

# Soaring into HS



**Moving Up Ceremony  
2010**

# Class of 2014

Brandon Cruise

## **Middle School Days**

By Samantha Longton

Eighth grade has ended at last.

Today, we look back on our  
roaring past.

The teachers make us strive  
to do our best

to hand in every homework,  
to ace every test.

The end is near;  
we're moving up.

As the teachers tear,  
they wish us good luck.

Our minds fill with  
long-awaited anticipation.

We just can't wait  
to enjoy our vacation.

In years, we will start to think  
how our school days left  
like an eye's blink.

# MIDDLE SCHOOL RECOGNITION ASSEMBLY

## GRADE 8

JUNE 23, 2010

MR. WHITLEY	WELCOME
CHRISTIAN KEENAN	WELCOME SPEECH FROM STUDENT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE
8 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE TEAM	EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT WITH DISTINCTION AWARDS EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
MR. HLADUN	KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD KIWANIS CITIZENSHIP AWARDS KIWANIS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AWARD KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
MR. WHITLEY	PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
MRS. CASHIN	MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL RECOGNITION
MRS. FURLONG	NEW YORK STATE MATH LEAGUE AWARDS
MR. IANNOTTI	RECOGNITION OF: SPORTS PARTICIPANTS BAND AND/OR CHORUS PARTICIPANTS DRAMA CLUB PARTICIPANTS EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY PARTICIPANTS
MRS. VORSE	SADD SCHOLARSHIP AWARD AHPERD LEADERSHIP AWARD RECOGNITION PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE PHYSICAL FITNESS AWARD RECIPIENTS
MS. BLUMBERG	NOTABLE MENTION AWARDS
MISS BURGOON	LESLIE BETH CUTLER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
MRS. LOBEL	THE LOBEL SOCIAL STUDIES AWARD
MR. WHITLEY	IMPROVED ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE AWARDS
SARAH CROUSE	8 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE REFLECTIONS
MR. WHITLEY	COMPLETION OF 8 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE AWARDS CONCLUDING REMARKS

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SPECIAL AWARDS

CERTIFICATES

***EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT WITH DISTINCTION – Given to a student who has been on the High Honor Roll for the first three marking periods:***

Caroline Bablin	Lorraine LaRock
Stephen Barone	Keirstin Low
Rebecca Barron	Samuel Miranda
Elizabeth Bjork	Slater Nolan
Rebecca Bogart	Alexis Pelletier
Shamus Chowenhill	Sarah Peltz
Kevin Clark	Andrew Pevzner
Chelsea Duncan	Courtney Reilly
Elsa Farooq	Joann Skinner
Sara Fellehner-Endres	Julia Suozzo
Alana Fiero	Rachel Treiber
Erin Gannon	G. Benjamin Voss
Rachel Goldberg	Jack Wakeley
Shawn Goyer	Julia Willox
Victoria Hargrave	Samantha Woolford
Michael Hennessy	Christian Zeh
Logan Hotaling	Morgan Zell
Christian Keenan	

***EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT – Given to a student who has been on the Honor Roll for the first three marking periods:***

Aurora Alft-LaFond	Erin Kelly
Aaron Bailey	Deanna Lee
Justine Cascone	Dominick Loccisano
Emily Cole	Jeffrey Mauro
Jeffrey Coton	Carlee Nussbaum
Sarah Crouse	Jared Paigo
Christine DiVirgilio	Frank Parker
Joseph Dollard	Paul Rothberg
Cara Eppelmann	Emily Salerno
Carmella Genovesi	Joseph Vogel
Marcella Hansen	Katina Wallace
Dylan Hensel	Nicholas Windsor
Alexander Kaloyeros	Charles Youngman

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**KIWANIS AWARDS**

**PLAQUES AND CERTIFICATES**

***KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD*** – Given to the student having the highest average in his/her grade for the school year.

Sarah Peltz

***KIWANIS CITIZENSHIP AWARD*** – Awarded to a member of the class for outstanding citizenship as shown by cooperation, honesty, courtesy, scholarship, dependability, and effort.

Caroline Bablin  
Slater Nolan

***KIWANIS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AWARD*** – For greatest improvement in school work and overall effort.

Sara Fellehner-Endres

**KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

***Albany City Lodge No. 540 Knights of Pythias Achievement Award*** is presented to a student for contributions in extra-curricular activities and/or community endeavors.

