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Capital Construction Project Moving Forward

Our Capital Construction Project has moved into its next phase, and the Board of Education is currently prioritizing items in and around our buildings that need the most attention. The Project Team shared their findings at the January 17 Board of Education meeting, and if you missed it, you will find the complete presentation and other helpful materials concerning the Project by clicking here: Construction Zone.

Next steps include further discussion about the Capital Construction Project at future Board of Education Work Sessions. In March. the Board of Education will act on a proposed referendum that will be included in the Annual District Budget Vote on May 16, 2017, that involves our annual transportation proposal and Board of Education member elections.

While we have been enjoying some extremely mild weather for this time of year, I don't think anyone thinks that this winter season is over. Please keep in mind that in the event of any school closings, check with our local media outlets for information. These include: WBEN 930 AM. WGRZ Channel 2 WIVB Channel 4/CW 23, WKBW Channel 7, and Time Warner Cable News Channel 14.

You will also receive a message via our Blackboard Connect system if schools will be closed or afternoon/evening activities are canceled, and notices will be posted on our website and social media outlets.

The musical season is upon us and many of our buildings will be putting on theatrical performances over the next few months. encourage everyone in our community to attend these performances and see the outstanding talent of our students. A list of these performances can be found on our website.

Our athletic teams will be wrapping up their winter seasons in the month of February, so be sure to come to a home game or meet and cheer on our Eagles! Our full calendar can be found here: 2017 Lake Shore Athletics Schedule.

In just a few short months we will be thinking about spring and graduation ceremonies, but until that time, we remain focused on putting forth our best efforts in our classrooms, on our stages, and in our athletics as we continue to build an Academic Powerhouse at Lake Shore.

Let's go Eagles!

- James Przepasniak Superintendent of Schools

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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

careers.

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

Senior High 959 Beach Road 549-4033

Middle School 8855 Erie Road 549-4374

A.J. Schmidt Elementary 9455 Lake Shore Road 549-2303

> Highland Elementary 6745 Erie Road 926-2460

J.T. Waugh Elementary 100 High Street 926-2370

W.T. Hoag
Educational Center
42 Sunset Blvd.
926-2270

Transportation Services
8710 Main Street
926-2240

Plain Talk

from the Board of Education

The Lake Shore Central School District continues to move forward with its Capital Construction Project initiative with the latest step happening at the most recent Board of Education Meeting held on Tuesday, January 17. Representatives from Young + Wright Architectural and Campus Construction Management presented their findings after working closely with the Building Facilities Committee. The Committee included Superintendent James Przepasniak, Board of Education members, administrators, and district staff. Working together, both groups examined research derived over the course of the past year to best identify what is most needed across the District.

The process began in December of 2015 with the state-mandated Building Condition Survey where each campus across the District, including Transportation, was thoroughly examined to identify areas that needed repair, renovation, or replacement. It was determined that a great deal of the infrastructure of the District was in need of repair or replacement. In addition, in the fall of 2016, a survey was created and distributed to the community to gauge their input for the implementation of a Capital Construction Project to move forward. Over 400 respondents agreed changes, improvements, repairs, and enhancements were needed.









Over the past year, the project committee decided that a 1-2-3 approach was necessary to prioritize between building must haves and desired upgrades. The first includes such things as roof replacement, masonry repairs, restoration of building walkways, parking areas, and replacement of electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems. The latter refers to remodeling public spaces such as gymnasiums, auditoriums, and instructional spaces.

"The overall goal in planning this Capital Construction Project has been to address District needs in the areas of building integrity, safety, instruction, and efficiency," said Przepasniak. "We are following a very meticulous timeline to ensure we are identifying areas of high concern while also taking into heavy consideration the necessities that will aid in classroom instruction."

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Capital Improvement Project Update, con't.

The District and the Project Team are still in the information gathering stage, and this was outlined in Young + Wright's presentation at the Board of Education meeting. A walkthrough of each building covering three elementary schools, the middle and senior high schools, the W.T. Hoag Educational Center, and the transportation building highlighted areas of serious concern, spaces that would enhance educational opportunities with upgrades, and other items that can be addressed in a future plan.

"We have identified areas in and around our campuses and buildings that require immediate attention, but we are still prioritizing needs at this time," commented Przepasniak. "Proposing a project of this scope requires thoroughness on the part of each person involved in the decision making process. I am confident that the Project Team is moving forward in a positive direction and the Board of Education will be prepared to adopt a proposal that best addresses what is needed in the District."

