

# 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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## 2018-19 School Year, Here We Come!

I speak for everyone at the Lake Shore Central School District when I say I hope you all enjoyed a summer of rest and relaxation. For the past two months, the District staff has been eagerly planning and preparing for the start of the 2018-19 school year.

A new year is an opportunity for our students to pursue their talents in a variety of healthy activities in buildings that have been well maintained by our custodial and maintenance staff over the summer. The buildings and grounds on our campuses have never looked better, and we owe our workers a hearty thank you for their attention to detail that ensures the District is a safe place for our students to learn and explore. The clerical staff has also been finalizing many critical behind-the-scenes needs of the District to help make the transition from summer to back to school a smooth transition for students and faculty alike.

Our administrative team, along with many of our teachers, has also worked hard getting classrooms ready with resources and learning opportunities to enrich the already robust and rigorous academic programs we offer. Academics is the number one focus of what we do as educators, and we are confident that we will maintain a high level of achievement as we have consistently done in the past.

I would like to extend a welcome to the new staff of Lake Shore and a farewell and good luck to our recent retirees. You'll find their names on page six of this issue of the Eagle Express. We are excited to be working with our new hires and sad to see many wonderful and dedicated members of our Lake Shore family moving on to their next journey.

Part of my work this summer has been to work closely with our Board of Education to identify our District's goals and we believe that together we have identified key areas that will uphold our mission to provide the best educational programs for each Lake Shore student.

Our 2018-19 District Goals are:

The District will provide equity in educational opportunities and culturally responsive practices that align to the Next Generation NYS Learning Standards and promote each student's academic success and well-being.

The District will implement a PreK-12 trauma-informed approach to teaching to ensure an educational learning environment that is safe, motivating, and fosters success for all students both in and out of the classroom.

The District will provide all students with a rigorous academic career that includes opportunities for advanced coursework, college credit, Career and Technology Education, and other diploma pathways established by the New York State Education Department.

The District will empower students to thrive as learners, collaborators and citizens in the digital age by helping them to understand the ethical and legal consequences associated with their use of social media and technology.

The District will demonstrate fiscal responsibility and accountability in all areas of operation.

The District will continue to proceed with the first phases of our Capital Construction Project plans approved by our School Community while continuing to maintain our facilities at the highest level.

With these goals in place, I look forward to another wonderful school year and seeing the daily accomplishments and successes of our students and staff. Thank you for the support from our community and parents, the excellence of our teachers, administrators, and support staff – working together, I am confident that our schools will continue to be highly successful.

Welcome back!

**- 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 4, 2018.**

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 4, 2018.

## Transportation News & Reminders

Don't forget to use MyStop to track your

child's bus!

  
myStop

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.

Students 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.

### Alternate Drop Off & Childcare

Schools will provide transportation to or from a 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 \$1.50; grades 6-12 lunches are \$1.75; extra milk is 60 cents per half-pint. Breakfast will be available at all schools beginning September 5. Breakfast costs \$1.25, 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 parents or guardians.

### Immunizations

In accordance with the State Education laws, a school physician gives an annual physical examination to students in grades Pre K, K, 1,3,5,7,9,11. If your child is in one of these grades and provides written proof of having had a physical exam done by your private physician by October 1, it will not be necessary for the school physician to examine your child.

Students new to the District or entering UPK or Kindergarten are reminded to get a physical examination prior to the opening of school.

**All students entering 7th and 12th grade must have two doses of the meningococcal vaccine or a dose after the age of 16.**

# The Scoop from the Eagle Cafe

## Free & Reduced Lunch Information

Lake Shore's school cafeterias will be ready to begin serving students breakfast and lunch when they return to school on September 4<sup>th</sup>. Personal Touch Food Service has been awarded the contract for the District's cafeteria services once again this year so our students and staff will continue to enjoy their favorite meals as in the past.

Parents & guardians should have received a form to apply for free or reduced price meals for their children. Please complete the form as soon as possible, and return it to the District's business office for processing. If your child qualifies for free or reduced price meals, we can have everything set up on their cafeteria account if we have received your form. If your child was approved for free or reduced price meals last year, you need to complete a new application for the 2018-19 school year by Wednesday October 17<sup>th</sup>. All prior year meal applications expire on that date, so any students/families that have not submitted a new meal application by that date will be changed to "pay full price" status, and parents/guardians will be responsible for the full cost of their child's meals from that point forward.

