



January 11, 2018

Dear Students, Parents, and Faculty,

Student Council is once again sponsoring our annual Food Drive. There are many Babylon families in need of our help and with your support we hope to ease their burdens by supporting the local food pantry.

The Food Drive will be from January 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>. There will be a collection box in each classroom and one in the main lobby.

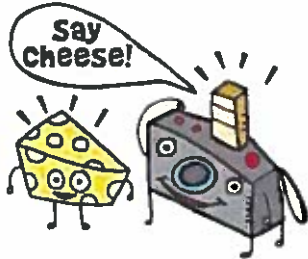
Please donate nonperishable foods including; cereal and breakfast items, sauces, gravies, juices, fruit, vegetables, pasta, rice, stuffing, potatoes, condiments, cake/ muffin mixes, pudding, jello, and canned meat and fish.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Ms. O'Connor and Mrs. Fasano

# SCHOOL YEARBOOK

Preparations for the Babylon Grade School 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Yearbook have begun. The yearbook is a gift for each 6<sup>th</sup> grader from the Babylon K-6 PTA. The cost of the project is paid through the sale of yearbook boosters and business ads along with general fundraising efforts. The yearbook is created by parent volunteers along with the help of all parents via photo and booster submissions. Please review the information below and thank you for your help in creating a great keepsake for our children.



## PHOTOS

Photo submissions are done electronically via Pictavo Community. The photo upload is done via the Pictavo Community web site at <http://community.pictavo.com> or through the Pictavo Community app available through Google Play or the Apple App Store. You will need to create an account in order to upload your photos. The school ID is 73017. You will have to supply a valid email and then verify your account through the email sent from Pictavo Community.

We are looking for photos of your children with classmates in school activities for grades 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. The photos should not contain other age groups or family members. Field trips, class parties, field days, concerts, sporting events and scouting are some examples.

When you upload your photos use the category that best fits your photo and include names of the students in group along with date of the photo.

## BOOSTER MESSAGES

Yearbook boosters are a great way to send special messages to your 6<sup>th</sup> grader. Students always enjoy finding a message written especially for them. Boosters can be no longer than 100 characters. Each booster is \$5 and can be purchased through the Babylon PTA web site or by completing the form below and putting it in the PTA mailbox in the main office of the Grade School along with payment.



### Online Instructions:

1. Login on the [www.BabylonPTA.org](http://www.BabylonPTA.org) website and select the School Store option on top.
2. Select Add to the right of the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Yearbook Personal Boosters option.
3. Enter the number of booster messages – doing all at once will avoid additional surcharges and select the Checkout button.
4. On the Checkout screen enter payment information along with the student's teacher, student's name and booster message(s) in the Additional Information box.

Example: Ryan - We're so proud of you! We know you'll do a great job at Babylon JHS! -Love, Mom & Dad



## BUSINESS BOOSTER ADS

Business Booster Ads are an important piece in helping the PTA continue the tradition of providing yearbook to our student at no charge. The price of a business card ad is \$50. Other size ads and formats are also available. Please contact Susan Schlusser-Womack or Jodi Dee for more information.

## DEADLINES AND CONTACT INFO

Submission deadline for Photo uploads, Booster Messages and Business Ads is **1/31/18**. We will use photos as we receive them so send yours as quick as possible for consideration. If you have any questions please contact us:

- \* Susan Schlusser-Womack email: [sschlusser@gmail.com](mailto:sschlusser@gmail.com) text: 631-897-9380
- \* Jodi Dee email: [jodimdee@yahoo.com](mailto:jodimdee@yahoo.com) text: 516-982-8555

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## BOOSTER MESSAGE

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Booster Message:

# Babylon Union Free School District



Daniel D'Amico  
Assistant Superintendent

Linda J. Rozzi  
Superintendent of Schools

Business Office  
50 Railroad Avenue, Babylon, New York 11702  
Phone (631) 893-7924  
Fax (631) 893-7935

December 7, 2017

Dear Parents / Guardians:

The NYS English Language Arts (ELA) Assessment will be administered April 11-13, and the NYS Mathematics Assessment will be administered May 1-3. The NYS Science Assessment (Grades 4 and 8 only) will be administered on May 23rd (Performance Assessment) and June 4th (Written Assessment). We encourage all students to participate in the NYSED assessment program. While no one data point can ever provide a complete picture of a student, the data produced from these assessments is useful in helping us to evaluate the effectiveness of our programs and practices and to measure the growth of our students.

We do also understand and recognize that in recent years some families have chosen to not participate in the NYSED assessment program. This year, to properly plan and to best provide an environment that meets the needs of all of our students we are asking that you communicate your intent to us using the survey below.

Please check any appropriate options below and return the completed form back to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Please complete a separate form for each child in your family.

