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DISHIN' WITH RACHAEL RAY

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On September 24, 2008 *The Rachael Ray Show* featured a segment about TRU TV's reality show *The Principal's Office*. NMHS's own Principal, Mr. Sheninger, was one of the two principals that were picked to be interviewed by Rachael. *The Rachael Ray Show* approached TRU TV with the idea. Mr. Sheninger said he was "speechless and in total shock" when he found out he would be going on the show. He also said his wife freaked out when she heard the news.

On Ray's show, Mr. Sheninger and Dean Bonaparte promoted *The Principal's Office* and talked about a day in the life of a principal; they also answered

questions from members of the audience.



What many people would be surprised to find out is that the show was almost cancelled. Mr. Sheninger received a phone

call the day they were scheduled to tape the episode saying that

Before he went on, Mr. Sheninger was extremely nervous. He said that Rachael Ray "was as happy and pleasant as a person could be in that situation."

When asked if there was anything that surprised him about the show he responded, "I saw no cooking, all I had to eat was a bowl of fruit, they were taping three segments for three different shows, and she had three outfits for each segment." He went on to say that the original interview was much longer but they had to condense it in order to fit the time frame of the show.

From *Schooled to The Principal's Office to The Rachael Ray Show*, our little New Milford High School has gotten more than its fifteen minutes of fame.

Rachael had a hoarse voice but would try her hardest to get through the taping. If she couldn't, it would have to be canceled.

NMHS Goes Up in Stock

By: Diane Montecucollo & Nick Borner

Despite the failing economy, NMHS still holds stock in the stock market. Courtesy of Adam Lietman Bailey, Joseph Tusa's AP History class had the unique opportunity to tour through Wall Street.

Those who went to last year's graduation ceremony may recall that Bailey was the honored speaker. Bailey is an alumnus of New Milford High School Class of 1988, who, after completing his education at Rutgers University and Syracuse University College of Law, went on to be recognized as one of the top ten real estate lawyers in New York Metro Area by *Super Lawyers Magazine*. Mr. Bailey recently began to generously give back to NMHS. At last year's Senior Awards Dinner, he donated a \$10,000 scholarship in the name of Ray Hamson, former English teacher and G&T teacher, to a NMHS graduate who would be attending

Rutgers University in 2008-2009. Last year's recipient was Meryl Jacobs.



On October 22, upon arriving in the city the AP History students assembled at the lobby of Adam Lietman Bailey's office. Bailey gave the students a tour of many historic and significant buildings. At Federal Hall, students learned that the building was the location of the first capital of the United States, the site of George Washington's first inauguration in 1789 and the location of the passing of the Bill of Rights

Here, they also learned about the relevance and importance of the trail of John Peter Zenger in 1785 which granted us our freedom of the press.

Another site visited was Trinity Church. For one AP History student, Alex Pak, Trinity Church was his favorite attraction because he learned that Alexander Hamilton was buried there. Eva Mendelson felt that Hamilton's grave was a "beautiful structure," where she, "felt the presence of a great economic mind."

One significant attraction on the tour was Ground Zero. Bailey recalled the events of that



tragic day, September 11th. Along with hundreds of other people,

Bailey remembered running toward the Hudson River and out of harms way. Sheryl Mathew recalls the experience of visiting the site; "It was really emotional to see a place where so many people have died."

Many students enjoyed visiting the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the most important bank in New York City and the most important federal reserve bank in the nation. Jen Campanelli liked this stop on the tour; she jokingly said, "That's where they keep the money!" It was at this site that Bailey cleared up any confusion concerning the financial crisis and \$700 billion bailout occurring in our country today, in a way which 16-year-olds could understand.

Overall, students felt the experience gave them a better understanding of Wall Street and how the economy works. Students were grateful to Bailey. Mendelson states, "Everyone seemed to have a great time and Mr. Bailey was very generous to provide us with lunch."