

Eagle Express

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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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Looking Forward to a Strong Second Half

It's hard to believe that we are already well into the second half of our school year! I want to thank our administrators, faculty, and staff for continuing to deliver high-quality learning and opportunities for growth for students at each of our schools. From the classroom to transportation, we are building on our reputation as one of the finest Districts in Western New York.

2017 brought improved state assessment results in ELA, a 90% graduation rate, and large participation in athletics, activities, and the arts. Our students are taking advantage of becoming well-rounded members of our community and that is a reflection of the excellence expected in our classrooms.

I encourage everyone to be sure to read the important information concerning changes made to the New York State ELA/Math Assessments. We have created a straight-forward set of bullet points that clearly outline the modifications that have been made by State Education. Those can be found in this edition of the Eagle Express.

Lake Shore also recently recognized a number of staff and members of the student body for their outstanding achievements

across the District. You will find more information about that celebration in this edition of the newsletter as well.

The District continues to meet with our architectural firm and project managers as we move forward with our Capital Construction Project. I am often asked about the progress of this ambitious plan and I can say with pride that we are on track to providing our students and community with the best and safest facilities in the area.

As we move forward into 2018, I look to see more outstanding performances on the stage and on our fields, but we are also focused on achievement in each of our classes. It is imperative that we 'keep our foot on the gas' and empower students every day with skills, knowledge, understanding, confidence, and leadership to inspire them to succeed.

I'm looking forward to a great second half of the school year full of successes the entire Lake Shore Community can be proud of.

- James Przepasniak
Superintendent of Schools

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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

Board of Education Information

Frequently, community members ask what makes up the Lake Shore Central School District Board of Education and which individuals sit on the fourteen committees involved in the decision making process. Each Board member serves on two or three of these various committees and many also work with outside organizations representing Lake Shore at the county and state level.

Below is a list of which BOE members serve on committees with the Erie County Association of School Boards and the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA.)

NYS School Boards Association

Delegate - Jennifer Michalec
Alternate - Carla Thompson



Erie County Association of School Boards

Delegate Assembly - Jennifer Farrell
Alternate - Jennifer Michalec
Legislative Team - Kathleen Chiavetta
Alternate - Gifford Swyers
Budget & Finance Team - William Connors, Jr.
Alternate - Carla Thompson



Sixth Grade Visits Albright Knox Art Gallery

The 6th grade art classes took a trip to the Albright Knox Art Gallery. It was part of Art'scool, a school tour program created by the gallery and Blue Cross BlueShield of WNY. It is designed to create critical and creative thinkers of tomorrow. The students participated in a docent-led Modern Art for a Modern World tour of the gallery which focuses on the art of different countries and eras right up to our contemporary world.



Developing Engaging Learning Environments



Pictured: Students participating in a classroom discussion.

Note the various forms of seating being utilized by the class. This is a part of shaping new learning environments in our classrooms.

Last March, Dwight Carter and Mark White, authors of What's in Your Space came to Lake Shore to present to teachers on Superintendent's Conference Day. In less than a year, many of our classroom practices and environments have been taking new shape in our K-12 classrooms.

Teachers are providing areas to work in small groups, areas to stand or sit during instruction, different styles of seating, and places to spread out as they collaborate with peers to think critically.

Authors Mr. Carter and Mr. White state, "Twenty-first century teaching and learning is more than just the room; it's a state of mind." As students learn using technology and use those tools to problem solve, we want the space to enhance the learning. Today's classrooms allow for kids to be comfortable and to choose spaces in which they learn best.

This may include standing, yoga balls, studio chairs and more. As we continue to shift our practices for the 21st century learner, our spaces will continue to adapt to their needs.

Teachers are finding this an effective approach for encouraging students to engage in intelligent conversation and work with their peers.

- Submitted by Melissa Bergler,

Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

For detailed information on all aspects of curriculum and instruction at Lake Shore, please visit the District website and click on "Instruction."

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.

Senior Receives National Recognition

Senior Samantha Nelson was recently named a Commended Student in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program. She received this honor for her outstanding performance on the Preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship Program test offered in October 2016.

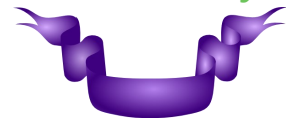
Samantha was identified as one of the top 50,000 highest scores out of 1.6 million students that took the test. Students receiving this recognition are thought of as showing outstanding potential for academic success.



GOIN' BALD FOR BUCKS

17th

Anniversary!



We're stepping up our game with a new time and venue!

Thursday, March 15 in the Senior High Gym

5:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.

Preparation for our Annual Goin' Bald For Bucks event is underway and we are changing the format of the program this year! We are looking to attract more participants and collect more money to donate to Roswell Park Cancer Institute. There will be games, a bounce house, and a basket raffle.

Please consider donating a basket or gift card for our raffle! We will also take single items that we could use to make a complete basket. You could donate a basket from your department, team, office, or on your own if you prefer.

For those of you that are new to our district, the founder of Goin' Bald for Bucks is our very own Tony George. Seventeen years ago this March, Lake Shore students offered to stand by him as he strove to support his sister Cathy in her fight against breast cancer.

That one gesture of goodwill and support grew into this fundraiser that has spanned many cities, schools, and communities and has touched countless lives.

