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Our Mission

The Lake Shore Central School District in partnership with our students, families and school community will cultivate engaging, diverse, and challenging educational opportunities and learning environments to promote life-long learning and achievement in preparation for high school graduation, college and



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Building an Academic Powerhouse

On behalf of the Lake Shore Central School District Board of Education welcome back parents, students, administration, teachers and staff!

On Tuesday, September 6, more than 2,000 students will start or continue on their academic journey, and our classrooms, buildings, and athletic fields are ready to provide them a high-quality and safe learning environment.

The 12-month staff has been working hard all summer to ensure each and every pupil will have what they need to succeed at Lake Shore, from award-winning transportation services, to updated technology across our campuses. Our business staff has been making sure our finances are in order, and our buildings and grounds crew has once again done an outstanding job preparing our facilities. Please thank them for their hard work when you see them.

Inside this edition of the Eagle Express, you will find important information about the District as a whole and specifics concerning our elementary, middle and senior high schools.

Last year, we shared many accomplishments from the elementary level to the senior high. It is imperative that we work together to build on those achievements and make our District an "Academic Powerhouse." By combining new technology in classrooms with dedicated teachers, students, and parents, I am confident we will succeed in this effort.

Prior to each school year, the Board of Education sets goals for the District, and I want to share them with you here:

The Lake Shore Central School District Board of Education supports professional learning communities that focus on results and cultivate a culture of collaboration to increase student learning and opportunity. The District goals listed below are the measure for our high expectations in all aspects of educating our students.

- ◆ *The District will focus on student achievement as NYS Learning Standards and Curriculum are implemented across all disciplines and subject areas.*
- ◆ *The District will create a partnership where families, school staff and community members work together to share in the responsibility for student academic progress, social-emotional growth, and well-being.*
- ◆ *The District will develop a Capital Construction Project Plan in relation to our recent NYS Education Department Building Condition Survey.*
- ◆ *The District will implement our Technology Plan including utilization of our NYS Smart Schools Bond Act funding allocation.*
- ◆ *The District will demonstrate fiscal responsibility and accountability in all areas of operation.*

In regards to the capital improvement project, please read more about this initiative on page 10 of this newsletter.

I look forward to working with everyone to make Lake Shore an Academic Powerhouse this school year.

- James Przepasniak

Superintendent of Schools

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The Official Newsletter of the Lake Shore Central School District

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Schools will be open to students for a full day of regular session on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016.**

School times are listed below:

Elementary Schools

(Grades K-5)

8:35 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.

Middle School

(Grades 6-8)

7:37 a.m. to 2:26 p.m.

Senior High School

(Grades 9-12)

7:55 a.m. to 2:35 p.m.

Please note that parents should **not** drop Elementary students off before the start times, **unless they are enrolled in the YMCA Childcare program or other prior arrangements have been made.**

MANDATORY NOTICES

AIDS EDUCATION

The district is required to give instruction as to Auto Immune Deficiency Syndrome ("AIDS") and the Board of Education, in line with New York State requirements, has approved instruction as to the nature of the disease, methods of transmission, and methods of prevention.

Instruction on prevention is presently **ONLY** at the secondary level. Students may be exempt from instruction concerning methods of prevention of AIDS if a parent or legal guardian files a written request with the principal of the school and provides assurance that the pupil will receive the required instruction at home.

Anyone requesting exemption for secondary level (grades 6-12) students should file the written request with the building principal by Wednesday, September 6, 2016.

Transportation News & Reminders

Don't forget to use MyStop to

track your

child's bus!



Riding the bus is a privilege and may be withdrawn if the student does not comply with the rules and regulations set forth in this District.

Students are under the authority of and are directly responsible to the Bus Driver / Attendant while riding the school bus.

Students riding school buses are expected to conform to the rules of conduct in order to permit the Bus Driver to transport his/her passengers safely. In the event of improper behavior, students will be issued a warning. If students continue to act out, drivers are authorized to safely pull the bus to the side of the road to speak with students.

Drivers/Attendants are authorized to assign seats, and ask students to move to another seat.

If improper behavior continues, a written conduct referral will be filed with the child's principal for administrative action.

Be advised that buses may be equipped with on-board surveillance systems that monitor student behavior and conversation.

Bus Stop locations are created in accordance with NYS laws and regulations to promote safety and efficiency. Bus stop locations are created as "group" stops whenever possible.

Student's grades K through 5 will be expected to walk a couple of houses to a bus stop. Students grades 6 through 12 are expected to walk up to 3 tenths of a mile to a bus stop location. Each year during the second week of August, a notice containing bus information is mailed to parents of students who are enrolled in school.

Parents are asked to review this information carefully to make sure it is accurate.

Children are to be outside, visible from the roadway, at least five minutes prior to the regular pick up time.

Schools will supply transportation to or from a

Alternate Drop Off & Childcare

location other than a child's legal residence on a daily or permanent basis. All individual, one day bus pass requests must be submitted in writing to the school office prior to the start of the instructional day.

The request should include the child's full name, date, requested drop-off address, parent signature and contact information.

Transportation is limited to locations within the child's individual school attendance zone.

The following apply for permanent changes:

1. The student must be eligible for transportation service.
2. Only one alternate address will be accepted.
3. The alternate address must be on an existing bus route.
4. Space must be available on the bus.
5. A request form must be filed at the Transportation Department at least five days prior to the effective date.
6. To ensure your child's safety, the bus driver, teacher, school and Transportation Department need to know your child's proper bus and bus stop. For this reason, all alternate transportation requests for the start of the school year must be submitted to the Transportation Department later than August 23 of each year.
7. Permanent requests are to be filed annually on a district application form.
8. Children are entitled to one alternate location per week.
Be advised that NYS Law does NOT require a school transportation department to transport children of multiple residences to different homes on different days of the week.
Parents are required to designate ONE address for transportation.



