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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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## Ready For Another Successful Year

Welcome to what I know will be another exciting and stimulating school year at Lake Shore! I would like to express what a privilege it is to lead a District deeply dedicated to providing an enriching learning environment focused on student success. Our teachers, administrators, and support staff will kick off their year on August 28 with three days of professional development to jumpstart the education of over 2,300 growing minds that will pass through our doors.

Just like the start of every new school year, the 2017-18 school year brings with it a sense of excitement, renewal, and optimism. Walking onto each of our campuses, students and staff alike immediately feel the recognizable emotions of the beginning of a new school year. Thanks to summer-long efforts of our buildings and grounds team, our campuses look immaculate and add an enthusiastic feel that inspires us all to do our best in the classroom, stage, and athletic fields.

As we prepare for the first day of school we are mindful of the importance of student safety and the critical role we all play to ensure our schools are the safest place for students and staff. Over the summer, the Seneca Nation, Town of Evans and Lake Shore came together to make sure our School Resource Officer Doug Tubinis will be working with us for the next three years. Mr. Tubinis has a strong rapport with everyone in the District and we are pleased he will continue to be a mentor to our students and help keep our buildings safe. Please read the full story on page 10 of this Eagle Express.

Speaking of safety, for our families who use our transportation services, we ask that you make sure students have a safe place to be picked up by and dropped off. For those students who walk, please encourage them to use the town's sidewalks and obey all traffic rules on their way to and from school. Also be mindful of

pedestrians when attending school events, not using mobile devices while driving, obeying all signage and street markings, and following instructions from any school staff directing traffic.

Lake Shore will be entering the next steps in our Capital Construction Project this year, and I know I speak on behalf of the Board of Education when I say we are all very excited about improving our campuses. With overwhelming support from our community displayed last Spring during the annual budget and Capital Construction Project vote, we are confident we will be changing student lives together, both in academics and extra-curricular activities.

It is my pleasure to serve as Superintendent of the Lake Shore Central School District where the quality of education is unrivaled and where we work towards continuous improvement to build "An Academic Powerhouse!" Together, we have the power to make positive impacts on the lives of all our students each and every day. It is up to us to support students in their challenges, remove any obstacles that may come, and prepare them to be college and career ready.

I look forward to working with you in achieving what we collectively want for students – success beyond the time they spend here at Lake Shore.

On behalf of the Board of Education, we wish the entire Lake Shore family an exciting and successful school year!



**- James Przepasniak**  
**Superintendent of Schools**

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# FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Schools will be open to students for a full day of regular session on **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017.**

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 Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

# 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 no 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 5.

### 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 middle of October, 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 5. Breakfast costs \$1.00, and 25 cents for reduced breakfast.

Questions concerning the district's food service operations should be directed to Mrs. Debbie 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](http://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

### Unexcused

- Visiting
- Vacation
- Obtain learner's permit
- Overslept
- Babysitting
- Hunting/Fishing
- Trips
- Automobile issues
- Truancy
- Absence without parental permission
- Emergency situations approved by the Building Principal

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 two doses of the meningococcal vaccine or a dose after the age of 16.**

# 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 October 19. 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 October 19, you will be responsible for the full cost of your child's meals beginning on October 20.

The application and instructions for completion are posted under the Services tab on the Cafeteria page of our website: [www.lakeshorecsd.org](http://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 2016-2017 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](http://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: \$1.25 breakfast, \$1.50 for grades K-5 lunches; \$1.75 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.

