

December 19, 2022

Dear Rye Neck Families,

December Staff

This month's staff spotlight features four members of our Rye Neck team that are also members of our community. Each member of this special group is not only a teacher but also a parent of Rye Neck graduates.

- [Dawn Drace](#), Daniel Warren
- [Joan Spedafino](#), F.E. Bellows
- [Eileen Pillig](#), Middle School
- [Karen Fontecchio](#), High School

Student Achievements

We also have more students to recognize for their achievements this month!

- Rye Neck senior [Michaela Alsiadi](#)
- Rye Neck senior [Juliette Cusson](#)
- Rye Neck sophomore [Mark DiMaggio](#)
- Rye Neck senior [Alexis Friedman](#)

“Tridemic”

We will be distributing another batch of NY State-provided COVID-19 home antigen tests at the beginning of this week. As I have mentioned, the pandemic mitigation measures we have used are still important and can be effective against other illnesses as well. Open windows and our HVAC system; regular cleaning; personal hygiene; staying home when sick; and vaccines all play a role. I have begun carrying a mask around for when I am in close quarters with others. Masking while indoors is encouraged, but not mandated by the NYSDOH.

Holidays

The holiday season continues this week, and despite the fact that we are still going to school or work for the moment, there is always a palpable joy in our buildings in late December. I wish that same sense of happiness for our extended Rye Neck family as we enjoy the coming week off and enter into the new year.

Best regards,
Dr. Eric Lutinski
Superintendent of Schools