The District asks for parents' cooperation in keeping funds on their children's cafeteria accounts. Students who do not have funds available on their account will be able to receive a breakfast/lunch, and the meal will be charged to the student's cafeteria account. Students will not be allowed to charge extra a la carte items (cookies, ice cream, etc.).

When a child's account balance becomes negative, the parents will be notified of the need to replenish the funds on their child's account. Blackboard Connect calls will be made weekly for all students who have negative account balances – please pay attention to those calls! You can add money to your child's cafeteria account in a couple different ways. You can send a check to the District's Business Office at 959 Beach Road Angola, NY 14006. You can send it to your child's cafeteria too.

\*If you can avoid it, please do not send cash with your child. We also have the ability to deposit funds onto your child's account with a debit/credit card, using the MySchoolBucks.com website. The website also gives parents the ability to create an account for their child, so that they can monitor their child's account balance and purchases. There is a link to the MySchoolBucks.com program on the Cafeteria page of the District's website at [www.lakeshorecsd.org](http://www.lakeshorecsd.org).

One last note – Personal Touch is again offering parents the ability to place orders for "special birthday treats" for delivery to their child's classroom on their birthday. If you are busy working or don't want the worry of trying to avoid food allergies for your child's classmates, this may be just what you need! This is only available to students in grade K-5.

Call the Lake Shore CSD Food Service Office at 926-2291 for more details.

—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

### Position

Christie Waterman	Library Media Specialist (Middle School)
Emily O'Shei	Physical Education (Highland)
Sarah Pici	Physical Education (Highland/A.J. Schmidt)
Nicole Phillips	School Social Worker
Elizabeth Funigiello	Special Education (Highland)
Tara Runfola	Special Education (Middle School)
Kristen Nance	Special Education (Senior High)
Devon Rich	Special Education (Senior High)
Danielle Giordano	Teaching Assistant (J.T. Waugh)
Alexandria Salansky	Teaching Assistant (A.J. Schmidt)
Andrea Wincenciak	Teaching Assistant (J.T. Waugh)

### Retirements

Lorraine Florczyk	Library Media Specialist (J.T. Waugh)
Joanne Grochala	Special Education (Highland)
Michelle Munson	Special Education (Middle School)
Charlene Schneckenberger	Physical Education (Highland)
Alison Swinnerton	Social Studies (Senior High)

## Non-Instructional

### New Hires

### Position

Joseph Bivin	Monitor (J.T. Waugh)
Elizabeth Casey	Sr. Clerk Typist (J.T. Waugh)
Rebecca Ells	Clerk Typist (Senior High)
Shelly Jemiolo	LPN (Transportation)
Cindy Keefe	Bus Driver (Transportation)

Laura Majkut	School Nurse (Highland)
Ryan Nellis	Tech. Support Specialist (District)
Brittany Wypij	Monitor (Highland)
Amanda Maj	Clerk Typist (W.T. Hoag)
Jacki Jones	Clerk Typist (Senior High)

### Retirements

### Position

Linda Carstens	Teaching Assistant (Highland)
Sandra Gerhard	Clerk Typist (District)
Lorraine Golden	Bus Driver
Linda Hegyi	School Nurse (Highland)
Nancy Jurek	Sr. Clerk Typist (Senior High)
Carol Labenski	Sr. Clerk Typist (J.T. Waugh)
Cindy Schmitz	PCA (Middle School)
Susan Tilert	Monitor (Senior High)
Michele Walters	Laborer (District)
Kathleen Welch	Clerk Typist (Senior High)



## Lake Shore Central School District Fall Music Department Calendar



<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Monday	Sept. 10	Instrumental Beginner Parent Night	7:00 p.m.	J.T. Waugh
Friday	Sept. 14	Sr. High Homecoming Events	4:00 p.m.	Senior High
TBD	Fall	Secondary Choral Concert	7:00 p.m.	Middle School
Friday/Saturday	Nov. 2-3	Junior High Area All-State (Grades 7-9)	TBD	Akron, NY
Monday	Nov. 5	Senior High Fall Concert	7:00 p.m.	Senior High
Friday/Saturday	Nov. 16-17	Senior High Area All-State (Grades 10-12)	TBD	SUNY Fredonia

# Angola Mural Project

## “The Selfie Station”

The art and technology students of Lake Shore High School have created a large 3-D mural on the side of Tony Troidl’s “Taste of the Midway” at 97 Main Street in the Village of Angola.

