



News & Notes

A newsletter from Superintendent of Schools Dr. Charles Galluzzo

Following the Board of Education Meeting of Sept. 21, 2021

The Board of Education on Sept. 21, 2021

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Approved the tenure appointment of:
Pamela Guzzino,
Teaching Assistant,
10/02/2021

Rescinded acceptance of the 11/1/2021 resignation for retirement purposes of:
Ann Coleman,
Teaching Assistant

Accepted with regret the resignation for the purpose of retirement of: **Ann Coleman**,
Teaching Assistant,
effective 12/31/2021

Accepted with regret the resignation of:
Rebecca Krull,
Teaching Assistant,
effective 09/24/2021

Accepted the resignation of:
Dawn Thompson,
Bus Driver,
effective 09/15/2021

Approved the six-month probationary appointment of:
Jacinta Garcia,
Monitor, effective
09/20/2021



*Hello Everyone,
Here are a few updates and announcements as we near the end of September and officially enter fall:*

High School Graduation: Our graduation rate for 2020-2021 is 91.5% ; 59% graduated with a Regents credential and 38% graduated with an advanced Regents credential.

COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic Friday, Sept. 24 at the High School

The Erie County Department of Health will provide 1st dose Pfizer (ages 12+) and 1st dose Moderna (ages 18+) vaccinations from 2-7 pm. Enter via New Athletic Entrance, off Eagle Drive. Parental consent required for ages 12-17. Registration suggested, walk-ins welcome. Bring photo ID. To register, call (716) 858-2929 or visit erie.gov/vax.

Voluntary Surveillance Testing

The ECDOH has a testing program to add to mitigation strategies to help the spread of COVID 19 for school districts. This voluntary program will randomly test 10% of students and staff on a weekly basis tentatively scheduled to begin the week of October 4th. Staff and Parents will register their children online through the ECDOH. Look for more information on the website later this week.

Purchasing Educational Technology

We have begun our 1:1 initiative this fall with grades 6-12. Each Middle School and High School student has a chromebook to use in the classroom and at home. With the additional funding of the Smart Schools Bond Act, we will be purchasing more technology for the elementary grades K-5.

Social Emotional Support

With the support of outside services and resources, all students will have access to social, emotional and academic support throughout the school year, including [Compeer 6-12](#) , [Second Step K-8](#), [SEL Committees by building](#), [AIS](#), and [Super Club](#).

It's great to see everyone back and our programs up and running. Stay healthy, stay safe and stay Eagle strong!

Dr. Charles Galluzzo, Superintendent

Approved the following appointments, effective 09/01/2021:

James Bingenheimer,
Cafeteria Monitor

Kelly Doll,
Cafeteria Monitor

Amy Guest,
Cafeteria Monitor

Anna Holscher,
Cafeteria Monitor

Brooke Kaczmarek,
Cafeteria Monitor

Teresa Perry,
Cafeteria Monitor

Lori Raphael,
Cafeteria Monitor

Beverly Rosario,
Cafeteria Monitor

Susan Stevenson,
Cafeteria Monitor

Yvonne Wichtowski,
Cafeteria Monitor

Christine Willard,
Cafeteria Monitor

Doreen Chaplin,
Cafeteria Monitor

NEXT Board of Education Meeting

7 p.m., Tuesday,
Oct. 5

High School
Media Center

In other matters:

From the Sept. 21, 2021 Board Meeting



Audit Report

- **Luke Malecki, Dresher & Malecki, LLP**

The Board heard an extensive overview of the District's recently-completed audit report, with Mr. Malecki describing it as, "A very clean audit, the cleanest you can get," and commending the business office and all staff on a job well done.

The District's favorable position relative to its nearly \$58.6 million in revenue and \$53.4 million in expenses was unpredictable, he noted, especially during a period when the threat of aid cuts loomed. However, he said, the federal CARES act funding helped, as well as some unexpected supplemental sales tax revenue.

Also, he noted, COVID-era expenses were offset somewhat due to decreased building use and subsequent energy savings, as well as decreased instructional costs due to needing fewer substitutes and extra-curricular activities being shut down. Mostly, however, the positive revenue position was due to the influx of state and federal aid.

The Board of Education accepted the recommendation of the Audit Committee to approve the 2020-21 External Audit Report.

In other matters, con't ...



Social Studies (Middle School: Discovery Ed)

- *Charles Kowalski*

Social studies doesn't have to rely exclusively on the big, heavy textbooks we all had in school.

Mr. Kowalski on Tuesday night introduced the Board of Education to Discovery's Social Studies "Techbook" - an application that provides the same images and narratives, along with tabs for content, teaching strategies and teacher instructions for students.