Next steps include further discussion about the Capital Construction Project at future Board of Education Meetings and Work Sessions: February 28, March 7, and March 21, and April 18.

These meetings and work sessions will include conversation between the Project Team and the Board. In March, the Board of Education will act on a proposed referendum that will be included in the Annual District Budget vote May 16, 2017 that involves our annual transportation proposal and Board of Education member elections.











For more information on the Capital Construction Project, please visit the

Construction Zone.

School Closing Information

In the event of school closings or activity cancellations, please monitor WGRZ Channel 2, WIVB Channel 4, WKBW Channel 7, Time Warner Cable News, 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.



Social Media Outlets

Be sure to follow us on Facebook and Twitter as additional sources of information.



Facebook

Lake Shore Central School District



Twitter

@LakeShoreCSD

@AthleticsLSC

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

District Website

www.lakeshorecsd.org

Our site features extensive information about the District .



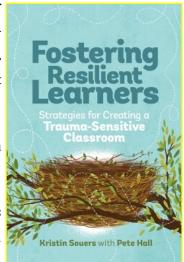
Utilizing Trauma-Informed Teaching

Teachers, school psychologists, a school counselor, administrators and teaching assistants from J.T. Waugh and A.J. Schmidt Elementary schools are meeting to

learn more about trauma-informed teaching. During their first session, they collaborated with Linda Finn, from Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaraugus BOCES and Melissa Bergler, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, to learn about strategies for creating a trauma-sensitive classroom.

<u>Fostering Resilient Learners</u>, a book by Kristin Souers with Pete Hall, is a resource that is being used by this committee.

The author will be at the next meeting to share her insights on childhood trauma and its profound effect on teaching and learning. Trauma is toxic to the brain and nearly 35 million



U.S. children have experienced at least one type of childhood trauma. The group looks forward to systemically bringing a strength-based approach to the buildings to make a difference for their students.

High School Gets Visit From Governor's Office

tudents, faculty, administration, staff, and community dignitaries were recently visited by Governor Andrew Cuomo's Director of Upstate Economic Development, Rich Tobe. Mr. Tobe, who is also a former Deputy Erie County Executive, presented a mini "State of the State" addressing issues such as tuition-free college, affordable health care, prescription drug prices, protecting our natural resources, and more.

Mr. Tobe also fielded questions from the audience during his presentation. It was a very informative presentation, and everyone in attendance learned more about what's happening in our state government.





DON DEASKETBALL TOURNAMENT





WHERE: LSC Senior High Gymnasium

959 Beach Road Angola, NY 14006

WHEN: Saturday March 11, 2017

TIME:

8:00 AM - TBD upon completion of brackets

COST:

\$100 total for 3 or 4 - person adult teams

\$ 60 total for 3 or 4 - person high school teams

\$ 40 total for 3 or 4 - person youth teams

REGISTER ONLINE TO SAVE YOUR SPOT!

http://www.lakeshorecsd.org/Page/5757

REGISTRATION BEGINS JANUARY 15T

Register in February and save \$10 - \$90/Adult Teams only

Brackets: Open Men, High School Boys, High School Girls, Youth (9-12) (13-15)



*Includes event t-shirt Double Elimination

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Register your corporate team today!

"Proceeds support the Lake Shore Academy Foundation - a 501(c)3 organization"



CHICKEN DINNER: \$10/EACH

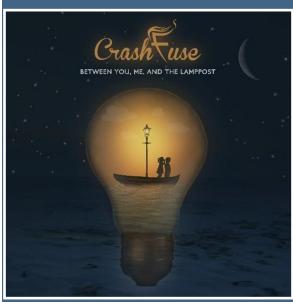


Chad Hornberger - Class of 2009

Chad Hornberger is a graphic designer and illustrator at Disney Theatrical Group in New York City. Working closely with Music Theatre International, Chad is responsible for branding Disney's licensed titles for professional and amateur theaters, as well as educational institutions across the country. Some of Chad's recent work can be found at the Junior Theater Festival and BroadwayCon in January 2017.

Chad earned his Bachelors of Fine Arts in Communication Design at

Buffalo State College, where his design work has been awarded and recognized by the American Advertising Federation. In 2015-2016, Chad received four ADDY Awards for his work in advertising and brand design.



Prior to moving to New York City, Chad worked for various design studios in Buffalo, where he created content for clients such as: Brian Moorman's P.U.N.T. Foundation, The Public Newsweekly, Buffalo Startup Weekend, Patti Looney Photography, Norris Clifton Aerial Photography, and Solar by CIR.

