



The LSHS All-State Singers present
'I'll Be Home for Christmas' [HERE](#).

Thank you,
Kaylee Guzman,
Rebecca Myers, and
Elizabeth Sreniawski.

Happy Holidays
to All!

The Board of Education on Tuesday night:

Approved the appointment of:
Jeffrey Connors,
as an additional Title VI Native American Program Tutor.

Leslie Iler,
Cafeteria Monitor.

Accepted with regret the resignation for the purpose of retirement of:
Jacqueline Markle,
Personal Care Aide.

Next Meeting:

7pm,
TUESDAY, Jan. 19
Regular Meeting

News & Notes

A newsletter from Superintendent of Schools Dr. Charles Galluzzo

Following the Board of Education Meeting of December 15, 2020



Hello Everyone,

The sight of those school buses on the road again Tuesday had us all feeling like our world was tilting back toward normal.

We breathed a sigh of relief and things felt more "right" again.

We're excited to have the kids back. We would like to keep them back, so we're reminding everyone again that:

- **masks are to be worn at all times now, and**
- **we need to keep six feet or more of social distance, and**
- **we need to continue washing our hands.**

Also, contrary as it may seem in this season of goodwill, faculty and staff should take breaks in separate locations to help minimize the spread of any potential COVID-19 that may affect your building. Eating, and talking without masks, is another opportunity for the virus to spread. Separation mitigates that potential for transmission and provides another layer of protection for ourselves, each other, and our students.

COVID may still be among us, but so are happy signs of the holidays:

At the High School, Leadership in Action is doing a QR code scan for holiday trivia, and the Music Department presents its [Virtual Holiday Concert at 7 p.m., Dec. 21st](#) on YouTube.

The Middle School has a Tree of Warmth covered with donated mittens, scarves and hats. Surrounding the tree are donated coats and toiletry items for our local community.

At A.J. Schmidt, a mini tree was put up in the lobby for the kids to see when they came back. **Highland** held its Holiday Virtual Fun Night this week. And signs of the seasons abound also at **J.T. Waugh and Hoag**.

In other matters across the District:

The Buildings and Grounds Department held bid openings for Phase 3 of the Capital Construction Project on Thursday.

The Transportation Department held its bus safety drill this week and will have its DOT inspection this Friday. These inspections are even more strict than before, as part of everyone's effort to keep kids safe.

The Technology Department has distributed MiFi's to every student who needs one.

On the Athletics front, the state put an undefined hold on high risk sports: wrestling, basketball, competitive cheer. A Jan 4 start looks possible for swimming and indoor track.

The buses are rolling, the kids are back, and things are moving along here on every front. Let's stay safe and stay open!

Sincerely,
Dr. Charles Galluzzo, Superintendent

Who do you call when you need an assist?

Mike Drezek and Deann Poleon

‘Integrators’

The pandemic has forced everyone to shift their usual mindset, behaviors and expectations and the work of the District’s Technology Integrators has not been immune. “We’ve moved from introducing new platforms and technologies to more of a support role,” Deann Poleon told the Board of Education. “We’re learning what works in this different kind of a world.”

Job #1 as the new school year approached was getting everyone up to speed on Google Classroom Basics, said Mike Drezek, “So everyone felt comfortable walking in the door in the Fall.” Google Boot Camps also covered Gmail and Google Meets, as Mr. Drezek and Mrs. Poleon presented the essential tools to keep everything going during remote education. “It has become obvious that every single educator in the District has leveled up their technology skills as a result of emergency remote learning,” said Mr. Drezek.

Part of creating this instructional environment includes a standing date for support with Monday Google Meet Ups. They’ve created flyers listing expectations and norms for students, parents and guardians for video conferencing and Google Meets. They’ve also held parent information sessions online and even socially-distanced in person at the Seneca Nation CCC Building.

While their role now looks a little different due to hybrid/remote teaching and learning, the overarching goal is still the same—to integrate technology and learning. To that end, Boomwriter, Flipgrid, Gimkit, Belouga, Buncee and more have helped and if you’d like to learn more about any of that ... give them a shout!

The Integrators can be reached at 926-3749 or 926-2131.