There also is an assessment tool that provides questions on various (searchable) topics at various levels of challenge. Mr. Kowalski said Techbook replaces what had been a 900-page textbook, can be updated to reflect new teaching standards, and over nearly five years has cost less than half of a regular textbook. He noted that while it is a valuable tool, it's important to monitor its use properly and not overuse screen time.

In other matters, con't ...



Mental Wellness Starts With Friendship

Compeer coming to Lake Shore

- **Ashleigh Cieri, Compeer Director of Youth Services**

Ms. Cieri provided detail on how the Compeer program, which she called, "The simplest form of mental health support: friendship and mentoring," will work at Lake Shore.

The program will provide two mentors at the High School and two at the Middle School serving 20 students at each school, primarily in small group settings. The mentors are student interns from Hilbert, Daemen, UB and Buff State, who are in programs such as psychology, social work, and other mental health/human services programs. After an extensive vetting process, and an 8-hour "Mental Health First Aid" course, they will work with students referred by school social workers or counselors after discussion with the student and parent/guardian.

The referrals would be for low- and mid-level needs—for instance, the student who sits alone at lunch or doesn't have many friends. "They are not acute risk, but are starting to show some signs of struggling," she said. The "Mental First Aid" course, which addresses what to do if you see someone struggling with mental health issues, also will be available to the Lake Shore community.

**Because
everyone
needs a
friend!**



In other matters, con't ...



Construction Project Update

Jill Burnett and Stephen Jeffrey, Young + Wright

Ms. Burnett and Mr. Jeffrey provided a synopsis of the Capital Construction Project progress over the past four years, which has included such high profile projects as the new High School addition with its athletic facilities and complete art and science room renovations, and complete renovation of the nearly 50-year old Middle School auditorium, as well as many, though less obvious, mechanical, plumbing and electrical upgrades. Current projects include gym renovations at the Middle School and J.T. Waugh, as well as the J.T. Waugh secure entry, main office renovation, floor and ceiling replacement projects. Upcoming projects include parking lot, sidewalk and drainage improvements at A.J. Schmidt, Highland and Hoag, and playground improvements at A.J. Schmidt, Highland and J.T. Waugh.

With savings from the projects thus far, additional roof, floor, ceiling and light replacements are projected, along with various mechanical, plumbing and electrical upgrades.

Above: Furniture and back-lighting provide a welcoming effect in the concession area at the High School.

Below left: Renovated High School Science room

Below right: Expanded High School Art room



WELCOME!

Now, that's a lab coat!

When Dr. Ben Swanson, right, the new Chem teacher at the High School, mentioned that he didn't have anything to wear for Class Shirt Day, Ruth Keyes, a junior, came to the rescue. She promptly tie-dyed a lab coat for him and it came out GREAT!



Lots of new beginnings here!

What do all these people have in common? They're all off on new beginnings. Zachary Wyatt, has just started as the new Physical Education teacher at Highland, and Priscilla Steinert has just started as a Kindergarten teacher, after working in the District for five years as a Teaching Assistant. And the little ones are Kindergarteners, brand new to Highland and their educational journey.

**News & Notes will periodically check in with our new folks
and share what's going on in their world!**

Safety: sometimes seen, sometimes unseen

While

no single safety measure is 100 percent effective against COVID-19, layering multiple measures provides level upon level of protection.

Some of these measures—like the hand sanitizers, mouth and nose coverings, and temperature kiosks —are very obvious. It's also obvious when cleaning crews go about their disinfecting protocols throughout the day. But, did you know that disinfecting protocols also take place at night, after everyone has gone home?

And did you know that behind the scenes, a series of air filters are *constantly* at work throughout the District, exchanging the air in every room four times every hour. "When the pandemic began, Lake Shore exchanged standard filters for Merv-13 air filters in the rooftop units, air handler units and univents in each classroom," explains John Wilson, Director of Facilities. "That's the highest filtration value that we can purchase for our District." Attention also is paid to air filters on our buses: during regularly scheduled preventive maintenance, mechanics remove, clean and/or replace internal cabin air filters and disinfect them using an EPA-approved disinfectant.

We appreciate everyone's help in Lake Shore's ongoing effort to implement every measure possible to protect the health of everyone who learns and works here and to maintain our five days a week of in-person instruction.

The face masks (as worn by John Wilson, upper right), are obvious—but another less obvious mitigation measure is also in play every day: merv-13 air filters (close up bottom right) in every building.