Donations can be sent to a LSCTA building representative **by Friday, March 9, 2018.**

Your representatives are: Senior High School - Kate Kreinheder, Middle School - Valerie Smith, A. J. Schmidt - Connie Govenettio, Highland - Becky Fisher, J. T. Waugh - Nicole Wegrzynowski.



What's Going On at the W.T. Hoag Educational Center

Many Community Events Available

The Family Support Center is here to help families with acceptability and accessibility of prevention and intervention services. The Family Support Center Family Fun Walk will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 21. Please come join us to learn about and support the Family Support Center.

Universal Pre-Kindergarten will have an Open House on Friday, April 13th and registration forms for the 2018-2019 school year are available. Students MUST turn 4 years old before December 1 and be Lake Shore CSD residents.

Upcoming UPK events include field trips to the YMCA Southtowns Branch and We Rock The Spectrum. Saxman Slim will visit in May and Family Field Day will be in June. Please contact your child's teacher about these upcoming events.

The Boys and Girls Club of Lake Shore announces the following:

- Half Year Memberships are available February 1st for half the fee. Students must be over 7 years old and are able to participate in supervised play, have help with homework and a free snack.
- Family Fun Day: Swim, Skate and Play! This event will be at the SNI CCC on Saturday, February 17th at 9:00 AM. The cost is \$10/family.
- The Murder Mystery Dinner will be on March 3rd at the Evans Center Fire Hall. The cost for dinner and entertainment is \$65/person or \$125/couple.

For information regarding any of these events, please contact Emily Raymond at 926-2119.

The staff at Lake Shore have been participating in Wellness Initiatives with Blue Cross/Blue Shield and the Evans Agency. The first program, Stress Less, began early in the school year and led into the holiday season. 52% of the participants noted that the tips and strategies provided helped their stress level.

The second initiative was Maintain Don't Gain which focused on making healthy choices and maintaining weight between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. 66% of the participants were successful in maintaining or losing weight. Congratulations to everyone that participated in the Wellness programming!

The Lake Shore Community Education Winter/Spring Catalog is now available in all school buildings, our webpage, <http://www.lakeshorecsd.org/domain/45>, and various locations in the community. Call Emily Ludwig at 926-2270 with questions.

School Safety Plan

If you are not familiar with our overall safety plan, it is updated annually and shared on our website.

To view the plan, simply click the following link to stay informed.

[Lake Shore Central School District Safety Plan](#)

Construction Zone

To see detailed information concerning the status of the Capital Construction Project, visit the following link.

It contains a list of suggested improvements at the buildings across the District.

[Construction Zone](#)



MARK YOUR CALENDARS! REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY!

3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT



SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018 8:00AM - 5:00 PM

**LSC SENIOR HIGH GYMNASIUM
959 BEACH ROAD ANGOLA NY 14006**

**\$120 total for 4 - person adult teams
\$80 total for 4 - person high school teams
\$50 total for 4 - person youth teams**

**Includes event jersey*

REGISTER ONLINE TO SAVE YOUR SPOT

lakeshorecsd.org/Page/5757

**Registration begins January 1, 2018
and ends March 7, 2018.**

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

**Double Elimination*

Contact: Marla Schifano, Academy Director
mschifano@lakeshorecsd.org
(716) 926-2285, 480-9758

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



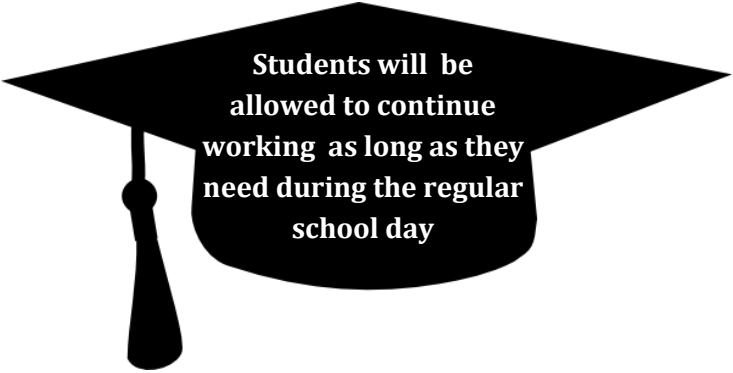
**CHIAVETTA'S
Catering**

CHICKEN DINNER: \$10/each
Pre-sale pickup noon - 3pm
(Order online at registration link)

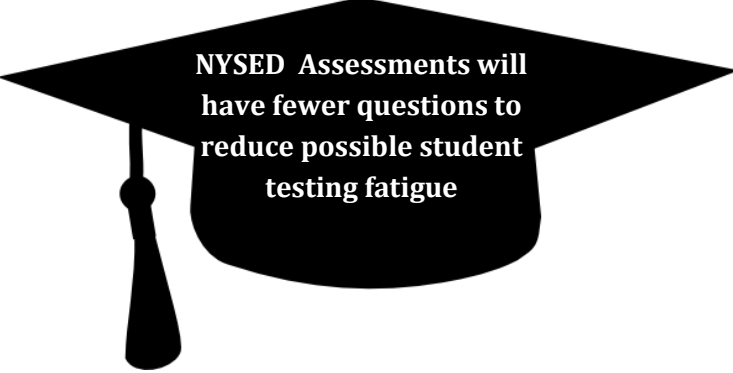
NEW YORK STATE 3-8 ASSESSMENTS

What Parents Need to Know


New York State Education has recognized and addressed the questions of teachers and parents concerning the 3-8 Assessments. Below are examples of the significant changes that have been made for this year's testing.




