



# News & Notes

A newsletter from Superintendent of Schools Dr. Charles Galluzzo

Following the Board of Education Meeting of June 8, 2021



Hello Everyone,

Things are looking better. As you know, we're still wearing masks inside, but New York State no longer requires face masks outdoors on school grounds. While that's one of many restrictions slowly lifting, cautionary measures are still in place. Those who want to wear a mask outdoors may do so, and responsible parties may instill their own face mask requirements outdoors.

The reduced restrictions and reduced rate of COVID-19 are largely attributed to people getting vaccinated. With so many older adults now vaccinated, however, health officials note that children and teens are now most at risk for COVID-19. Still, infection rates are falling and, unlike several weeks ago, COVID-19 vaccinations are now readily available.

The Erie County Department of Health will host a Pfizer Vaccination clinic at the High School Gymnasium on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>, from 9 am to 1 pm 12-to-18-year olds. The second dose is July 10<sup>th</sup>, also at the High School, from 9 am to 1 pm. Adults 18+ also are welcome and they would receive the one-dose J&J vaccine. Details are on the District website and at [www.erie.gov/vax](http://www.erie.gov/vax).

Over the past year and a half, we've adjusted and readjusted to many changes. This week's Employee Appreciation Day recognized not just traditional professionalism and commitment, but also your enduring patience, understanding and resilience during these unprecedented times. The results of your efforts can be seen walking across stages, both actual and conceptual, this Spring as our students advance from one grade to the next, and from graduation to the "real" world. We have much to be grateful for and much to be proud of.

Stay safe, and thank you for all you do,  
Dr. Charles Galluzzo, Superintendent

## Employee Appreciation Day Tuesday, June 8, 2021

The Board of Education and District Office Administrators would like to thank all employees for their hard work and dedication to the students, parents & community of the District throughout the 2021-22 school year.

Thank you and Enjoy your day!



Jennifer Michalec, Carla Thompson,  
Christopher Binder, Kathleen Chiavetta,  
William Connors, Jr., Michael Franey, Cindy Latimore,  
Student Representative Madelynn Lockwood,  
District Clerk Kristine DeMatino,  
Charlie Galluzzo, Dan Pacos & Melissa Bergler

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## Board of Education Recognitions 2021

# And, There Was Ice Cream!



Nothing says 'Congratulations!' like ice cream ... well, maybe ice cream AND a certificate and recognition at a Board of Education meeting, and a photographer to record it, too, but the ice cream reception afterward surely adds a sweet note. The Board of Education met with the honorees in attendance Tuesday night in an ice cream reception after congratulating them during its meeting. Honored were:

## STUDENT RECOGNITIONS



### Scholar Athletes

**SIERRA DANIEU:** Girls Cross Country FALL 2020

**JACOB LOGAN:** Boys Varsity Soccer FALL 2020  
Honorable Mention

**BREANNA BARTZ:** Girls Varsity Swim FALL 2020  
Honorable Mention (Pictured at left with BOE President Jennifer Michalec and VP Carla Thompson)

**JULIE KETCHER:** Girls Varsity Swim FALL 2020  
Honorable Mention

**FANTASY JIMERSON-KENJOCKEY:** Girls Varsity  
Basketball Winter 2021 Honorable Mention



# Board of Education Recognitions 2021

## STUDENTS Con't ...

### All-County Honors:

#### All-County Band & Jazz:

COLE FULLER, MOLLY MAJEWSKI, JOSHUA MERRITT, CARTER STERNER, ERIN MCGARRITY, JAKE HOPKINS.

#### All-County Chorus:

EMMA RINN, DEVON LOGEL, KAYLEE GUZMAN, CHLOE BUDZISZEWSKI, REBECCA MYERS, ELIZABETH SRENIAWSKI, HANNAH DUNMIRE, KAYLIN GOLEMBIEWSKI, VICTORIA CHERRY, JOSEPHINE DEJOY, REILLY GREEN.