Back to School Reminders

Medical Exams Required

The State of New York requires the medical examination of students in Grades 2, 4, 7 and 10, new students to the district, and any examinations required by Special Education Law. This responsibility is carried out by the school physician in cooperation with each school nurse.

If you prefer your child to have a physical exam by his/her personal care doctor to meet this requirement, please contact the school nurse of the building your child attends.

Student Injuries

If your child is injured in school, it is expected that family medical insurance coverage will be used to cover expenses, with only final verified rejected claims for service submitted through the school nurse for district reimbursement consideration.

If your child is injured on a school bus, the New York State No-Fault Insurance Law requires that the claim be filed with the company that insures your automobile.

Cafeteria Information

Food Service will be available in all Lake Shore Central Schools on Tuesday, September 6.

Free and Reduced Meals

Applications for free and reduced priced meals were recently mailed home and are available on our webpage in the "Services" tab in the "Cafeteria" section. Please note that applications from last year are only valid through the end of September, so a new application should be submitted as soon as possible.

Reduced price lunches are 25 cents; grades K-5 regular lunches are \$1.25; grades 6-12 lunches are \$1.50; extra milk is 60 cents per half-pint. Breakfast will be available at all schools beginning September 6. Breakfast costs \$1.00, and 25 cents for reduced breakfast.

Questions concerning the district's food service operations should be directed to Mrs. Debbi Becker, Personal Touch Food Service Manager, at 926-2291.

School Closing Information

In the event of school closings or activity cancellations, please monitor WGRZ Channel 2, WIVB Channel 4, WKBW Channel 7, or WBEN 930 AM for information.

District Operations

If you have questions about school operations, contact the building principal or major department supervisor serving the building or area of concern.

The number to reach any school in the district is 549-2300, Monday through Friday.

Further contact information is available on our website or in our District Calendar.

Keeping Students Safe At School

Dignity For All Students

No student shall be subjected to harassment by employees or students on school property or at a school function; nor shall any student be subjected to discrimination based on a person's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity or expression), or sex by school employees or students on school property or at a school function.

Bullying

Please report any concerns regarding harassment, bullying or discrimination to the building principal.

Firearms and Weapons are Forbidden

State and Federal regulations stipulate that bringing a firearm or similar dangerous weapons on to school premises can result in a one-year suspension from school.

Building Visitors

Parents are always welcome to visit schools. Please make arrangements with the school principal if you would like to visit a classroom. Be sure to check in at the office to pick up a visitor's pass when stopping at a school. Do not go directly to an individual classroom.

We Are a Tobacco-Free School District



Highly Qualified Teachers

The regulations under NCLB (No Child Left Behind) require districts to notify parents if any staff members are not qualified to teach their specific subject areas. Notification is hereby given to all parents and residents that all teaching staff are highly qualified to teach in their subject areas. Any questions should be directed to James Przepasniak, Superintendent of Schools at 926-2201.

District Website

www.lakeshorecsd.org features extensive information about the District.

It also is home to current and past electronic editions of the Eagle Express.



Student Attendance Information

In order for students to succeed at meeting the New York State Learning Standards and succeed on the New York State Assessments, daily pupil attendance is very important and recorded officially. All absences, excused or unexcused, are recorded as a total on a student's official attendance record. School attendance will be taken and recorded in the following manner:

Grades K-12 student attendance will be taken and recorded daily in each period or class of scheduled instruction by the teacher.

A written excuse, signed by a parent, must be turned into the office after each student absence or tardy. A parent note is also needed before any early departure is approved. All absences are considered unexcused until the main office attendance secretary records this note. Absences will be recorded in the following categories:

Excused

Student illness
Serious illness or death in family
Medical or dental appointments
Road Test
Approved educational trips
Impassable roads/weather conditions
Religious observances
Quarantine
Required court appearances
Pre-approved college visits
Military obligations
Emergency situations approved by the Building Principal

Unexcused

Visiting
Vacation
Obtain learner's permit
Overslept
Babysitting
Hunting/Fishing
Trips
Automobile issues
Truancy
Absence without parental permission

Questions regarding attendance should be directed to school nurses or the Main Office in all buildings. (A copy of the Student Attendance Information is available on our website.) Regular attendance is important for success in school. If sickness occurs, children should be kept at home, but every effort should be made to maintain good attendance.

If you plan to pick up homework assignments for a child who will be out of school for more than a few days, please call before 11 a.m. Absences for things such as Driver's Permit and tests, doctor or dental appointments, etc., should be arranged so the student can be in school as much as possible.

Illness and Accidents

The school nurses will provide emergency care for illness and injuries which occur while students are under school jurisdiction. Any treatment is limited to first aid only. Necessary subsequent treatment is the responsibility of the parents.

When it is necessary for a student to be sent home due to illness, transportation of the student during school hours is the responsibility of the parents.

Please note that students are not allowed to leave school independently due to illness. Ill students need to be seen at the health office and the school nurse will then contact the family.

Immunizations

Schools are required to enforce the New York State Public Health Law regarding IMMUNIZATION standards and have no choice but to bar students from attendance who are not properly immunized. Kindergarten students entering school are required to show proof of having received a physical examination, as well as proof of childhood immunization against DPT, Polio, Vericella (chicken pox), three doses of Hepatitis, two doses of Measles, one dose each of Rubella (3-day measles) and Mumps.

Students entering Grades 6 through 10 **MUST RECEIVE** or show proof of having received an immunization containing tetanus toxoids, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap).

All students entering 7th and 12th grade must have the meningococcal vaccine.

Free and Reduced Meal Applications

Must be filled out annually

Everyone at Lake Shore is busy gearing up for another very exciting school year and our cafeteria is no exception. Parents or guardians will be receiving a mailing including an application for Free and Reduced Price meals.

Please note that a new application form must be submitted each year - forms from the last school year are only valid through September 30. If your child was approved for free or reduced price meals last year and you do not file a new application form with the District before September 30, you will be responsible for the full cost of your child's meals beginning on October 1.