Students will be allowed to continue working as long as they need during the regular school day



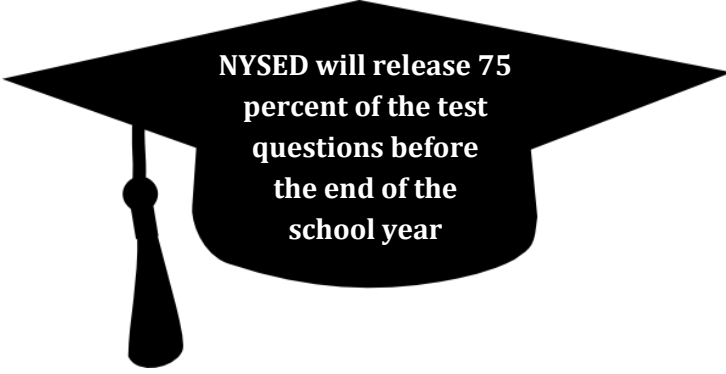
NYSED Assessments will have fewer questions to reduce possible student testing fatigue



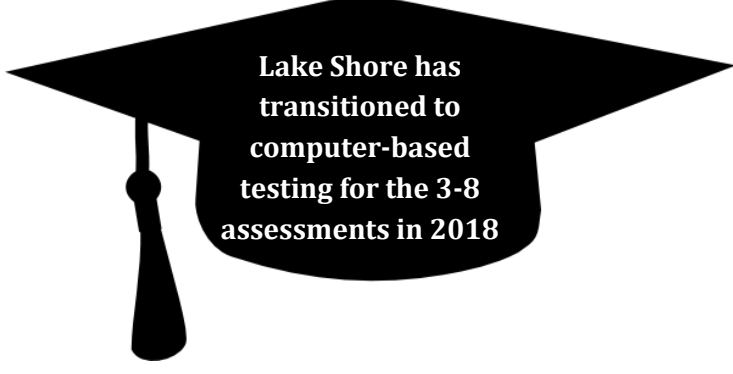
Assessments have been written and reviewed by NYS educators to match classroom learning




Student performance on the assessments will have NO APPR-related consequences



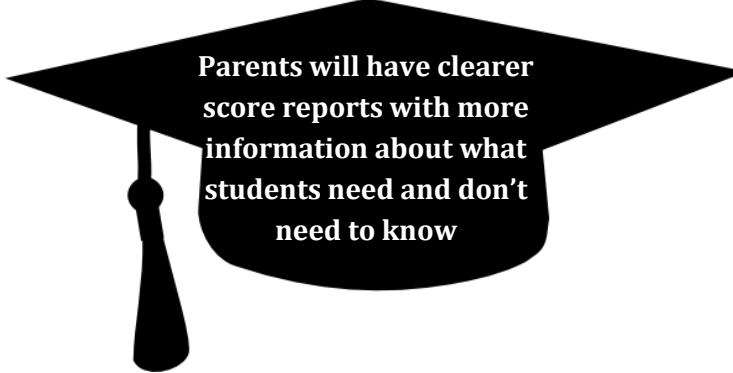
NYSED will release 75 percent of the test questions before the end of the school year



Lake Shore has transitioned to computer-based testing for the 3-8 assessments in 2018



3-8 testing will move to a two-day testing schedule rather than a three-day schedule in 2018



Parents will have clearer score reports with more information about what students need and don't need to know

Faculty Recognized at BOE Meeting

On Tuesday January 16, a number of our staff were recognized for their achievements at Lake Shore. Please join us in congratulating them for the excellence they bring to our community. Recognized were:

Deb Anderson, Patricia Binaxas, Michelle Hy, Linda Kibler, Chris Piede, Maggie Sanna, Valerie Smith, Diane Tighe, Vicky Trimm, Mary Walker

Pictured (l-r): Valerie Smith, Vicki Trimm, Mary Walker, Diane Tighe, Linda Kibler, Deb Anderson, Maggie Sanna, Board of Education President Jennifer Michalec, Board of Education Vice President Carla Thompson, and Superintendent James Przepasniak in back.



Congratulations!

Highland Writers To Be Published

Fifth-grade students at Highland Elementary participated in the Young Writers' Crazy Creature Contest. Their mission was to create their own mini-sagas about an imaginary creature they envisioned by using one hundred words or less. The selection criteria included perception, imagination, creativity as well as expression, originality, and use of language. The Young Writers Organization received more than 6,000 entries from students in multiple states ranging from ages seven to eleven.

Twelve Highland students were chosen to have their sagas published in the [Crazy Creature – Adventures From New York](#), which will be printed this March. Students who were not picked received handwritten feedback from the editors of the company. These students may edit and resubmit their sagas to be published alongside their classmates!

A copy of the book containing the students' work will be sent to the Library of Congress in Washington D.C. as well as the British Library in the U.K. to provide a lasting record of our students' achievements.



Pictured (l-r): Top row - Ella Barratt, Kaylee Ricotta, Jillian Zehler, Maxim Hazard, Daniel Ramirez Jr., Allissa Paterson, Logan Zehler.

Bottom Row - Autumn Abbatoy, Jenna Marinaro, Sara Ellis, Amanda Stafford, Madison Steinert, Sonny Oswald.