**MEDAL AND CERTIFICATE**

Shawn Goyer

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***PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE***

*Awarded to 8<sup>th</sup> graders who achieved at least a 90 average over seven marking periods, grades 7 to 8. (September of Grade 7/April of Grade 8).*

**CERTIFICATE AND LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Aurora Alft-LaFond	Alexander Kaloyeros
Caroline Bablin	Christian Keenan
Stephen Barone	Keirstin Low
Rebecca Barron	Slater Nolan
Elizabeth Bjork	Alexis Pelletier
Rebecca Bogart	Sarah Peltz
Shamus Chowenhill	Andrew Pevzner
Kevin Clark	Courtney Reilly
Chelsea Duncan	Joann Skinner
Elsa Farooq	Julia Suozzo
Sara Fellehner-Endres	Rachel Treiber
Alana Fiero	G. Benjamin Voss
Erin Gannon	Jack Wakeley
Rachel Goldberg	Julia Willox
Shawn Goyer	Samantha Woolford
Victoria Hargrave	Christian Zeh
Michael Hennessy	Morgan Zell
Logan Hotaling	

***PRESIDENT'S AWARD FOR EDUCATIONAL ACHIEVEMENT***

*Awarded to 8<sup>th</sup> graders who do not meet the criteria for the previous award but have shown outstanding educational growth, improvement, commitment, and development in their academic subjects.*

**CERTIFICATE AND LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Christine DiVirgilio  
Deanna Lee

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**ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT WITH DISTINCTION**

This award is based on the students' grade point average over the 1<sup>st</sup> 3 quarters.  
It is presented to the students with a cumulative average of 95% or higher.

**PINS AND CERTIFICATES**

<b>ENGLISH 8:</b>	Caroline Bablin Rebecca Bogart Alana Fiero Erin Gannon Victoria Hargrave Christian Keenan	Keirstin Low Sarah Peltz Courtney Reilly Joann Skinner Julia Suozzo Morgan Zell
<b>MATH 8:</b>	Christine DiVirgilio Elsa Farooq Alana Fiero	Alexis Pelletier Courtney Reilly
<b>ALGEBRA 1:</b>	Caroline Bablin Elizabeth Bjork Rebecca Bogart Victoria Hargrave Christian Keenan	Keirstin Low Sarah Peltz Julia Suozzo G. Benjamin Voss
<b>SOCIAL STUDIES 8:</b>	Caroline Bablin Rebecca Bogart Shamus Chowenhill Kevin Clark Elsa Farooq Alana Fiero Victoria Hargrave Christian Keenan	Keirstin Low Sarah Peltz Courtney Reilly Joann Skinner Julia Suozzo G. Benjamin Voss Morgan Zell

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<b>SCIENCE 8:</b>	Shamus Chowenhill Kevin Clark Elsa Farooq	Alana Fiero Slater Nolan Courtney Reilly
<b>EARTH SCIENCE:</b>	Caroline Bablin Rebecca Bogart Victoria Hargrave Christian Keenan Keirstin Low	Sarah Peltz Joann Skinner Julia Suozzo G. Benjamin Voss
<b>SPANISH 8:</b>	Elizabeth Bjork Rebecca Bogart Shamus Chowenhill Kevin Clark Alana Fiero Victoria Hargrave Christian Keenan Keirstin Low Slater Nolan	Alexis Pelletier Sarah Peltz Andrew Pevzner Courtney Reilly Joann Skinner Julia Suozzo Julia Willox Christian Zeh Morgan Zell
<b>FRENCH 8:</b>	Caroline Bablin Elsa Farooq	

**CERTIFICATES**

The following awards are presented to the students in the top 5% of the class.

<b>TECHNOLOGY 8:</b>	Alana Fiero Logan Hotaling Christian Keenan	Sarah Peltz Andrew Pevzner Courtney Reilly
<b>HOME &amp; CAREER SKILLS 8:</b>	Caroline Bablin Rebecca Bogart Victoria Hargrave	Keirstin Low Sarah Peltz G. Benjamin Voss

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<b>BAND 8:</b>	Stephen Barone Joseph Dollard	Alexander Kaloyeros Paul Rothberg
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<b>CHORUS 8:</b>	Caroline Bablin Rebecca Barron Stephen Barone Erin Gannon	Shawn Goyer Victoria Hargrave G. Benjamin Voss
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Health 8 awards are given to students with 100% average.

