



*The mission of the Three Village Central School District, in concert with its families and community, is to provide an educational environment which will enable each student to achieve a high level of academic proficiency and to become a well-rounded individual who is an involved, responsible citizen.*

**THREE VILLAGE  
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Application packets for the InSTAR<sup>®</sup> science research program at Ward Melville High School are now available for 9<sup>th</sup> grade students from the Chair of your child's Science Department and the Guidance Office. This elective but demanding three-year program was developed to acquaint motivated science students with the rudiments of scientific investigation and presentation in a relaxed but stimulating environment. The program culminates with the *required* completion and submission of a significant novel research project to the Intel Science Talent Search in the student's senior year. This is a very demanding program; students are expected to be self-motivated, and conscientious, since most activities require substantial effort outside of the classroom. Grading is based on effort and timeliness of project completion.

Admission to InSTAR<sup>®</sup> is by application only, due to its popularity and the limited personnel available for this highly individualized program. Due to the demands on student's time, their course level and grades in math, science, and English are very important for admission, as is a demonstrated interest in science. I urge you to discuss the program with your child and review the application packet. *All* application materials, including the three teacher recommendations and the signed Parent's Statement, must be received by the Guidance Office at your child's school *no later than* Friday, **December 16, 2011**. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the program or the admission procedures.

Yours truly,

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