When Chad was away from the office, he was greatly involved in the Buffalo music scene as a singer and guitarist in the pop/rock band, Crashfuse. The band has shared the stage with major label artists, such as American Authros, The Tea Party, and Down With Webster. Chad gives notable credit to Crashfuse for his early growth in promotion and business development.

"A special thanks to all the educators at Lake Shore, who have given me the knowledge and inspiration to succeed throughout the years. In addition, I express my deepest gratitude to my family, friends, and coffee for being an incredible support system. Each and every single one of you mean the world to me."



Senior High School

Mr. Daniel Pacos - Interim Principal

Student Government Receives 2016 State Charity Award

The High School's Student Government had the opportunity to travel to the Catskills for this year's New York State Council on Leadership and Student Activities Conference. During the conference, Student Government members were able to share ideas, network, and learn skills necessary for being a student and school leader. At the conference, Lake Shore was presented the 2016 State Charity Award for their efforts in raising money for the state charity, the Epilepsy Foundation.

The Student Government hosted the annual Dodgeball Tournament and Seniors in Demand to raise money for the foundation. In conjunction with these events, Lake Shore was named to the NYS CLSA Honor Council because of their continuous hard work and efforts to serve the community and school. Congratulations to all students involved!



Pictured: (l-r) Student Government Executive Board Members: Kiersten McNamara, Madison Miranda, Ashlyn Weaver, Ryan Franco, and Erika DeAngelis.

February Stunners

 $m{T}$ he Freshman Academy is proud to announce its Stunning Students for the month of February.

These students were selected by their Academy teachers for displaying the six "Cs" of the Academy: compassion, character, consistency, cooperation, critical thinking, and capability.



February's Stunning Students Nathaniel Styles, Kirsten Lehnen, Jocelynn Wagner, Jacob Pregister and Jadyn Jones.

Freshman Academy Collects Hats for Charity

The Lake Shore Freshman Academy gave its students a challenge in December, and that challenge was to collect as many winter hats by Christmas as they could. Over 40 hats were gathered and were donated to St. Luke's Mission in Buffalo to provide necessities for those that need winter apparel.

The goal of the initiative was to teach freshmen that there is a diverse world outside the halls of Lake Shore, and being socially conscious, compassionate and benevolent will enable them to be both informed and empathetic of the lives of those less fortunate. The Freshman Academy would like to thank our students and families for their kindness and generosity.



Pictured: (l-r) - Class of 2020 Freshmen Class Officers Hogaiyo John, Nate Styles and Tyshawni Cornfield.

Second Quarter Senior High Honor & Merit Rolls

Ninth Grade Honor Roll

Sierra Alioto, Gillian Barclay, Sarah Bovo, Domenica Cala, Nicholas Chiappetta, Noelani Cornfield, Paige Cornwall, Jacob DeAngelis, Zoe Dillinger, Carlene Dils, Samantha Dils, Jenna DiMartino, Hanna Donovan, Samantha Donovan, Zachary Evans, Grace Flickinger, Lauren Franey, Emily Gordon, Hailey Haynes, Gretchen Hazard, Paige Holla, Gavin Ingrao, Jadyn Jones, Jenna Kowal, Jordan Kranz, Justine Kranz, Mary Kromer, Kirsten Lehnen, Toni Liles, Nicole Logan, Kylee Mackiewicz, Jessica Marinaro, Julian Martinez, Eliese Maybee, Faith Mikolajczyk, Stephanie Mruk, Maela Murtha, Michael Nowak, Colin O'Neill, Makayla Pielecha, David Pignone, Jacob Pregitzer, Bryan Rechin, Daniel Slotman, Brandon Sobaszek, Katrena Steffan, Peter Steigert, Dayna Sterner, Emily Thomas, Colden Vogl, Kacie Waliszewski, Logan Wray, Alexandria Zuidema.

Ninth Grade Merit Roll

Ryan Allerton, Thomas Baron, Tylanie Benton, Cassandra Bingenheimer, Zachary Cervola, Simon Fendinger, Aidan Fitzgerald, Caroline Gaskin, McKenzy Gonzales, Michael Gualtieri, Brianna Hein, Ian Hollmer, Summer Irrgang, Cayla Jenkins, Jaclyn Kauzala, Colden Keller, Amanda Leitten, Nathan Len, Baylee Locke, Ashley Maiorana, Jenelle McSkimming, Elizabeth Nau, Jeffrey Nolan, Danielle Paradiso, Berten Quider, Nathan Roth, Sophie Snyder, Cameron Stacey, Nathaniel Styles, Jessica Taylor, Matthew Thomas, Benjamin Vail, Julie Vail, Jocelynn Wagner.