Senior High School

Mr. Christine Koch - Principal

Student Athletes Recognized at BOE Meeting

On Tuesday January 16, a number of students were recognized for their achievements at Lake Shore. Please join us in congratulating them for the excellence they bring to our community.

Boys Varsity Volleyball Team of the Year

For Outstanding Sportsmanship

John Coyle – Boys Varsity Volleyball Coach, Owen Bitnun, Joseph Carroccia, Zachary Evans, Aaron Freeman, Captain Tyler Hassell, Jackson Kwilos, Captain, Nate Lockwood, Matthew Mieszcak, Ethan Persinger, Brandon Pudlewski, Jonathan Steinwandel, and Cole Wishman.

Pictured: (l-r) John Coyle, Cole Wishman, Brandon Pudlewski, Aaron Freedman, Jackson Kwilos, BOE President Jennifer Michalec, Superintendent James Przepasniak, and BOE Vice President Carla Thompson.



NYSPHSAA – 2017 Fall Section VI Scholar Athletes

Winner - Olivia Pericak – Girls Soccer; Honorable Mentions: Robert Wolf – Boys Cross Country, Owen Bitnun – Boys Volleyball, Aaron Freeman – Boys Volleyball, Jackson Kwilos – Boys Volleyball, Dyllon Gartley – Girls Soccer, Emily Kromer – Girls Soccer, Ashley Siragusa – Girls Soccer, Dyllon Gartley – Girls Tennis, Samantha Nelson – Girls Tennis, Sara Ricotta – Girls Tennis, Mathea Riley – Girls Tennis, Paige West – Girls Tennis, Alexis Wiens – Girls Tennis, August Becker – Girls Volleyball, Madison Roncone – Girls Volleyball.



Pictured: (l-r) August Becker, Madison Roncone, Aaron Freeman, Jackson Kwilos, Olivia Pericak, Dyllon Gartley, Page West, Mathea Riley, BOE President Jennifer Michalec, Superintendent James Przepasniak, and BOE Vice President Carla Thompson.

Be sure to check out the Lake Shore High School Senior Art Exhibition at the Albright Knox Art Gallery. It runs throughout the month of February!

Second Quarter Senior High Honor & Merit Rolls

Ninth Grade Honor Roll

Gracie Augustyniak, Breanna Bartz, Alexander Bauer, Cassidy Bertino, Brianna Beutler, Chloe Budziszewski, Alyssa Chaplin, Sierra Danieu, Heather DeLair, Angelia DePasquale, Angela Edmond, Sierra Fox, Kaylee Guzman, Kendal Haberer, Samantha Haertel, Abbey Hanes, Matthew Holland, Luke Joslyn, Julie Ann Ketcher, Megan Kowalski, Emma Kushner, Melody Lagattuta, Madelynn Lockwood, Jacob Logan, Devon Logel, Julia Marinaro, Donald Mogavero, Kaliana Palmer, Emma Rinn, Lainey Scanlan, Marisa Scarpine, Ariana Silfies, Lillianna Stender, Riley Sullivan, Chloe Willis.

Ninth Grade Merit Roll

Jazelle Abdulla, Jacob Alvira, Robert Close, Janel Cosenza, Dylan Cybulski, Grace DeGroat, Kyle Duderwick, Gabriella Dynas, Zachary Easton, Lane Erickson, Cole Fuller, Nathan Hazard, Bailey Herlan, Ella Jimerson, Kia Johnson, James Kendall Jr., Joseph Kostusiak, Jane Mason, Kayleigh McComber, Andrew McKinnis, Austin Michels, Lindsay Nau, Madison Pawlicki, Ella Rosborough, Molly Saccomando, Cody Scheuneman, Layla Seneca, Trevor Snyder, Elizabeth Sreniawski, Evan Szarowicz, Jeffrey Szarzanowicz Jr., Devonni Tallchief, Timothy Thexton, Olivia Winder.

Tenth Grade Honor Roll

Sierra Alioto, Gillian Barclay, Sarah Bovo, Domenica Cala, Nicholas Chiappetta, Shane Codd, Noelani Cornfield, Paige Cornwall, Jacob DeAngelis, Zoe Dillinger, Carlene Dils, Samantha Dils, Jenna DiMartino, Hanna Donovan, Samantha Donovan, Zachary Evans, Simon Fendinger, Grace Flickinger, Lauren Franey, Emily Gordon, Gretchen Hazard, Brianna Hein, Paige Holla, Gavin Ingrao, Jaelyn John, Jadyne Jones, Colden Keller, Jenna Kowal, Jordan Kranz, Mary Kromer, Kirsten Lehnen, Toni Liles, Nicole Logan, Kylee Mackiewicz, Jessica Marinaro, Eliese Maybee, Faith Mikolajczyk, Stephanie Mruk, Maela Murtha, Michael Nowak, Colin O'Neill, Makayla Pielecha, David Pignone, Jacob Pregitzer, Daniel Slotman, Brandon Sobaszek, Katrena Steffan, Dayna Sterner, Emily Thomas, Matthew Thomas, Colden Vogl, Kacie Waliszewski, Holly Weston, Logan Wray, Alexandria Zuidema,

Tenth Grade Merit Roll

Jacey Addison, Thomas Baron, Savannah Clear, Tashawni Cornfield, Caroline Gaskin, Hailey Haynes, Summer Irrgang, Hogaiyo: John, Jaclyn Kauzala, Justine Kranz, Amanda Leitten, Jewell Littlejohn, Alyssa McMurray, Elizabeth Nau, Jeffrey Nolan, Danielle Paradiso, Bertin Quider, Bryan Rechin, Alexis Schmidt, Bella Schmidt, Clark Schmidt, Cameron Stacey, Nathaniel Styles, Julie Vail, Ashley Vaught, Nathan Weeks.