# 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

New Hires	Position
Lauren O'Laughlin	Teaching Assistant (J.T. Waugh)
Danielle Arnone	Business Education (Senior High and Middle)
Mikayla Kozlowski	French (Senior High)
Katherine Caboot	Grade 5 (Highland)
Kelly Heimburg	Grade 2 (J.T. Waugh)
Amanda Markel	Grade 4 (J.T. Waugh)
Kelliann Scherf	Grade K (Highland)
Lori Wunder	Grade 5 (A.J. Schmidt)
Maureen Reichert	Special Education (Senior High)
Kathryn Anderson	Special Education (Highland)
Jessica Dosser	Special Education (J.T. Waugh)
Tara Runfolo	Special Education (Middle School)
Keri Fisher	School Social Worker (District)
Alicia Stradley	Teaching Assistant (Highland)
Eric Kinney	Teaching Assistant (Middle School)
Pam McFeely	Teaching Assistant (J.T. Waugh)
Nicholas D'Amaro	Music (Senior High/Highland)

### Retirements

Daniel Battaglia	Science (Senior High)
Joseph Bebak	Special Education (J.T. Waugh)
MaryBeth Brumagin	Grade 5 (A.J. Schmidt)
Deborah Dinkuhn	Grade 2 (J.T. Waugh)
Timothy Fitzgerald	Grade 6 (Middle School)
Gregory Juszkiewicz	Social Studies (Senior High)
Joan Kuznia	School Counselor (Middle School)
Patricia Lyford	Grade K (A.J. Schmidt)
Stanley Moore	French - LOTE (Senior High)
Margery Salley	Grade 5 (J.T. Waugh)
Dawn Weber	Special Education (Senior High)
Mary Fran Wishman	Business Education (Senior High & Middle)

## Non-Instructional

### New Hires

New Hires	Position
James Bingenheimer	Bus Driver
Denise Cervola	School Nurse (J.T. Waugh)
Scott Dragowski	School Nurse (Middle School)
Nadine Kaczmarek	Sr. Account Clerk (Business Office)
Sheryl Zielonka	School Nurse (A.J. Schmidt)
Amy Cameron	Athletic Trainer
Jennifer Fox	Laborer
Ashley Kennedy	Personal Care Aide (J.T. Waugh)
Walter Pokigo	Laborer
Terri Strohmeyer	Bus Driver
Kevin Sunday	Laborer

### Retirements

Retirements	Position
Irene Armbruster	Laborer (District)
Dianne Bittinger	School Nurse (A.J. Schmidt)
Timothy Clark	Groundswoker (Buildings & Grounds)
Donald Crampton	Maintenance Mechanic (Buildings & Grounds)
Christine Collura	Bus Driver (Transportation)
Jim Gallagher	Groundswoker (Buildings & Grounds)
Pamala Graber	School Nurse (J.T. Waugh)
Gerald Kibler	Custodian (Middle School)
Carol Kowal	Personal Care Aide (Middle School)
Marie MacDowell	Monitor (Middle School)
Irene Mayne	Laborer (Senior High)
Patricia Start	School Nurse (Middle School)



## Lake Shore Central School District Fall Music Department Calendar



<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Wed.	Sept. 13	Instrumental Beginner Parent Night	7:00pm	J.T. Waugh
Fri.	Sept. 22	Sr. High Homecoming Events	4:00 pm	Senior High
Fri., Sat.	Nov. 3-4	Jr. High Area All-State (grades 7-9)	TBA	Akron
Mon.	Nov. 6	Sr. High Fall Concert	7:00 pm	Senior High
Fri., Sat.	Nov. 17-18	Sr. High Area All-State (grades 10-12)	TBA	SUNY Fredonia
Thurs. - Sun.	Nov.30- Dec. 4	NYSSMA All-State Conference	TBA	Rochester, NY

## *DeMaria Takes Second Place in German Essay Contest*

Lake Shore Senior High School is proud to announce that Jillian DeMaria has won Second Place in the Buffalo-Dortmund Sister City German Essay Contest for 2017. DeMaria, now a senior, completed a 200-word essay in German on the topic "Martin Luther 500 years" as a junior.

The judges were most impressed with how Jillian used her German Language skills to discuss the impact of Martin Luther in the development of the Protestant Church in Germany as 2017 marks the 500-year anniversary of the Reformation.