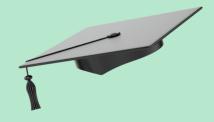
Tenth Grade Honor Roll

Jason Ashton, Natalie Bailey, Grace Barker, Devin Bauer, Zachary Biel, Claire Birkemeier, Joshua Buchanan, Linzie Buck, Caitlin Burbige, Zachary Carr, Remington Chapman, Ajay Cybulski, Mason Dale, Ryan DeLair, Trinity Delvalle, Hannah Duderwick, Karleigh Easton, Cyrus Farner, Noelle Gierszewski, Jacob Guarino, Trey Harris, Branden Hutchinson, Nathaniel Lockwood, Alexander Martin, Jason Martin, Peyton Martin, Mitchell McGarrity, Kelsey Merecki, Slade Merk, Kayley Omlor, Kaylee Peacock, Rebecca Perry, Adalia Plain, Aries Rodriguez-Rafter, Jessica Sawynsky, Sydnea Schiedel, Autumn Schunk, Paige Smith, Emily Stolarski, Alexandria Szewczyk, Gabriel Tallchief, Destiny Weyand, Olivia Wiktor, Cole Wishman, Lauren Wood, Dylan Zolnowski.

Tenth Grade Merit Roll

Jared Addison, Tabitha Allen, Lawrence Baron Jr., Eveline Butlak, Adam Carlson, Matthew Chudy, Rachael Conklin, Olivia Costa, Brett Donaldson, Alexander Donovan, Kori Dunshie, Laura Esposito, Beau Garvey, Emma Gian, Sara Gilhooly, Leah Elizabeth Hoy, Ashley Klepp, Taylor Lawn, Maxfield John Michalec, Allysyn O'Connor, Jack Perry, Savannah Richmond, McKynzie Ringer, Katherine Roland, Elizabeth Rose, Beretta Santana, Angelina Sinclair, Delilah Swinarski, Alexus Thompson, Aidan Van Slycke, Jay-Lee Willis-Kosnik, Austin Wyant.

Congratulations!



Second Quarter Senior High Honor & Merit Rolls

Eleventh Grade Honor Roll

Mackenzie Alvira, Destiny Anderson, Courtney Balcerzak, Kyle Ballard, Savannah Battaglia, August Becker, Owen Bitnun, Katerina Blake, James Blanar, Erin Bluff, Lindsey Brogcinski, Brooke Browning, Adam Brzozowiec, Ashley Buchanan, Ryan Cervola, Tyler Codd, Shannon Curran, Eric D'Innocenzo, Jillian DeMaria, Nicholas DiBerardino, Madelyne DiMartino, Jessica Dunlap, Ethan Dybowski, Natalie Fix, Kendall Flak, Brian Freebern, Aaron Freeman, Julia Fuhrman, Dyllon Gartley, Tori George, Robert Gifford, Dakota Glashauser, Errika Gonzalez, Zachary Guziec, Anna Ippolito, David Ippolito, Jalyn Jimerson, Madison Justinger, Reagan Kaylor, Mellennia Keyes, Ryan Kostusiak, Emily Kromer, Jackson Kwilos, Emily Leitten, Olivia Luce, Kylie Mallory, Kari Maund, Molly McCabe, Alexis McMurray, Matthew Memmo, Madelyn Miller, Jessica Mogavero, Sara Mruk, Samantha Nelson, Alix Novack, Becket Panfil, Seth Penn, Olivia Pericak, Sara Ricotta, Mathea Riley, Tyler Rohde, Madison Roncone, Morgan Ryerse, Ivy Santana, Kaylea Schiedel, Alexander Silfies, Ashley Siragusa, Matthew Timm, Sarah Trimm, Ryan Utley, Audriyanna Vail, Emily Valle, Paige West, Alexis Wiens, Jonathan Wilson, Victoria Zuidema,.

Eleventh Grade Merit Roll

Julianna Abbatoy, Caleb Arlington, Keegan Barrett, Brandon Britton, Ralph Browning Jr., Jay Brueckl, Kenneth Byrd III, Brienne' Costello, Jade Cozzo, Samantha Dubois, Samantha Emhof, Daniel Fosdick, Ryan Franco, Nathaniel Gerwitz, Gabrielle Giolando, Cassidy Harenza, Olivier Kittinger, Kelliann McNeal, Hannah Metty, Sean Nicander, Victoria Paluch, Frank Schuman IV, Emily Sierant, Jordan Sinclair, Eliza Vail, Nicholas Vanscoter, Robert Wolf, Jocelyn Zolnowski.