BRAVA, Nancy Alles, ‘Top Creator’!



Shout out to High School math teacher Nancy Alles, who was named a

Top Screencastify Creator at Lake Shore for 2020!

She worked to master how to teach math online, and before long had created more than 170 math instructional videos.

Lake Shore has had more than 130 teachers creating Screencastify videos since January 2020, with Nancy leading the way!

'That event changed my life forever.'

Rosanne Schaller, co-advisor of the High School's Donate Life Club, shared the club's origin story when she and fellow advisor Kate Kreinheder updated the Board of Education on the group's activities Tuesday night.

It all began on a December day 10 years ago, she recounted, when her son was born with a major health problem. Struggling to breathe and with internal bleeding, doctors feared there would not be enough of the donor blood and platelets her son needed to survive. It was harrowing, but he did survive, and she told the Board, "That event changed me forever."

"If we run out of blood, there's nothing we can do,"

she said, "This blood can't come from a machine or animals." Thus began a crusade to give back and get others to give back.

The most recent chapters in that crusade include:

- [A Lake Shore High School-sponsored blood drive on Monday, Dec. 21](#), from noon to 6 p.m. at Lake Erie Beach Fire Department.
- [And another blood drive on Wednesday, Jan. 6](#), from 3 to 7 p.m., at The Well in North Collins.

"We have to have each others back," she said. "We're forever grateful to donors. It's an act of kindness like no other."

Holiday Heroes Blood Drive

Lake Erie Beach Fire Dept.

Sponsored by Lake Shore High School

Main Hall • 9483 Lake Shore Rd., Angola

Monday, December 21

12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Schedule an appointment today!

Visit ConnectLifeGiveBlood.org
and enter sponsor code 000254
or call Rosanne Schaller at 716.861.7200
or Kathleen Kreinheder at 716.228.9017

FREE Holiday Heroes t-shirt for donors!

Connect Life
Blood & Organ Donor Network



Last week, Riley (pictured above), a North Collins student, was rushed to the hospital with a high fever, desperately needing a blood transfusion.

Riley is one of the many people for whom a safe, dependable blood supply is vital. Blood donations are needed now and your donation on Dec. 21st can help Riley and others like him.

Donating blood is very safe and it is by appointment only.

Want to Help Save 3 Lives? Sign Up for the Jan. 6 Connect Life Blood Drive

As you may have heard, the blood supply in our region is critically low. You can help save lives by donating blood at the upcoming
Connect Life Blood Drive,
3-7 p.m.,
Wednesday, Jan. 6
at The Well in North Collins.

Connect Life takes every precaution against the spread of COVID-19. This is why the drive is by appointment only.

Please schedule your appointment **HERE**.
You can save up to 3 local lives
for less than an hour of your time!



CALL
KRISTINE DeMARTINO

If you test positive
or are in contact with an individual
who tested positive for COVID-19,

926-2202 or
545-0626 (after hours or weekends)
or email
kristine.demartino@lscsd.org

Results and quarantine orders also
need to be provided
to Kristine DeMartino upon receipt.

About Our Orange Zone Testing Requirements ...

Schools in Red and Orange zones must adhere to strict health guidelines to keep schools in focus areas safely open to in-person instruction.

Lake Shore is currently located in an Orange zone. In an Orange zone, a total of 20% of in-person students, faculty and staff must be tested for COVID-19 over the one-month period following the zone designation. The numbers tested should be proportionately spread across the month with 10% the maximum/minimum to be tested biweekly.

Lake Shore's initial round of testing took place on December 11th. All results were **NEGATIVE** which allowed us to go back to in-person hybrid instruction on December 15th.

After the initial round of testing, randomization of consent forms will be performed to determine the next group of students, faculty, and staff members for testing.

*This required, random Orange zone testing
is separate from the rapid testing (see below)
open to all Lake Shore employees.*

Lake Shore Employees ARE ELIGIBLE FOR RAPID TESTING.

If you are experiencing symptoms
or
have been advised
by a healthcare provider to get tested,
(This is separate from the orange zone
testing requirements)

appointments can be made
by calling the county's
COVID-19 hotline
858-2929.