Jillian was delighted to read her essay to her classmates during a brief presentation ceremony held in her German class. By placing second in the contest, Jillian was awarded \$150, a German-Buffalo t-shirt, a German DVD, Gummi Bears and German chocolate. Buffalo-Dortmund Committee member, Felice Krycia and High School Principal, Christine Koch attended the ceremony to recognize Jillian.

*Pictured below: are Jillian DeMaria (center) and l-r Principal Christine Koch, German teacher Fritz Schattauer, and Committee member Felice Krycia.*



***Fall sports have already begun practice.***

***Please visit our website and click on the Athletics page  
for a full schedule of games and meets.***

**[www.lakeshorecsd.org](http://www.lakeshorecsd.org)**



## Meet Our Newest Board Member



### Michael Franey

Please welcome the newest member of the Lake Shore Board of Education, Mr. Michael Franey.

He is a 1988 graduate of the Lake Shore Central School District and the husband of Christine for 18 years. Franey is also the proud father of Lauren who is a student at the Senior High School.

Franey has lived in the Town of Evans and Lake Shore Central School District for 44 years and has been employed by the Town as a Dog Control Officer and Dispatcher for 21 years. He has also been a proud member of I.B.E.W Local #41 for 20 years and is currently the Union Steward representing members employed by the Town of Evans.

During his daughter's time at Lake Shore, Franey and his wife have always enjoyed the open lines of communication with the faculty related to her education. Further, they have also observed many examples of how much the faculty of the District care about the welfare and education of the students. He is very proud to be the newest member of the Lake Shore Central School District Board of Education and is looking forward to contributing to the best interests of the students, faculty, and taxpayers of the District.

### *Michalec & Thompson Return as BOE Leaders*

Presiding President Jennifer Michalec and Vice President Carla Thompson will continue to serve in these positions for the 2017-18 school year. Michalec begins her twelfth term as a member of the Board and sixth as President, while recently re-elected Thompson starts her tenth year of service and eighth as Vice President.

"The Lake Shore District has been fortunate to have these very dedicated Board members serving our schools and community for nearly a decade," said Lake Shore Superintendent James Przepasniak. "Mrs. Michalec and Mrs. Thompson are highly knowledgeable and committed to providing our students with the best education and learning facilities in Western New York."

### 2017 Board of Education Meeting Schedule

September 5, 2017 - Work Session - 7:00 p.m.

W.T. Hoag Educational Center - Annex

September 19, 2017 - Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Senior High Library Media Center

October 3, 2017 - Work Session - 6:30 p.m.

A. J. Schmidt Elementary School

October 17, 2017 - Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Senior High Library Media Center

November 7, 2017 - Work Session - 6:30 p.m.

Highland Elementary School

November 21, 2017 - Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Senior High Library Media Center

December 5, 2017 - Work Session - 6:30 p.m.

J.T. Waugh Elementary

December 19 - Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

Senior High Library Media Center



# Plain Talk

## From the BOE

As we begin a new school year, we hope that everyone is as excited as we are to work on new projects, to continue with work that has proven successful in the past, and to look for new ways to challenge students in their educational endeavors.

Moving forward, the Lake Shore Central School District continues to redesign its website. ([www.lakeshorecsd.org](http://www.lakeshorecsd.org)). There you will find

links to each building, shortcut links to frequently requested information, latest news, upcoming events. Especially popular are the Facebook and Twitter links. The website is continuously updated to make it more complete, more efficient, more informative, and more user friendly. Please visit the site often to see the information and improvements that continue to be posted.

Moving forward also promises to be exciting with several initiatives being implemented. District-wide initiatives will have far-reaching effects for students, staff, and the community. A few of these include Energy and Conservation education, Student Resource Officer initiative set up with support from the Seneca Nation and the Town of Evans, new changes to the mandated assessments including 2-day exams instead of 3-day exams, and new technology devices added to classrooms throughout the District.

