



COMMACK HIGH SCHOOL | April – 2024



The month of April starts many of the celebrations that close out our school year at Commack High School. Many of these celebrations center around the accomplishments of our students and the ways they have demonstrated the act of being principled in their lives. At CHS, we have over fifty clubs, honor societies and leadership organizations that all emphasize the highest level of integrity and honesty to be demonstrated by our student leaders each day. The activities that these organizations engage in foster core values that reinforce that students take responsibility for their own actions and give them the skills to collaborate in our world. Through principled actions, our students:

- **Gain Respect** - When acting with integrity and honesty, our students earn the respect of their peers, teachers, and mentors. Building a reputation for principled behavior opens doors to opportunities and positive relationships. **Pay it Forward** and **Special Olympics Support Club** participated in the annual “Polar Plunge” last month and were recognized as a “Cool School” recipient for their high level of fundraising and participation.
- **Strengthen Character** - Making principled decisions strengthens character and builds confidence. It helps our students stay true to themselves and navigate ethical dilemmas with courage and conviction. Our **Mock Trial Team** excelled in a county-wide competition and made it to the “Final Four” as they argued cases with conviction, confidence and a maturity that will serve them well in their lives.
- **Create Positive Influence** - Actions can inspire others to follow suit. By demonstrating kindness, fairness, and responsibility, our students contribute to a positive school culture and inspire their peers to do the same. Our **Athletes for All** program seeks to pair some of our highest achieving student athletes with our students of special needs to expose and encourage their participation in athletics.
- **Prepare for the Future** - Practicing principled actions now sets a strong foundation for future endeavors. Employers and colleges value individuals who demonstrate integrity, making principled behavior part of their academic and professional settings. Our **Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)** program participated in regional competitions this winter and will attend states this month in preparation for what they are seeking to do in their lives after they leave Commack.

Our students have the power to shape a better future by embracing principled actions in their daily lives. By working together to create a culture of integrity, respect, and responsibility within our schools and communities we can proudly say.....We are CHS!

Be principled in your actions for yourself and others.