### NYS School Music Association Conference

#### All-State:

ELIZABETH SRENIAWSKI, Mixed Chorus;  
REBECCA MYERS, Treble Chorus;  
KAYLEE GUZMAN, Treble Chorus.

#### Visual Arts:

HAILEY KLISZAK, a junior whose work was selected for the Albright-Knox Student Curators Exhibit.



## 'Behind the Smiles'

Each year the Albright Knox hosts an exhibition curated by students in a Future Curators Program. Congratulations to junior Hailey Kliszak for being selected as an exhibiting artist in this year's exhibition! Titled "The Presence of Absence," the show features artwork created by High School students from Western New York, Vermont, and Ontario, Canada. You can see her work and the entire exhibition online [HERE](#).

### Recognition of Student BOE Representative

The Board of Education thanked Madelyn Lockwood for her service as Student Representative on the Board of Education during the 2020-21 school year. "This privilege was extended to Madelyn as Student Government President," noted BOE President Jennifer Michalec, "And she took this responsibility very seriously developing a relationship with Board members and the Superintendent, and becoming an effective liaison between the student body and the school district."



# Board of Education Recognitions 2021



## ‘Taking the Cake’ with NYS Awards!

You heard about them earlier this year, when senior **LAYLA SENECA** (above left) took 1st place and junior **ERYN GAWLAK** (above right) took 2nd Place in the ProStart Cake Challenge for NY State. The Lake Shore students are in the Erie 2 CC BOCES Culinary Arts program at the Carrier Center, and they continue to be on winning teams.

This time, the Carrier Center team of LSHS senior **GARRETT CHMURA**, junior **SOLOMON BAYER**, **LAYLA** and **ERYN** took 1st place in the Culinary Competition in the NYS Restaurant Association Educational Foundation Virtual Pro-Start Invitational.

And, in the Invitational’s Management Competition, 1st place again went to a Carrier Center team, comprised of Lake Shore’s **LAYLA** and **ERYN** and North Collins student **AUDREY KAPUSZCZK!**

## Erie-Niagara School Superintendents Association Scholastic Achievement Recognition Honorees:

**SIERRA DANIEU**, LSHS Class of 2021 Valedictorian

**ABBEY HANES**, LSHS Class of 2021 Salutatorian

**KAYLEE GUZMAN**, 3rd in LSHS Class of 2021

# Congratulations!

**Fantasy Jimerson-Kenjockety started playing lacrosse when she was nine years old.**

"I started with a local organization, Seneca Girls," she says, "Then a couple of travel teams, then World Lacrosse." And, of course, JV Lacrosse in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, and Varsity Lacrosse throughout her years at Lake Shore High School.

Lacrosse now will help take her to college. Fantasy is a recipient of a \$10,000 Tewaaron Native American Scholarship, presented by USA Lacrosse. The scholarships are awarded to honor high school students of Haudenosaune / Iroquois heritage who exemplify high character, leadership, and academics, both on and off the lacrosse field.

Fantasy fits the bill. She has been the three-year starting goalie for Lake Shore High School and also has been a member of the Haudenosaune Nationals U19 Women's World Team, Haudenosaune Nationals 2019 PALA Team and WNY Rochester 2019 Team. Fantasy supports and pays respect to her community by consistently volunteering and working with local children.

She attributes her lacrosse success to her competitive nature. "I'm a really competitive person," says Fantasy, "If I feel like there's someone who's doing more than me, I'll try to catch up and put in extra training. Lacrosse has always been my rock, It's always been there for me." She says it has taught me many valuable things:



**"How to be a strong leader.  
How to be resilient.  
How to be hard-working.  
How to never settle.  
And it provides a family."**

Fantasy is a member of the Beaver Clan and resides on the Seneca Cattaraugus Territory. With her drive, diligence and commitment to academics, she decided to graduate high school early and will attend Alfred University this Fall, where she has committed to the Women's Lacrosse Team and will major in Chemistry. "Chemistry is really interesting," she says. "It's hands-on learning. The experiments and labs are fun. And every big corporation needs a chemical engineer."



