



Whitney Point Central School District

Alumni Newsletter

October 2013



Playground at the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy



Renovated High School Auditorium



Newly installed District site sign on Route 11



Photovoltaic panels on pool roof

Work on Renovation Project Nears Completion

The start of the 2013-14 school year finds renovation work in the district drawing to a close. During this multi-year, two phase project extensive work was completed in each school building, the swimming pool, bus garage, and athletic fields.

A facilities committee comprised of district and community members conducted a study of every aspect of the district noting areas of concern and recommendations for improvements. The architectural firm working with the district, Ashley McGraw Architects, The Riordan Group as project management, and the District worked together to define the scope of the project.

Instructional spaces throughout the district were renovated and upgraded. Many classrooms in the Caryl E Adams and High School received new flooring and cabinetry. Science labs were updated with new furniture, storage areas, and laboratory preparation areas for instructors. Every instructional area received technology upgrades including interactive whiteboards.

The music and performance areas in each building received major redesigns and upgrades. The High School and Tioughnioga Riverside Academy auditoriums have new stage rigging, curtains, light and sound systems. They are both magnificent performance areas.

Infrastructure upgrades in each of the school building improved electrical, heating, ventilation and plumbing systems bringing them up to date and increasing capacity.

Safety and security issues were addressed with locked double door entries at each main entrance and card readers at all other entrances. Many security cameras were installed throughout the district as well.

Aspects of the renovation work were designed to improve energy efficiencies in the district and promote "green" practices. An array of photovoltaic panels were installed on each school. The district estimates the panels will produce about 10 per cent of the district's electrical needs. Curtain wall and windows were replaced to improve energy efficiency. The terrazzo floors underwent a special new polishing procedure so that they will never have to be waxed.

Outside areas were also addressed with improvements and upgrades. The Caryl E Adams and Tioughnioga Riverside Academy have beautiful new playgrounds with age appropriate play features. The tennis courts on Route 11 were rebuilt. Athletic fields were renovated with some redesign, drainage, and soil improvements. Tymeson Field sports a new scoreboard and sign. Paving at the bus garage and Tioughnioga Riverside Academy make those areas safer and easier to maintain.

The Whitney Point Central School District looks great!

Alumni Banquet 2013

The third annual Alumni Banquet was held on Saturday, June 15, 2013 in the high school cafeteria with over one hundred community members, alumni, and other interested parties in attendance. After dinner a program of highlights from the spring production of the Community Musical, "*South Pacific*", under the direction of Jo-Anne Knapp, was presented.

Hall of Fame honorees for 2013 were:

Dr. Daniel Driscoll (Doc), Community Member
Marvin and Alice Gregg, Community Members
Chad Orzel, Alumni Member
Barbara Quarella, Employee
Iva Jean (Marsh) Tennant, Alumni Member

Each of the honorees offered remarks about his/her life experiences. You can read about their accomplishments and contributions on the alumni webpage or in the "Hall of Fame" at the High School.

Mark your calendars for next year's Alumni Banquet and Hall of Fame presentations, June 14, 2014.



Banquet attendees enjoying a wonderful evening.



Some cast members of "South Pacific."

Scholarship Fund

Last year the Alumni Planning Committee, energized by renewed interest in activities relating to alumni of the Whitney Point Central District, established an alumni scholarship. The purpose of the scholarship is to help offset the high costs of continued education. To that end each year graduating seniors with at least one parent who is an alumnus of the district, who were planning to pursue their education at an accredited college or university, recognized specialized trade school, or through a branch of the United States armed forces will be encouraged to apply. Students will be judged on need, scholarship, character, and their complete high school record. Money will be awarded after successful completion of one semester of study or basic training.

The Alumni Association established a goal to raise \$2,000 last year with a portion to be awarded at graduation and the remaining funds to be used to build a sustainable scholarship fund account. A bake sale and letter appeal to alumni raised \$2,055.

The Alumni Organization awarded its first scholarship in June! Congratulations go to Matt Driscoll, the successful applicant. He is attending King's College this year, and will receive \$1,000 from the Alumni Association upon the successful completion of his first semester.

The remaining funds are held by the district in a scholarship account. Unfortunately, fundraising for the scholarship is not a onetime event. \$2,000 should be the annual goal for many years. The Alumni Organization

plans to hold one or two fundraisers this year, but we will continue to need your support to create a self-sustaining scholarship account. If you would like to make a donation please make checks payable to the WP Alumni Association Scholarship Fund in care of Nina Perry, WPCSD, PO Box 249, Whitney Point, NY 13862.

Alumni Planning Meeting Dates

The Alumni Planning Committee has a schedule of meetings throughout the year. New participants are needed and always welcomed. Meetings to work on next year's banquet, scholarship fund raising, and the newsletter are scheduled as follows:

November 18, January 13, February 10, March 17, April 28, May 19, and June 9.

All meetings are held in the Whitney Point High School library, starting at 6:30pm. (Please note that meetings will not be held if school is closed or afterschool activities are cancelled on a scheduled meeting date.) Meetings last approximately one hour. Hope some of you can join in the fun and planning.

"Where in the World are Whitney Point Graduates?"

This is the theme for the next Alumni Banquet to be held on Saturday, June 14, 2014. Our goal is to find alums in all 62 counties of New York State, all 50 states of the United States and on 6 of the 7 continents. Our intention is to create a slide show highlighting grads in a quick trip around the state, country, and world to show at next year's banquet.

We need your help! If you are living in another county, state, or country please send a picture (digital if possible) of something that typifies your location (Even better if it has you in it!) along with your name, address, and some brief information about what you are currently doing. If you are retired please also share what your occupation was. If you know of an alum living in another area please share this request with them or send their name (include maiden name if applicable) and contact information.

All information can be sent electronically to mhibbard@frontiernet.net or via regular mail to the

Alumni Association c/o Nina Perry, Whitney Point Central School District, PO Box 249, Whitney Point, NY 13862.

Keep in Touch

The Alumni webpage has information about alums, reunions, the Hall of Fame and other alumni initiatives. Provide your contact information on the appropriate form to ensure that you receive alumni information. To find the webpage go to the District's website and look under community and click "Alumni". Additional information regarding the alumni section of the district's website is also available by contacting nperry@wpcsd.org, or calling 692-8277.

(More renovation photos)



High School Home and Careers classroom



Tioughnioga Riverside Academy renovated auditorium.



Updated kitchen at the Tioughnioga Riverside Academy