As administrators and faculty begin the new year, they will be instituting new initiatives as well as continuing with programs that have proven to be very successful. A few of the many programs to watch for include a new Running Program in grades 3-5 at the J.T. Waugh building along with a continuation of the Attendance Initiative that recognizes students for exemplary attendance. At Highland, the Lexia program will continue with personalized instruction to generate success in reading. Working on successful achievement in ELA will continue at A.J. Schmidt with continuous tracking of individual student records, comprehension and reading strategies.

A new initiative at the Middle School will see seventh and eighth grade students collaborating with Western NY United to complete service projects for our schools and community. At the High School, a new Academic Center will open to offer academic help to students, and GradPoint will be used throughout the year as academic support for at risk students and credit recovery.

Of course, the big news continues to get better! Our Capital Construction Project has been moving forward since June with timelines and design work. Transportation and Athletic renovations, High School roof repairs, and High School lobby security designs, including a redesign of the main office, counsellors' offices, and nurse's office are just the beginning! Work will continue throughout the year to address the next phases of the project, to meet deadlines, and move closer to actual construction. There are four phases of our Capital Construction Project with Phase 1 design happening now.

The Board of Education thanks the entire staff - instructional and non-instructional, and administration for everything they do each day to help our students realize success. We look forward to meeting with you throughout the year, and talking with you about your successes and concerns. Working together, we can move forward with confidence that we can be the Destination District that we know we can be. Have a great new school year!

**- Carla Thompson, Vice President**



## Summer Book Study

Summers are always busy at Lake Shore for teachers and administrators. Besides participating in the full summer school program, they take time to learn and grow professionally.

Teachers and administrators recently participated in a book study, Trauma Through A Child's Eyes. Each year millions of children in the United States are exposed to a traumatic event. This group used this book as a guide to help them to support children who have experienced a traumatic event and how to minimize the impact on our youth in the classrooms.

Mentoring 101 was on the calendar in August. Experienced teachers participated in activities to support them as they mentor new teachers to Lake Shore. All new teachers at Lake Shore are assigned a mentor to help them acclimate to the building and to have a voice of experience and support as they work with our K-12 students. Lake Shore is a recipient of the Mentor Teacher Internship Program grant from the New York State Education Department that supports the school financially for part of this program.

Our School Counseling Program is based on the ASCA (American School Counselor Association). Administrators have read the book and attended a professional development session on how the ASCA model is designed to help every student improve academic achievement, navigate personal and social development and plan for successful careers after graduation.

**- Submitted by Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Melissa Bergler**

## Seneca Nation, Town, and District Keep SRO

The Seneca Nation, the Town of Evans and the Lake Shore Central School District are partnering on an important student-focused initiative.

Officials from the Nation, Town and District announced that they are making a joint commitment to provide a School Resource Officer at the District for the next three years. Each entity will commit \$53,489.18 per year for three years, for a total commitment of \$160,467.55, to cover salary, benefits and expenses associated with the position.

"Lake Shore is pleased to continue this partnership with the Seneca Nation and the Town of Evans," said Lake Shore Superintendent James Przepasniak. "The School Resource Officer keeps our classrooms and hallways safe, and student safety is the most important aspect in providing first-rate educational opportunities. His rapport with the students and staff across the District makes him an invaluable asset to the wellness and safety of Lake Shore."

The three-year commitment extends the previous commitment made by the Seneca Nation, which completely funded the School Resource Officer position for the previous three years. Approximately 360 pre-K-12 students in the District are Native American, representing approximately 15 percent of the District's total student population.



*Pictured at left (l-r): School Resource Officer Doug Tubinis, Town of Evans Police Chief Douglas Czora, Town of Evans Supervisor Mary Hosler, Lake Shore Superintendent James Przepasniak, Seneca Nation President Todd Gates, Seneca Nation Clerk Lenith Waterman, Seneca Nation Councillors Linda Doxtator, Presley Redeye, and Keith White.*

# Senior High School

Mrs. Christine Koch - 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.

