New Hyde Park in the upcoming school year.

To match its growing academic prowess, the New Hyde Park community will have a flourishing school spirit. Under the After Party, we will encourage students to attend school functions, such as local sports games and club spirit week and a promotion of our clubs and sports teams. Friendly competitions throughout the community will follow. The After Party firmly believes in raising school spirit and therefore we must effectively listen to all of your needs. A government’s main purpose in any place is to serve its people. The After Party wants to rekindle that purpose in New Hyde Park’s hallways, creating an environment tailored to the needs of the people who experience it each day.

A primary goal of our party is to expand the council’s interaction with the student body. Through social media such as Twitter and Facebook, we aspire to listen to the suggestions and ideas of the students. For example, we wish to create polls to vote on issues such as the music playing in the hallways. Social media accounts run by the Student Council that are actively and consistently updated will provide the student body with a forum to express their questions, comments, and concerns. This is the main ideology of The After Party—to give the student body a legitimate voice. We understand that we are representatives of our student body, and therefore we must effectively listen to all of your needs. A government’s main purpose in any place is to serve its people. The After Party wants to rekindle that spirit in New Hyde Park’s hallways, creating an environment tailored to the needs of the people who experience it each day.

The After Party wants to focus on the student's needs and concerns. Their problems and concerns will be taken into account right away. For example, one major concern of the students for many years now has been the school lunch. The school lunch has the biggest potential for change and it is a primary issue that the After Party wants to focus on. The students should have a say in what lunches they receive. Our After Party is motivated to work with the lunch staff in forming a lunch calendar that the students desire that can also provide not only healthy, but also delicious and affordable options every day. Furthermore, the After Party looks to unite our community and school together. There is an unfortunate lack of school spirit in our community. The After Party firmly believes in creating school spirit by fostering unity and a sense of pride in our school through an enhanced spirit week and a promotion of our clubs and sports teams. Friendly competitions between grades will stimulate school spirit and unite the students. The students will be encouraged to attend school functions, such as local sports games and club parties. Under the After Party, New Hyde Park will have a flourishing school spirit to match its growing academic prowess.

The After Party is optimistic about the future and the boundless possibilities for New Hyde Park in the upcoming school year.

**Candidate Profiles**

**President: Kyle Francis Bangug**

Becoming the President of Student Council is a large responsibility, but after working diligently in the student council as treasurer for the past year I believe that I have the experience and determination to make a difference in our school and community. I am motivated by the chance to improve the lives of my fellow students. I’ve experienced firsthand all the problems affecting us students (that includes eating school lunch everyday). Ultimately, I understand that being a leader comes with many responsibilities; it means listening to the student body and putting the needs of others before yourself. With this in mind, I can confidently say that the After Party officers are more than prepared to take on these challenges.

**1st Vice President: Roby Daniel**

I believe that I should be a part of student council because I truly care for this school and I feel that I know what must be done in order to both maintain the fun learning atmosphere at NHP while also making changes to further improve the lives of students and faculty here, I have a first-hand account with the wants and needs of students and after hearing suggestions from my peers. I believe that my skills and dedication to our school can change NHP for the better, transforming the school into a safer, cleaner environment where student expectations become a reality.

**2nd Vice President: Claire Friel**

It is my ambition to create a school environment where students can excel academically, and enjoy a wide range of extracurricular activities. In joining student council, I want to be able to voice the ideas, suggestions, and the critiques of students, so as to allow for the creation of a NHP that is safe, clean, and welcoming for everyone. I am an officer in the school’s Model UN, a member of Best Buddies and Romanettes, attendee at the District Equity Task Force meetings. I want to make our community the best it can be, and it’s my aspiration to represent you in the 2015-2016 school year the best I can.

**Secretary: James Messina**

I want to run for student council because I want to leave my mark on NHP and continue its tradition in making it a great place to learn. NHP is a fun place to be already but I want to make a difference and make this place even better. I want to be involved in school activities and be a leader in the school. I want people to look up to me and come up to me if they have any questions. I am an easy going person who will get the job done if I am told to do so.

**Treasurer: Cristina Pietromonaco**

I believe I would be a great treasurer because I am dedicated, motivated, organized, open minded and respectful. I take part in extracurricular activities throughout the community including Model UN, Red Cross Club and Talented And Gifted, which have influenced me greatly. I am currently training to become a leader and working on my girl scout gold award. I hope to be greatly involved and influential as part of the student council. I would love for all students and the community to become more involved and make an impact for the school. I always strive for my goals and plan on striving to make the school a better place, full of achievements.

