record of 6-6-1. The team is very close to their season goal of 100% career best times. The Conference championships are on November 2nd followed by the class S state meets. The girls' varsity soccer team is having another great season. They are currently 14-0-1 and ranked 3rd in the state of CT and 10th in the Northeast. The boys and girls cross country teams finished in 2nd and 3rd place in the state meet.

## Spirit Squad

Suffield High School's first ever Homecoming Dance was a huge success. We sold over 200 tickets sold and the dance was a hit. Because of that, the Spirit Squad will be adding a winter dance in conjunction with the Windsor Locks vs. Suffield basketball game.

## Agriscience News-By Ashley Drake

This past week 15 delegates from our Chapter traveled to Indianapolis, Indiana for the 91st National FFA Convention and Expo. These students had the opportunity to learn about different aspects of agriculture from different booths and exhibits as well as other FFA members. There was at least one delegate at the National Convention from all 50 States and Puerto Rico. These students had the ability to learn about ways that other states run their programs in order to bring back helpful strategies to our own chapter.

On Tuesday, all students going on the trip arrived at 4:15 AM at Bradley International Airport in preparation for our departure. We flew from Bradley to Chicago where we had a layover before flying in to Indianapolis. From the Indianapolis airport we were driven by taxi to the hotel where we got time to unpack and settle in. After everyone was settled in we traveled to the Convention Center so that we could register and get a feeling for where everything was. After we did this we went out to eat together at a restaurant called, "Buca Di Beppo". This was a family style restaurant and a new experience for almost every student there. After we ate we walked to the war memorial fountain in Indianapolis where we were able to see a beautiful part of the city. We then went back to the hotel for the night.



On Wednesday we went as a group to the convention center where students were allowed to look around the career show and expo in groups. The convention center career show has many agricultural college booths set up where students can get information about the colleges and what they offer. They also have a large section of various booths from different sponsors of the FFA. These sponsors interact with students at the convention by various games, activities, scavenger hunts and more. We all then got the opportunity to go to Brandywine Creek Farm. All students went on a tour of the farm and listened to the owner about how he maintains such a large, successful farm and the most important aspects of a farm. After dinner we went to the first general session. A general session is a large session open to the FFA members at the convention. These sessions are run by the National FFA officers. The standard session has opening ceremonies (The opening of all meetings assuring all officers are in place and know their duties), awards and recognitions (Competition Results or recognition of sponsors), a retiring address of one of the National Officers, a keynote speaker (Motivational Speaker) and closing ceremonies. After the session ended we attended a private concert for FFA members by Garth Brooks before returning to the hotel.



On Thursday we all went to the convention center to watch one of the Competition Finals that was happening. We split into two groups. One group went to the Extemporaneous Public Speaking Competition where contestants draw a topic and are given 30 minutes to prepare a speech with the materials that they have brought. They then give the 4-6 minute speech to a panel of judges and answer questions that the judges formulate. The other group went to the Prepared Public Speaking Competition where they come with a memorized speech about agriculture and answer questions about it. We then participated in Courtesy Corps for three hours. All students helped open and close doors for the ongoing student workshops and assured that no students entered once the workshop started. After our shift with Courtesy Corps we watched part of the National FFA Talent Show and we watched the third general session.



On Friday all students attended at least one workshop. Our officer team went to a team workshop focused on leadership. At this workshop we did various challenges where we had to work together and we learned new leadership strategies that we can use in our chapter. We then had time to view the career fair and expo one last time before departing for the fifth general session. After we watched the fifth general session we met with the American Degree Recipients that were past graduates of Suffield High School. The FFA American Degree is the highest degree that you can receive within the FFA. Only 5% of members receive this degree but we had four recipients this year which is an amazing accomplishment. This degree is very hard to accomplish and takes an incredible amount of work and dedication to fulfill the requirements. After lunch, with the two recipients who were able to make it, we went with them to the seventh general session.



On Saturday six students attended the American Degree Ceremony with Mrs. LaFlamme. These students cheered on the recipients and let them know what an accomplishment it is to receive this degree. The rest of the students were able to sleep in and pack their luggage before we departed early for our flight. President Donald J. Trump accepted the National FFA's invitation to attend the last general session. Due to his appearance we had to skip the last session to ensure that we would make our flight because of the closing of all highways and roads when he was in Indianapolis. However, in the airport we all watched the live stream of the session on our computers and even saw Air-force One land. We flew

from Indianapolis and had a layover in Baltimore, Maryland before arriving home that night around 11:30 PM.



I believe that all students that attended would agree that this was an incredible experience that they will never forget.

During October we had the first ever FFA Halloween Bash where students attended Browns Harvest and then returned back to the school to meet other members for a party. Currently students are preparing for CDE (Career Development Event) competitions. In these competitions students will use their expertise in a desired field to complete tasks, evaluate scenarios and much more. We wish all competitors good luck!

### **Zielinski's Kindness Crew**

Zielinski's Kindness Crew is proud to announce they raised a little over \$1,300 for Will Power for Change (<http://www.willswillpower.com/>) in honor of William Davidson. Will was a 2010 graduate of SHS who took his own life just four months after returning from the Kandahar region. Will did not receive mental health assistance he needed to aid with his adjustment to civilian life. All funds raised will be going to a treatment center to help others such as Will. The Kindness Crew would like to thank Will and his family for his service and legacy

The Kindness Crew's Term Two project is going to the dogs! We will be sponsoring a Fidelco Guide dog! Funds will be raised at parent/teacher conferences on November 14th and 15th when our principal and vice principals, along with Officer Terry Antrum, will have a "bounty" on their head to release them from their handcuffs! Omni, the dog we are sponsoring will also be present both nights! Don't miss out, but if you do - contact [zielinski@suffield.org](mailto:zielinski@suffield.org) to make a donation!

**Help us send Omni to her Forever Home!**



We are raising money to help Omni and her handler fly to meet her human companion!

Omni is being trained to be a guide dog for a college student!



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**The Kindness Crew needs YOUR Help!!**

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To raise money to "bail" out these sinister characters in order to send Omni, from Fidelco Guide Dogs, to his forever home.

 <p>Terry Antrum Officer of the Law Bounty \$275</p>	 <p>James Blain, Principal Bounty \$275</p>
 <p>Brendan Canny, VP Bounty \$225</p>	 <p>Ashley, Eichorn, VP Bounty \$225</p>

**REWARD**

Donations can be made anytime in room 214 or contact [lzielinski@suffield.org](mailto:lzielinski@suffield.org)