Excellent

Second Quarter Senior High Honor & Merit Rolls

Eleventh Grade Honor Roll

Natalie Bailey, Grace Barker, Devin Bauer, Zachary Biel, Claire Birkemeier, Joshua Buchanan, Linzie Buck, Zachary Carr, Joseph Carroccia, Matthew Chudy, Rachael Conklin, Olivia Costa, Ajay Cybulski, Mason Dale, Ryan DeLair, Christina Dingeldey, Brett Donaldson, Hannah Duderwick, Karleigh Easton, Cyrus Farner, Antonia Fleming, Robert Folck, Noelle Gierszewski, Jacob Guarino, Trey Harris, Branden Hutchinson, Maggie Jimerson, Nathaniel Lockwood, Alexander Martin, Jason Martin, Peyton Martin, Ashley Matuszak, Mitchell McGarrity, Allison McIntyre, Kelsey Merecki, Allysyn O'Connor, Celina Park, Kaylee Peacock, Rebecca Perry, Adalia Plain, Shaughn Ramsden, McKynzie Ringer, Johnathan Rivera, Beretta Santana, Jessica Sawynsky, Sydnea Schiedel, Angelina Sinclair, Adam Smith, Paige Smith, Emily Stolarski, Zachary Stoltenburg, Delilah Swinarski, Alexandria Szewczyk, Gabriel Tallchief, Aidan Van Slycke, Lisa Watts, Olivia Wiktor, Jay-Lee Willis-Kosnik, Cole Wishman, Lauren Wood, Dylan Zolnowski, Joseph Zubricky.

Eleventh Grade Merit Roll

Jared Addison, Tabitha Allen, Shylah Baca, Eveline Butlak, Caleb Cahill, Adam Carlson, Margaret Chudy, Jonathan DeGroat, Laura Esposito, Marcus Evans, Kendall Feldmann, Natalie Fessel, Luke Flattery, Beau Garvey, Sara Gilhooly, Ashley Klepp, Taylor Lawn, Michael Lewis, Patrick Majkut, Maxfield John Michalec, Kaitlyn Miteff, Nicolle Myers, Elissa Norton, Alyssa Perkins, Aiden Pickup, Savannah Richmond, Elizabeth Rose, Connor Schreiber, Ryan Stephen, Warren Welch, Brianna Wesser.

Twelfth Grade Honor Roll

Mackenzie Alvira, Bailey Anderson, Courtney Balcerzak, Kyle Ballard, Savannah Battaglia, August Becker, Owen Bitnun, Katerina Blake, James Blonar, Erin Bluff, Adam Brzozowiec, Ashley Buchanan, Kenneth Byrd III, Ryan Cervola, Brienne' Costello, Shannon Curran, Eric D'Innocenzo, Tyler Dalton, Jillian DeMaria, Nicholas DiBerardino, Madelyne DiMartino, Melonie Doyle, Samantha Dubois, Jessica Dunlap, Kendall Flak, Madison Fox, Brian Freebern, Aaron Freeman, Julia Fuhrman, Dyllon Gartley, Tori George, Robert Gifford, Gerald Gillis, Dakota Glashauser, Errika Gonzalez, Zachary Guziec, Corey Haertel, Anna Ippolito, David Ippolito, Madison Justinger, Mellennia Keyes, Ryan Kostusiak, Emily Kromer, Emily Leitten, Olivia Luce, Kylie Mallory, Molly McCabe, Alexis McMurray, Hannah Metty, Madelyn Miller, Jessica Mogavero, Aaron Montroy, Sara Mruk, Samantha Nelson, Alix Novack, Kayley Omlor, Becket Panfil, Olivia Pericak, Sara Ricotta, Mathea Riley, Tyler Rohde, Madison Roncone, Morgan Ryerse, Ivy Santana, Kaylea Schiedel, Autumn Schunk, Alexander Silfies, Ashley Siragusa, Ryan Utley, Audriyanna Vail, Emily Valle, Derise Waterman, Paige West, Alexis Wiens, Jonathan Wilson, Victoria Zuidema.

Twelfth Grade Merit Roll

Julianna Abbatoy, Destiny Anderson, Lindsey Brogcinski, Jay Brueckl, Daniel Cian III, Tyler Codd, Jade Cozzo, Dominic DeMartino, Ethan Dybowski, Natalie Fix, Noah Folaron, Malorie Gates, Randal Golaszewski, Cassidy Harenza, Lauren Ingrao, Jalyn Jimerson, Reagan Kaylor, Olivier Kittinger, Jackson Kwilos, Sabrina Maniscalco, Katharine Matthews, Cody May, Kelliann McNeal, Victoria Paluch, Seth Penn, Emily Sierant, Jordan Sinclair, Arielle Smith, Sabryna Stevens, Hunter Stockman, Matthew Timm, Bryce Toth, Eliza Vail, Nicholas Van Scoter, Noah Wesser, Jocelyn Zolnowski.