**Publicity Coordinator: Danielle Schwartz**

I’d like to hear input from the students of NHP Memorial and make changes based on their feedback. I’m involved in several clubs at NHP such as FBLA and Model UN, and I am also a member of the Junior National Honor Society. In addition, I do well in academics, taking all advanced classes and maintaining Honor Roll throughout the year. I hope that I get the chance to represent the student body and work to improve our school.

**Historian: Sam Bravo**

I believe that I would be a great candidate for the position of Historian. I am the Eighth Grade President, so I have experience in the field of student council. I possess qualities like leadership, responsibility, commitment, and dedication. I have always fancied being a leader and making change, and I am very committed to those goals. As Historian, I would aim to increase student interaction with the school community and keep all students updated as well as content.

**J.H. Coordinator: Sanjay Jacob**

I will be fully committed to achieving the goals of the student council. Addressing the problems and suggestions of the junior high will always be my first priority. One essential skill that I have to accomplish this is my organization. Another essential skill that will help me impact the school is my ability to communicate with my peers. This will help massively because I need to be able to converse with other people to address their suggestions and concerns.
The Alpha Party

Candidate Profiles

President: Goldie Thomas
I am currently in FBLA and the Academy of Finance, I am also a very active athlete for the school participating in many sports such as Varsity Cross Country and Varsity track you can often find me on the field cheering on for my fellow teammates and making them feel at ease. As president I would make sure that all the student of NHP are happy and represented fairly, by listening and taking all their ideas into account. I want to make sure that each and every single individual’s time in NHP is a fun and memorable one.

1st Vice President: Ajay Benjamin
Hi my name is Ajay Benjamin and I am running for 1st V.P for NHP Memorial. I believe I am capable for this position being involved in various clubs including FBLA, MUN and SPEC. I believe I can make changes which will ameliorate our school. I want to keep the people of New Hyde Park involved while improving the school. I want to work with my party and start new projects including “Battle” or rivalry between grades, efficiency for classes and a more informed student body. As V.P. I will do everything in my power to complete my job and also reach out to my fellow peers.

2nd Vice President: Victoria Bialczak
My name is Victoria Bialczak and I am a sophomore running for second Vice President. I am currently involved in the Model UN club, and the varsity tennis and basketball team. It would be an honor to represent NHP Memorial and be apart of our student council. I see myself as a leader and I am willing to put time into improving our school and community. As 2nd VP I would make sure that all students are represented and that all ideas are taken into account.

Treasurer: Reshma Itty
I am a junior running for Treasurer for next year’s Student Council and I need your vote! A major part of this is redistributing money and funds properly. I have been Treasurer for Class of 2016, and I have proper knowledge of the areas that still need monetary support in our school. From giving more attention to neglected clubs and teams to improving maintenance of the school, and even proposing ideas that will help miscellaneous aspects of the school; I’m willing to do all I possibly can to make our school the best that it can be!

Secretary: Grace Lee
As an officer of clubs such as the Service League, Science Olympiad, and the Chariot, among others, I know I have the right skill set and mindset to represent and help my fellow students. I’ve had many positions outside of school too, including at church, a women’s shelter, and a camp for the disabled, where I’ve learned a lot about how to run an organization and how to get the best results for those I represent. I’m excited to have an opportunity to get closer our school’s students and to create a better environment for us to learn and have fun in. Vote Glee for Secretary!

Publicity Coordinator: Frankie Bachhuber
I feel that I am in touch with many of the departments within the school and the students within them. I think that I am able to see the school and its specific problems in a different light. Most of the individuals in the school are uninform ed about the activities and events occurring outside of their departments, sports teams, or clubs. By serving as a line of communication between different departments and groups within the school, I would be a very efficient individual to serve on the Student Council.

Fundraiser Coordinator: Logan Ward
I can often be found helping out at school events, cheering on our student athletes or selling whatever needs to be sold throughout the year. One of the most important things I do though is being an active member of the Superintendent Student Advisory Council. Being involved in the community and school has allowed me to interact with students in all grades. With your help I would like to continue working to raise money and improve the school.

Historian: Akshara Varughese
I am very outgoing and I love to take on new challenges. Being in a party showed me that there is not a set position, everyone is equally important and everyone has a voice. Everyone’s opinions are valued greatly. As historian, I will be very organized and dependable to other members in the council. As a member of the Alpha party we have changes that would benefit the student of this school.