The mural project was initiated by Corinne Damerou-Best as phase 2 of the “Paint the Village of Angola Beautiful” initiative that took place last July. The students were asked to create a colorful mural that depicts aspects of Angola’s vibrant past and current day energy. Art students, Maddy Miller, Hannah Metty, and Lexi Wiens began sketching ideas inspired by Angola’s history, including trains, the Emblem Bicycle Company, and the village clock. They combined those images with an eagle (their school



mascot), ice cream cones (representing the current business), and geometric shapes. Graphic art design student, Ryan Cervola, then took the sketches and created a dynamic graphic for the mural.

Painting directly onto the 82’ long by 13’ high corrugated metal wall proved quite a challenge for the students. Technology teacher, Mike Frew, came up with the ingenious idea to cut out all of the major design elements from exterior plywood, paint them in school, and then install them later on site. Randall Best and Lee Widmer-Wick donated the paint for the project. The Lake Shore Teachers’ Association donated the plywood, Mr. Panfil’s technology students cut, sanded, and primed the images, and then the art students painted them.

Then the Lake Shore Grounds Crew, Eric Kohlmeier and Mike Sciarrino, under the direction of John Wilson, installed the pieces on site along with technology teachers Frew and Panfil, and art teachers Katie Zittel, Megan Smaldino, and Marcia Belliotti.

The result is an exciting mixed-media mural that embraces the spirit and pride of Angola. Dubbed the “Selfie Station,” it is the new talk of the town.

Additional students who participated in this project:

### Technology Students

Todd Aikin II, Ryan Allerton, Jacob Alvira, Connor Bluff, Eric Busseno, Logan Douglas, Nathan Hazard, Devin Jeffery, Kyle Killian, Jacob Kleese, Joseph Miteff, Ethan Persinger, Thomas Poulson, Nicholas Shaner, Joseph Zubricky, Jared Addison, Brandon Durance, Tyler Gajkowski, Brennen Hering, Maxwell Hopkins, Jeffrey Nolan, Nicholas Richmond, Gavin Toth, Benjamin Vail, and Gavin Wiczorek.

### Art Students

Evi Butlak, Rachael Conklin, Samm DuBois, Trinity Salatka, Bethany Sierant, and Lauren Wood.



# Latimore to Serve as Interim Board Member



## Cindy Latimore

Please welcome our interim member of the Lake Shore Board of Education, Mrs. Cindy Latimore.

Latimore is a graduate of the Lake Shore Central Class of 1985. She continued her education at Trocaire College to earn an Associates Degree in Applied Science, and obtained her New York State License to practice as a Registered Nurse. She has been employed by Roswell Park Cancer Institute for 20 years in the Blood and Marrow Transplant Unit.

Cindy and her husband John are both life residents of the Town of Evans, home owners, small business owners and parents of four children.

Mrs. Latimore amassed numerous hours of various Board Development Opportunities and was awarded the Master of Boardmanship Award in 2008 and Board Achievement Award in 2012 from the New York State School Board Association. She continues to be very involved in various community activities and groups and is dedicated to the continuing prosperity of our community.

## Capital Construction Project Update

### Capital Improvement Project Phase 1 (High School and Transportation Center)

On 7/19, Young & Wright Architects (YWA), Campus, and the Engineers performed the Constructability Review of the Phase 1 documents at both buildings for further coordination prior to bid.

On 8/9, YWA and Campus sat down with the District Admin team for a page-turner meeting to go through the Phase 1 drawings so they are comfortable with everything in the documents.

YWA is in the process of selecting finishes for the areas undergoing renovations for the District's review and approval.

State Ed has done their post-third-party architectural and engineering reviews and has issued comments that YWA and the Engineers need to respond to. YWA plans on uploading the amended plans next week.