Twelfth Grade Honor Roll

Courtney Adams, Jared Allen, Rania Anderson, Danielle Bachert, Rachael Bilek, Sabrina Blasz, Jacob Butterfield, Shauna Chiappetta, Adam D'Innocenzo, Erika DeAngelis, Jonathan DeMaria, Alyssa Diamond, Collin Eastman, Jasmine Ellis, Paige Errington, Audrey Feldmann, Selena Fendinger, Aryn Fitzgerald, Mackenzie Fox, Mary Francis, Alyssa Gardner, Benjamin Garvey, Anastasia Gian, Davis Glashauser, Kendra Guenot, Brandon Guzman, Alexa Haberer, Sierra Hambly, Alexander Headley, Steven Heimburg Jr., Justin Holland, Erica Holscher, Cami Jones, Josephine Klaczyk, Thomas Kmitch, Sophia Koenig, Christopher Kostusiak, Leah Kruger, Samantha Kruger, Connor Kwilos, Austin Lederhouse, Zachary Len, Sarena Lowry, Alicia Majkut, Samantha Mascio, Andrew McDonagh, Katelyn McMillan, Nicole Mohawk, Aidan North, Lauren O'Neill, Darcy Paradiso, Audrey Parks, Madeline Penn, Brandon Reynolds, Angel Richardson, Andrew Rinn, Devon Rovnak, Hannah Rushok, Mitchell Rushok, Madison Scheuneman, Jordan Scholl, Eric Senior, Olivia Slotman, Madison Stevens, Bailey Strade, Joseph Venezia III, Darien Webb, Kobie White, Olivia White, Raeann White, Brave Williams, Talia Wright.

Twelfth Grade Merit Roll

Lauren Atti, Adam Ballard, Kalie Chiappetta, Natalie Cummings, Margaret Hellert, Thomas Jaworski, Lawrence Jenkins, Kaitlyn Kleese, Nathan Kollatz, Christian Kortum, KarleighJo Lates, Carissa Littlejohn, Shelby Merecki, Julia Niedziela, Matthew Notarnicola, Christopher Pauley, Shaerod Rodgers, Casey Rosinski, Richard Rutter, Shayla Scanlan, Joshua Schamberger, Abigail Sciarrino, Mariah Scritchfield, Molly Skalski, Christina Stoessel, Matthew Terrano, Christa Williams.

Middle School

Mr. Erich Reidell - Principal



Pictured: Mr. Robert Bauer and Anna Sheehan perform a cryogenic test with liquid nitrogen.

All-County Solo Festival

Recently, students from the 6th-8th Grade Orchestras performed at the Erie County Music Educators Association (ECMEA) Solo Festivals held at Depew Middle/High School (January 7) and Orchard Park High School (January 14).

Each student prepared a solo and a series of scales. They were also given an example to sight-read. The ECMEA Solo Festival provides students throughout Erie County an opportunity to perform for another teacher and a chance to be selected for the All-County Festivals in March.



Pictured: (1-r) 6th-Graders Samantha Sargent, Austin Russell, Emma Coventry, Emelia Howell, Cassandra Chiappetta and Nathan Guarino.

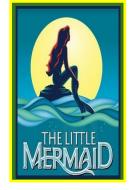
Pictured: (1-r) 7th-Graders Myah DiOrio, Hailey Garrison, Trevor Clark and 8th Grader Julie Ann Ketcher.



Space is the Place for Team Valor

Team Valor was recently visited by MOOG Aerospace Engineers. The presentation took place after a unit of study on Astronomy in Mrs. Kerl's science classes. Mr. Peter Kerl and Mr. Robert Bauer, Aerospace Engineers from MOOG Inc., came to the Middle School and shared what they know about the past, present, and future plans for our space program.

Students learned about the Mars Lander Curiosity that touched down on the surface of Mars in August of 2012, the next generation of rockets, and our country's plans for trips to the moon and Mars. Students were also treated to an exciting cryogenic demonstration using liquid nitrogen demonstrating how components that will be used in space travel are tested to determine how they react to the frigid temperatures of space.



Middle School Presents The Little Mermaid

March 2nd & 3rd - 7 p.m.

March 4th - 3:00 p.m.

Set under and above the high seas, The Little Mermaid tells the story of Ariel, an adventurous young mermaid who's got a thing for disobeying the rules and following her heart. Ariel's fascination with the human world often leads her to the sea surface, a zone that's designated as "off-limits" by her father Triton, the sea king. One day while sneaking to the surface, Ariel witnesses a shipwreck and rescues Prince Eric, whom she becomes instantly smitten with. Furious at Triton's inability to understand her love for the prince, Ariel runs away and strikes a deal with Ursula, Triton's evil witch of a sister, to experience the life she dreams of on land.