The application and instructions for completion are posted under the Services tab on the Cafeteria page of our website: www.lakeshorecsd.org.

The cafeteria will no longer be able to charge meals for students who have charged more than \$10 on their account. If your child has an outstanding balance of more than \$10 from the 2015-2016 school year, please send payment to clear the account. Students may not charge a la carte items. Students with an outstanding account balance in excess of \$10 will not be able to charge meals until the account balance has been paid.

Students with outstanding balances who bring money will be able to purchase meals. Students with outstanding balances who do not bring money will be provided a ham sandwich for lunch.

You still have the ability to make payments on your child's account through myschoolbucks.com and you are able to view a history of their cafeteria purchases for the last 30 days.

If you wish to pay by check, you may send a payment with your child or mail a payment to the District Business Office, Attention: District Treasurer, 959 Beach Road, Angola, NY 14006. Be sure to include your child's name and indicate how much money should be placed on each child's account.

Food prices for the coming year are: \$1.00 breakfast, \$1.25 for grades K-5 lunches; \$1.50 for grades 6-12; and \$.25 for all reduced price meals.

If you have any other questions, please contact our Business Office at 926-2222.

—Daniel W. Pacos,
Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Finance

Social Media Outlets

This school year, the Lake Shore Central School District has implemented Facebook and Twitter as additional sources of information.

Be sure to follow the official outlets.



Facebook

Lake Shore Central School
District



Twitter

@LakeShoreCSD

@AthleticsLSC

Please do not rely on these outlets for school closing information.

Continue to consult WGRZ Channel 2, WIVB Channel 4, WKBW Channel 7, and WBEN 930 AM for school closing and activity cancellations.

2016 Senior Class Scholarship and Awards Night

NYS Comptroller's Achievement Award

(Erin Atwood, Christopher Beckley, Maxwell

Yargeau, Madeline Vail, Elise Jost, Moira Hamilton, Anna Costa, & Dylan Leverenz, &

Anna Thomas) - certificates

Larry Barreca Memorial Scholarship

(Cory Fiutko) (\$1000.00)

Frank Wiatrowski Memorial Scholarship

(Collin Fiutko) (\$100.00)

Angola Volunteer Fire Company Fellowship Service Award

(Micaela Gzyl, Kaylie Leach) 2 @ (\$250.00 each)

Highland Hose Auxiliary Scholarship

(Melissa Heppel) (\$500.00)

Michael Kolasinski (MIK) Academic

Scholarship

(Collin Fiutko) (\$720.00)

North Evans Volunteer Fire Company & Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship

(Jordan Fendinger) (\$600.00)

Norman Backus Memorial Scholarship

(David Kilian) (\$500.00)

Thomas Hock, Kenneth King, Richard Pates, Dennis Small, and Dean Todoroff Memorial Scholarship

(Kennedy Cymerman) (\$100.00)

Outstanding Athlete Scholarship

(Frederick Eckles III, Kelsey Eggleston)

Scholar Athlete Scholarship

(David Killian, Emily Becker)

LSC Golf Scholarship

(Matthew Budniewski, Nathan Ciciera, Kyle Dearth, Sara Simmons) 4 @ (\$190.00 each)

May Scholarship

(Grace Burbige) (\$50.00)

NY Bus Sales Award

(Thomas Heller) (\$425.00)

George I. Pierce Memorial Scholarship

(Austin Smith) (\$250.00)

Jack R. Geidel Memorial Scholarship

(Aaron Lin) (\$500.00)

Frederick Garrasi III Memorial Scholarships

Compassionate Mentor (Alexis Addison,

Madeline Vail) 2 @ (\$1000.00 each)

Seneca Nation of Indians Senior Incentive Award

(Melanie Gates, Darin John) 2 @ (\$500.00 each)

Brett Farrell Memorial Scholarship

(Kyle Wishman) (\$1000.00)

John Phillip Sousa Awards

(Benjamin Hellert, Madeline Vail)

2 @ (\$125.00 each)

George A. Braun Memorial Scholarship

(Jared Himes) (\$1000.00)

Marine Scholastic Excellence Award

(Kyle Wishman)

Marine Distinguished Athlete Award

(Cory Fiutko, Elisabeth Butlak)

Marine Musical Excellence Award

(Jordan Fendinger)

Joseph A. Drago Memorial Scholarship

(Moira Hamilton) (\$2000.00)

Thomas and Eleanor Chiavetta Family Scholarships

Music (Benjamin Hellert, Madeline Vail) 2 @ (\$250.00 each)

Business (MacKenzie Holla) (\$500.00)

Athletics (Emma Franco) (\$500.00)

Evans Brant Chamber of Commerce

(Anna Costa) (\$500.00)

Evans Township Lions Club Community Service Award

(Aaron Lin, Emma Cyphert) 2 @ (\$500.00 each)

Arion Award

(Jared Himes) (\$250.00)

Class of 1985 Memorial Scholarship

(Kelsey Eggleston, Jared Himes) 2 @ (\$375.00) each

Joseph Rutkowski Memorial Scholarship

(Mistie Keller) (\$500.00)

Promise in Science & Technology Scholarship

(Melissa Heppel) (\$300.00)

Science Scholarship

(Noah Michalec) (\$500.00)

The following will receive certificates:

Highest Average in AP Physics – Melissa Heppel

Highest Average in AP Bio – Erin Atwood

Highest Average in Regents Physics – Emily Guest

Connors' Hot Dog Stand Scholarship

(Machala Gzyl, Abigail Easton) 2 @ (\$250.00 each)

L.S.C. – Saint Bonaventure University

(Abigail Easton, Joseph Freidhoff, Anna Thomas, Calista Urbaniak)

4 @ (\$500.00 each)

Lake Shore Art Teachers Scholarship

(Christopher Beckley, Brandon Mawk) 2 @ (\$500.00 each)

Evans Art Guild Award

(Samantha Swinarski) (\$100.00)