Once State Ed issues a building permit and the bidding documents are complete, YWA and Campus will issue the project for bids. This is scheduled to take place late fall.

Campus is working on the proposed phasing of construction activities beginning January, 2019.

## 2018 Board of Education Meeting Schedule

September 4, 2018

Special Meeting/Work Session - 7:00 p.m.  
William T. Hoag Educational Center

September 18, 2018 - Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
Senior High Library Media Center

October 2, 2018 - Work Session - 7:00 p.m.  
District Office Conference Room

October 16, 2018 - Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
Senior High Library Media Center

November 6, 2018 - Work Session - 7:00 p.m.  
J.T. Waugh Elementary School

November 20, 2018 - Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
Senior High Library Media Center

December 4, 2018 - Work Session - 7:00 p.m.  
A.J. Schmidt Elementary School

December 18, 2018 - Regular Meeting - 7:00 p.m.  
Senior High Library Media Center



## ***Athletics Receives NYSPHSAA School of Excellence Reward***

Lake Shore Athletics is proud to announce they have been named a New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc. (NYSPHSAA) 2017-18 Scholar-Athlete School Excellence Award winner. Schools earn this accolade by having 100% of varsity teams qualify for and receive the Scholar-Athlete team award during their respective sports seasons. To earn the School of Excellence Award, 75% of a school's varsity teams must qualify and receive the Scholar-Athlete team award. Those teams must post a combined 90.00 or above GPA.

Scholar-Athlete team award winners for the 2017-18 year included 18 squads: Boys basketball, cross country, football, soccer, indoor track, outdoor track, volleyball, and wrestling; Girls basketball, competitive cheer, cross country, soccer, swimming, indoor track, outdoor track, tennis, and volleyball.

"Lake Shore is ecstatic to earn this honor," said Daryl Besant, High School Assistant Principal and Athletic Director. "We have a proud tradition of performing well in the classroom as well as on the courts and fields. This award is an example of the dedication our students and coaches have to achieving academic and athletic excellence."

Lake Shore is just one of 111 schools across the state to earn this award. The purpose of the School of School of Excellence Awards is to unite varsity coaches in challenging their teams to achieve a statewide honor. Applications are finalized at the end of the spring sports season and the final determination is made by NYSPHSAA each July.

*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)

## ***Fun at Eagles Landing***



The Eagle's Landing Summer Recreation Program provided a variety of activities this year. When students were not playing in the High School Gym or swimming in the pool, they had multiple field trips. The group went to Evans Town Park, the New Angola Movie Theater, the Buffalo Zoo, Adventure Landing, and the Chautauqua County Fair.

Special guests were also welcomed from Evans Center Fire Department, Erie County Bookmobile and the Niagara University Repertoire Theater.

Thank you to everyone for making the summer memorable!

## *Every Student Succeeds Act*

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) is a law that outlines how states can use federal money to support public schools. In January 2018, the federal government approved New York State's plan to spend the approximately \$1.6 billion the state receives annually under ESSA.

All schools are required to apply for their federal funding. Lake Shore applies for Title I, Title IIA, Title III and Title IV. Title I is funding for academic support for at-risk students, supports staff, and supplies and materials. This funding is integral for funding our AIS programs at our Title I schools. Title IIA funds much of our professional development (speakers and workshops) for our teachers and principals. This helps us to grow as professionals and support effective instruction.

Title III helps us to ensure that English learners attain English language proficiency and meet state academic standards and Title IV addresses three content areas: Well rounded educational opportunities, safe and healthy students, and effective use of technology.

New York State is committed to ensuring that all students succeed and thrive in school no matter who they are, where they live, where they go to school, or where they come from, and Lake Shore is proud of that commitment. Lake Shore's application was due August 31. More information is on the state's website.

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

## *Welcome Back To The W.T. Hoag Educational Center*

The W.T. Hoag Educational Center is a busy place and is home to many programs: The Family Support Center of Lake Shore, Erie 2 BOCES Instructional Support and Development, Buffalo Hearing and Speech, Southtowns YMCA UPK and Wrap-Around programs, as well as the Lake Shore CSD Departments of Community Education, Technology, Pupil Personnel, and Copy Center.