September 5	First Day of School
September 18	Parent Drug & Alcohol Forum, 6:00 p.m.
September 19-20	Picture Day
September 20	Open House, 6:30 p.m.
September 22	Homecoming Events and Game, 6:30 p.m.
September 23	Homecoming Dance, 7:00 p.m.
September 27	WNY College Fair, 7:45 a.m. Financial Aid Night, 6:30 p.m.
October 6	Go Home Early Drill, <i>dismissal 15 minutes early</i>
October 9	American Heritage Day, No School
October 12	Red Cross Blood Drive, 8:00 a.m.
October 26	Picture Retake Day
October 26-28	Drama Club Presentation, 7:00 p.m.
November 2	Freshman Family Fun Night, 7:00 p.m.

## 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)	9:00 a.m. - 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.

## Welcome Back!

We are looking forward to having our students back in the building! This year promises to be exciting with fresh faces and lots of student energy. As one of the fresh faces, I am looking forward to continuing to meet our students, families and community members.

Our focus continues to be on well rounded students fulfilling their academic potential. To support our students in their growth, the high school will now have an Academic Learning Center for our students to work with teachers from the core curricular areas outside of the classroom.

We look forward to a fun and successful year. Thank you in advance for your support. Go Eagles!

- Mrs. Christine Koch

# Middle School

Mr. Erich Reidell - Principal

## Welcome Back Parents and Students!

Welcome to the 2017-18 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. For many of our students summer is a time to kick back and relax and to be "a kid" as they recharge their batteries for a school year filled with new friends, new teachers and academic challenges.

The Middle School faculty, staff and I have been busy 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 Elementary, Middle and High School Summer School programs as well as the Special Education summer program. 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. Some, like physical education and music ensembles, will meet on Days 1, 3, 5 or Days 2, 4, 6.

The Middle School day begins with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:37 a.m. Our doors are open at 7:00 a.m. for student drop-off and breakfast. Please be aware that there are no provisions for supervision before this time and that students should not arrive prior to this time.

As a school community, we at Lake Shore Middle School are very proud of our students and our program. Ours is a school community of high expectations and respect. We offer a comprehensive academic program that is rigorous, well rounded, and engaging. Our students have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of extra-curricular activities and service organizations. I encourage you to talk with your child about these opportunities and for you to, in turn, encourage them to get involved in them.

As a faculty we recognize that our program is successful because of your daily support of your child. This partnership is essential to our mission and we invite you to actively participate in your child's education. Please feel free to contact us for ways in which you can be involved and I encourage you to join our PTA.

- Mr. Erich Reidell

## Retirements and New Staff

Leaving us at the end of the 2016-17 school year were Mr. Tim Fitzgerald, Ms. Joan Kuznia, Mrs. Marie MacDowell, and Mrs. Patricia Start.

*We wish them well in their retirement and the next phase of their lives.*

Please join me in welcoming Mrs. Kim Chiappone - Team Evolution, Mrs. Leslie Grimaldi - School Counselor, Mr. Scott Dragowski - School Nurse.

Additional staff members will be hired shortly and I will keep you informed of the new faces that your children will be seeing in our hallways.

September 5	First Day of School
September 14	Open House, 7 p.m.
September 21	Homecoming Pep Rally
September 26	Parent Boosters Meeting, 7 p.m.
September 27	Picture Day
September 29	Middle School Fun Night, 5:00 p.m.
October 6	Go Home Early Drill, <i>dismissal 15 minutes early</i>
October 9	American Heritage Day, No School
October 21	Color Run, 8:00 a.m.
October 27	Fun Night, 6-8 p.m.