Roberta Wolfe-Baer Memorial Art Scholarship

(Shelby Kittinger) (\$500.00)

Outstanding Dramatist Scholarship

(Spencer Carr, Moira Hamilton) 2 @ (\$100.00 each)

Outstanding Achievement in English Language Arts Scholarship

(Moira Hamilton) (\$100.00)

Level 5 Language Awards

(French: Moira Hamilton) (German: Grace Burbige) (Spanish: MacKenzie Holla)

3 @ (\$100.00 each)

Student Government Leadership Award

(Alexis Addison, Emma Franco, Justin Gajdosz, Moira Hamilton)

Student Government Leadership Scholarship

(Emma Franco) (\$500.00)

Mr. Lake Shore 2016

(Timothy Jakiel)

Stephen Kin, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

(Emma Cyphert) (\$1000.00)

Lake Shore Association of Christian Churches Scholarship

(Blaire Trippett) (\$500.00)

2016 Senior Class Scholarship and Awards Night, con't.

James I. Sellers Scholarship

(Justin Gajdosz) (\$175.00)

Jason Hontz Memorial Scholarship

(Aaron Lin) (\$500.00)

Krombein Memorial Scholarship

(Cory Fiutko) (\$300.00)

Olivia Coia Memorial Scholarship

(Aaron Lin, Kelsey Eggleston) (2 @ \$500.00 each)

Brian Galfo Memorial Scholarship

(Machala Andrews, Cory Fiutko) 2 @ (\$1000.00 each)

Renaissance Award

(Moirra Hamilton) (\$200.00)

Gordon Found Scholarship

(Maxwell Yargeau) (\$300.00)

James & Vincent Porsley Scholarship

(Spencer Carr) (\$50.00)

Julius M. & Pius Schwert Memorial Scholarship

(Emily Becker, Anna Thomas) (2 @ \$100.00 each)

Phyllis M. Roop Nursing Scholarship

(Erica Sawynsky) (\$200.00)

American Red Cross High School Scholarship Program

(Kyle McKinney, Austin Smith, Melissa Toy)
(\$250.00 each)

National Society Daughter's of the American Revolution Good Citizens Essay Contest

(Mistie Keller) (pin & certificate)

2016 Community All-Star Award

(Emma Franco) (plaque)

NYS Correctional Officers & Police Benevolent

Association Scholarship

(Alec Bergum) (\$600.00)

Richard Lisi Memorial Scholarship

(Franklin Gelster) (\$50.00)

Gail Lisi Memorial Scholarship

(Erin Atwood) (\$50.00)

Norma Kinney V.F.W. #5798 Auxiliary Memorial Scholarship

(Emily Guest) (\$100.00)

Veterans of Foreign Wars Scholarships Post #5798

(Jamison Radder, Kadie McGough) 2 @ (\$100.00 each)

Academic Excellence Award

(Coco Xiao - \$1500.00) (Nicholas Mruk, Kennedy Cymerman, Mistie Keller, Jared Himes, & Justin Dunlap - \$500.00 each)

Terry Addison Memorial Scholarship

(Cory Fiutko) (\$500.00)

Gordon E. & Helen Garland Memorial Scholarship

(MacKenzie Holla) (\$100.00)

Marjorie Moran Memorial Scholarship

(Melissa Toy) (\$250.00)

Southern Erie County Counselors Association Scholarship

(Regan Martin, Grace Burbige) (\$350.00 each)

American Legion Iroquois Post 1587 Scholarship

(Cheyenne Rhinehart, Hoya'daiwat John) 2@ (\$100.00 each)

Savannah Perry Scholarship

(Allison Flores) (\$50.00)

Stephen Slowinski Award

(Charles Guadalupe) (\$25.00)

Thomas Cook Award

(Eric Hughes) (\$25.00)

Triton-Valley Scholarship

(Joseph Freidhoff) (\$250.00)

Coach Maue Memorial Scholarship

(Collin Fiutko, Cory Fiutko) 2 @ (\$500.00 each)

Highest Average in AP Calc

(MacKenzie Holla) (\$200.00)

National School Orchestra Award

(Chris Camacho, Coco Xiao) 2 @ (\$100.00 each)

National School Choral Award

(Spencer Carr, Melissa Heppel, Emily Smith) 3 @ (\$100.00 each)

The Director's Award for Band

(Victoria Andrews, Catherine Wolf) 2 @ (\$100.00 each)

Louis Armstrong Jazz Award

(Jared Himes) (\$100.00)

Senior High Music Department Achievement Award

(Kennedy Cymerman) (\$250.00)

Band Booster Scholarship

(Jared Himes) (\$250.00)

Band Booster "Unsung Hero" Award

(Meghan Gawlak, Brittany Gualtieri) 2 @ (\$100.00 each)

Stevenson Award

(Erin Atwood) (\$100.00)

Gary Vassallo II Memorial Scholarship

(Benjamin Hellert, Erin Atwood) 2 @ (\$750.00 each)



Meet Our Newest Board Member



Gifford Swyers

Please welcome the newest member of the Lake Shore Board of Education, Mr. Gifford Swyers.

Mr. Swyers is a former teacher and administrator at Lake Shore and is a 52-year resident of Evans. He is a graduate of Alden High School and attended SUNY Oswego and received both a Bachelor's and Master's Degree. His education also includes studies at SUNY Fredonia and Potsdam as well as courses at U.B. and Canisius College.

His career at Lake Shore included teaching seventh grade social studies and English. Later I became Assistant Principal and Principal of the Middle School - a total of 33 years at Lake Shore!

Swyers and his wife Susan (nee Lehning and Lake Shore class of '67) are the proud parents of two children and have four grandchildren.

During his years in Evans, he has been involved in many volunteer organizations including the Salvation Army, the Evans Historical Society, church activities, centennial celebrations, cemetery boards, Meals on Wheels and currently serves on the Erie County District 2 Board of Managers. He has also served as an Evans Councilman and consultant.