We are very excited that our gym is now completed! The walls have been painted, the exterior doors have been replaced, the wall mats are new, and the floor was completely replaced with a composite material. All children enrolled in programming with Buffalo Hearing and Speech, YMCA UPK/Wrap and the Boys and Girls Club of Lake Shore will have the opportunity to use our brand new gym! We christened it just before the UPK graduation ceremony this past spring.

We are always happy to welcome visitors to our building for new student registration or meetings with staff from any of the programs housed in the building. **Please remember that all visitors must sign in at the main office and wear a visitor tag.**



*Pictured from left to right: Board of Education Members Carla Thompson, Michael Franey, Bill Connors, Director of Facilities John Wilson, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Finance Daniel Pacos, Superintendent of Schools James Przepasniak, W.T. Hoag Building and Program Administrator Christine Starks.*

**- Submitted by Building/Program Administrator Christine Starks**

# Senior High School

Mrs. Christine Koch - Principal

## *Hello Nya:wëh Sgë:nö' Hola Guten Tag Bonjour*

What a great summer! We hope that you have spent time recharging your batteries and enjoying time with family and friends.

Here at the High School we are looking forward to the return of the energetic buzz of students and staff in the building. Upon your return you will notice several new faces. With the retirement of our veteran staff members we have spent the summer filling big shoes. We know that you all will be very excited to build relationships with our newest team members. They are awesome!

Schedules will be available through the portal one week prior to returning to school. Printed copies will be mailed home at the same time. Students entering our high school for the first time will receive their printed copy at our new student orientation on August 29th. Students should pay careful attention to the classroom numbers because we have made some room changes so teachers may be in new places.

Our Academic Learning Center was such a huge success that we have moved it to a bigger room (Rm 226). Core content teachers will be available every period to support students with their academics when they have free time.

We look forward to partnering with you to support the success of our Lake Shore High School students

Welcome Back!

**Christine Koch**  
Principal

**Daryl Besant**  
Athletic Director/Assistant Principal

**Timothy Flanagan**  
Assistant Principal

September 4	First Day of School
September 5	Parent Drug & Alcohol Forum, 6:00 p.m.
September 19-20	Picture Day
September 20	Open House, 6:30 p.m.
September 14	Homecoming Events and Game, 6:30 p.m.
September 15	Homecoming Dance, 7:00 p.m.
September 25	Financial Aid Night, 6:30 p.m.
September 26	WNY College Fair, 7:45 a.m.
October 5	Go Home Early Drill, <i>dismissal 71 minutes early</i>
October 8	American Heritage Day, No School
October 18	Red Cross Blood Drive, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
October 25	Picture Retake Day
October 26	Superintendent's Conference Day, No School
November 1-3	Drama Club Presentation, 7:00 p.m.

## ***BOCES Site Schedules***

Carrier Educational Center	AM Session (Seniors)	7:50 a.m. - 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.

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# Middle School

Mr. Erich Reidell - Principal

## *Welcome Back Parents and Students!*

**W**elcome to the 2018-19 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 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.

In addition to rigorous academics, this year the Middle School will be focusing on Social Emotional Learning (SEL). The New York State Education Department has issued new guidelines for Mental Health Education and SEL. To address these requirements our Health Classes will be teaching specific units on mental health and wellness and we will be initiating a 6th grade CREW Mentoring and Advisement Program. Additionally, many of our faculty members will be receiving training in Trauma Informed Instruction.

Throughout the course of this school year you will be receiving additional information regarding student usage of Social Media and Cyber Harassment and their impact on your child's Social Emotional Development and their school day. In the meantime we need your help in monitoring your child's technology use.

As a reminder, the Middle School day begins with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:37 a.m. and instruction begins at 7:40 AM. Students who arrive after this are considered tardy. Students with 10 or more absences or tardies, whether excused or not, are considered chronic attendance problems and are reported to the NYS Education Department as such.

Statistically speaking, students with chronic attendance problems are less likely to read at grade level and are 4 times more likely to drop out of high school. Please be aware of the importance of attendance and ensure your child is in school on time. All middle school students have an academic class first period and being tardy means they are missing academic instruction.

The Middle School 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 the Middle School Parent Boosters.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and see you in September.