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## New York State Assessment Participation

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Classroom/Homeroom Teacher (3-8): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will not participate in the New York State Assessments in English/Language Arts

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will not participate in the New York State Assessments in Mathematics

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will not participate in the New York State Assessment in Science (grades 4 and 8 only)

\_\_\_\_\_ My child will not participate in the New York State Field Tests

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

***Please return this form (through your child's teacher) to the building Principal as soon as possible. If, at this time, you plan to have your child participate in the assessments, there is no need to return this form.***

**\*\*\*This is a K-6 event\*\*\***

## **There are two shows for twice the fun**

**When: Friday February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018**

**5:30pm (Grades K-2), 7pm (Grades 3-6)**

**Where: Rowe Hall, Babylon High School**

**What: Lipsync and dance to a favorite song for the audience**



### **Here's what you need to know:**

- **Groups must have at least 3 Babylon students**
- **Students must be from grades K-6**
- **Songs and dress must be appropriate for school sponsored event**
- **Songs must be shorter than 3 minutes**
- **Songs will be accepted from Dec 8-Jan 19 on a first come basis, final approval will not be given until the actual version is submitted free of foul language. All requests should be done via email.**
- **All correspondence is done via email**
- **All groups must attend the rehearsal on Tuesday January 30 from 3-5pm at Rowe Hall**

To register, contact Christine Graham at [cmg989@yahoo.com](mailto:cmg989@yahoo.com). Please reference "Lipsync K-2 or Lipsync 3-6" in the subject line and include parent name, contact email and phone number.

You will receive a response within one to two days with additional instructions. If email is not available call Christine Graham at 671-9939.

Here's to another exciting and entertaining year!



**Christine Graham**  
Babylon K-6 PTA  
Lip Sync Chairperson



# **BABYLON PANTHERS** **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

## **FREE Girls Basketball Skills Clinic**

When: Saturday, January 13, 2018  
Time: 10:00AM - 12:30 PM  
Where: High School East Gym

***Suggested Donation is \$20***

***Donations will benefit Coaches vs Cancer and the Babylon Athletic Club***

Open to any girl in Grades 3-6  
Run by the Varsity and JV Girls Basketball Teams  
Walk -ins welcome

Skills emphasized include:  
Dribbling, Shooting, Passing, Individual Defense

Any questions contact:  
Mr. Chris Ryan, Babylon High School  
(631) 893-7910 ext. 281  
[cryan@babylonUFSD.com](mailto:cryan@babylonUFSD.com)



Thank You for your support for this cause,

Chris Ryan - Babylon Girls Basketball Coach

### **About Coaches vs. Cancer**

Coaches vs. Cancer is a nationwide collaboration between the American Cancer Society and the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) that empowers basketball coaches, their teams, and local communities to make a difference in the fight against cancer. The program leverages the personal experiences, community leadership, and professional excellence of basketball coaches nationwide to increase cancer awareness and promote healthy living through year-round awareness efforts, fundraising activities, and advocacy programs.

Coaches vs. Cancer evolved from a concept championed by Norm Stewart, former head coach of the University of Missouri's men's basketball program, cancer survivor, and member of the National Association of Basketball Coaches. He started the program by challenging fans to pledge a dollar amount for every three points made by his team during the season.

The American Cancer Society and the NABC adopted that concept in 1993 and transformed it into a nationwide effort to unite coaches across the country in the common mission to provide help and hope to all people facing cancer. Today, more than 500 Division I, II, and III college coaches are involved in the program. Coaches vs. Cancer has raised nearly \$40 million since its inception to support the American Cancer Society's lifesaving mission to eliminate cancer as a life-threatening disease. Additionally, more than 100 high school coaches also participate in the program.

Because cancer has touched so many of our nation's basketball coaches, Coaches vs. Cancer offers them the unique opportunity to fight the disease. Through integrated fundraising activities and public awareness campaigns, participating coaches are truly making a difference in the fight against cancer and are raising awareness in their communities about the importance of cancer prevention, early detection, and making healthy lifestyle choices.



**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
SOUPER BOWL of  
CARING COOK-OFF**  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2018  
Babylon Junior Senior High School

ENTRY FORM

**Cook-Off Categories:**

- ❖ ***Chili (hot, medium, mild and vegetarian)***
- ❖ ***Soup (chowder or soup)***

**Cake -Off Categories:**

- ❖ ***Cakes will be judged for design and taste separately***

**The Cook-Off Starts @ 12 noon**

NAME of TEAM:	
ADDRESS:	
PHONE NUMBER:	
EMAIL ADDRESS:	
NAME OF DISH:	
NAME OF HEAD COOK:	
TEAM MEMBERS:	

- All entries must be prepared at home/offsite and brought to the BHS cafeteria on the day of the contest, Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> between **10:30 and 11:30am**
- There will be a prize for Judges Favorite and the grand prize, "People's Choice" Award.
- Please send a copy of your recipe for the "Souper Bowl of Caring Cookbook" by email
- Contestants must have a list of ingredients for their chili/soup posted for those with food allergies. If you have a special topping (cheese, sour cream, crackers, etc) to enhance your chili/soup's flavor, you will need to supply those as well.
- Contestants are asked to bring at least 2 gallons of chili/soup in a crock pot or aluminum 1/2 tray pan.
- Please no Tupperware, casserole dishes or glassware.