J.H. Coordinator: Pranav Kengeri
I am very conscientious of my grade. My actions as a JH Activities Coordinator will help benefit Memorial and help it prosper into a prodigious school. The events that I will organize, such as dances, sporting events, competitions, etc., shall appeal to my peers. I am a fair person who includes ideas from others to turn many to be events into successes.
Let’s Party

PLATFORM

Although New Hyde Park Memorial is already a great school, our party is focusing on doing everything we can to create a brighter future for both the faculty and the students. We believe, that there are some reforms that need to be made in the school that will allow for a more rewarding learning environment for everyone. One of our main goals is to connect with the student population in a substantial way that has not been reached before. How many times are you unable to hear announcements in the morning when we have home room? Our plan is to take what you should be hearing on the morning announcements and put it on the school website daily, so you’ll never miss any important events and information. We are here to fix problems like this to make our time here at New Hyde Park more memorable and enjoyable. Another concern of ours is the students’ well-being. With tight funding some of our basic needs are not being met. We plan to fix fundamental, but simple things in the school, such as ventilating the school’s stage. This will make the environment we are constantly in a more hospitable one. We also would like to try to hold more school events, such as Faculty Feud, an event that most students seem to enjoy. As students here in New Hyde Park, we want to have a fresher outlook on things and add new events such as a movie night. By hosting fundraising events such as these, the school will be able to make more repairs and reforms, like fixing up the elevators, or the leaks in the ceilings. Our party is committed to your welfare and contentment, and we have a unique and creative group of people that are willing to go the extra mile for the school. We have noteworthy ideas on how to make the school a better place for everyone, from the teachers, to the 7th graders, to the seniors. We will endeavor to put a snack of the month, which is a new snack in the vending machine voted in by students. We do will everything in our power to achieve students’ goals and desires. New Hyde Park Memorial High School deserves a team of intelligent, persistent, and creative people who will persevere through all the challenges our school faces. With the student body’s vote we will be able to triumph through these obstacles and make our school greater.

Candidate Profiles

Jithin John: First Vice President

I’m Jithin John, and I hope to be your future 1st vice president. Representing my party, “Let’s Party” we are determined to create the best possible environment for every member of New Hyde Park Memorial High School. I have had experience being part of office. I was the youngest person in my entire church to become youth secretary. I believe I have various leadership qualities and the students are always my first concern.

Second Vice President: Emily Budhram

I would love to join Student Council because in my eyes, it looks like a remarkable opportunity to allow not only my voice to be heard, but to share the views of every student at Memorial. All of the Student Council representatives that I have met are extremely dedicated, motivated, and passionate about what they do and it’s an honor to even be considered as a candidate to join a group of people like that. I’d also love to meet more people in this school. I feel that one of the best parts of high school is getting to know people. Running for Student Council is a great way to do just that. I really just would like a chance to give back to New Hyde Park.

Treasurer: Zahra Gittam

I have been attending New Hyde Park Memorial for about three years now. Joining student council, to me means that I get an opportunity to have my voice heard, and allows me to voice the great ideas and opinions of the students as well. It also gives me a chance to meet every single one of you reading this School spirit is one thing that can change; there could be a lot more seats filled at sports games, or more people coming to organized events. Many of the students here have amazing ideas, but are afraid to voice their opinion, and that’s what we want to change. We want students to freely voice their opinions without the fear of being ridiculed for doing so. That’s what a vote for Let’s Party will do! NHP is a place full of wondrous opportunities, and we want more students to take advantage of them!

Secretary: Saumya Sharma

I would love to be your secretary because this school has done so much for me and I would love to give back. I am passionate about making the school a better place, and if you vote for me, then I will work extremely hard to make sure that you enjoy school. I am president of the Junior High Mathletes, co-president of Junior High Science Olympiads team, and treasurer of the Class of 2018. In addition, I am also on the varsity tennis team. I am taking an art class, and I was formerly part of chorus. Moreover, I am a writer for the Chariot and I am in the MUN class. I am involved in a variety of activities, which allows me to be aware of issues going on around the school and will help me become a better representative of the student body.

Historian: Maggie Tsui

I have been a student of New Hyde Park Memorial for 3 years now. Actually, I have only recently moved here about 3 years ago and I absolutely love it here! For me, joining the Student Council would allow me to have my voice heard and allow me to make an impact on this school. I’ve always been the shy girl and I hope joining this council I would be able to push myself out of my comfort zone and improve the school as well as myself along the way. Doing this, would also give me the chance to better know everyone in this school. This is my school and I want to be able to make it the best it can for everyone, that already attends New Hyde Park and everyone that’s going to come here in the future.