- Mr. Erich Reidell

### *Retirements and New Staff*

**L**eaving us at the end of the 2017-18 school year were Mrs. Cindy Schmitz and Mrs. Michelle Munson

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

Please join me in welcoming Mr. Joseph Osuch who will serve as the Special Education consultant to the 7th Grade Team Infinity. Mr. Osuch comes to us from the Senior High.

*Welcome aboard!*

September 4	First Day of School
September 13	Open House, 7 p.m.
September 14	Homecoming Pep Rally
September 25	Parent Boosters Meeting, 7 p.m.
September 26	Picture Day
September 28	Middle School Fun Night, 5:00 p.m.
October 5	Go Home Early Drill, <i>dismissal 15 minutes early</i>
October 8	American Heritage Day, No School
October 20	Color Run, 8:00 a.m.
October 26	Superintendent's Conference Day, No School

# Highland Elementary School

Mr. Christopher Walsh - Principal

## *Welcome to a New School Year!*

We are eagerly looking forward to working with you and your children again this year. We have dedicated, hard-working teachers and staff who are committed to providing our students the best education. We will accomplish that by establishing a nurturing environment that focuses on both the students' academic and social growth and by encouraging and involving the entire school community in the educational process.

The Highland staff strive to meet the needs of all students, maintain a safe environment and recognize the importance of the special areas in creating a well rounded individual. The combination of a challenging curriculum and the continuous monitoring of each child's progress will maximize the learning experience.

We urge each parent to become as involved as possible in his/her child's education and to contact me at any time if you have any concerns.

Be sure to read the Highland Happenings, your child's class newsletter, and visit his/her teacher's website to stay current with what is going on at school.

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

### *Resilient Students*

Changes happen every day and can be very daunting to young students. How well a student bounces back from changes or disappointment depends entirely on how resilient the student is. So what can we do to help students improve resiliency and cope with the changes going on all around them.

At school teachers do what they can to build strong connections with their kids so the students learn more readily the proper coping strategies to be used in the classroom. The same is true at home. Studies have shown that parents who have a stronger connection and a closer relationship with their children tend to have more resilient children. Those parents tend to show more affection, take a supportive interest in the activities enjoyed by their children no matter what it is, such as playing a sport or an instrument.

But that does not mean parents should shield their children from all things difficult. Rather it means guiding them through adversities by modelling proper coping strategies, talking with them and teaching them those coping skills that will last a lifetime. Your children will learn that we all have struggles to overcome and moving forward is a normal part of life.

By instilling positive resilience we will have taught our children a major skill in becoming successful both in and out of school and set them on the path to being productive adults.

### *Daily School Attendance Ensures Success!*

She woke up late and there is no way she would make the bus on time. Would it really matter if she went to school late – or not at all?

In a word, **yes!** All professional educators agree that attendance makes a huge difference. Children who are in school every day do better than those who are not, it's that simple.

But what can you do to make those mornings easier? How can you get your child up and out the door, on time, every day? Here are some helpful tips:

**Start the night before.** Is homework in the backpack? Are permission slips signed? Is lunch money set?

**Put the backpack by the door** your child will go out in the morning.

**Lay out clothes** – down to the socks. This one step will avoid more fights than anything else you do.

**Create a checklist** of things that have to be done in the morning before heading off to school and go over it each day to establish a routine.

September 4	First Day of School
September 12	PTG Meeting, 3:30 p.m., Open House, 6:00 p.m.
October 4	Picture Day
October 5	Go Home Early Drill, <i>dismissal 15 minutes early</i>
October 8	American Heritage Day, No School
October 10	PTG Meeting, 3:30 p.m.
October 26	Superintendent's Conference Day, No School
November ?	Fall Fest
November 7	PTG Meeting, 3:30 p.m.
November 12	Veterans Day, No school
November 21-23	Thanksgiving Recess

# A.J. Schmidt Elementary School

Mrs. Jill Clark - Principal

## Welcome Back!

It's that glorious time of year SEPTEMBER! We are ready to receive all the bright eyed students on the first day of school. If you are new to A. J. Schmidt Elementary welcome to our little slice of heaven. If you are a returning family you already know what a wonderful school family we have.

