

# NYSMTP LONG ISLAND COHORT | DECEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

## EXCITING NEWS (IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER):

- \* Anne Ippolito and family are expecting their second baby 12/23... Its a BOY!
- \* Gloria Gill-Klesaris is enjoying her last few days home with Baby Bradley, we wish her well !
- \* Kathi Dinota thanks everyone for the concern and prayers, Dave is finally feeling much better! He is eating solid food and, while there are still a few complications to deal with, we believe that the worst is behind us!
- \* Marianne Schoepflin, Lizzy Philp, Caryl Lorandini, Christna Pawlowski, Lawrence Maggio and new Master Teacher Grace Parisi all went to AMTNYS annual conference in Rye. They had a "fabulous" time
- \* Janet Kaczmarek (along with a group of research teachers) recently submitted a research proposal on micrometeorites to the National Synchrotron Light Source at BNL , it was granted approval for spring 2017 beam time ! Better not blink!
- \* Congratulations to Caryl Lorandini for being inducted into the LI Math Educator's Teacher Hall of Fame
- \* Christina Pawlowski finished the NYC Marathon on 11/6 and was so happy to have the support of her MT family who helped donate, wish her well and even came out to cheer her on along the route with posters, Pom poms and noise makers.
- \* Marianne Schoepflin and Pam O'Brien also recieved the NYS Excellence in Teaching Award! Congrats!
- \* Kristen Drury and Stephanie O'Brien were invited to train to become POGIL facilitators in January in TX
- \* Luisa McHugh won a travel scholarship to present her PhD research at a conference in Iowa in January
- \* "Every day is new and exciting".... DP
- \* Dawn Nachtigall is headed to London and Paris for Spring Break! Enjoy your trip!
- \* Stephanie Burns is still waiting to hear if her NSTA Los Angeles session was accepted... We wish her good luck!
- \* Was that Mike Jantzen? Oh no its Dan Jantzen ( not to be confused with Don Johnson)... Just may be the first pair of look alike brothers that are Master Teachers!
- \* LIACTS is starting to unpack the NYSSLS (new science standards) and plans to develop a unit on equilibrium that is NGSS alligned. See Stephanie O'Brien for more information on content area literacy strategies!
- \* Amy Cappiello just become Girl Scout Daisy Leader... Good luck with all those cookies!
- \* Jessica Conrad is excited to go paperless on her next few labs after suggestions from the last meeting
- \* Bobby Varughese and family moved into a new house. Congrats and best of luck!

## FOOD VOTES: THESE JUST IN... SWEET POTATOES & MARSHMALLOWS TURKEY STUFFING...

### IN OR OUT?

48.4 % Outside the bird

38.7 % inside the bird

12.9 % Can not waste carbs on stuffing (shame on these people... it was Thanksgiving )



46.8 % who puts marshmallows on sweet potatoes? (I guess they never saw the FOOD Network channel or had mine)

34.4 % With Marshmallows

18.8 % Without Marshmallows

1 person went rogue, brown sugar, honey, butter topped with cinnamon... thanks SOB

and yes, I already made sure they added to 100% so stop checking!

# WHY DO TEACHERS LIKE DECEMBER?

11/10 Amy Cappiello's Birthday  
11/22 Luisa McHugh's 29th Birthday  
11/25 Jessica Conrad's daughter  
Harper turned 7!  
12/5 Lizzie Philp's Birthday  
12/8 Jeanette Collette's Birthday  
12/25 Kim Milton's Birthday  
12/28 Marty Palermo's Birthday  
1/28 Michael Jantzen's Birthday  
2/7 Sonja Anderson's Birthday  
3/11 Jason Gutalaizer's Birthday

**DATES: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE**

## FAVORITE HOLIDAY SONGS

8 Baby It's Cold Outside  
5 Winter Wonderland  
2 Let It Snow  
2 Frosty The Snowman  
2 Santa Claus is Coming to Town  
2 All I Want for Christmas is You  
1 Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer  
1 Adam Sandler's the Hanukkah Song  
1 Mistletoe and Wine  
1 Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas  
1 River by Joni Mitchel  
1 Parumpapumpum  
( I believe it's the Little Drummer Boy)  
1 Hippopotamus for Christmas  
1 Mary Did You Know  
1 Dominick the Donkey  
1 Sleigh Ride

## What are we looking forward to in the Spring?

- \* "Comradery and great discussions" Kristin Holmes
- \* "New PLT Book Club Extension" Lizzy Philp
- \* "Getting POGIL up and running" Marianne Schoepflin
- \* "Seeing everyone back at work" Gloria Gill-Klesaris
- \* "Field Trips in warm weather" Rich Gearns
- \* "More PD opportunities especially open PD" Anne Ippolito
- \* "More Practice with POGIL" Luisa McHugh
- \* "March Workshops" Maria Brown
- \* "New PLT 's" Derek Pope
- \* "Working with my Middle School group to start develop activities for the upcoming implementation of the NYSSLS." Dawn Nachtigall
- \* "Exploring new PD options now that the 601 class is finished" Stephanie Burns
- \* "Showing my brother the ropes" Michael Jantzen
- \* "Opening the workshops to non MT" Jeanette Collette
- \* "New Mini Courses" Bobby Varughese
- \* "Continuing the Math Research PLT" Christina Pawlowski
- \* "Working with our LIACTS chemistry cohort on NGSS" Marty Palermo
- \* "Spending more time with enthusiastic educators in high quality professional development" Kathi Dinota
- \* "Implementing POGIL into Algebra 2 lessons" Amy Cappiello
- \* "Hopefully we will be presenting as MTs at NSTA in the spring" Jessica Conrad

## "Working with New Master Teachers"

Kristen Drury, Jon Steigerwald, Jason Gutlaizer, Janet Kaczmarek, Derek Pope, Stephanie O'Brien, Linda Padwa, Caryl Lorandini, Christina Pawlowski, and Alexis Blondrage

A warm NYSMTP Long Island Cohort welcome to the 26 new members: 13 are biology teachers, 2 chemistry teachers, 2 earth science teachers, 3 physics teachers and 6 math teachers. Two have identified as teaching in middle schools, and one is a technology teacher. They teach at 19 different districts across Nassau and Suffolk Counties - from east and west of Stony Brook, and from the Sound to the Bay.

Be sure to respond at the appropriate time for your exciting news to also be shared in the next newsletter!

# BECAUSE IT'S THAT MUCH CLOSER TO JUNE :)