Publicity Coordinator: Tatiana Dugue

My goal is to meet every student’s needs and the only way I can do that is with your help. I have been a student here at NHP Memorial High School for three years. During this time I have noticed that even though our school is a great place to be, few people come after school to participate in school events. I have gone to several events and have realized we do not have a sufficient amount of creative and enticing school events unique to NHP. As publicity coordinator, my goal would be to enhance our events and make the experiences forged there more memorable. With your vote, we the students, as a whole, would be able to make decisions that would enhance our time at NHP.

JH Activities Coordinator: Vish Sharma

Hi, I’m Vish Sharma and I would love to be your G. O. Manager. I am so happy to be part of the NHP community and I am grateful for all the opportunities I have had. I’ve loved being able to make friends along the way. I am very qualified to be a representative of the student body because I am a great listener. I listen to complaints, ideas and I would love to hear your ideas on improving the school. I am also a leader. I am co-president of the Science Olympiad team, and I am a hardworking and approachable person.
The Next Generation

PLATFORM

As Student Council President, there are many changes I would like to create, along with the help of my party, in order to fix some of the problems that we face within our school. We believe what separates us from other schools and makes us unique, is our sense of community within the school. The Next Generation would like to encourage more student activity within certain aspects of the extracurricular life such as things like sporting and artistic events, such as plays, musicals, and other art forms. We’d like to bring to attention the importance of other clubs and activities, outside of just sports. Although many people are involved in sports, other activities are lacking greatly in both attention and funds. By encouraging more people to come to such events, there will be a greater need to help improve the activities. While bringing more attention to the community of New Hyde Park, our party believes that there is a major need to recreate Spirit Week. Although New Hyde Park doesn’t even come close. Our party would like to focus on making the students at NHP have more pride and spirit for our school by creating new ways to encourage it, such as completely redoing Spirit Week, which would appeal more to the students and make it a more memorable week, as well as a time to look forward to at NHP.

With the new addition of the TV monitors in the cafeteria, it may be fun to organize a new club that would allow students to form groups and create their own television shows or skits that could be broadcasted on the televisions, school website, etc. It wouldn’t require a large budget, as all the materials needed are in the hands of the students already, but it would be a fun way to promote and use the new resources given to us. The Next Generation’s primary focus is to bring a new sense of community to the students of NHP by promoting spirit and allowing them to break the boundaries of just coming to school for an education but also allowing them to have fun while doing so.

First Vice President: Jana Cruz

I am currently in Student Council now as G.O Card Manager, as well as an editor on The Charriot. I’m involved in the Spanish Club and on Varsity Field Hockey. Being a former student council representative I have already had a first look at the problems the school faces and what the students want to see improved. Becoming a better school and student body is what we should be striving to do. As first Vice President I will make sure New Hyde Park Memorial is filled with Gladiator pride and spirit, while being the voice of the student body and tackling the situations that have to be solved.

Second Vice President: Nicholas Lopez

I’m Nicholas Lopez and my party hopes to make this school a better place and more comfortable for both the teaching staff and the student body. I am the starting running back and linebacker for the JV football team and I also take part in the Model United Nations. Our party has students from athletic programs, to the geniuses of the school, to our normal everyday students.

Treasurer: Gregory Kothesakis

Hi, my name is Greg Kothesakis and I’m running for treasurer. I’ve been involved with the school since the seventh grade, participating and leading in clubs like Model UN, The Charriot, and Spanish Club. As treasurer, I hope to bring to the attention of the school things like faulty dryers, cloudy mirrors, bad information delivery and a lack of communication between the students and the school. Even though Student Council has admittedly limited power, I hope to make a difference in whatever ways I can.

Secretary: Mark Chambers

Hi, my name is Mark Chambers. I am currently a junior and the captain and quarterback of the football team. My brother was the president of this school two years ago. I would like to follow in his footsteps and be a part of the student council. I believe there are things to be done to improve the school and to make students happy. I would like to improve the hygiene in bathrooms. The toilet paper should always be in stock and never out of reach and hand dryers should be fixed. I would also like to allow students in the junior high café to use their cell phones. Finally I would like to have joyful music play between periods.