We will begin our K-1 Initiative across the District which means we will have a team of teachers in our Kindergarten and First Grade classrooms that will work with all of our students in small groups designed to their particular strengths or needs in both English Language Arts and Math. We can't wait to see the growth this year at Kindergarten and First Grade

In addition, at Grade 4 one teacher will teach all the subjects to their students. This model will build closer personal relationships with students, enable more flexibility in daily scheduling, create more freedom and less constraints with subjects, small group instruction, more cross curricular tie in, less time lost, we see this as doing great things for kids. This is one of the last opportunities our students will have to experience this unique sense of community in a classroom.

This year our schedule has changed quite a bit, each class will have 2 specials each day. We will no longer have odd/even weeks. Every child will have Physical Education 4 out of 5 days. Your child's teacher will have the specific days and times of each special for you. We welcome our faculty and staff who are joining our AJS family:

Mrs. Dolores Armbrust, School Psychologist - She will now be 100% at AJS

Mrs. Katie Brox, Special Education - Joins us ½ time in the morning

Ms. Sarah Pici, Physical Education - Joins us ½ time in the morning

Ms. Alexandria Salansky, Teaching Assistant

AJS will now have two fully certified Teaching Assistants, which will be a wonderful addition to our teaching staff!

Kudos to Ms. Heidi Brown, Mr. John Page, Mr. Mark Rui, and Mr. Walter Pokigo for their dedication to the building, it looks wonderful! You will have a chance to meet all of our teachers at our Open House on Wednesday, September 18, 6:00-7:30 p.m. Please consider joining AJS PTA, it is a great way to support our children!

- Mrs. Jill Clark

September 4	First Day of School
September 18	PTG Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
September 18	Open House, 6:00 p.m.
October 2	Picture Day
October 5	Go Home Early Drill, <i>dismissal 15 minutes early</i>
October 8	American Heritage Day, No School
October 26	Superintendent's Conference Day, No School
October 31	Halloween Parade, 2:00 p.m.
November 12	Veterans Day, No School
November 14	PTG Meeting, 3:30 p.m.
November 21-23	Thanksgiving Recess

### Continuing Partnerships

Buffalo State and AJS make a wonderful team! Dr. Christopher Shively brings his pre-service teachers to our school to work in classrooms everyone benefits! In addition, Dr. Shively and his students create lessons for our students and work in small groups. We couldn't ask for more!

Playworks is in year #2 at AJS! It creates an atmosphere where every student feels included, active, and has the ability to build valuable social and emotional skills through movement. AJS teachers will have additional training in October.

AJS will continue to provide the Backpack Program to students. We partner with the WNY Food Bank to fill our students' backpacks with food each Friday with food if families choose. It is a great program!



# J.T. Waugh Elementary School

Mrs. Paula Eastman - Principal

## Welcome Back, Waugh Family!

Anticipation begins to build once August hits and the excitement spreads to the J. T. Waugh's teachers, students, and parents. Why? The 2018-2019 school year is shaping up to be even better than our last. We are welcoming new staff, new students, and new events/activities, continuing to make J. T. Waugh a great place to learn, work, and succeed.

I would like to introduce the newest members of our John T. Waugh's family:

Ms. Beth Casey - Building Secretary

Miss Danielle Giordano - Teaching Assistant

Mrs. Kelly Pirson - Long-Term Substitute (Mrs. Mion)

Mrs. Andrea Wincenciak - Teaching Assistant

Mrs. Breanna Blaszczyk - Physical Education (additional support)

Be sure to check out our J. T. Waugh and individual teacher's website. They will be updated and have information you need to keep on top of what's happening at school. Check it out!

**School begins at 8:35a.m.** You set your child up for success by getting him/her to school on time, ready to learn. Being here every day pays off by getting an EDUCATION that so many children around the world are deprived of. Our WAUGH ATTENDANCE PROGRAM provides students who are here every day during each month additional recognition and supports a great habit for future success.

- Mrs. Paula Eastman

## Expectation of Excellence

You will hear and see the message, "**Expectation of Excellence**" throughout the school year in materials from the office, your child's teacher, and from me. A culture of excellence at John T. Waugh will not focus on students only having high grades but building a culture for getting the best education and creating a lifelong passion for learning. How exciting to have your child attend a school where excellence is expected from every student, regardless of their background or ability. Students, teachers, and parents/families will be responsible for creating this culture of excellence for our school. There's a quote from Aristotle, "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit." This will be the central idea of developing a culture of excellence – making it a habit for each of us here at Waugh.