"The Lake Shore District has many fine characteristics," says Swyers. "Our grandsons who attend J.T. Waugh have had an excellent education. It is my hope that while serving on the BOE we can promote the fine attributes of the school system."

Saying Hello and Farewell!

As in any school setting, each year we welcome new faces and bid a fond adieu to those who have helped Lake Shore achieve success in a variety of capacities. Please give warm greetings to our new faculty and staff, and share our good luck wishes to those leaving the District!

Instructional

New Hires:

	Position
Julie Ames	Teaching Assistant at J.T. Waugh
Kathryn Anderson	Teaching Assistant at J.T. Waugh
Christy Ellis	Special Ed. at Highland
Rebecca Johnson	Teaching Assistant at J.T. Waugh
John Kresse	Music at Middle School & Senior High
Kathryn LeFevre	Library Media at Highland
Pamela Minazzi	Special Ed. at J.T. Waugh
Monica O'Connor	Special Ed. at J.T. Waugh
Paul Siekierski	Music at Middle School
Priscilla Steinert	Teaching Assistant at Highland

Resignations:

Rose Kowalski	Teaching Assistant at J.T. Waugh
Carrie Poissant	Music at Middle School & Senior High
Julie Tomasik	Teaching Assistant at J.T. Waugh

Administrative resignations:

Christopher Scarpine	Assistant Principal at Middle School
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Non-instructional

Retirements:

Melissa Hinderliter	Monitor - Transportation
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Fall Board of Education Meeting Schedule

September 6, 2016 - Work Session - 6:30 p.m.
District Office Conference Room
September 20, 2016 - Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Senior High Library Media Center
October 4, 2016 - Work Session - 6:30 p.m.
A. J. Schmidt Elementary School
October 18, 2016 - Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Senior High Library Media Center
November 1, 2016 - Work Session - 6:30 p.m.
J. T. Waugh Elementary School
November 15, 2016 - Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Senior High Library Media Center

Capital Improvement Project Information

Community Survey Coming Soon

After completing a facilities study this past year as required by New York State, the District is moving forward with a capital improvement project proposal in the 2016-2017 school year.

While the study revealed there are no critical emergency items that need to be immediately addressed, it did outline a number of areas that are in an end-of-life state and require attention to maintain the safety and integrity of our campuses.

There are three distinct phases to this process.



During the upcoming fall months, the Board of Education (BOE) will be gathering data as to what improvements will be part of the proposal. After this first portion is complete, all identified items and areas will be prioritized in a formal proposal from the BOE. This proposal will then be presented to the community as a proposition in the regular District budget vote in May, 2017. This date was chosen as a convenience to voters and not require multiple trips to voting locations. The final proposal will be made with the expressed intent of offering the lowest cost possible to the taxpayers in our community. The following list does not represent the scope of the study in its entirety.

Areas of the District Being Explored Include:

High School

- Water service
- Roofs (end of life)
- Chimneys (masonry)
- Exterior doors (end of life)
- Parking lots (potholes, etc.)
- Sidewalks (cracks, etc.)
- Athletic fields (safety issues with bleachers, field conditions)
- Outdoor restroom facilities (non-existent at this time)
- Auditorium upgrades

Middle School

- Water service
- Parking lots (potholes, etc.)
- Sidewalks (cracks, etc.)
- Ceilings and skylights
- Lockers (end of life)
- Interior stairs (old treads)
- Plumbing
- Pool filter system (end of life)
- Exterior doors (end of life)
- Auditorium upgrades
- No secure entrance

Highland Elementary

- Water service
- Parking lots (potholes, etc.)
- Sidewalks (cracks, etc.)
- Playground equipment (end of life)
- Foundations (masonry)
- Exterior walls (masonry)
- Exterior stairs (masonry)
- Roofs (end of life)
- Plumbing
- HVAC System (outdated)
- Fire suppression system (kitchen)

A.J. Schmidt Elementary

- Water service
- Interior doors (end of life)
- Tiles/sheet flooring (end of life)
- Exterior doors (end of life)
- Exterior walls (masonry)
- Roofs (end of life)
- Plumbing
- HVAC System (outdated)
- Gym floor
- No secure entrance
- Main and nurse's office (updates)

W.T. Hoag Educational Center

- Water service
- Parking lots (potholes, etc.)
- Sidewalks (cracks, etc.)
- Foundations (masonry)
- Interior walls and ceilings
- Interior doors (end of life)
- Exterior doors (end of life)
- HVAC System (outdated)
- Tiles/sheet flooring (end of life)
- Chimneys (masonry)
- Plumbing

J.T. Waugh Elementary

- Water service
- Parking lots (potholes, etc.)
- Sidewalks (cracks, etc.)
- Foundations (masonry)
- Ceilings
- Interior doors (end of life)
- Chimneys (masonry)
- Windows (end of life)
- Roofs (end of life)
- Plumbing
- HVAC System (outdated)

Drezek Named 2016 NYSCATE Outstanding Teacher

Lake Shore District Technology Integrator Mr. Michael Drezek was recently named the New York State Association for Computers and Technologies (NYSCATE) in Education 2016 Outstanding Teacher.

Drezek, who has worked at Lake Shore for the past 12 years, has spent the past two working closely with both the Information Technology and Curriculum and Instruction Departments to integrate technology into classrooms across all five campuses. In addition to his day-to-day responsibilities, he also leads the Middle School Computer Science Club.

NYSCATE is an organization of over 20,000 technology-using educators and administrators in New York State committed to transforming teaching and learning. Drezek will be formally honored at their annual convention being held in Rochester, New York this November.

Congratulations, Mr. Drezek!



Mr. Michael Drezek

Summer Fun at Eagle's Landing

It was a busy summer for the Eagle's Landing program as a number of informative and entertaining guests shared their expertise and talents with the kids. Members of NURT: Niagara University Repertory Theatre acted out several popular children's stories while Meteorologist Dan Russell from Time Warner Cable News shared some interesting information about weather.