# 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 21st 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!

-Mr. Chris Walsh

## ***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.

<b>September 5</b>	<b>First Day of School</b>
<b>September 13</b>	<b>PTG Meeting, 3:30 p.m.</b>
<b>September 21</b>	<b>Open House and PTG Book Fair, 6:30</b>
<b>October 6</b>	<b>Go Home Early Drill, <i>dismissal 15 minutes early</i></b>
<b>October 9</b>	<b>American Heritage Day, No School</b>
<b>October 11</b>	<b>PTG Meeting, 3:30 p.m.</b>
<b>October 26</b>	<b>Fall Festival</b>
<b>November 8</b>	<b>PTG Meeting, 3:30 p.m.</b>
<b>November 10</b>	<b>Veterans Day, No school</b>
<b>November 22</b>	<b>Superintendent's Conference Day, No School</b>
<b>November 23-24</b>	<b>Thanksgiving Recess</b>

# A.J. Schmidt Elementary School

Mrs. Jill Clark - Principal

## Welcome Back!

Welcome back to a fabulous new school year! We have been working hard on our program, our building and looking forward to a wonderful year. Take a look at what's new at AJS:

### Programs

- Buffalo State and AJS make a wonderful team! Dr. Christopher Shively brings pre-service teachers to our school to work in classrooms. Everyone benefits! In addition, Buffalo State awarded AJS a \$1,200.00 grant for our Three Sisters Community Garden. Dr. Shively's students will create science lessons to incorporate the garden along with celebrating our Native American culture at our school.
- AJS has been awarded a grant from the Ralph Wilson Jr. Foundation to send a team of teachers to the Playworks workshop. This group in turn will share what they learn with other teachers and of course our kids! Playworks is the leading national nonprofit organization leveraging the power of play to transform children's social and emotional health. The Playworks program creates an atmosphere where every student feels included, active, and the ability to build valuable social and emotional skills.
- 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!!

September 5	First Day of School
September 13	Open House, 6:00 p.m.
September 20	PTG Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
October 3	Picture Day
October 6	Go Home Early Drill, <i>dismissal 15 minutes early</i>
October 9	American Heritage Day, No School
October 31	Halloween Parade, 2:00 p.m.
November 10	Veterans Day, No School
November 15	PTG Meeting, 3:30 p.m.
November 23	Superintendent's Conference Day, No School
November 24-25	Thanksgiving Recess

## Model Schools Conference

The International Center for Leadership in Education Conference this year was attended by Mrs. Karpinski, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Scholl and Mrs. Clark. The year's conference takeaways centered on relationship and community building.

Our foremost charge is to mold our students to become creative problem solvers and life-long learners who have strong social/emotional skills.

In addition, we were able to hear Dr. Temple Grandin, world renowned Autism Activist, speak on the topic of students who think differently and techniques on reaching our students.

Dr. Grandin knows first-hand about Autism as she has been diagnosed herself since age three. It was a very informative and inspiring conference.

## New AJS Staff for 2017-18

Mrs. M. Atzrott – Special Education

Mrs. K. Lewis – Grade 5 ELA

Ms. J. Mascocco – Kindergarten long term substitute

Mr. W. Pokigo - Laborer

Mrs. L. Wunder – Grade 5 Science/Social Studies

Mrs. S. Ziolonka – School Nurse

Special thanks to the AJS Custodial Staff, John Page, Mark Rui, Wally Pokigo, Scott Dillon, and Kevin Sunday-the building looks wonderful!

Ms. Heidi Brown - Thank you for all hard work over the summer!

Buildings and Grounds - As always you are appreciated and everyone in your department goes above and beyond!

Central Receiving - Thank you for a job well done!

Technology - You continue to out do yourselves!

- Mrs. Jill Clark

# J.T. Waugh Elementary School

Mrs. Paula Eastman - Principal

## Welcome Back, Waugh Family!

Welcome to 2017-2018 school year at the John T. Waugh Elementary School. We are proud of our dedicated, experienced staff, and enthusiastic learners!