Publicity Coordinator: Abishek (AJ) Johnson

I wish to run for the position of publicity coordinator. I am currently in 10th grade and have been involved with the school ever since entering in 7th grade. I carry my New Hyde Park Pride onto the basketball courts, where I am Co-Captain of the JV Basketball team, the debate rooms during Model UN Conferences, and through the hallways of New Hyde Park Memorial. Being part of Student Council will not only strengthen my leadership skills, but also help me to work as a representative for my peers. To improve our school, I propose the idea of restricted WiFi to all students seeing as we live in an age of technology. Smartphones have the capabilities to enrich the classroom setting as a whole, and the benefits outweigh the detriments.

Fundraiser: Ann Grimshaw

I participate in many clubs and activities at New Hyde Park including Key Club, best buddies, and SPEC. I’m also on the varsity softball team. New Hyde Park Memorial is a great school, as it offers many different extracurricular activities for students to participate in. I believe that there are some things that can be improved in our school, such as better communication between the students, student council and faculty. I would also like to aim towards making students’ high school experiences more enjoyable. For example, cleaner and better smelling locker rooms are needed for students. Another issue I find students complaining about is the lack of toilet paper in the bathrooms.

JH Coordinator: Andrea Waldron

If I were to be elected as Junior High Coordinator I would do everything I could to make the students happy. Some students don’t get involved in many activities. I want to help put together fun activities for Junior High students to enrich their experience at New Hyde Park Memorial. If Junior High students are involved in activities with their peers it will encourage them to get involved and take pride in their school. If the Junior High students start getting involved now, it will encourage them to be involved in their school and community in the future.

Candidate Profiles

President: Michael Valentino

At Student Council President, there are many changes I would like to make in order to fix some of the problems in our school. I believe what separates us from other schools and makes us unique, is our sense of community within the school. I would like to encourage more student activity within extracurricular life. I’d like to bring to attention the importance of other clubs and activities, outside of just sports. While bringing more attention to the community of New Hyde Park, I believe that there is a major need to recreate Spirit Week. I would like to focus on making the students have more pride and spirit, which would make students more excited to attend events at New Hyde Park. My primary focus is to bring a new sense of community to the students and allow them to break the boundaries of
NHP M.A.D

Hello. We are the MAD party. MAD stands for “Making a Difference”, which is what we are trying to do for this school. We are a team of seven unique individuals who each have something to contribute to the growth of our school. We are here to create a better learning environment for the faculty and the students. We want our efforts to make a change in our school.

We have many ideas that we want to bring forth to our school. We have accumulated facts from a number of students and have come to these many reformations. Our first topic at hand is something that everyone is accustomed to, our school lunches. Although there have been many improvements to our school lunches, we would like to continue these changes by giving the students more variety, such as adding a salad bar. Adding a salad bar gives the students more options and it is a healthy way to make our lunches better.

Another issue that has been presented to us is the unsanitary locker rooms. We are striving for a cleaner and more efficient locker room.

Next are some ideas that we think would not only improve the school community, but also get the students more involved. Our first idea is opening up the courtyard for lunch periods, to give the kids a natural environment while eating.

Another idea that would get the students more involved is a winter formal for underclassmen, and we would also be making a profit for their grades at the same time. This gives the students an opportunity to socialize with each other and create bonds between new friends.

We also have some fundraising ideas that can raise money for our school, while also getting students involved in school activities. One idea would be a dance-a-thon. Students would collect pledges based on how long they can stay on the dance floor. This is an active way for students to raise money for our school.

In our society today, many people are overweight and aren’t concerned about their health. That is why creating more interesting electives would be a great idea. Many schools have dance classes that can be taken as an elective. These classes serve as a great way for the students to stay fit, and to learn about various forms of dance. Our society today doesn’t take much importance on our past culture and this is a great way for the kids in the new generation to stay close to our roots as Americans.

Another great way we can fundraise money is having a student feud. It’s the same concept as a faulty feud, but with students. Students from different grades can compete, and this is a great way for the different graduating classes to bond. This will create less awkwardness between the younger and older kids. We believe our party is exactly what this school needs.

We are determined kids and we will do whatever it takes to make this school a better place. We are willing to put our endless time and effort to make our faculty and students happy.

Candidate Profiles

President: Riyad Azeez
Hi! My name is Riyad Azeez. I have been attending NHP since 7th grade and I know what it’s like to be a student here. There are so many great opportunities here at NHP to learn something new, such as the sports program, all the great clubs and even just being a regular student. I believe as President I’ll be able to expand and improve all the amazing opportunities here at NHP. I hope to be able to create a greater school experience for everyone. All I need is the opportunity to make a change. NHP is MAD for making a difference.

