Huntington High School
September 11th Observance
Remarks by Principal Brenden Cusack

As September 11th, 2001 moves further into the past, I find that I still gravitate to many of the documentaries that resurface each year on television, which retell the events of that unreal day. I often ask myself why? I think it has something to do with the fact that September 11th represents for me a reminder of the resilience and enduring spirit of our country. We lost so much on that day, friends, loved ones and even our very sense of security. But I distinctly remember people pulling together. I remember everyone looking for ways to lend a hand. And I remember, beyond the initial shock and the lingering eerie feeling that lasted for months that people seemed to treat each other a little differently. A little better, perhaps.

You may hear people still talk about the “post 9/11 world” that we live in. It is true that many things changed on that day. Wars have ensued, homeland security is an omnipresent concern, and in many ways we are more cautious as a nation. But on each September 11th I find time to reflect on our strength and the healing that has taken place over time. We are an enduring nation of people who know how to stick together when times are tough. Often I find that same spirit here at Huntington High School. I’ve seen you pick each other up time and time again. Let’s remember to stick together as Americans, New Yorkers and Huntington Blue Devils.

God Bless America.