As demands and complexities of teaching children increase, it becomes more evident that we all need to work together to ensure that our children reach their potential. We believe that all of us – the school and the community - must work together in an extended family environment to achieve success.

We believe it is everyone's responsibility to empower children with creativity, intellectual, and decision-making skills for them to become academically, socially, physically, and emotionally successful and responsible.

With that in mind, we continually seek to increase parental involvement at J. T. Waugh evident by this year's addition of two (2) Room Parents per classrooms. The Room Parents will attend monthly PTG meetings, share communication with the families in their class, and provide a mode of increased communication.

Whether you are a classroom volunteer, a member of the PTG, or member of our school community, you are encouraged to be involved. Research on school clearly demonstrates that parent participation in their child's school coincides with a greater likelihood of academic success for their child.

It is our desire to keep you informed of all that is taking place at school. Up-to-date and additional information will be shared from the Main Office, classroom teachers on a regular basis. If you have questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school. I'm excited to the start of a great year and a rewarding relationship with you and your family.

Lastly, please welcome our newest Waugh staff members!

Ms. Heimborg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Miss Markel, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Miss Dosser, Special Education

Mrs. Cervola, School Nurse

Welcome back, everyone! Let's have a great year!

- Mrs. Paula Eastman

September 5	First Day of School
September 11	Instrumental Parent Night, 7:30 p.m.
September 12	Open House, 6:30 p.m.
October 2	Picture Day
October 6	Go Home Early Drill, <i>dismissal 15 minutes early</i>
October 9	American Heritage Day, No School
October 11	PTG Meeting, 3:30 p.m.
October 18	Project KNOW Parent Orientation, 7:00 p.m.
October 24	Project KNOW Parent/Child Night, 7:00 p.m.
October 31	Halloween Parade, 2:30 p.m.
November 8	PTG Meeting, 3:30 p.m.
November 9	Picture Retake Day
November 10	Veterans Day, No school
November 22-24	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	5	First Day of School
		Board of Education Work Session - Hoag Annex, 7:00 p.m.
	11	Instrumental Parent - J.T. Waugh, 7:30 p.m.
	12	J.T. Waugh Open House, 6:30 p.m.
	13	A.J. Schmidt Open House, 6:00 p.m.
	14	Middle School Open House, 7:00 p.m.
	18	Parent Drug/Alcohol Forum, 6:00 p.m. (Senior High)
	19	Board of Education Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
	20	Senior High Open House, 6:30 p.m.
	21	Highland Open House, 6:30 p.m.
	21-23	Homecoming Events (Senior High Dance, Saturday 23, 7:00 p.m.)
October	3	Board of Education Work Session - A.J. Schmidt, 6:30 p.m.
	6	Go Home Early Drill, K-12 (Dismissal 15 Minutes Early)
	9	American Heritage Day, No School
	12	Red Cross Blood Drive, Senior High 8:00 a.m.
	17	Board of Education Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
	18	Project KNOW Parent Orientation - J.T. Waugh, 7:00 p.m.
	21	Middle School Color Run, 7 p.m.
	24	Project KNOW Parent/Child Night - J.T. Waugh, 7:00 p.m.
	26-28	Senior High Drama Club Production, 7:00 p.m.
November	6	Senior High Fall Concert, 7:00 p.m.
	7	Board of Education Work Session - Highland, 6:30 p.m.
	10	Veteran's Day, No School
	21	Board of Education Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

## ***HS Parents should attend Drug/Alcohol Forum***

The District is continuing the mandatory **Parent Drug/Alcohol Forum at the Senior High** There will be a Parent Forum on Monday, September 18, at 6 p.m. in the Senior High Auditorium.

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.

**This is the ONLY 2017 Parent Forum before the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, September 23. If you have any questions, please call the Senior High office at 926-2301.**