"The Little Mermaid" will play in the Middle School Auditorium on March 2nd, and 3rd at 7:00 pm and March 4th at 3:00 pm. Tickets will be available at the door for \$5.

Join us for a Prince and Princess Tea Party with the entire cast before the Saturday show! The party will be from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m..

Contact Shannon Muldowney at smuldowney@lakeshorecsd.org

Second Quarter Middle School Honor & Merit Rolls

Sixth Grade Honor Roll

Magdalen Barclay, Abby Browning, Howard Butlak, Anthony Cadin, Alexander Cervola, Cassandra Chiappetta, Simon Connors, Giana Corsaro, Angelina Cosenza, Emma Coventry, Nicholas Densmore, Kate DiMartino, Christina Duffy, Samuel Eschberger, Riley Fleming, Dallas Garlow, Sophia Genovese, Nathan Guarino, Sheridan Henry, Emelia Howell, Caitlin Jurain, Johannah Krull, Erin Lehnen, Erin McGarrity, Ryan McNamara, Joshua Merritt, Corsignana Nardello, Trinnity Palmer, Tyler Pfalzgraf, Isabella Rhoney, Analiese Rivera, Bryce Roberts, Randal Shank, Ella Skalski, Nathan Stolarski, Mia Valentine, Lucas Wiens, Maxwell Zielonka.

Sixth Grade Merit Roll

Jeremy Ackley, Jared Ames, Joshua Briggs, Bryce Coyle, Alex Deer Jr., Andrew Dillon, Jayden Drenning, Tyler Ellis, Paityn Flickinger, Shane Friend, Corey Gavin, Dahlia Hoch, Jared Hollmer, Andrew Hughson Jr., Alexandria Kennedy, Ava Lawn, George Littlejohn III, Vincent Marszalek, Taylor Mazzu, Gabrielle McNeal, Skylee Miller, Rebecca Morinello, Noah Mruk, Keira Norton, Adam Pericak, Riley Persinger, Autumn Pruchnicki, Tyler Pruchnicki, Liliana Rouse, Austin Russell, Drew Russell, Ashton Sallaz, Samantha Sargent, Ryan Shafer, Teresa Smaldino, Jayla Stafford, Carter Sterner, Aiden Styles, Jayden Wardlaw,

Seventh Grade Honor Roll

Solomon Bayer, Dylan Carlson, Kelly Cian, Parker Cornwall, Abigail David, Elizabeth Degenaars, Myah DiOrio, Angelina Edgar, Nathan Eschberger, Brittney Freebern, Collin Gajkowski, Travis Gamache, Hailey Garrison, Eryn Gawlak, Raeann Grasso, Tyler Griffin, Jeffrey Gunning, Samantha Heppel, Fantasy Jimerson-Kenjockety, Joiise John, Kathryn Justinger, Hailey Kliszak, Marcus Kowalski, Alison Lecceardone, Molly Majewski, Ryan Martin, Matthew Masse, Peyton Maxon, Madeline Maybee, Tristan McMahon, Tyler Mitchell, Shatan Mohawk, Bethany Montroy, Aiden Morrissey, Brianna Morrissey, Teihgin Murtha, Amber O'Neil, Robert Pfalzgraf, Evan Rudewicz, David Santos-LaRosa, Taylor Sawyer, Nicholas Sawynsky, Tyler Schott, Emma Scott, Anna Sheehan, Connor Smith, Emily Stoll, Austin Taylor, Casey Taylor, Ethan Taylor, Nina Wholf, Caitlin Zolnowski.

Seventh Grade Merit Roll

Olivia Andrews, Emily Baron, Abigal Coventry, Aiyana Crouse, Alicyn Dimpfl, Elizha Fleming, Zachary Gallman, Jesse Gryczkowski, Jillian Guziec, Hayden Haynes II, Eric Hutchinson, Emily Jamalkowski, Lily Janik, Kasey Kada, Mitchell Kiefer, Michael Kirkpatrick, Kali Klepfer, Kiara Leone, Caden Maciejewski, Natalie Marsh, Lacie McMurray, Corinne Nagy, Amber Ode, Marcus Richmond, Rachel Schaner, Lylla Schindler, Damien Serwinowski, Emma Silagyi, Aubrey Snyder, Chase Sullivan, Michael Tempski, Aiden Thomas, David Thompson Jr., Anthony Valvo, Allison West, Ava Williams, Robert Zuidema Jr.