Eagle's Landing kids also took several field trips to the Buffalo Zoo, Striker's Bowling, the Angola Movie Theater and the Buffalo Museum of Science.

Adding to this all of the fun activities led by our summer counselors, it was a great way for children in our community to spend their summer break.



Senior High School

Ms. Julie Hoerner - Principal

Attendance is Key to Success

Balancing school with extra-curricular activities, responsibilities at home and more, the life of a student can be hectic. To be successful in each of these facets of life, it is important for your student to remember the following:

- Make sure your student knows that you understand how attendance affects their school life, and encourage them to be on time each and every day
- Take an interest in your child's school work, life and activities - this helps reinforce the importance of regular attendance
- Establish a morning routine that allows the entire family to prepare for the day and get to school at least a few minutes before the start of first period
- Always consider the weather! We all know things change quickly in Western New York, so it's a good rule of thumb to allow yourself extra time in times of inclement weather.

BOCES Site Schedules

Carrier Educational Center	AM Session (Seniors)	7:50 -10:20 a.m.
	PM Session (Juniors)	11:50 a.m. -2:20 p.m.
LoGuidice Educational Center	AM Session (Juniors)	9-11:25 a.m.
	PM Session (Seniors)	Noon-2:25 p.m.

Senior High Schedule

Period	Time
1	7:55-8:35 a.m.
2	8:39-9:19 a.m.
Homeroom/3	9:23-10:11 a.m.
4	10:15-10:55 a.m.
5	10:59-11:39 a.m.
6	11:43 a.m. -12:23 p.m.
7	12:27-1:07 p.m.
8	1:11-1:51 p.m.
9	1:55-2:35 p.m.
10	2:39 -3:10 p.m. (Help) offered daily, Mon.-Thurs.
• Each period begins with an electronic tone signal.	• Help classes are part of the regular school day. If a student is requested to stay for help class, he/she must stay.
• Normal dismissal is 2:35 p.m.	• The late bus is available at 3:15 on Tuesday-Thursday.

September 6	First Day of School
September 8	Open House, 6 p.m.
September 20-21	Picture Day
September 29	WNY College Fair, 7:45 a.m.
October 5	Parent Drug & Alcohol Forum, 6 p.m.
October 7	Go Home Early Drill, <i>dismissal 15 minutes early</i>
October 10	Columbus Day, No School
October 13	Red Cross Blood Drive, 8 a.m.
October 15	Homecoming Dance
October 20	Picture Day
October 21-22	Drama Club Presentation, 7 p.m.
November 3	Picture Day
November 7	Fall Concert

Welcome, and welcome back!

Welcome back to everyone, with a special welcome to our new music teacher, Mr. John Kresse. Mr. Kresse will be splitting time between the Senior High and the Middle School.

As the new school year begins, we are all looking forward to building on the academic, athletic, and creative achievements that Lake Shore is well known for.

With a full compliment of extracurricular activities to match our extensive classroom opportunities, the 2016-17 school year is sure to be exciting and full of success.

Let's have a great year. Go Eagles!

Middle School

Mr. Erich Reidell - Principal

Welcome Back Parents and Students!

Welcome to the 2016-17 School Year! I hope that your summer has been safe and relaxing and that you have been able to spend some enjoyable time with your children and families.

At this time I would like to take a moment to appreciate the following staff members for their dedicated service to the students of Lake Shore Middle School: Ms. Karen Gillman-Retirement, Mrs. Marsha Cloos – Retirement, and Ms. Donna Browne – Retirement, and Mrs. Carrie Poissant-Resigned.

As your child begins school this fall there will be a few new faces here at the Middle School. As of this writing, the Middle School would like to welcome the following teachers to the building: Mr. Eric Duma - Science, Mr. Mike Kromer- Math, and Ms. Susan Walterich- Librarian.

The Middle School faculty, staff and I have been busily preparing for September since the close of school in June and I am anxiously looking forward to the beginning of another great year.

The Middle School has been a very busy place this summer. We hosted the Middle, High School, and Elementary Summer School. It was a wonderful experience having all levels of students in one building. Our custodial staff has been doing a great job of getting our building ready for the opening of school. Our Main Office and Guidance staffs have been preparing opening day materials including locker lists and cafeteria PINS, ordering and inventorying supplies, and registering and scheduling students. Additionally, many of our Teachers have been in working on curriculum projects.

The Middle School will continue to utilize a **Six-Day Cycle**. Most of your child's classes will meet every day 1-6. Some like PE and Music ensembles will meet on Days 1,3,5 or Days 2,4,6. Middle School faculty will work closely with our students to ensure that they understand their schedules.

Middle School students will continue to have four ten-week marking periods and they will continue to take their respective Foreign Language courses for a full year in 7th & 8th Grade.

- Mr. Erich Reidell

September 6	First Day of School	November 11	Veterans Day, No school
September 15	Open House, 7 p.m.	November 18	Fun Night, 6-8 p.m.
September 23	Fun Night, 5-7 p.m.	November 22	Parent Boosters Meeting, 7 p.m.
September 27	Parent Boosters Meeting, 7 p.m.	November 23	Superintendent's Conference Day, <i>No students</i>
September 28	Picture Day	November 24-25	Thanksgiving Recess
October 7	Go Home Early Drill, <i>dismissal 15 minutes early</i>	December 8	Grade 8 Concert, 7 p.m.
October 10	Columbus Day, No School	December 14	Grade 7 Concert, 7 p.m.
October 18	Parent Boosters Meeting, 7 p.m.	December 16	Snowflake Dance
October 28	Fun Night, 6-8 p.m.	December 20	Grade Concert, 7 p.m.
November 1	Picture Retake Day	Dec. 23-Jan.1	Winter Recess

Highland Elementary School

Mr. Christopher Walsh - Principal

Make Regular Attendance a Priority!