Middle School

Mr. Erich Reidell - Principal

Character Education

Team Valor is proud to be incorporating character education themes this year. Each month a different character trait will be the focus. Each month two students; one boy and one girl will be selected for being the best representation of our Character Trait's focus.

Our November focus was on Citizenship and December was Caring. Congratulations to our CLASSY COOL CHARACTER KIDS for November and December.

Pictured: November (Top): Isabella Rhoney and Nathan Stolarski

December (Bottom): Lily Golden and Austin Russell

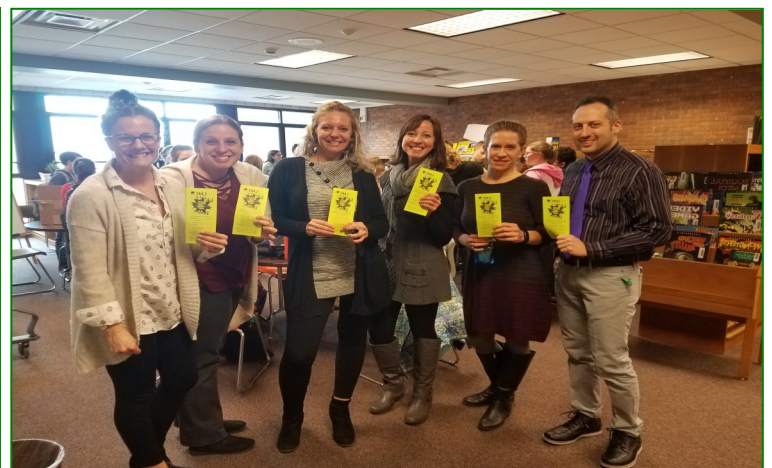


Battle of the Books

Lake Shore Middle Shore is proud to hold its first Battle of the Books! A book reveal party was organized by school librarian, Ms. Waterman, after school on January 23rd where students and teachers learned what the battle is all about. A book battle is where students form into teams of 3-5 and are responsible for reading five different books and must know the details of the books to score enough points to move on to the ultimate battle and get the chance to win the Battle of the Books Champion cup.

Fifty students have formed twelve teams and there are two teams of teachers. All teams will compete in two rounds held at the Middle School and the winning student team will move on to compete at a multi-district competition hosted by Hamburg Middle School against at least seven other middle school teams. The first two rounds will be on April 12th and April 17th, and the final multi-district battle will be on Thursday, April 26th.

[Click here for more details.](#)



Second Quarter Middle School Honor & Merit Rolls

Sixth Grade Honor Roll

Mark Anthony Anderson, Maximillian Barr, Isabella Barron, Gabriella Bartz, Maya Bauer, Samson Bayer, Mackenzie Bernhard, Jacob Bevilacqua, Cooper Biersbach, Cierra Bluff, Ava Buczynski, Brayden Budziszewski, Autumn Burris, Mayanna Chapman, Victoria Cherry, Drake Connors, Haley Culver, Brian David, Josephine DeJoy, Melissa Dobmeier, Morgan Gates, Morgan Gengler, Cynthia Gifford, Kaylin Golembiewski, Reilly Green, Matthew Halloran, Brooke Hamm, Jake Hopkins, Lillian Hroncek, Benjamin Jacobs, Elizabeth Jarzynski, Mariah Joslyn, Garrett Knighton, Katelyn Kowal, Emma Langdon, Wyatt Lingsweiler, Ellie Nelson, David Ott III, Ava Pericak, Isabell Peters, Alexander Pfeiffer, Christopher Podoba, Wayne Podoba, Emilee Ramirez, Allana Repertorio, Lilly Rohde, Alexis Saar, Lauren Smith, Megan Strickler, Olivia Sullivan, Audrianna Torres, Marina Whelan, Brooke Wholf, Emma Wilkins, Cameron Witryk.

Sixth Grade Merit Roll

Kayla Alejandro, Travis Bernhard, Jessica Bevilacqua, Christopher Bluff, Daniel Burke, Anthony Caruso, Evelyn Caughel, Linsy Cian, Lucas Clear, Mya Dalton, Talan Del Monte, Peyton DeLair, Damon Drago-Chaplin, Brayden Fitzpatrick, Connor Fliss, Justice Frost, Kelsie Gajkowski, Samantha Gier, Skyler Gierszewski, Delaney Glose, Kayla Hamm, Luke Hopkins, Jackson Horning, Isabella Hrynio, Morgan Huff, Adyson Kavulak, Eric Kushner, Paige Lamberti, Matthew Lee, Caitlyn Lohrding, Joseph Lovett, Arwin Lyle, Andrew Masse, Kennedy Masullo, Alexander Maurer, Zavyn Maxon, Jacella Nephew, Lacey Palmer, Tyler Pasinski, Mileah Pinelli, Emily Pregitzer, Cooper Prizel, Morgan Quirk, Ethan Raczka, Jakob Schueler, Olivia Sierant, Ashton Taylor, Kahlan Todaro, Giuseppe Todaro-Tucker, Gavin Wiktor, Paige Wilmore,