Congratulations!

Second Quarter Middle School Honor & Merit Rolls

Eight Grade Honor Roll

Autumn Adams, Jacob Alvira, Gracie Augustyniak, Breanna Bartz, Alexander Bauer, Cassidy Bertino, Brianna Beutler, Kyle Biel, Chloe Budziszewski, Samantha Carbone, Alyssa Chaplin, Janel Cosenza, Dylan Cybulski, Sierra Danieu, Grace DeGroat, Heather DeLair, Angelia DePasquale, Zachary Easton, Angela Edmond, Sierra Fox, Cole Fuller, Kaylee Guzman, Kendal Haberer, Abbey Hanes, Nathan Hazard, Matthew Holland, Marissa Huddy, Hannah Hughson, Shane Hussar, Luke Joslyn, Julie Ann Ketcher, Megan Kowalski, Emma Kushner, Melody Lagattuta, Nathan Langdon, Madelynn Lockwood, Jacob Logan, Devon Logel, Brianna MacPeek, Julia Marinaro, Jane Mason, Donald Mogavero, Haley Murray, Rebecca Myers, Lindsay Nau, Brian Nephew Jr., Kaliana Palmer, Madison Pawlicki, Evan Prizel, Emma Rinn, Ella Rosborough, Molly Saccomando, Lainey Scanlan, Marisa Scarpine, Ariana Silfies, Elysia Sireika, Elizabeth Sreniawski, Caleb Stacey, Riley Sullivan, Gavin Toth, Andrew Vassallo, Andrew Walter.

Eight Grade Merit Roll

Robert Close, Alexandria Dillemuth, Kyle Duderwick, Gabriella Dynas, Nathan Edgar, Kailey Ellis, Jacob Eschberger, Owen Glose, Thomas Gunning, Bailey Herlan, Ella Jimerson, James Kendall Jr., Anna Kennedy, James Kist, Haley Long, Jason Lowry, Jenna Martin, Julian Martin, Bernard McClendon, Kayleigh McComber, Jake McNamara, Austin Michels, Jessica Rinehart, Gabriella Rodriguez, Cody Scheuneman, Morgan Scheuneman, Layla Seneca, Trevor Snyder, Lillianna Stender, Jeffrey Szarzanowicz Jr., Devonni Tallchief, Timothy Thexton, Mahlik Thompson, Marie Vail, Keith White Jr., Chloe Willis, Olivia Winder.



Great Job!

Highland Elementary School

Mr. Christopher Walsh - Principal

February Character Council Character Trait

The Character Council Character Trait for February is Forgiveness vs. Rejection. It defines forgiveness as looking past the ways in which we feel someone has wronged us and not holding a grudge.

We are encouraged to:

- -Be quick to forgive.
- -Not seek revenge or retaliate.
- -Respond kindly to those who hurt us.
- -Not take up offenses or sides for others.
- -Not cover up our own wrongs but quickly ask for forgiveness.



Flu Season Reminders

The Center for Disease Control describes flu symptoms as including a fever greater than 100 degrees, cough, runny nose or sore throat. It is recommended that students stay home for at least 24 hours after they are fever free without the use of fever reducing medications.

Other viral infections may cause vomiting or diarrhea and should also be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school. These guidelines help to keep the virus from spreading through the school community.

Good hand washing is the BEST way to prevent the spread of infection. Teach your children to cover their nose and mouth with a tissue or to cough or sneeze into their elbow area. Most viruses are airborne and can be propelled up to six feet with the force of a cough or sneeze.

If your child complains of a sore throat it is important to monitor for fever, LOOK for enlarged tonsils, severe redness or complaints of painful swallowing. These symptoms may require a visit to the doctor to rule out a strep infection. As always, we ask that you call the Health Office at 926-2465 if your child is ill and missing school.

PTG & School Upcoming Events

February 13 – Kindergarten Field Trip to the Agri Center

February 15 – UB Smile Team assembly for Grade 3

February 15 – PTG Meeting, 3:30 p.m.

February 20 - 24 - Mid-Winter Recess, No School

March 2 - K -2 Literacy Night, more information to follow



A.J. Schmidt Elementary School

Mrs. Jill Clark - Principal

Making a Difference at Women & Children's Hospital

ifth Graders in Mrs. Galenda's classes at A.J. Schmidt Elementary created gifts for children at Women & Children's Hospital. Representatives from the fifth-grade team, Marina Whelan, Alexander Maurer, Alexis Saar, and their families delivered the gifts with Mrs. Galenda and Mrs.