First Vice President: Michael Pak
I might not be the most intelligent student in my grade, but I do consider myself the one of the most determined and active students. I believe that something a vice president needs to have is public recognition and I believe I am qualified for that specific attribute. As an officer of the senior high orchestra and from participating in the track and field team for two to three years, I have tried my best to become a leader and make others recognize me as someone to look up to. I believe society recognizes me as a friendly, determined, and active individual.

Treasurer: Alisa Raju
I think I would be a good candidate because I am a hardworking student who always puts school first. I am responsible, outspoken, and determined. I am an experienced candidate, because I have held many positions in my past and present. I was the captain of my lacrosse team and of the NHP Twirlers. I am currently Treasurer of the NHP Twirlers and of my church charity organization group, and also Secretary of the Class of 2016. By being involved in all these extracurricular activities, I have learned not only how to multitask but also how to manage my time and my school work alongside sports, performance groups and clubs. I think I am qualified for this position because I am good at keeping track of money and numbers. As Treasurer, I will ensure that you will have a memorable year.

Secretary: Neesa Thomas
Hi! My name is Neesa Thomas. Growing up I have been an independent person, and I know that giving me the role as Secretary would be the right choice. Ever since I was a 7th grader, I knew that I wanted to be a part of the Student Council. I joined many extracurricular activities so I can observe what exactly our school needs. I am currently the Vice President of the International Culture Club. Having the role as Vice President has helped me to learn about independence and leadership. It has also taught me a lot about cooperation and teamwork. I’m a very active member of my church and my school. I would be the best secretary. I am what this school needs. I am ready and willing to put endless amount of time and hard work in making this school the best it can be.

Fundraiser: Prachi Shah
I believe that I am qualified for the position of Fundraising Coordinator. One reason is that I excel in and enjoy math. This will help me deal with money, budgeting, and funds. I am a benevolent, intelligent, and caring human being. I consider myself a leader because I always tend to take the initiative in every assignment. According to my teachers I demonstrate great qualities of diligence and citizenship. I am also task-oriented and organized. I believe that I can carry good communication skills too.

I am also great at dealing with people and persuading them. In my opinion, Fundraising Coordinator is the perfect position for me.

Historian: Joana Thomas
I believe that I am qualified to take up the position of Historian. I am very detail-oriented and organized. I am a reliable person as well. I am used to being a part of a team so I know how to compromise and what ideas to present. I look at all the small things and fix them when they need to be fixed. My main goal is to improve this school in all ways possible, by working together with others. I put others’ needs before mine and help people in any way that I can. I have good communication skills and am very outgoing.

J.H. Coordinator: Nicole Joseph
I am a persistent, hard-working, young individual, brimming with creative ideas. I am eager to get many other people involved in Student Council activities. I also love talking to other people in order to identify problems and make solutions. Due to my broad involvement in clubs, sports, and academic activities, I have an open minded perspective regarding the opinions of others. Student Council will allow me to build a wonderful camaraderie with the students of this school.
The YOVO Party

Candidate Profiles

President: Karina Wong
I will be running for Student Council President for this upcoming year. I have previously run last year for Student Council and familiar with what it takes. Even though I did not win, I learned a lot about what this school needs. This school needs a President who cares and will put the students and their needs as their priorities. I am currently Vice President of GEAR and Spanish Club. I’m also involved in many clubs and extra-curricular activities, such as Service League, SADD, and Science Olympiad just to name a few. I am also on the varsity girls tennis team. When I’m not playing tennis, I am manager of the JV and Varsity girl volleyball teams, and Varsity Track and Field. Being involved in school has allowed me to know many students and learn what they want from the school. If I do become president, I can make their desires a reality.

First Vice President: Jordan Williams
As a current member of Student Council, I’ve had the opportunity of representing my peers while also tackling many issues. We’ve made much progress, and I’m determined to continue our efforts. Although it’s difficult to respond to every concern with a perfect solution, I will try my best to do so. I’m very confident in my abilities to hold the position of Vice President. Outside of Student Council, I’m involved in MUN, Spanish Club, as well as Track & Field. I’m passionate about bettering the school community and collaborating with fellow peers to develop new fundraisers and community events.

2nd Vice President: Kosta Katsoulis
I am a straight-A student who always keeps priorities first, and it is a privilege to be able to represent the students of NHP. I was captain of the JV basketball team this year and now fully understand how to cooperate with my teammates, and the students here at NHP. I am currently the historian of Student Council. During my time in office, I aspire to make big changes to NHP in every aspect, including sports, academics and general student life. Once again, vote for Kosta Katsoulis and the YOVO party!