## Board of Education Recognitions 2021



BOE President Jennifer Michalec, front far left, and Vice President Carla Thompson, front far right, pose with instructional retirees (front, from left) Janice Catalano, Occupational Therapy; Margaret Sanna, Speech Therapy; Lisa Smith, German, and (back, from left) Jeffrey Salerno, Science; Erin Wodzinski, Speech Therapy; Jacqueline Preischel, Elementary Education, and Paul Hornberger, Elementary Education.

## Instructional Retirements

**JANICE CATALANO,**  
Occupational Therapist, 35 yrs

**KAREN DiCHRISTINA-OSUCH,**  
Special Education Teacher,  
14 yrs

**LYNNE JAKIEL,**  
Elementary Teacher, 31 yrs

**PAUL HORNBERGER,**  
Elementary Teacher, 33 yrs

**JAQUELINE PREISCHEL,**  
Elementary Teacher, 25 yrs

**JEFFREY SALERNO,**  
Science Teacher, 32 yrs

**MARGARET SANNA,**  
Speech Therapist, 33 yrs

**CAREN SCHWEIKERT,**  
Elementary Teacher, 33 yrs

**MADONNA SCIARRINO,**  
Special Education Teacher,  
36 yrs

**LISA SMITH,**  
German Teacher,  
32 yrs

**ERIN WODZINSKI,**  
Speech Therapist,  
25 yrs

## Board of Education Recognitions 2021



Retiring Bus Driver Carol Hughes, center left, and retiring Custodian Sharon Morris, center right, are flanked by BOE President Jennifer Michalec and Vice President Carla Thompson after being congratulated during Tuesday night's Board of Education meeting.

## Non-Instructional Retirements

**VICKY DAVIS**, Laborer,  
12 yrs

**MICHAEL GALL**, Laborer,  
12 yrs

**CAROL HUGHES**, Bus Driver,  
24 yrs

**JACQUELINE MARKEL**, Personal Care Aide,  
7 yrs

**SHARON MORRIS**, Custodian,  
29 yrs

**GLENN SMITH**, Custodian,  
41 yrs

**DONNA SPRATZ**, Bus Driver,  
20 yrs

**TERRI STROHMEYER**, Bus Driver,  
5 yrs



# Board of Education Recognitions 2021



Congratulated on receiving tenure were: (front, from left) Lori Wunder, Elementary Education; Amanda Panek, Elementary Education; Christie Waterman, Library Media Specialist; Katy Berner-Wallen, Secondary Assistant Principal; Jessica Dosser, Special Education, with BOE Vice President Carla Thompson; (back, from left) BOE President Jennifer Michalec with Kelly Conrad, Elementary Education; Keri Armbrust, School Social Worker, and Katherine Caboot, Elementary Education.

## Tenure!

**KATHRYN ANDERSON,**  
Special Education

**KERI (FISHER) ARMBRUST,**  
School Social Worker

**DANIELLE ARNONE,**  
Business Education

**KATY BERNER-WALLEN,**  
Secondary Assistant Principal

**KATHERINE CABOOT,**  
Elementary Education

**KELLY (HEIMBBURG) CONRAD,**  
Elementary Education

**JESSICA DOSSER,**  
Special Education

**MIKAYLA KOZLOWSKI,**  
Foreign Language (French)

**CHRISTIE WATERMAN,**  
Library Media Specialist

**AMANDA PANEK,**  
Elementary Education

**MAUREEN REICHERT,**  
Special Education

**LORIE WUNDER,**  
Elementary Education



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Honored for their outstanding technical work, especially during the pandemic, were (center, from left) **RYAN PRZEPASNIAK, RYAN NELLIS, and JEFFREY BARNES (PRASHANT SAKPAL** not available for photo). With them are BOE President Jennifer Michalec, left, and Vice President Carla Thompson, right.

