



# News & Notes

A newsletter from Superintendent of Schools Dr. Charles Galluzzo

Following the Board of Education Meeting of October 6, 2020



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Shore Eagle  
mask! Order  
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Jazz lives at LS  
High School!  
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Bunnies at work  
at AJS!  
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**Hello Everyone,**

One thing we've learned over the past several months is the importance of being nimble. Guidance continually evolves as we better understand Covid-19 and adjust accordingly. The Board of Education heard about these updates and adjustments at its work session on Tuesday evening:

- **Revised guidance** from the Erie County Department of Health related to quarantine and return-to-school/work requirements for persons in extended periods of time in proximity situations. On a related note, you may have seen the NYS Covid Dashboard report showing four positive student cases in our school district. Three of those cases are fully remote students who are not attending here in person, and one is a student residing in the district who is not enrolled in LSCSD schools. At this point, we have no reports of in-person student or staff cases.

Remember, however, if you feel you need testing, rapid-testing is available to ALL school district staff who work in buildings. Appointments must be made at (716) 858-2929 and are on weekday mornings, first-come, first-served. If your physician tells you to get a Covid-19 test, make sure they know you're eligible for rapid testing because you work in a school district.

- **Updated daily screening questionnaire** for students/employees. The questions now address whether YOU, not someone you know, have been in close or proximate contact, tested positive, had symptoms, traveled internationally, etc.
- **Marking kids present** when they are not turning in work is not the Lake Shore standard. Once we have technology in the hands of students, we will shift attendance expectations. Many thanks to Terry Maiorana for entering the technology survey results into spreadsheet format. Jeff Barnes and Vicky Trimm tabulated the numbers and within the next several days we aim to have a device to 328 households that need one for remote learning. By the way, 99% of the devices loaned out last spring have been returned to the district.
- **This month we're sending a letter** to families of elementary remote learners to ask about their intent to return to school on November 16 and begin the second trimester with us. Stay tuned.

Our pandemic year continues to unfold and evolve. Your continued commitment, flexibility, patience and support are much appreciated.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Charles Galluzzo, Superintendent

## High School Update ... life goes on, as do the masks



Senior Michael Nowak sizes up a shot during digital photography class. Mrs. Smaldino has been teaching the basic settings of DSLR cameras and how to make a perfectly exposed image. In this session, Michael and his classmates are collecting images of pumpkins and harvested veggies provided by Bowman Farms of North Collins.

—Photo by Margaret Smaldino

### **What are the changes at Lake Shore High School for return to school this year?**

**High School Principal Christine Koch gave the Board of Education an inside look during its Tuesday night work session, with a building tour and presentation.**

She covered the new protocols regarding masks, daily screening questionnaires and temperature-taking, and six foot distancing. Having half the students in person on given days also allows another precaution, she told them: Green Eagle team and White Eagle team hallway lockers alternate, allowing more spacing. And you really don't want to go up the down staircase here —you go up OR down, as signage directs, to eliminate close passing from opposite directions.

Keeping students physically safe is just part of the school's oversight, she said. In September, student surveys were conducted asking how the students were doing. This month, another survey will ask what needs they may have. In this way, the school can better provide the appropriate supports. "Our concerns are social-emotional first, academic second," said Mrs. Koch. "These are kids who haven't been in our buildings in months and we want to know where they are at and how we can help."



# Sports Update ... Game On! (with pods and masks)

**At right:**  
Jillian Guziec during  
Girls Varsity Soccer  
practice.

**Bottom right:**  
Boys Varsity Soccer  
practice.

For all practices and games, coaches have Covid Kits. The kits include hand-held, no-touch thermometers for taking athletes' temperatures before each event, as well as equipment disinfectant spray, hand sanitizer, and protective gloves and masks.



**Back-to-School updates to the Board of Education on Tuesday night included a look at the State of Sports & Extracurriculars.** Boys and Girls Varsity and JV soccer and modified soccer are on, as are cross country, Girls Varsity swimming, tennis and golf, said Superintendent Charles Galluzzo.

"We're following NYS regulations for two spectators per athlete," adds Athletic Director Daryl Besant. ECIC has purchased spectator credentials on lanyards. Spectators must wear them at all times, along with masks, and maintain social distancing. Six foot circles are drawn on the soccer fields to ensure appropriate spectator distancing. "You pick a pod," says Mr. Besant. For girls swimming, there still are no on-site spectators, but the district is going to set up a YouTube channel for livestreaming so parents can watch the events, he said.

Some extracurriculars also are back in play, including student government at the Middle School and High School, and Yearbooks.



# 'Make My Day ...'



**So, this is how you make someone's day:**

That's J.T. Waugh 5th grader Matthew Rodgers at front. He's a student in Jacqueline Preischel's class.

As I was taking this photo, Matthew says, "Those are nice glasses." I was startled. "Well, thank you," I said.

"Nice earrings, too," he said. Awww!

"I'm coming to this class more often," I assured Mrs. Preischel.

## **REMINDER from Jeff Barnes:**

Please make sure students log off computers and Chromebooks **BEFORE** they return them to the cart or hand them in.

We have run across several Chromebooks still logged in and running programs. With Ed Law 2D and student privacy no student should see other students programs, school-work or files.