Treasurer: Jason Priest
I believe that I would make an excellent treasurer because I am responsible and I am good with numbers. I am also knowledgeable and I have great communication and interpersonal skills. These abilities with allow me to help others students as well as be the voice of the students. I am trustworthy, organized and I am quick learner. I will be dedicated and make my best effort for this position. I will help the school reach its full potential. I will be tough for the students and I will be a great resource to anyone who needs help. I will also make plans for the schools budget and keep the schools money out of debt.

Secretary: Shilpa Shaju
I am an officer of The Red Cross Club and also part of several other clubs including Best Buddies, MUN, Talented and Gifted, and the Spanish Club. I hope to address several concerns of the student body if elected, particularly popular concerns over cafeteria food, bathroom/locker-room cleanliness, and spirit week. I am a firm believer that NHP contributes tremendously to our community, but I also believe that there is always room for improvement. As a dedicated and responsible individual, but far more as a fellow student, I want what is best for our school. I hope you will consider me for Secretary and I wish the best of luck to all candidates!

Publicity: Joseph Gardella
I have been a starter on the varsity lacrosse team since I was a 9th grader. I play on an outside lacrosse team called True Blue. I also have been a starter on the varsity football team since 10th grade. I will be captain for the varsity football team next year. I am a part of the FBLA, Best Buddies Club. I also will be attending this year’s Boys State. I am a volunteer for the New York Blood center and I donate my time at blood drives. I will be a good addition to the Student Council because I can bring new ideas to the school to make it a better place. If there is a problem in the school that the students want to change, I will try my best with my team to solve your problems. I believe that voting for me will have a huge impact that will help our school greatly.

Fundraiser: Jake Guercia
I excel in academics and as well as athletics. I currently play football, basketball, and lacrosse. I am also National Junior Honors Society. Not only am I involved in school but I am also involved in an outside league for basketball and lacrosse. Playing all these sports has taught me a lot of skills needed to be a leader. I was selected captain by all my teammates on the football, lacrosse and basketball team. Working and playing with all my teammates as captain has helped my communication, teamwork and leadership skills. Being a captain is definitely a privilege but I do not abuse my power. I hope that IF I become a part of Student Council, I can bring everything I’ve learned on the field and off and help my fellow students.

Historian: Jonathan Lopez
I am involved in a variety of clubs and sports such as the Future Business Leaders of America, the Spanish club, JV Volleyball, and Best Buddies. Also, I am in both the Academy of Finance and NHP Model United Nations. Both of these classes have had an overall effect on me to interact with others and develop certain skills. I am currently a volunteer at Winthrop Hospital and when I am there I devote my time towards patients who need assistance in any way that I am able to. My goal is to fulfill any of the student’s needs and problems along with the rest of my party. I want to make this school a better place so that all students can feel at home rather than have problems in regards to the school. I believe that if you vote for the YOVO party you will not regret it because we will have an immense influence towards the school and resolving your problems.

J.H. Coordinator: Marina Pappas
Not only am I involved with a variety of athletic teams, but I’m also extremely excited and passionate about helping the school, as well as the community. This year I played on the Girls’ Varsity Soccer team, as well as on the JV basketball and lacrosse teams. I believe that I can fulfill this position because I am a responsible and hard-working individual. I’m excited to have the opportunity to represent my peers and I will try my best to listen to their concerns and ideas. I’m looking forward to an exciting and fun year!
Independents

Darren Bonura - President
New Hyde Park Memorial is our school. The students are responsible for leaving behind a place where students like them can receive an excellent education and yet be comfortable. We have been very fortunate at NHP but now is not time for relaxation. We must continue to perfect our school. My full name is Darren Christopher Bonura. I’m currently joining the New Hyde Park Fire Department and I will be a 3rd generation firefighter. In 10th grade I represent New Hyde Park Memorial at the 2014 HOBY NY Metro Youth Leadership conference. For three days at Adelphi university I attended leadership workshops and learned how to be a good leader. I hope to extend my expertise as President of the student council.

Joseph Weiner - President
I am an honor roll student and a proud member of the varsity Track and Field team as well as the Model United Nations club. I’m also an officer of the Photography Club and a member of Junior National Honors Society. Running as an Independent was an easy decision for me, a decision made in order to dedicate the entire effort of campaigning towards the wants and needs of the student body, and how they can be fulfilled by him as president. I am known for being a friend of all grades of high school and middle school here at New Hyde Park, and has worked to unify all of the grades despite their differences. I have made it clear that I will work tirelessly to ensure success for all students here at New Hyde Park Memorial High School.