Please send application by **Wednesday January 24<sup>th</sup> 2018** to:  
Souper Bowl of Caring Cook-off Entry  
Mrs. Jen Mangone, Assistant Principal  
50 RAILROAD AVE, BABYLON NY 11702  
Tel. # 631-893-7911  
Email: [jmangone@babylonufsd.com](mailto:jmangone@babylonufsd.com)

All Proceeds will go to:



# **K-6 “Parent University”**

## **SAVE THE DATE**



**Date:** Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Place:** Babylon Junior~Senior High School

“Parent University” will be an informative evening providing our K-6 parents the opportunity to participate in a variety of adult workshops geared to parenting elementary school-age children. All keynote speakers and breakout workshops offered were developed based on feedback from a parent survey administered last spring by the District Shared Decision Making Team. More specific information on the evening’s events will follow in January. Please “Save the Date” and come prepared to learn and share!





# 7-12 “Parent University”

## SAVE THE DATE



**Date:** Thursday, February 1, 2018

**Time:** 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Place:** Babylon Junior~Senior High School

“Parent University” will be an informative evening providing our 7-12 parents the opportunity to participate in a variety of adult workshops geared to parenting today’s teens. All keynote speakers and breakout workshops offered were developed based on feedback from a parent survey administered last spring by the District Shared Decision Making Team. More specific information on the evening’s events will follow in January. Please “Save the Date” and come prepared to learn and share!



# January Children's Room Happenings

Registration for January programs will begin on Friday, December 1st at 9:30am, either in person, by phone or online with your CHILD'S Babylon library card. Please note age requirements. Registration is required unless otherwise noted. Out of district residents may register for programs with an asterisk (\*) two weeks after registration has begun, IN PERSON ONLY, using a CHILD'S library card.

## \*Inchworms

For 3's, 4's and 5's not yet in Kindergarten  
(Child must be 2 by first session)  
2's & 3's with parent/caregiver  
Mondays, January 22, 29~10:00-10:30am  
Stories, music and craft.

## \*My First Storytime

For 6 to 23 months with parent/caregiver.  
Friday, January 12~10:00-11:00am  
Storytime, songs and playtime.

## \*Pinterest Club

For 3rd-6th graders  
Wednesday, January 17~7:00-8:00pm  
Join us and make a fun Pinterest craft!

## Colorama (no registration)

For all ages up to 5th grade  
Saturday, January 20~2:00-4:00pm  
Relax and do a coloring project!

## \*Drop In & Play

For 6-33 months with parent/caregiver  
Friday, January 26~10:00-12:00pm  
Make new friends, meet old friends for this open play time.

## \*Get Along Gang

For 3's 4's and 5's not yet in Kindergarten.  
Wednesdays, January 24, 31~1:00-1:45pm  
Storytime and crafts.



## \*Winter Art Starts

For 2-5 years with parent/caregiver.  
Tuesday, January 9~11:30-12:15pm  
Crafts.Crafts.Crafts.

## \*Winter Sensory Play

For 18 months to 5 years with parent/caregiver  
Thursday, January 11~11:00-11:45am  
Winter fun!



## Preschool Fair (no registration)

Thursday, January 18~7:00-8:30pm  
Meet representatives from local preschools.



**Babylon Public Library**  
(631) 669-1624  
[babylonlibrary.org](http://babylonlibrary.org)



# February Children's Room Classes

Registration for February programs will begin on Tuesday, January 2nd at 9:30am, either in person, by phone or online, with your child's Babylon library card. Please note age requirements.

Registration is required unless otherwise noted.

*Out of district residents may register for programs with an asterisk(\*) two weeks after registration has begun. In person only.  
Using a child's library card.*

## \*My First Storytime

6 to 23 mos. with parent/caregiver  
Fridays, February 2, 9-10-11am  
Stories. Songs. Play.

## \*Get-Along Gang

For 3s, 4s, 5s not yet in Kindergarten  
Wednesdays, February 7, 14-1-1:45pm  
Stories. Crafts.

## Drop-in and Play

For 6 to 23mos with parent/caregiver  
Friday, February 16-10am-12pm  
Play. Play. Play.

## Colorama (no registration required)

For families with kids up to 5th grade  
February 21-11am-12pm

## \*Beauty and the Beast Movie and Royal Tea Party

For families with kids up to 5th grade  
February 23rd-2-3:30 pm  
Tea. Treats. Movie.

## \*Inchworms

2s & 3s with parent/caregiver  
Mondays, February 5, 12-10-10:30am  
Stories. Crafts. Music.

## \*Zumbini

For 3 mos. to 4 years with parent/caregiver  
Thursday, February 8-10:30-11:30am  
Dance. Music. Play.

## \*Drop-in Lego

For 4yrs to 5th grade  
Tuesday, February 20-11am-12pm  
Build. Create.

## \*Pinterest Club

For all ages up to 5th grade  
February 22-11am-12:30 pm  
Craft. Crafts. Crafty.