## **The Lake Shore Student Government Mask Sale is On!**

**Now in Classic Eagle Green & White  
OR Charcoal LS Variation!**

**Select your favorite and order by October 16  
via online order form [HERE](#).**

*Checks payable to LSCSD.*

*Please write "Student Government Mask Fundraiser" in memo line.*



# On Green Dolphin Street

## ***Green Dolphin Street***

is a 1947 historical drama disaster film whose title song, "Green Dolphin Street," became a jazz standard. It has been recorded by Bill Evans, Tony Bennett, Miles Davis, John Coltrane, and now, by Lake Shore High School.

"Last year's High School Jazz Ensemble completed a project during our virtual instruction period. I didn't roll it out to the district as it was nearing the end of school and I was afraid most wouldn't hear it or were 'virtually exhausted,'" says High School Band Director Eric Blodgett.

"Jacob DeAngels (2020 grad) really headed up the project and most students contributed," says Mr. Blodgett. "It was our first attempt at a student-controlled project, completely virtual. We created a Jazz Classroom and I gave Jacob and Dylan Barrett admin rights. They worked on getting the student submissions and engineered them into a final mix. I only offered a few suggestions along the way."



Listen to Lake Shore's rendition **HERE.**

‘Jazz is alive and strong here at Lake Shore.’

– Eric Blodgett

# AJS & the Chickens (& Bunnies)



## Chicken Whisperers

**At right,** Dr. G. greets two of the chickens that come to A.J. Schmidt two days a week along with two bunnies and two Buffalo State College professors and their eight pre-service education majors.

It's a partnership now in its sixth year of providing college students with practice in a real environment and much welcomed additional supports and resources to A.J. Schmidt.  
- Photo by Jill Clark

**Above,** All hands reach out as BSC student Tricia Andres shares a moment with Dixie.  
- Photo by Laura Bagley



Covid-19 precautions and restrictions presented some challenges to the Buffalo State College pre-service students at A.J. Schmidt this year. This semester, they are learning to teach math to elementary students but to minimize interactions with students, they prepare lessons for the classroom teachers to present and often their work is done virtually.

The gardens at A.J. Schmidt, however, provide a way to bring the youngsters outside and create high interest lessons. Dr. Lauren Ormsby brings in chickens and rabbits from her Sunset Sky Farm in Westfield, so teaching math can blend with lessons about tending the garden and the animals.

*See more photos on the next page.*



## All hail the chickens!

Posing with chickens Dixie (white) and Peggy (brown) is the BSC contingent, from left: Tricia Andres, Dr. Lauren Ormsby, Ross Pochatko, Samantha Kurdziel, Mary Nolan, Brianna Wherry, Taylor Leder, Ashley Sutton, Laura Bagley and Dr. Christopher Shively.

The 1st graders, from left, are: Gabriella Ricketts, Alexavier Vega, Paige Manning, Liara Smith, Zoey Rockwood and Brody Szalkowski.

## Lower right, clockwise:

Gabriella Ricketts reaches toward a bunny ear. "Mama" is the brown one and "AJ" is her baby.

Dr. Ormsby (kneeling) introduces 1st graders to the rabbits.

Liara Smith and Gabriella Ricketts, also chicken whisperers!

## About the work of the chickens and rabbits:

*As they go about their 'business,' they are naturally fertilizing the gardens. And as they scratch and peck for insects they help work the soil and rid the garden of pests.*

# Chickens & Bunnies & AJS Con't ...





# Capital Project Notes

*Here's a look at how things are shaping up with the High School addition:*

## Top left:

This is the hallway that will connect the new addition to the existing building.

## Top right:

A view looking from inside the athletic addition to the outside.

## Middle left:

A front view of the new addition.

## Middle right:

A back view of the new addition. Note the brick facing going up. (Also the distancing markings on the athletic field in foreground!)

## Bottom:

Back view of the new addition wrapping around toward the front. (And, in the foreground, some of the "spectator pods" drawn on the field for distancing.)





## Upcoming Board of Education Meetings

**Oct. 20,  
7 pm  
Regular  
Meeting  
High School**

**Nov. 3,  
7 pm  
Work  
Session  
J.T. Waugh  
Elementary  
School**

**Board  
of Education  
meetings are  
now being held  
in person and  
also are  
livestreamed  
HERE.**

**Thank you, LSCSD!**



**Our pledges from  
Lake Shore staff to  
the United Way of  
Buffalo and Erie  
County total**

**\$6,026.**

**Thank you for helping provide everything from diapers to bus passes to tutoring for children from struggling families, and for supporting designated agencies including:**

The Boys & Girls Club of Eden,  
The Boys & Girls Club of Lake Shore,  
Camp Good Days & Special Times of WNY,  
Children's Hospital of Buffalo Foundation, Cradle Beach Camp,  
Dunkirk Camp & Conference Center,  
EPIC Every Person Influences Children,  
Lake Shore Family Support Center,  
Operation Good Neighbor,  
Camp Pioneer,  
Ronald McDonald House Charities,  
Harmonia Collaborative Care,  
United Way of Buffalo & Erie County.

**We make a difference!**