<b>HEALTH 8:</b>	Caroline Bablin Kevin Clark Sarah Crouse Elsa Farooq Jessica Fisher Erin Gannon	Victoria Hargrave Keirstin Low Joann Skinner Rachel Treiber Julia Willox Samantha Woolford
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MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

PINS AND CERTIFICATES

*In recognition of a student's leadership in the Council:*

<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	Christian Keenan (8 <sup>th</sup> Grade)
<b>VICE-PRESIDENT:</b>	Benjamin Denn (7 <sup>th</sup> Grade) Edmund Schultz (6 <sup>th</sup> Grade)
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Sean Clair (7 <sup>th</sup> Grade)
<b>SECRETARY:</b>	Samantha Woolford (8 <sup>th</sup> Grade)
<b>HISTORIAN:</b>	Sarah Peltz (8 <sup>th</sup> Grade)
<b>PUBLIC RELATIONS:</b>	Rachel Blow (6 <sup>th</sup> Grade)
<b>CHARACTER ED LIAISON:</b>	Alana Fiero (8 <sup>th</sup> Grade)

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES  
INVOLVED IN MIDDLE LEVEL STUDENT COUNCIL

CERTIFICATES

*In recognition of their efforts during Student Council meetings and activities.*

Erin Gannon	Alexis Pelletier
Shawn Goyer	Julia Suozzo
Casey Greenwood	Joseph Vogel
Marcella Hansen	G. Benjamin Voss
Victoria Hargrave	Manny Wiest

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**GRADE 8 NEW YORK STATE MATH LEAGUE CONTEST**

**CERTIFICATES**

**FIRST PLACE**

Christian Keenan  
Andrew Pevzner

**SECOND PLACE**

Keirstin Low  
Julia Suozzo

**THIRD PLACE**

Sarah Peltz  
G. Benjamin Voss

**RECOGNITION OF:**

***SPORTS PARTICIPANTS***

***BAND AND/OR CHORUS PARTICIPANTS***

***DRAMA CLUB PARTICIPANTS***

***EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITY PARTICIPANTS***

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**SADD SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

**\$100 CAMP SCHOLARSHIP AND CERTIFICATE**

Caroline Bablin

**AHPERD LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Six students from Grade Eight have been awarded the New York State AHPERD Leadership Award sponsored by the Capital Zone New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. These students were recognized for leadership, citizenship, values learning, and exhibiting a physically active lifestyle.

The Eighth-Grade students are: Elizabeth Bjork, Rebecca Bogart, Derek Cacciotti, Kevin Clark, Slater Nolan, Jared Paigo, and Julia Willox.

**RECOGNITION OF PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE**  
**PHYSICAL FITNESS AWARD RECIPIENTS**

**NOTABLE MENTION AWARDS**

**CERTIFICATES**

Philip Bache

**FOR YOUR POLITE AND PLEASANT DEMEANOR.**

Samuel Kent

**FOR BEING WILLING TO ASSIST OTHERS.**

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Lorraine LaRock  
Nicole Reimer  
Elizabeth Wood

**FOR PICKING UP AND EMPTYING BLUE PAPER RECYCLING BINS.  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN MAKING OUR SCHOOL A BETTER PLACE.**

Noah Crawford

**FOR YOUR ABILITY TO MAINTAIN COMPOSURE IN  
THE FACE OF CHALLENGE.**

Derek Cacciotti  
Nicholas VanAlstyne

**FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING INNATE KNOWLEDGE IN TECHNOLOGY.**

Emily Cole  
Deanna Lee  
Corey Markus

**FOR YOUR PERSEVERANCE IN DEVELOPING INDEPENDENCE.**

Brandon Cruise

**FOR DEMONSTRATING CREATIVITY THROUGH YOUR ART WORK.**

Andrew Myers

**FOR DEMONSTRATING POSITIVE BEHAVIOR  
IN THE FACE OF CHALLENGE.**

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Rebecca Barron  
Erin Gannon  
Shawn Goyer  
Victoria Hargrave  
Sarah Peltz

**FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BAND.**

Sarah Crouse

**FOR BEING THE MOST VORACIOUS READER IN THE  
EIGHTH GRADE. SARAH HAS READ 55 BOOKS. CONGRATULATIONS!**

Jeffrey Kulzer

**FOR BEING A RELIABLE HELPER AND COURTEOUS  
STUDENT IN ENGLISH 8.**

Sara Fellehner-Endres

**FOR HER UNWAVERING HARD WORK IN  
MATH 8. GREAT JOB THIS YEAR!**

Jack Wakeley

**FOR HIS ENTHUSIASM AND ENERGY EACH DAY IN MATH CLASS.**

Elsa Farooq  
Alana Fiero

**FOR THEIR VERY PROMPT COMPLETION  
OF THEIR POW'S EACH WEEK.**

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**LESLIE BETH CUTLER SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

**GIVEN IN MEMORY OF MISS LESLIE BETH CUTLER TO SOMEONE WHO:**

*Enjoys helping people, but doesn't need recognition in return.*

*This is a person who may often be found working behind the scenes.*

*This student is dependable and hardworking.*

*This student seems to have that extra quality of energy or enthusiasm that makes a difference to those who know him/her.*

