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## Barnegat Township School District

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# OneBarnegat Bulletin

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## 2022-2023 District State Assessment Summary Results

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The Barnegat Township School District is excited to showcase the outstanding academic achievements of our students from the 2022-2023 school year. Despite the challenges faced in recent years, our students have shown unwavering dedication and resilience by exceeding expectations and achieving impressive results.

One of the remarkable accomplishments is the exceptional performance of our students in English Language Arts (ELA). Across grades 3 through 9 on the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA), Barnegat has not only met but exceeded the State average in the percentage of students meeting expectations. A particularly noteworthy highlight is the remarkable improvement in grade 9 ELA. The data shows an improvement of 9% growth compared to the 2021-2022 school year. Furthermore, this year's grade 9 ELA scores have surpassed pre-pandemic performance levels, showcasing Barnegat's resilience and dedication to maintaining and even exceeding the high standards set before the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We have seen an impressive increase in our mathematics scores on the NJSLA and the New Jersey Graduation Proficiency Assessment (NJGPA). On the NJSLA, our district has outperformed the State average for the percentage of students who exceed expectations in Algebra II. On the NJGPA, math scores rose by 8%. Our dedication to increasing mathematics scores also extends to the Brackman School where Algebra I scores have risen by an impressive 11%. Last year, a remarkable 88% of students met or exceeded expectations in Algebra I.

In science, our fifth grade students have achieved an outstanding milestone by aligning themselves with the State average for the percentage of students performing at the highest level.

A monumental 100% of students who took an Advanced Placement (AP) exam in Spanish successfully passed their exams. This outstanding achievement demonstrates the commitment of our students to mastering a rigorous and challenging subject area.

The accomplishments of the Barnegat Township School District reflect the hard work and dedication of our staff and students. Our educators have provided exceptional guidance and support, fostering an environment where our students can thrive. We take pride in these accomplishments and look forward to our students' continued growth and success in the years to come.

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## Dylan's Wings of Change

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Dylan's Wings of Change is a nonprofit organization founded by a family who, sadly, lost their son in the tragic Sandy Hook mass shooting. The foundation's mission is to foster empathy, courage, and hope within schools and various organizations, in hopes of bringing about transformative changes in communities. On October 16th and 17th, twenty-four Barnegat High School students participated in the Wingman Program student leader training. The training emphasized fostering empathy and building connections among peers. These student leaders will take on the role of facilitating engaging programs and activities for their peers, creating a safe and supportive atmosphere to connect with one another.



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## Challenge Day

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On October 25, 2023, approximately 100 students from Barnegat High School took part in Challenge Day, an empowering and transformative day centered on leadership development and the enhancement of social and emotional skills. Challenge Day is an impactful and influential program in which both youth and adults engage in a series of activities aimed at breaking down social barriers and inspiring others to follow suit. The program's overarching objectives include boosting personal empowerment and self-esteem, transforming negative peer pressure into positive peer support, and eradicating the tolerance of teasing, violence, and all forms of oppression. This amazing day was made possible through the support of the Ocean County Prosecutor's Office, Barnegat Communities That Care, RWJ Barnabas Health, Ocean County Youth Services Commission, and the BHS Counseling Department.



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## National Junior Honor Society

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Congratulations to the newest Russell O. Brackman Middle School NJHS inductees: Katherine Cassidy, Angelina Colavita, Emma Cuber, Abigail D'Andrea, Ethan Eannone, Julia Fortunato, Morgan Green, Xavier Kunzel, Taylor Landwehrle, Connor Meehan, David Padgett, Krupam Patel, Andrew Rosa, Wyatt Schnoor, Makenzie Sircovitch, Owen Trombly, Julia Wade, and Connor Walcott.

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## Fall Athletics and Highlighted Programs

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Girls Tennis Shore Conference B-South Public Champions  
Girls Volleyball Shore Conference B-South Public Champions  
Girls Volleyball SJ Group 2 Champions

Marching Bengals 5th place in Group 2 Open Class at the Tournament of Bands Atlantic Coast Championships



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## Staff Recognition

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Your commitment to the field of education has left an indelible mark on the lives of countless students, colleagues, and members of the Barnegat community. Thank you to the following staff members for your 25+ years of service:

Congratulations to the following staff members who obtained tenure this school year:

- Lorri Kennedy (39)
- Lynn Lintner (37)
- Michele Cucinotta (36)
- Patricia Russo (35)
- Mimi Coates (33)
- Kathleen Hill (33)
- Deanna Buccella (32)
- Therese Weiner (32)
- Carol Zarillo (31)
- Cindy Gallagher (30)
- Margaret Zabohonski (30)
- Jill Spain (29)
- Margaret Schoka (28)
- Donnamarie Durning (27)
- Dina Arguello (25)
- Sarah Fish (25)
- Kimberly Germano (25)
- Bonnie Harris (25)
- Donna Hetherington (25)
- Brianne Barry
- Marielle Bieber
- Emma Carey
- Donna Gulla
- Michaela Newman
- Kirsten Oakley
- Nina Polcino
- Amber Rodriguez
- Samantha Rua
- Alexa Schmitz
- Kristine Schon
- Brittany Schork
- Carissa Shearer
- David Simmler
- Sara Stoeckel
- Heather VanBergen
- Cody Vurgason

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## "I of the Tiger" Award

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At the Russell O. Brackman Middle School, the "I of the Tiger" award honors our exceptional teachers who consistently go above and beyond the ordinary realms of instruction. It serves as a tribute to those educators who, with unwavering dedication, go the extra mile to inspire their students and fellow staff members. The symbolic "I of the Tiger" mirrors the 'I' in 'Inspire,' which is the guiding principle of our district. Staff members are selected by building administrators who draw upon their own experiences, insights, and valuable input from supervisors and previous award recipients. It's a process that seeks out those teachers who go above and beyond in their educational pursuits, making them truly deserving of this distinguished award. The "I of the Tiger" is more than just an accolade; it's a testament to the profound impact teachers can have on the lives of their students and the broader school community. Congratulations to Mrs. Jen Martin (September) and Mr. Dave Smith (October) winners of the "I of the Tiger" awards!



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## UPstander Program

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The Upstander Program is a wonderful opportunity to recognize and celebrate students district-wide who demonstrate a specific BENGAL PRIDE character trait. These traits continue to enhance the positive climate in our schools as well as the home-school-community partnership that plays an essential role in our students' success.

### September Benevolence

Kasey Saulina, BHS, Grade 11  
Ashley Whatton, ROBMS, Grade 7  
Salette Reyes Najar, RLHS, Grade 6  
Mason Bedrose, JTDS, Grade 4  
Ava Thoms, CSCS, Grade 1  
Noah Cayetano Tavera, LMDS, Preschool

### October Effort

Juan Bohorquez Mora, BHS, Grade 12  
Mehjabin Majid, ROBMS, Grade 8  
Cassandra Aguilar, RLHS, Grade 6  
Mason Albanese, JTDS, Grade 3  
Elijah Jackson, CSCS, Grade 1  
Mikayla Kahlbom, LMDS, Preschool





# District Happenings