Seventh Grade Honor Roll

Jeremy Ackley, Jared Ames, Magdalen Barclay, Blayze Becker, Abby Browning, Anthony Cadin, Cassandra Chiappetta, Simon Connors, Giana Corsaro, Angelina Cosenza, Emma Coventry, Bryce Coyle, Hayden Crowden, Sneha D'Andrea, Nicholas Densmore, Andrew Dillon, Kate DiMartino, Jayden Drenning, Christina Duffy, Samuel Eschberger, Riley Fleming, Anthony Ford, Dallas Garlow, Sophia Genovese, Nathan Guarino, Sheridan Henry, Dahlia Hoch, Emelia Howell, Christopher Huddy, Caitlin Jurain, Alexandria Kennedy, Johannah Krull, Erin Lehnen, Erin McGarrity, Gabrielle McNeal, Joshua Merritt, Noah Mruk, Corsignana Nardello, Talon Newton, Trinnity Palmer, Tyler Pfalzgraf, Autumn Pruchnicki, Isabella Rhoney, Liliana Rouse, Austin Russell, Samantha Sargent, Ryan Shafer, Nathan Shappell, Devon Shepherd, Ella Skalski, Carter Sterner, Nathan Stolarski, Tianna Thuman, Mia Valentine, Lucas Wiens, Sydney Wilson, Maxwell Zielonka

Seventh Grade Merit Roll

Raymond Adamo, Elizabeth Adler, Landen Bean, Howard Butlak, Hunter Byrd, Isaac Clear, Gavin Clifton, Jason Conklin, Peyton Donlin, Savannah Duffy, Tyler Ellis, Paityn Flickinger, Shane Friend, Corey Gavin, Sarah Geary, Jared Hollmer, Paige Kencel, Carter LaBarge, Ava Lawn, Makenna Lee, George Littlejohn III, Malorie McComber, Ryan McNamara, Natalie Nichols, Keira Norton, Delby Parry, Adam Pericak, Bryce Roberts, Drew Russell, Ayliza Rydzewski, Ashton Sallaz, Randal Shank, Teresa Smaldino, Jayden Wardlaw, Tava Weber, Xavier Wilson.

Second Quarter Middle School Honor & Merit Rolls

Eight Grade Honor Roll

Dylan Carlson, Kelly Cian, Parker Cornwall, Elizabeth Degenaaars, Myah DiOrio, Angelina Edgar, Nathan Eschberger, Brittney Freebern, Joseph Gajewski, Collin Gajkowski, Hailey Garrison, Eryn Gawlak, Tara Gervasio, Raeann Grasso, Tyler Griffin, Jeffrey Gunning, Hayden Haynes II, Samantha Heppel, Emily Jamalkowski, Fantasy Jimerson-Kenjockety, Kathryn Justinger, Hailey Kliszak, Marcus Kowalski, Molly Majewski, Ryan Martin, Tristan McMahon, Lacie McMurray, Tyler Mitchell, Shatan Mohawk, Bethany Montroy, Ariana Neely, Amber O'Neil, Amber Ode, Robert Pfalzgraf, Evan Rudewicz, Taylor Sawyer, Emma Scott, Damien Serwinowski, Anna Sheehan, Aubrey Snyder, Emily Stoll, Casey Taylor, Nina Wholf, Caitlin Zolnowski

Eight Grade Merit Roll

Olivia Andrews, Emily Baron, Solomon Bayer, Theodore Buffalo, Abigail David, Caitlin Dils, Alicyn Dimpfl, Zachary Gallman, Kolton Gibbons, Eric Hutchinson, Lily Janik, Joiise John, Kasey Kada, Michael Kirkpatrick, Alison Lecceardone, Abbey Lewandowski, Matthew Masse, Peyton Maxon, Madeline Maybee, Aiden Morrissey, Brianna Morrissey, Kyrsten Richardson, Marcus Richmond, Nicholas Sawynsky, Tyler Schott, Connor Smith, Allison West, Robert Zuidema Jr.,



*Great
Job!*

Highland Elementary School

Mr. Christopher Walsh - Principal

Highland Music Excellence

Band and orchestra students at Highland Elementary are having a very successful year. In addition to their lessons and rehearsals, a number of fifth grade students recently participated in the Erie County Music Educators Association (ECMEA) solo festival. Ten band and orchestra students performed at Depew High School on January 6, 2018, along with Erie County's top musicians.

"You play with great tone and a nice large sound" was just one of the many positive comments received by the Highland Orchestra and Band students who played solos for judges who are experts on their instruments. Each of the students received "A" or "A plus" ratings.

They were judged on their technique, hand positions, intonation, rhythmic accuracy, articulations, bowing styles, dynamic contrast, posture and tone. Additionally, the students performed memorized scales, and sight-read a new piece of music they had never seen before.

All of the students worked extremely hard to prepare for this solo festival. Their teachers, Ms. Streeter (band) and Mr. D'Amaro (orchestra) are very proud of their success. Our band and orchestra students are excited about their upcoming performances. Everyone is working hard to prepare for the District Concerts at the High School. The band concert is on March 13, and the orchestra will perform on March 21. Both concerts will begin at 7:00 p.m. Please come and see the talent Lake Shore has to share!