Sarah Jivraj - First Vice President
I believe I would be an excellent candidate for First Vice President of student council. I believe this because I always put 100% of my effort into everything I do and try my best to excel at it. I think in our school we have a few minor adjustments to make but these minor adjustments will go a long way. I always push myself to do the best in anything and everything I do, and I know for a fact that if I do get into student council I will do anything and everything it takes to make the school a better place that is enjoyable for each and every student. I partake in many clubs such as Drama, GSA and many other clubs. I am a part of The National Art Honor Society, the Junior National Honor Society and the Academy of Finance. I partake in these clubs because not only do they help me push myself hard enough to be the best that I can be, but they also encourage me to help others do well too.

Rose Cunningham - Treasurer
I am Rose Cunningham, presently in 9th grade, and I am running for the Treasurer position. Two main issues that I would like to rectify are the lack of air conditioners in the school, and the unsanitary conditions of the bathrooms. During the warmer months, the school begins to get extremely hot, especially on the upper floors where the heat rises to. As we rarely have any air conditioners in our school, this causes unconducive working conditions. It is extremely hard to concentrate and complete work when the weather is hot and you become sweaty. If I am elected I will try my hardest to get air conditioners installed in as many rooms as I can. I will try to converse with treasurers from other schools to find a way to get the funds for the air conditioners. Even if I am not able to supply the whole school with air conditioners, there are key rooms and places that get hotter than others. If I am not able to provide the school with air conditioners, I will try to get better working fans for the classrooms, which would be a step up from what we have now. The school bathrooms are a nothing short of disgusting. The mirrors are opaque and the stalls and walls are filled with graffiti. If I am elected I will strive to fix these horrid conditions. First, I will try to get new paint throughout the bathrooms, and then I will strive to get new mirrors placed on the walls. Any other problems that students would like rectified I will try my best to fix if I am elected.
Independents (cont.)

Grant Wong - Secretary

My name is Grant Wong, a 10th grader here at New Hyde Park Memorial. The key aspect of improving New Hyde Park Memorial for the good of both the teacher and student populace is communication and cooperation. For example, the publication of student event calendars in the Chariot or distribution in homeroom can get many students involved in school activities. Likewise, school social media, moderated by a dedicated group of students or teachers, could serve to keep students updated on club events, sport matches, and the like. Another current issue facing the school is exactly how resources can be allocated to benefit both the students and administration on a mutual level. To address this, I recommend potentially opening up special Student Council meetings, accompanied by members of the administration, to take questions and suggestions from the student populace and respond to them accordingly. This can allow for better understanding between the student and administrative body and open up a forum where all voices, concerns, and opinions can be heard. An anonymous suggestion box may be set up in the Main Office, for the purpose of an easy way to collect and respond to student ideas. Ideas from the box may be taken out during Council meetings and discussed, as a means to give the general student population a voice.

Aarman Jivraj - Historian

In my opinion, I find that our school could make various changes that could positively impact the student body, students, and teachers also. The first, and most important problem in our school that I have a solution for is; After School Help. Our school has many solutions to this but one downside to these are that they only meet up at certain times a week. Many students cannot meet these standards because of sports, club meetings or after school commitments. I believe that we could advise or give more opportunities to our classmates that are more in and out of school or that is more convenient to them. This can give our students all the help they require. I believe another problem in our school that I have a solution for is one of the most primary problems, bullying! My solution to this severe problem is the school should encourage students to start going to their guidance counselors in private because many times they don’t is out of fear. Lastly, one of the last problems in our school I believe I have a solution for is student attitude. Things like Pep Rally, and Spirit Week are only some ideas that we could improve upon.

Anthony Pasquarosa - JH Activities Coordinator

My name is Anthony Pasquarosa. I am a seventh grader from Garden City Park. I am running for the Junior High Activities Coordinator position because I have many good ideas. I think there should be more of an emphasis on helping the people in the community around New Hyde Park Memorial, especially during the Holidays. Another goal of mine is to schedule fun activities for the students, that make them want to spend more time at the school and be proud to be Gladiators. I’ve been involved in sports at Memorial and am currently running track. I also ran track in Winter I, played volleyball in Winter II and also played for the Sewanhaka district hockey team. I want our time here to be a blast, and if I’m elected I will make sure it is.