## Staff Recognitions

**NANCY ALLESI:** Using innovative technology in implementing creative strategies in teaching Mathematics

**ROSANNE SCHALLER and KATHLEEN KREINHEDER** (At center right, top, with Mrs. Michalec and Mrs. Thompson): Starting and implementing the Donate Life Club at Lake Shore

**MEGAN SMALDINO, MIKE DREZEK and DEANN POLEON** (At center, right, bottom, with Mrs. Michalec and Mrs. Thompson): Bringing Oculus Rift to the High School and implementing this virtual reality system to build on student creativity in art class.

**MICHAEL BRINKERHOFF, JENNIFER LINSLEY, KATHLEEN BROKX, BELINDIE EBLING, DARLENE FORD and JUNE MATTUCCI:** For pursuing the extension of your certification by completing the necessary state paperwork to obtain the Statement of Continued Eligibility (SOCE) pathway.



## Board of Education Recognitions 2021

# Board Recognitions



BOE President Jennifer Michalec, left, and Vice President Carla Thompson pose with two of their Board of Education colleagues who received recognition on Tuesday night:

Top photo: **KATHLEEN CHIAVETTA**, for receiving the Erie County Association of School Boards Lorie E. Sabo Advocacy Award for her efforts in advocating for public education.



Bottom photo: **CHRISTOPHER BINDER**, for receiving the New York State School Boards Association Board Achievement Award for his participation in NYSSBA board development opportunities, including New Member Academy, Board Officers Academy, the NYSSBA Annual Convention, legal conferences and regional workshops.

### AND in business matters Tuesday night, the Board of Education:

**Approved the 6-month probationary appointments of:**

**JULIA JAKIEL,**  
Monitor

**CHRISTIAN GRAVIUS,**  
Monitor

**Approved the nomination of:**

**LINDA HOFFMAN,** as  
Area 1 Director of the  
New York State School  
Boards Association.

**Approved issuance of:**

**\$575,674.95 in serial  
bonds of the District  
to finance the purchase  
of replacement vehicles.**





## 8th Grade Celebration

In an evening drive through celebration at the Middle School, parents dropped off students near the stage set up beneath the big tree at Eagle Drive Circle ... there, they received their certificates, mounted the stage with the Lake Shore banner, and to the sound of teachers' cheers and festive noisemakers, gave some spectacular almost-freshmen-now smiles as family and friends took photographs and celebrated their achievements.



## Presidential Scholars

**At the 8th Grade Celebration, 36 students were recognized for achieving the President's Education Achievement Award for Outstanding Academic Excellence. These students were on the Honor Roll for 11 consecutive marking periods.**

Savannah Borkowski, Dominic Cadin, Alyse Coyle, Sophia Holland, Brian Crupe, Brianna Huddy, Martin Castle Jr., Keely Trembath, Sarah Shank, Emily Valentine, Camryn Szarowiz, Sierra Steffan, Connor Smith, Aquinnah Maybee, Amelia Smaldino, Nathan Smith, Sophie Lehnen, Brandon Martin, Madison Steinert, Madison Kwilos, Emma Skibinski, Jack Jarzynski, Sara Ellis, Sydney Eschberger, Makayla Dragowski, Autumn Jackson, Keegan Green, Hailee Brantoll, Nicole Vaught, Summer Szalay, Aiden Lyon, Lucie Scarpino, Jenna Marinaro, Kaylee Ricotta, Bryson Renzo.