Welcome to the opening of what promises to be a great year! You may not think you're doing anything special when you help your child get off to school each morning. But think again! Experts say that nothing is more important to school success than the routine and discipline of regular attendance. Here's why:

- **Students can't learn when they're not in class.** Learning depends on teachers working with students. It depends on hearing answers to questions other students ask. And it depends on group work and using school resources.
- **Learning builds day by day.** Today's learning builds on what happened in class yesterday. If your child was absent, there's no foundation to build on.
- **Regular attendance teaches responsibility.** A child who attends school regularly takes responsibility for following rules—and stays out of trouble at school.

Show your child that you believe school and attendance are important. Plan vacations, shopping trips and medical appointments for non-school hours. Help your child form routines that make it easier to be on time, such as setting out clothes the night before.

Please remember that school begins at 8:35 a.m. and dismissal is at 3:15 p.m.

A Busy Place!

A school is a very busy building! Not only are students coming and going to all their different classes, but there are also many events that take place throughout the year and Fall always seems to be the busiest!

This year we are starting off a little differently by changing the student drop-off location to the front door and student pick-up to the back door. Please consult the letter that was sent home with your child's schedule for more details.

It is important that you read the school's monthly newsletter, *The Highland Happenings*, so that you can keep up to date with everything that is going on at school. In addition, please read any notes sent home by your child's teacher as that will have information not only about special events in the classroom but also about our curriculum and expectations.

We will hold our open house on September 22nd as well as the PTG Book Fair on the same night. Shortly after that we will take school pictures - be sure to have your children dressed in their best for them. It is always a pleasure to see students look so proud when they sit in front of the camera when they know they look good!

Following that is our annual fire safety assembly which is always a fun time for the school as we all have the opportunity to see all the equipment used to combat a fire and have a chance to explore all the fire trucks. In addition, the PTG fundraiser will start in September and we will start planning for the Fall Fest right away.

There are great things happening every day in the classrooms so please keep an eye out for announcements from your child's teacher and the school. I also encourage you to become involved with the PTG.

We are eager to greet all our students back to school and hope everyone enjoyed the summer and are looking forward to a fresh start!

Be sure to read your monthly edition of the Highland Happenings for up-to-date information and important dates throughout the year! See you soon!

What Happens At Home Affects School Success

Family is the foundation of a child's life. Every child needs a healthy home environment to do well at school and elsewhere. One sign of a healthy home is structure – an organized, consistent way of life. Another sign is stability – which provides strength to get through rough times.

When children have structured, stable home lives, they also have:

Security. They know what's expected of them and how to behave. They know that even when things do not go well, the family will survive.

Reliability. Their families are strong and dependable, so they count on them for support (instead of turning to gangs, drugs or alcohol).

Responsibility. They learn through experience that things work best when everyone pitches in.

Pride. Their families' priorities are reflected in their habits and actions. They feel good about helping achieve important family goals.

September 6

First Day of School

September 21

PTG Meeting, 6 p.m.

September 22

Open House and PTG Book Fair, 6:30

September 30

Science Fair

October 6

Picture Day

October 7

Go Home Early Drill, dismissal 15 minutes early

October 10

Columbus Day, No School

October 19

PTG Meeting, 3:30 p.m.

November 10

Picture Retake Day

November 11

Veterans Day, No school

November 16

Picture Retakes

November 23

Superintendent's Conference Day, No students

November 24-25

Thanksgiving Recess

A.J. Schmidt Elementary School

Mrs. Jill Clark - Principal

Welcome Back!

Our building looks GREAT!! Many classrooms have freshly painted walls, all classroom floors are shiny, and we have new positive messages on our walls throughout our school. Check out our newly installed digital sign outside the building. It will be a great way for the public to see our upcoming events at A. J. Schmidt.

Programs

- Our partnership with Buffalo State College will continue this year. Dr. Chris Shively will be back with a new cohort of pre-service teachers. We look forward to the wonderful work they do with our students.
- We will also be working with Hilbert College and an intern from their Health and Human Services Program. We look forward to a terrific partnership, just another way our college community helps our students.
- Again, this year we will have even MORE technology in the building. We have also added Chrome Books and iPads to our growing technology cadre. AJS will be receiving a 3D printer which will fit nicely into the MakerSpace work we do in our building. We also have Mr. Mike Drezek sharing his talents with AJS as the District Technology Integrator.
- AJS will continue to provide the Backpack Program to students. Watch your child's bookbag for information. It's a wonderful program for our kiddos!!

A New Twist in the Classroom

Bill Daggett's Model Schools Conference this year focused on how Generation Z may learn best. Mrs. Gizzi, Mrs. Prizel, Mr. Ruffino and I attended the conference at the end of June and learned that this group of students are creative, energetic, and take in information differently.

A significant aspect of this generation is its widespread usage of technology and the Internet from a young age. Due to this incredible influx of technology we will be incorporating a bit of flexible seating in a few classrooms. We are excited about this venture!

New AJS Staff for 2016-17:

Mrs. M. Atzrott - Special Education

Mrs. T. Kromer – Full-Time Special Education

Mrs. J. Knauer – Teaching Assistant

Mrs. G. DeMaria – Personal Care Aide

And a special thank you to Mr. Page, Mr. Rui, Mr. McMehan on the wonderful work they did on our building this summer!

Thank you to Debbie Miga for all the work as our secretary over the summer, too!

September 6	First Day of School
September 13	Open House, 6:00 p.m.
September 21	PTG Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
October 3	Picture Day
October 7	Go Home Early Drill, <i>dismissal 15 minutes early</i>
October 10	Columbus Day, No School
October 31	Halloween Parade, 2:30 p.m.
November 10	Picture Retake Day
November 11	Veterans Day, No school
November 16	PTG Meeting, 3:30 p.m.
November 23	Superintendent's Conference Day, <i>No students</i>

Starting the school day

AJ Schmidt receives students at 8:35 a.m. each morning. Teachers begin working with students as soon as they arrive in the building. Announcements begin at 9:00 a.m. and formal instruction begins. Attendance is key to education; please ensure students are on time and ready to learn.