How to prepare for Excellence:

**Excellent Attendance** – be at school every day on time

**Stress the importance of education at home** – what children hear develops their opinions and attitudes

**Read** – homes where adults read have children that read

**Enough sleep** – students who are well rested are ready to learn and cooperate with others

**Don't save them** – don't rush to bring in a forgotten item to school, coping with uncomfortable feelings and situations provide students safe opportunities to strengthen resiliency along with personal responsibility in the future

**Participate in school activities and the PTG** – parents/families are key to the success of our school achieving excellence.

One of the most powerful ways to support a culture of excellence is through live modelling, where our teachers answer questions themselves and explain their thought process in front of the class. Demonstrating the careful planning needed when thinking and questioning. The attitude of the work just needing to be done will not be acceptable here at Waugh. Now students and teachers will have to start asking, "Is this excellent yet?" Our students and community deserve this mindset of excellence.

Throughout the 2018-2019 school year, I look forward to meeting the new members of our school community and continuing to strengthen the connection with those returning. I encourage families to get to know each other to foster friendships, support each other, and enrich a safe, productive environment for our children to grow.

We are ready to begin the 2018-2019 school year. The teachers have put a lot of time and energy getting ready for the year. At Waugh, the staff, faculty, and administration are honored that you entrust us with your precious ones. The hours that your children are with us each day are so important for their future success. Here's to a great school year!

September 4

September 10

September 19

October 1

October 3

October 5

October 8

October 24

October 26

October 30

October 31

First Day of School

Instrumental Parent Night, 7:00 p.m.

PTG Meeting, 3:30 p.m. / Open House, 6:30 p.m.

Picture Day

PTG Meeting, 3:30 p.m.

Go Home Early Drill, dismissal 15 minutes early

American Heritage Day, No School

Project KNOW Parent Orientation, 7:00 p.m.

Superintendent's Conference Day, No School

Project KNOW Parent/Child Night, 7:00 p.m.

Halloween Parade, 2:30 p.m.



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## Fall District Events

September	4	First Day of School (Modified Sports Begin) Board of Education Special Meeting/Work Session - WT. Hoag, 7:00 p.m.
	5	Parent Drug/Alcohol Forum, 6:00 p.m. (Senior High Auditorium)
	10	Elementary Instrumental Parent Night - J.T. Waugh, 7:00 p.m.
	12	Highland Open House, 6:00 p.m.
	13	Middle School Open House, 7:00 p.m.
	10-15	Spirit Week/Homecoming Events
	15	Senior High Homecoming Dance, Saturday 15, 7:00 p.m.
	18	A.J. Schmidt Open House, 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Regular Meeting, Sr. High Media Center - 7:00 p.m.
	19	J.T. Waugh Open House, 6:30 p.m.
	20	Senior High Open House, 6:30 p.m.
	25	Senior High Financial Aid Night, 6:30 p.m.
	28	Middle School Fun Night, 5:00 p.m.
October	2	Board of Education Work Session - District Office, 7:00 p.m.
	5	Go Home Early Drill, K-12 (Dismissal 15 Minutes Early)
	8	American Heritage Day, No School
	16	Board of Education Regular Meeting, Sr. High Media Center - 7:00 p.m.
	17	Red Cross Blood Drive, Senior High Gymnasium, 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
	20	Middle School Color Run, Registration at 9:30 a.m. - Walk/Run to follow
	24	Project KNOW Parent Orientation Night - J.T. Waugh, 7:00 p.m.
	25	Middle School Fun Night, 5:00 p.m.
	26	Superintendent's Conference Day - No School
	30	Project KNOW Parent/Child Night - J.T. Waugh, 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** in order for students to attend school sponsored dances, such as the Homecoming Dance and Junior/Senior Prom.

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

There will be a Parent Forum on Wednesday, September 5, at 6:00 p.m. in the Senior High Auditorium.

**This is the ONLY 2018 Parent Forum before the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, September 15. If you have any questions, please call the Senior High office at 926-2301.**