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NINE NEW TEACHERS AT WATCHUNG HILLS REGIONAL HS

Back to School Night is at 6 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 9. Back to School Day is at 7:30 a.m., Monday, Oct. 13.

Nine new teachers have been added to the faculty at Watching Hills Regional High School for the 2014-2015 school year. In addition, former Supervisor of English and English teacher Mary Ellen Phelan has been named Director of Curriculum and Instruction. The new faculty attended a three-day orientation Tuesday, Aug. 26, to Thursday, Aug. 28, at Watchung Hills.

New Teachers: Marlene Stoto has been added to the English Department faculty, and has been named Supervisor of English. Stoto is a graduate of Watchung Hills, as well as a graduate of Muhlenberg College and Seton Hall Law School. She had previously worked at Seton Hall Law School and at Roselle Catholic High School as an English teacher and Supervisor of English.

Three additional new teachers have been added to the English Department faculty. They are:

Jeffrey Wasserman, who is a graduate of Franklin & Marshall College and Columbia University Teacher's College. He had previously taught in Greenwich Connecticut and at Bergen County Technical Schools;

Kristen Keefe, who is a graduate of Rider University and Seton Hall University graduate school, and who had previously taught at Immaculata High School; and Vanessa Phillips, who is a graduate of the University of Arizona and Montclair University graduate school, and had previously worked at the writing center in Montclair.

Two new teachers have been added to the Arts Department faculty: They are: Gillian Crisman, who is a is a graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology, at the undergraduate and graduate level, and who had previously taught in charter schools, the Portland Museum of Art, and Chatham. She will teach art, and also coach girls junior varsity soccer. And Caitlyn Barrows, who is a graduate of Rutgers University, at the undergraduate and graduate level, and has been appointed dance teacher as a leave replacement. She had completed her student teaching assignment at Watchung Hills.

Rebecca Brown has been added in the faculty of the Social Studies Department. Brown is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, Emory Law School, and Fairleigh Dickinson University graduate school. She completed her student teaching assignment at Watchung

Cassie Oleszkiewicz was appointed to the Child Study



(above) Nine new teachers have been added to the faculty at Watching Hills Regional High School for the 2014-2015 school year. They are joined by newly appointed Director of Curriculum and Instruction and former English Department Supervisor Mary Ellen Phelan. (seated, l-r) Kristen Keefe, Mary Ellen Phelan, Jeffrey Wasserman, and Cassie Oleszkiewicz; (standing, l-r) Marlene Stoto, Vanessa Phillips, Rebecca Brown, Caitlyn Barrows, Gillian

Crisman, and Alines Ciraco.

Team in January. She is a graduate of Manhattan College at the undergraduate level, and John Jay College of Criminal Justice and Monmouth University at the graduate level. She has experience as a youth advocate and crisis responder. She is also coach of the junior varsity field hockey team at Watchung Hills.

Director of Curriculum And Instruction: Phelan said she is excited by her new assignment. Already this summer, she has seen the breadth of her new duties, from working with a math teacher on math curriculum to looking at data from Advanced Placement performance to planning to help freshman have a rewarding experience during their first two months of transition to high school. Phelan said from the board and top school administrators to its supervisors and teachers, there is a common vision for Watchung Hills to be a highly performing school that helps teachers collaborate around subject area and enhances the opportunity for students to be prepared, and to find and nurture their talents.

And, Alines Ciriaco has been added to the faculty of the World Language Department. She is a graduate of Rutgers University and Pace University, and has taught both in New York City and Dunellen. She will teach Spanish.

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GB NATIVE WINS AUDIO ENGINEERING AWARD

Submitted by SAE Institute New York.

Matthew Rifino, a native of Green Brook and 1999 graduate of Immaculata High School, won the Engineer of the Year award at the third annual SAE Institute New York Alumni Awards, held in Manhattan in early July. Matthew was chosen because he consistently demonstrated excellence in his position of live music mixer at The Today Show, winning two Emmys for his superb work. During his time in the position, he's mixed the live TV performances of such stars as Robin Thicke, Florida Georgia Line, Ed Sheerhan, Aerosmith, Nicki Minaj, Adele, Taylor Swift, Rihanna, Pitbull, Harry Connick Jr., and many many more.

Matthew started playing guitar at age 9 and then bass and drums over the next few years. He bought a 4 track cassette recorder and began recording his own band as well as others. His first internship was at Tacher Studios in Middlesex at 14 years old and he worked there

FRED MILLER'S LECTURE-IN-SONG

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throughout high school. He eventually realized that he wanted to make audio engineering his full-time career.



(above) Matthew Rifino, New York City Engineer of the Year winner

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(above) Campers "Splashdown" at Green Brook Swim Club

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COSMIC FUN AT CAMP PAWS

operation. The program has served over 160 pupils—both general and special education this summer, 2014. We have been having a busy, an educational, and fun-filled summer. Our theme this year has been "Shooting for the Stars". Thus, many of our activities have had a celestial type name. On July 1st (during the first week of camp) students and staff visited Jockey Hollow/Morristown Historical Park. During the second week of camp, students engaged in Cosmic Bowling and Cosmic Glow Dancing. Also during week two, Mrs. Hahn visited our

Camp PAWS has concluded its 3rd year of students with her friends—her parakeet and her dragon. During week three, students experienced an Astronaut Skype visit, an Astronaut Food Tasting, and the Astronaut games. Week four, students experienced Star Lab as well as a field trip to the RVCC Planetarium. During week five, students had a 'splashdown" at the Green Brook Swim Club (July 31st). During the sixth and final week of Camp PAWS 2014, students built and launched self-made rockets. It has been a great summer here at Camp PAWS. Thank you for your support!



(above) These campers are designing "Cosmic tee shirts."



(above) Cosmic bowling was a big hit!

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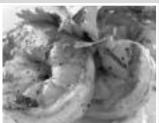
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At each travel destination, participants learned interesting facts about the country, its culture and then had some fun with those facts. At Australia, they sampled, "vegemite," an Australian food paste made from Brewer's Yeast extract with various vegetable and spice additives.

With a surf board in the background, visitors (a.k.a. program attendees) learned Australian facts and then, with a spinning wheel, tried to earn points with correct trivia answers.

At Disney, in Florida, they were treated to

facts and family photos that made them feel like they were visiting the park. At Ireland, they learned about the culture and then were invited to play some golf, either indoors, on the dance floor, or outdoors on the Warrenbrook Golf Course's putting green.

At Mexico, they sampled salsa and chips, played Mexican Pictionary based on the country's customs that were shared earlier in their visit and then were treated to a Mexican dance

Program attendees enjoyed their travels and like so many other vacations, they were still talking about it the next day. One member came the following day and told the center's manager, Gwen Chalker, how fantastic the program was and that he really enjoyed himself. Another member said sampling the "vegemite" reminded her of her youth, when her Mother gave it to her. The center's members appreciated the preprogram time and effort that the Wyndham Worldwide legal team took to prepare the program for their travel enjoyment.



(above, bottom, l-r) Anil Chitre, from Watchung and Parkish "V. P." Kapoor, from Green Brook with Wyndham Australia Team Guides, Korin Neff (top left) and Nisreen Villanueva (top right)



(abover) Rose Sanna, from Green Brook (bottom right) and Lorraine Coleman, from Martinsville (top right) enjoying their Mexico visit with Wyndham Team Guides (l-r) Theresa Orben, Kelly Jerkovich and Antoinette Solomon.







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