Follow us on TWITTER!

@AJSchmidtLS -

#AJSgetsoutofthe box!



J.T. Waugh Elementary School

Mrs. Paula Eastman - Principal

Welcome Back, Waugh Family!

Welcome to the opening of what promises to be a wonderful school year! At this time of the year, there is great anticipation of what is to come, and I am as excited as the J. T. Waugh's teachers, children, and parents. Why? I am excited because 2016 – 2017 is going to be exciting, challenging, and rewarding year with focused learning blended with new initiatives and programs to enhance our school community. I am also excited to welcome our new Kindergarteners, other new students, and new staff members to our Waugh family.

New Waugh Staff Members or New Positions within the building:
Special Education – Mrs. O'Connor
Special Education – Mrs. Minazzi
Teaching Assistants – Mrs. Johnson, Ms. Ames, and Mrs. Anderson

Together, teachers, students, and parents/guardians make a strong Waugh family. We appreciate your support as your child enters their classroom, learns, and grows through the year. Let's all commit to have a good school year, setting everyone, students, as well as teachers, up for success.

A few things to make our year go more smoothly – first, please help us to be good neighbors. The traffic flow around the school works better when parents are patient and careful; the passenger door should always open to the curb for safety reasons. Make sure to park legally be aware of children crossing and school buses unloading with the lights flashing and never drive behind the buses in the loading/unloading area.

And finally, school begins at 8:35 a.m. You help set your child up for success by getting him/her to school on time, ready to learn.

We are ready to begin the 2016-2017 school year. The teachers have put a lot of time and energy getting ready for the year. Our custodial crew has readied our school for everyone's arrival.

They take great pride in our building and go above and beyond to make things just right. Please share a 'thank you' with Mr. Glen Smith and his crew when you see them. At John T. Waugh, the staff, faculty, and administration are honored that you entrust us with your children. I am looking forward to seeing everyone one on Tuesday, September 6, 2016.

- Mrs. Paula Eastman

September 6	First Day of School
September 12	Instrumental Parent Night, 7:30 p.m.
September 14	Open House, 6:30 p.m.
October 3	Picture Day
October 7	Go Home Early Drill, <i>dismissal 15 minutes early</i>
October 10	Columbus Day, No School
October 12	PTG Meeting, 3:30 p.m.
October 20	Fall Festival
October 31	Halloween Parade, 2:30 p.m.
November 9	PTG Meeting, 3:30 p.m.
November 10	Picture Retake Day
November 11	Veterans Day, No school
November 23	Superintendent's Conference Day, <i>No students</i>
November 24-25	Thanksgiving Recess

Be The Best You!

"Be the Best You" is District-wide wellness initiative that will begin its second year having dedicated monthly themes as a focus for students, teachers, staff, and parents to work on to improve their health and well-being. Research supports that wellness programs in the workplace are linked to greater productivity, less absenteeism, and healthier employees by focusing on preventive health and lifestyle modifications. Reinforcing key healthy behaviors in the formative years encourages our students to develop healthy habits for a lifetime. In addition to students, the Lake Shore Central Schools staff and school community will benefit from this initiative.

The rationale behind wellness programs is by encouraging healthy habits now can prevent or lower the risk of serious health conditions later on. Most programs encourage people to increase physical activity, improve eating habits, reducing stress, and avoiding drugs/alcohol/tobacco.

A diverse and dedicated group of school personnel, representing each of the five buildings, met to review the effectiveness of last year's activities and topics. Input from students, staff, and community members led to the development of themes, appropriate activities, announcements, resources, and other information related to the monthly themes.

Monthly information will be shared with families at the building level and with the community via printed articles and the District's website. Monthly Themes:

September – The Power of Water
October – Alcohol, Drug, and Tobacco Education
November – Get Moving – Physical Fitness
December – Cold, Flu, and Germ Prevention
January – Nutrition and Healthy Eating
February – Heart Smart and Dental Hygiene
March – Sleep and Rest Does a Body Good
April – Get Moving Physical Fitness
May – Social and Emotional Well-being
June – Celebrating "You ARE the Best YOU!"



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Fall District Events

September	6	First Day of School Board of Education Work Session, 6:30 p.m.
	8	Senior High Open House, 6:00 p.m.
	13	A.J. Schmidt Open House, 6:00 p.m.
	14	J.T. Waugh Open House, 6:30 p.m.
	15	Middle School Open House, 7 p.m.
	20	Board of Education Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
	22	Highland Open House, 6:30 p.m.
	23	Middle School Fun Night, 5 p.m.
October	4	Board of Education Work Session, 6:30 p.m.
	5	Parent Drug/Alcohol Forum, 6:00 p.m. (Senior High)
	7	Go Home Early Drill, K-12 (Dismissal 15 Minutes Early)
	10	Columbus Day, No School
	11-14	Homecoming Events
	15	Senior High Homecoming Dance, 7 p.m.
	18	Board of Education Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
	21-22	Senior High Drama Club Production, 7:00 p.m.
	28	Middle School Fun Night, 6:00 p.m.
November	1	Board of Education Work Session, 6:30 p.m.
	11	Veterans Day, No School
	18	Middle School Fun Night, 6:00 p.m.
	23	Superintendent's Conference Day, No School
	24-25	Thanksgiving Recess

HS Parents should attend Drug/Alcohol Forum

The District is continuing the mandatory **Parent Drug/Alcohol Forum at the Senior High** in order for students to attend school sponsored dances, such as the Homecoming Dance and Junior/Senior Prom.

Only one parent need attend the 90-minute presentation for a child to be eligible to attend dances for his or her high school career.

There will be a Parent Forum on Wednesday, October 5, at 6 p.m. in the High School Large Group Room.

This is the ONLY 2016 Parent Forum before the Homecoming Dance on October 15.