Brumagin. Ms. Joanne Koessler-Lana, Director of Stone's Buddies, was at the hospital to accept the gifts from the students.

Students created and illustrated books, activity folders, crocheted ice cream cones, and friendship bracelets. Small craft kits were also donated. Ms. Koessler-Lana was excited to receive the gifts and deliver them to children in the hospital during the holiday season.

Pictured: (l-r) Marina Whelan, Alexis Sear, and Alexander Mauerer.

Connecting Around the World!

Fifth-grade students are making connections around the world with other students. January 27, 2017 was a REALLY cool day for students and teachers alike. Mrs. Mary Beth Brumagin's students were able to video chat with Bronwyn Joyce, a teacher in Australia. Mr. Drezek, the District's Technology Integrator introduced the platform of Belouga to our students and magic happened!

Collaboration for the remainder of 2017 will continue on various concepts, and it will expand cross-cultural connections while trying to bring about social impact through various campaigns. Students created questions for the opening dialogue and were very excited to take part.



J.T. Waugh Elementary School

Mrs. Paula Eastman - Principal

Seesaw App Connects Students and Parents

 $m{M}$ rs. Amoia's third grade parents had a hands-on experience while enjoying lunch with their children. Mr. Drezek, the District's Technology Integrator, hosted a mini-family workshop on Seesaw. Seesaw is an app that allows students to independently document their learning and provides an audience for their work - their peers, parents, or the world. It also gives families an

immediate and personalized window into their child's school day, helping to answer: "What did

vou do at school today?"

J.T. Waugh families downloaded the "Parent Seesaw App" and learned how to manage the technology, with their children. Students read Haiku poems and creative writing pieces based on the author Shel Silverstein.

The Seesaw App will be used as a way to connect families to the classroom. The lunch-and-learn was a great hands-on experience for all!



Pictured: (1-r) Ryan Merritt and Max Whipple.

Be the Best You Winners

Kyan Merritt and Max Whipple won the December's 'Be the Best You' cinch sack give away when their names were selected from the 70 students who completed the at home Bingo Card of How to Stay Well with Cold, Flu, and Germ Prevention.

The 'Be the Best You' initiative has targeted monthly themes to promote a positive and healthy lifestyle for students, staff, and families in our community.

Ryan and Max are helping to show off the February's 'Heart Smart and Dental Heath' theme based bulletin board. Students and staff are ready to perform their best when they are at their best. The 'Be the Best You' program is possible because of a devoted group of people from all five district schools collecting, developing, and sharing information to the monthly themes.



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Winter/Spring District Events

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Febr	uary	9-11	Senior High Musical (Sister Act) & Art Show, 7 p.m.
		15	Kaleidoscope Concert (District Choruses) - Senior High, 7 p.m.
		17	Grades K-5 End of 2nd Trimester
		20	President's Day Holiday - No School For Students
		21-24	Mid-Winter Recess
		28	Board of Education Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Marc	ch	2-4	Middle School Musical (The Little Mermaid), 7:00 p.m. (4th - 3 p.m.)
		7	Board of Education Work Session - Highland Elementary, 6:30 p.m.
		8	Eighth Grade Parent Night - Senior High, 7:00 p.m.
		11	Academy of Business & Finance 3-on-3 Basketball Tourney
		14	A.J. Schmidt Spring Musical, 7:00 p.m.
		17	Superintendent's Conference Day—No School For Students
		20	Kaleidoscope Concert (District Orchestra) - Senior High, 7 p.m.
		21	Board of Education Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
		24	Mr. Lake Shore - Senior High, 7:00 p.m.
		28-30	NYS ELA Assessments
Apri	1	10-14	Spring Recess
		18	Board of Education Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
		21	Middle School Father/Daughter Dance, 6 p.m.
		26	Kindergarten Parent Night - Middle School, 6 p.m.
			District Jazz Concert, Senior High, 7 p.m.
		27	National Honor Society Induction - Senior High, 7 p.m.
		28	Middle School Mother/Son Dinner, 5:30 p.m.
		29	Family Fun Walk

NYS ELA and Math Assessments

The New York State ELA and Math Assessments are scheduled for March 28-30 and May 2-4, respectively. Students in select grades will take the assessments online using District computers for the first time.

It is important to note that changes have been made to the assessments resulting in fewer questions and students now have an unlimited time in which to complete the tests. These assessments are not linked to their teacher's annual performance review. Please direct any assessment questions to Building Principals.