Thank you, Mr. Smith!



When Senior Custodian Glenn Smith decided to close the books on a 40-year career at Lake Shore, it was a hard good bye for everyone at J.T. Waugh. His four decades at the school were marked by his kindness, his dedication, and his professionalism. "He started here part-time and he is super well-respected," relates Principal Paula Eastman. "The building was always pristine and he could fix anything. He ran a tight ship. I never had any worries about this building."

On his last day, Mrs. Eastman concocted a ruse that would draw him to her office. As he passed through the halls, every member of the faculty and staff lined the hallways to applaud him. Then they gathered for a group photo and presented him with a gift certificate to Ace Hardware.

Mr. Smith has been using some vacation time as he winds into retirement, which becomes effective on Christmas Day. He and his wife Rita plan to enjoy their grandchildren and time at their cabin in the country.

Happy Retirement, Glenn Smith, and thank you!



Top photo: Glenn Smith, Senior Custodian, leaves the building for a well-deserved retirement.

Middle photo: Faculty and staff at J.T. Waugh gather for a farewell photo. Mr. Smith is at center, front.

Bottom photo: Mr. Smith and Mrs. Eastman on his last day at J.T. Waugh



"The building was always pristine and he could fix anything. "

- Paula Eastman, Principal

And, it didn't hurt!

No, it did not hurt!
That shoulder you see belongs to our
Highland School Nurse—Laura Majkut,
so she would know.

Mrs. Majkut is also a per diem nurse at
Brooks/TLC Gowanda Urgent Care,
which made her eligible to receive her first
of two shots for the COVID-19 vaccination
on Wednesday.

It was painless, she attests, and says she
hopes people will get the shot
when the vaccine becomes widely available.

COVID-19 Vaccination Record Card

Please keep this record card, which includes medical information about the vaccines you have received.
Por favor, guarde esta tarjeta de registro, que incluye información médica sobre las vacunas que ha recibido.

Majkut, Laura
Last Name First Name MI

Date of birth Patient number (medical record or IIS record number)

Vaccine	Product Name/Manufacturer Lot Number	Date mm dd yy	Healthcare Professional or Clinic Site
1 st Dose COVID-19	<i>Pfizer EK5730</i>	<i>12/16/20 mm dd yy</i>	<i>BTLG</i>
2 nd Dose COVID-19		mm dd yy	
Other		mm dd yy	
Other		mm dd yy	



Sky Lantern Memorial for Andrew Masse on Dec. 23



The Freshman Class is holding a special event to remember our friend Andrew Masse, whom we lost one year ago.

On **Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 6pm**, 100 flying lanterns will be released across our community. To take part, sign up with Dr. Desing in Room 200.

The first 100 people who sign up will get a lantern provided by the Freshman Class. You can write a personal note to Andrew on your lantern, then release it together with our community during a Google Meet event from your own backyard.

Lanterns will be distributed next week on Tuesday and Wednesday.



The Buffalo News Drops By For A Look As Lake Shore Joins France & Connecticut for Virtual Coding

The Buffalo News is preparing a *Prospectus in Education* piece and when they heard how Lake Shore is working with technology to connect our classrooms to experts in the field and to other classrooms, they wanted to learn more.

So, this week they sent a photographer to A.J. Schmidt to get photos of 5th graders connecting via Google Meet with a classroom in Connecticut and working with MIT grad Nicole Kang, who now lives in France. The platform they used is called Elementari, which she founded.

The experience was a virtual field trip in coding for Computer Science Education Week, with Ms. Lang teaching about node-based programming. "This was in connection to new skills that teachers have learned to connect to each other virtually," says Technology Integrator Mike Drezek, who worked on the project with Library-Media Specialist Tracy Wing.



Photos by Jill Clark.
Top: Mike Drezek
Center: Dante Genovese
Bottom: Tracy Wing



Grab your snacks and
tune in for some sounds of the season!
The High School Music Department will premiere
A Virtual Holiday Concert
at 7 pm, Monday, December 21st
on YouTube.

Tune in [HERE!](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiAXQCrf7XU-gogC6ANdZA)
Happy Holidays!