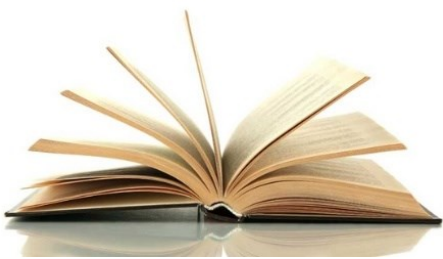


"Warm Up with a Good Book" Reading Challenge

Highland's Reading Specialists, Mrs. Kristy Porter and Mrs. Stephanie Schmidle organized a winter reading challenge for our students called, "Warm Up With a Good Book," for students to complete over holiday break. Students chose different reading activities listed on "marshmallows" to add to a "reading mug" that the students were able to decorate themselves.

Each "marshmallow" consisted of 15 minutes of reading and they were to complete 10 "marshmallows" to their mug to total 2 1/2 hours of extra reading over the holiday break. Many of our students completed the challenge and will be awarded with a special celebration, including a special treat and winter read aloud! We are proud of our students' efforts in completing the challenge.

Look for the next Reading Challenge from our Reading Specialists coming this Spring.



A.J. Schmidt Elementary School

Mrs. Jill Clark - Principal

A Party in a Pear Tree

Students at A.J. Schmidt Elementary kicked off the 12 Days of Christmas with their presentation of the Christmas musical "A Party in a Pear Tree!" Under the direction of music teacher Mrs. Martin, students presented the story of a bird named Party who found herself stuck in a pear tree.

Many characters from the 12 days of Christmas came up with creative and hilarious ways to try to get her down, only to find Party stuck up in the tree again at the end of the show!

Students worked from October through December to prepare songs, dances, costumes and speaking parts. All of their hard work paid off, as the performances were flawless!



Healthy Choices Art & Poetry Contest

Since 2009, WNY United has held the annual "Healthy Choices Art and Poetry Contest."

The contest is open to all students in Western New York and offers them the opportunity to showcase their healthy activities and responsible choices in art or poetry.

The contest is broken down into three age categories, K-4, 5-8 and 9-12 for both the Art and Poetry submissions.

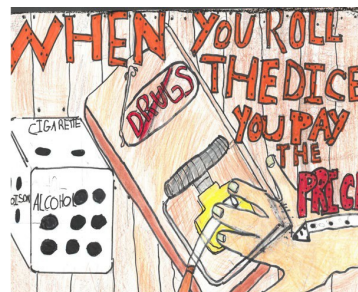
A.J. Schmidt students were recognized for their efforts and a tremendous job with their art work and poetry! Great job!



K-4 Third Place
Kaylee Burke



K-4 Honorable Mention
Claire Smaldino



Top: K-8 Honorable Mention
Isabella Stull

Right: 5-8 Honorable Mention
Sophia Holland

Say "No"
Any kind of drug is bad
You are responsible to not do drugs
Nothing is worse than drugs
Out of a store that sells drugs
Take them out of stores
Overdosed
Don't do drugs
Run away from drugs
Unpredictable
Get away from them
Stay away from drugs



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J.T. Waugh Elementary School

Mrs. Paula Eastman - Principal

Hoop Dancing Kicks Off Holidays

Students at John T. Waugh were treated to an amazing event right before the holidays, that included two of their second grade classmates, Locv Sampson and his cousin, Lennox VanAernam. While the Sampson family was in the area for the holidays, Locv's father, Micco Sampson reached out to the school offering to present the art of Hoop Dancing to the students at Waugh.



Native American Hoop Dance is most often an individual dance performed as a show dance in many tribes. It usually features solo dancers dancing with a dozen or more hoops and using them to form a variety of both static and dynamic shapes. Most of the hoop dances in tribes across North America belong to modern hoop dance, which was said to be invented in 1930. Micco and his brother, Samsoche Sampson have been hoop dancing for more than 25 years to promote cultural pride awareness throughout their world travels.



Locv and Lennox's grandmother, Darice Sampson also performed having three generations of their families represented before the captivated students. Micco Sampson emphasized the message that there is an artist in all of us and that each person has a unique and special value making our world a wonderful place.



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Winter District Events

February	14	Highland PTO Meeting, 3:30 p.m.
	19-23	Mid-Winter Recess, No School
	27	Regular Board of Education Meeting - Senior High Media Center, 7:00 p.m.
March	1-3	Middle School Musical - Bye Bye Birdie, 7:00 p.m.
	5	Spring Sports Begin
	6	Board of Education Work Session - District Office, 6:30 p.m. Middle School Parent Boosters Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
	8	Eighth Grade Parent Night - Senior High Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
	9	Freshman Fun Night, 7:00 p.m.
	10	Academy of Business & Finance 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament
	13	District Band Concert - Senior High, 7:00 p.m.
	14	J.T. Waugh PTO Meeting, 3:30 p.m. Highland PTO Meeting, 3:30 p.m. A.J. Schmidt Musical, 7:00 p.m.
	15-17	Eighth Grade Washington D.C. Trip
	16	Superintendent's Conference Day, No School for Students
	20	Regular Board of Education Meeting - Senior High Media Center, 7:00 p.m.
	21	District Orchestra Concert - Senior High Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
	30	Good Friday, Spring Recess Begins, No School

Winter Athletes, Coaches & Parents!

Lake Shore athletes, coaches, and parents of students are encouraged to participate in the Winter Sports Survey.

The surveys can be accessed by visiting our website or simply clicking on the links below. **The survey will be online from Friday, February 16 to Friday, March 2.**

[Athlete Survey](#)

[Coach Survey](#)

[Parent Survey](#)

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