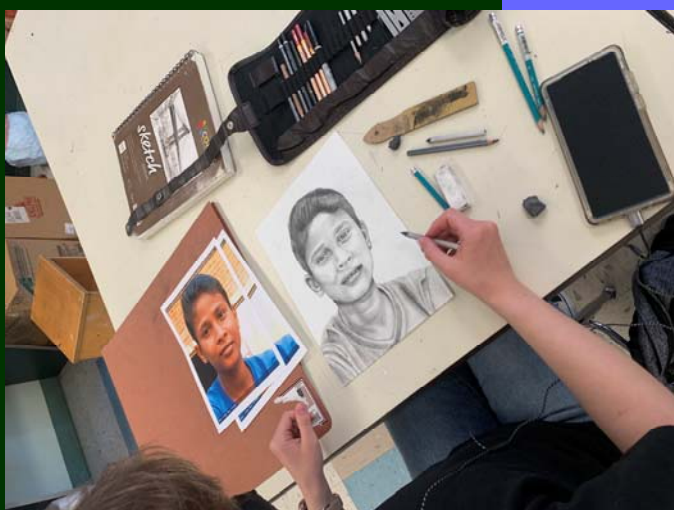
# Some Kindness & Some Art

## From Lake Shore to India!



### With global kindness as inspiration ...

Some Lake Shore Advanced Placement Art students are making special gifts for children around the world facing substantial challenges, including neglect, abuse, loss of parents, and extreme poverty. These Memory Project portraits are intended to help the children feel valued and show them that many people around the world care about their well-being.



"These students are making portraits of orphans and refugees and we will ship them to India," says Art Teacher Katie Zittel. "The child will receive their very own realistic portrait, done in pencil, paint and colored pencil." This is the students' final assignment, she says, as they have just finished uploading their portfolios to the College Board.

Top right (senior Kailey Ellis) and bottom left (senior Emma Rinn) photos by Katie Zittel. Top left (senior Kira Fleming) and middle (junior Hailey Klisak).



# Cutting Edge Code!



**These AP Computer Science students don't just play around ... they actually create the games.**

"They're working in Unreal Engine, a powerful, real-time 3D creation program, and they're learning the C++, programming language through game development. They have explored coding in Scratch (a block-based language) and Python prior to their AP exam," says Special Education Teacher Devon Asboth. "Now they're working on new languages to create video game platforms and HTML, JavaScript, and CSS by designing apps using a program called MAD-Learn."

"When students learn programming, it's important to work with the latest software applications to get experience with products used in the field. Unreal Engine gives them a chance to work with interactive 3D content, learn game mechanics, and explore visual based coding. This empowers students to become creators with technology. It is also reshaping visual communication, solving problems, and telling stories in an entirely new way. There is a great demand in the workforce for people with these skills and it has been great working with the students to grow these skills," says Technology Integrator Michael Drezek.

Jacob Alvira and Matt Holland



Emma Rinn



Bryan McNamara



# Coming Up!

**Fri., June 11**  
Prom, HS

**Sat., June 12**  
4 pm, Senior Parade (rain date 4 pm, June 13)  
Thank you to the parent volunteers who organized this!

**Fri., June 18**  
Senior Walk-Around

**Mon., June 21**  
Highland Kindergarten Celebration

**Mon., June 21**  
AJS 5th Grade Moving Up Day

**Tues., June 22**  
AJS Kindergarten Celebration

**Wed., June 23**  
JTW K & Gr 5 Celebration Parade

**Wed., June 23**  
Highland 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Celebration

**Thurs., June 24**  
New Teacher End of the Year celebration, mentoring breakfast

**Thurs., June 24**  
6:30 pm, HS graduation, football field. Rain date: Friday, June 25.



JTW 4th/5th Grade Orchestra.



JTW 4th/5th Grade Band.

## A Gazebo, A Lawn Chair & A Concert Bring Harmony to A Challenging Year

Music teacher Nicholas Caputummino shares these photos of J.T. Waugh's 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade instrumental students who performed in the school's 1st Annual Lawn Chair Gazebo Concert at Centennial Park. "Parents, students and faculty were all present to bring in the Spring flavor," he says. "This event marked only the second performance for the 4th and 5th graders, as they have worked through a challenging year. The students learned valuable performance techniques for years to come. Thank you to everyone who made this special event possible!"