*The student participates in school activities.*

NAME ON PLAQUE  
\$100 SAVINGS BOND  
GOLD PIN  
CERTIFICATE

Alana Fiero

**LOBEL SOCIAL STUDIES AWARD**

*The Lobel Social Studies Award - given to a student who has shown an interest in history beyond classroom instruction.*

**\$100 SAVINGS BOND AND CERTIFICATE**

Stephen Barone

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**IMPROVED ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE**

**CERTIFICATES**

**ENGLISH 8:** Jeffrey Coton  
Evan Hallenbeck

**MATH 8:** Katina Wallace  
Elizabeth Wood

**ALGEBRA 1:** Kevin Clark

**SOCIAL STUDIES 8:** Jeffrey Coton

**SCIENCE 8:** Rachel Treiber

**TECH 8:** Nicholas VanAlstyne

**FRENCH 8:** Cara Eppelmann

**SPANISH 8:** Samuel Miranda  
Elizabeth Wood

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COMPLETION OF 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE AWARDS

PINS AND CERTIFICATES

Aurora Alft-LaFond	Jessica Fisher
Caroline Bablin	Erin Gannon
Philip Bache	Levi Gatewood
Aaron Bailey	Carmella Genovesi
Stephen Barone	Rachel Goldberg
Rebecca Barron	Shawn Goyer
Ashley Bates	Casey Greenwood
Paige Bestle	Evan Hallenbeck
Elizabeth Bjork	Marcella Hansen
Rebecca Bogart	Victoria Hargrave
Brianne Borter	Kyle Henderson
Derek Cacciotti	Michael Hennessy
Justine Cascone	Dylan Hensel
Shamus Chowenhill	Logan Hotaling
Kevin Clark	Sara Kalisz
Emily Cole	Alexander Kaloyeros
Jeffrey Coton	Christian Keenan
Noah Crawford	Erin Kelly
Joseph Crisafulli	Samuel Kent
Sarah Crouse	Mohammad Khan
Brandon Cruise	Jeffrey Kulzer
Christine DiVirgilio	Matthew Laccetti
Joseph Dollard	Meghan Lailer
Chelsea Duncan	Alyson Lamson-Reiners
Cara Eppelmann	Lorraine LaRock
Elsa Farooq	Deanna Lee
Sara Fellehner-Endres	Dominick Loccisano
Alana Fiero	Samantha Longton

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Keirstin Low  
Corey Markus  
Jeffrey Mauro  
Lauren Meixner  
Samuel Miranda  
Alexandra Moreau  
Andrew Myers  
Slater Nolan  
Carlee Nussbaum  
Jared Paigo  
Frank Parker  
Alexis Pelletier  
Sarah Peltz  
Andrew Pevzner  
Courtney Reilly  
Nicole Reimer  
Gabrielle Rinaldi  
James Roe  
Paul Rothberg  
Emily Salerno  
Anita Salisbury

Steven Schleinitz  
Troy Signer  
Joann Skinner  
Elizabeth Slingerland  
Julia Suozzo  
Rachel Treiber  
Nicholas VanAlstyne  
Joseph Vogel  
G. Benjamin Voss  
Jack Wakeley  
Katina Wallace  
Manny Wiest  
Julia Willox  
Nicholas Windsor  
Benjamin Wolford  
Elizabeth Wood  
Samantha Woolford  
Charles Youngman  
Christian Zeh  
Morgan Zell

**The Path Where the Flowers Grow**  
**by Morgan Deni Zell**

We walk with each other  
On a path where flowers grow  
On this journey we are taking  
To the places we will go.

We look with each other,  
And remember choices we have made,  
How we were so young and foolish  
To have crossed the boundaries lain.

We question with each other  
Why decisions make us who we are,  
And then we sing in wonder  
at the birth of a shooting star.

We wish with each other,  
And are graced by falling leaves  
While we talk about our joys,  
We watch the night through cracks and eaves.

We hope with each other  
That these ideas will come true;  
We listen to the chirping  
of a bird and nestling new.

We stumble with each other  
Over winding wooden roots  
Places where the spirits warn us  
Of the sweet nectar of poison fruits.

We jump with each other  
Hopping rivulets of water;  
We kiss the sun goodbye  
And welcome the Lunar Night's Daughter.

We sing with each other  
Memories dancing in our heads  
Laughing, holding hands,  
Seeing the sky turn crimson red.

This path it makes us who we are;  
You will take it someday too.  
Just remember to be quick in mind,  
And keep your young heart true.

We walk with each other  
On a path where flowers grow  
On this journey we are taking  
To the places we will go.

OUR Next  
Journey IS  
About to  
Begin.

