

# Next meeting: Nov. 12 at 8:00 PM

**This Meeting is held at Living Hope Christian Church, Braddock Avenue at 241<sup>st</sup> Street**



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### LOCAL SCHOOLS SHOW IMPROVEMENT AND INNOVATIONS

Three local schools, Van Buren HS, St. Gregory's, and I.S. 109 have positive news to report.

#### MVB GRADUATION RATE IMPROVES

A report for the 2016-2017 school year showed Van Buren had a four-year graduation rate of 67 percent, compared with 55 percent for the 2014-2015 school year. This is a huge improvement from the 46 per cent graduation rate for 2012. 78 percent of current ninth-grade students are on track to graduate in four years as indicated by the school's Quality Snapshot Report. (*Times Ledger 12/8/17*)

#### NEW SCIENCE LAB AT IS 109

A new science lab was recently dedicated at IS 109. Prior to this, the lab had not been updated since the school was opened in 1926. City Council Member Barry Grodenchik, State Assembly Member Clyde Vanel, and State Senator Leroy Comrie all allocated funding and helped push the project along. (*Queens Tribune 11/1/18*)

#### ST GREGORY SCHOOL OFFERS ADVANCED COURSES

St Gregory The Great Catholic Academy is collaborating with St Francis Prep HS to offer Regents level math and science courses to 8th graders. These courses include trips to St Francis Prep for use of advanced equipment. (*Bellerose Commonwealth Civic Assn. November 2018 Newsletter*)

#### QUEENS CIVIC CONGRESS STATEMENT ON RIKERS CLOSURE

Reducing the prison population to 5,500 inmates would require the release of approximately 3,000 inmates back into local communities. The 3,000 inmates likely to be released would be individuals who are "non violent" felons imprisoned for attempted assault, burglary, auto theft, ID and Credit Card theft, etc. According to the Queens DA office, the average "non-violent felon" now serving time at Rikers has 6 prior felony arrests and 8 prior misdemeanor arrests. To put it bluntly, these "non-violent" felons who will be released back into our communities are "career criminals."

#### BELLEROSE BUSINESS HOLDS ANNUAL LUNCHEON



An award was presented to Realty Executives Powerhouse (Bellerose Terrace) for their financial support of a veterans group. Second from left is James Trent, JBBDDC Vice President, third from left is Mary O'Donoghue, JBBDDC President. The remaining three are from the real estate company.

The Joint Bellerose Business District held their annual luncheon on November 3. This year it was held at the wonderfully pleasant Nancy's Restaurant at 255-41 Jericho Turnpike. In attendance and as speakers were NYC Council Member Barry Grodenchik, Nassau County Legislator Vincent Muscarella and Assembly Member Michaelle Solages (representing northwest Nassau).

Creedmoor Civic did itself proud with by far the largest contingent. We had 14 people in attendance.