# Do You Think They Realize How Much They're Learning?!

**At Right:** Third grade friends at A.J. Schmidt play Make -A-Monster with Mrs. Karpinski to “work” on their math!  
- Photo by Mrs. Karpinski

**Below:** When the Construction Zone comes to town, math will abound. Here, Mrs. Nasca's Highland 3rd graders challenge their Math skills in two digit multiplication, and calculating area and perimeter. (NOTE: Masks were worn, just lowered briefly for the photo!)

- Photo by Beth Farrell





LSC CLASS OF 2021  
PARADE  
JUNE 12, 2021 4:00 PM

\*Rain Date June 13, 2021



**SENIORS- DECORATE YOUR VEHICLE & JOIN THE CELEBRATION**

Meet at Evangola State Park by 3:30pm

Parade Starts at 4pm

We suggest having someone drive you so you can be visible.

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN CELEBRATING YOU!



**Class of 2021  
Senior Parade  
4 pm,  
Saturday,  
June 12**

*Thank you to the  
parent volunteers  
who organized this!*

## Parade Route

Seniors meet at Evangola State Park  
by 3:30 pm.

Parade starts at 4 pm.

Parade begins at Evangola State Park

•  
Turns **LEFT** on Lake Shore Road

•  
Down Lake Shore Road to Lake Street

•  
**RIGHT** on Lake Street to Main Street  
in Village of Angola

•  
**LEFT** on Main Street to Beach Road

•  
**LEFT** on Beach Road to High School-

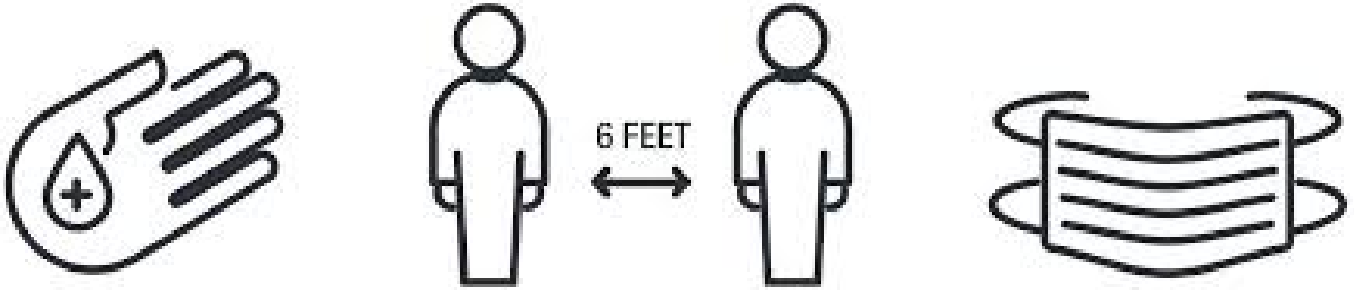
Pizza will be provided  
for all the Seniors  
after the parade  
in the school parking lot



# COVID-19 Protocols

# Reminders!

## Keeping Us Safe & Our Buildings Open



Although the positivity rate is dropping, to keep our buildings open and staff, students and colleagues safe from COVID-19:

- Masks should be worn indoors at all times.
- Social Distancing for 6 feet or more when-ever possible. (The ECDOH considers someone a "close contact" if they are less than 6 feet for 10 consecutive minutes or more.)
- Frequently wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and running water are not immediately available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer and rub hands together until they are dry.
- Stay home if sick.
- Faculty & Staff should take breaks in separate locations to help minimize the spread of any potential COVID-19 that may affect your building.
- Avoid gatherings with people you don't

live with.

**If you are experiencing symptoms or have been advised by a healthcare provider to get tested, rapid testing is available.** Appointments are made at the county's COVID-19 hotline: 858-2929.

If you test positive  
OR are in contact with an individual who tested positive for COVID-19 contact  
[kristine.demartino@lscsd.org](mailto:kristine.demartino@lscsd.org)  
or  
926-2202.

Please use 545-0626 after hours and weekends.

**Results and quarantine/isolation orders need to be provided to Kristine DeMartino upon receipt.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Superintendent's Office. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in keeping our District safe and our buildings open.