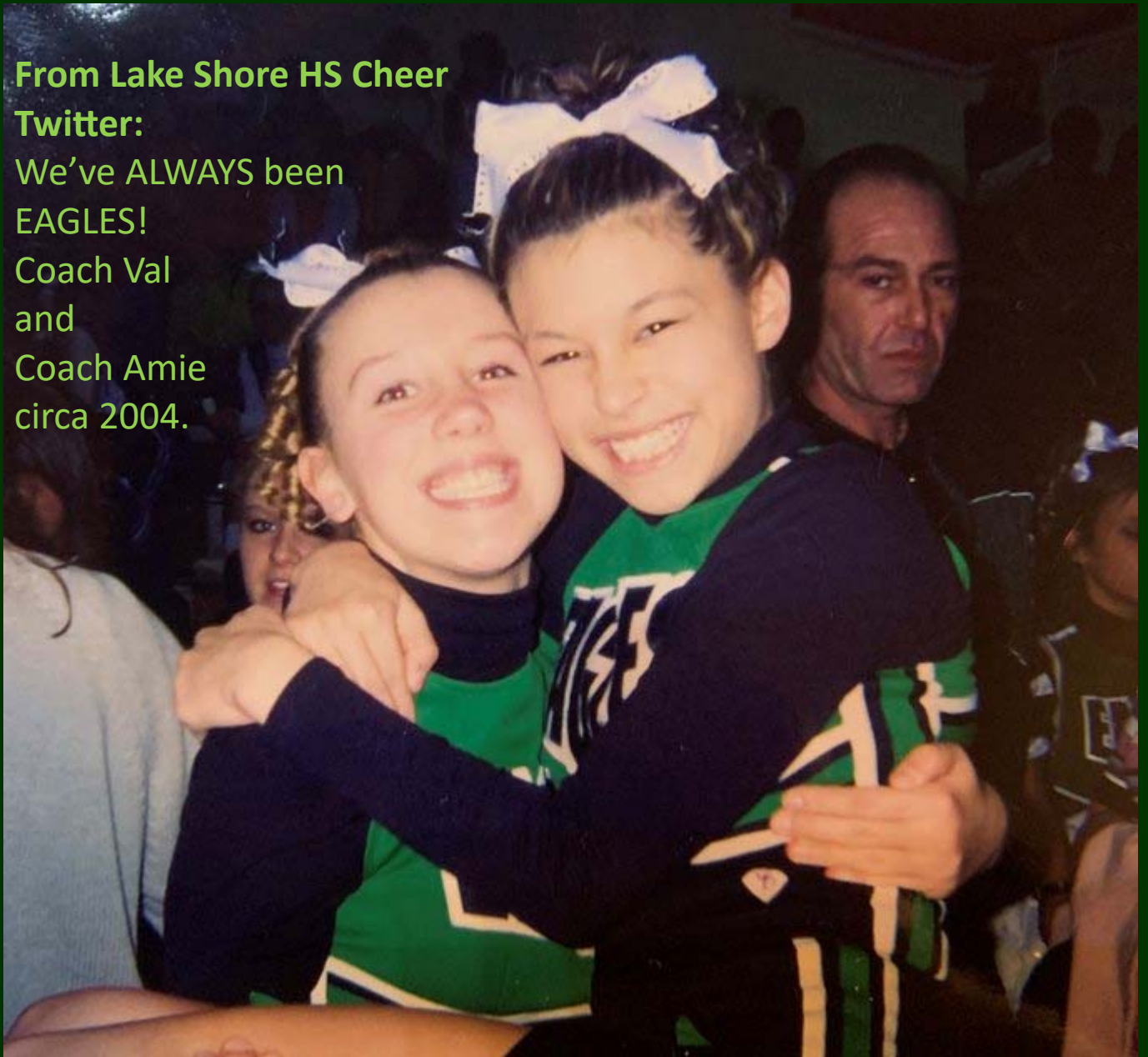
Throwback Thursday!

From Lake Shore HS Cheer

Twitter:

We've ALWAYS been
EAGLES!

Coach Val
and
Coach Amie
circa 2004.



Please consider a gift to the United Way before Oct. 1.

Return your pledge form to Christine Starks at the W.T. Hoag Educational Center
OR use your Lake Shore email address to create an account

HERE!

As always, you can designate where you would like your pledge to go.

Remembering And Healing

From the impact of residential schools in our community.



COMMUNITY HEALING WALK & RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL EXHIBIT
@SULLY HUFF HERITAGE CENTER
12857 ROUTE 438, IRVING, NY

Thursday-Sept. 30

4-8pm~ Residential School Exhibit open for viewing
4-5pm~ Check-in for walk (Pick-up dinner tickets)
5pm~ Opening remarks
5:30pm~ Walk begins (1 mile of paved paths through old TIS campus)
6-7pm~ Take-out Dinner for participants



#EveryChildMatters
#SNIRememberingAndHealing

For more information, please contact Sharon Francis
@ SNI Victim Services, (716) 532-4900 ext. 5060

Sept. 30: "Every Child Matters/Orange Shirt Day"

The Seneca Nation is hosting an event on September 30th in honor of Every Child Matters. While Orange Shirt Day originated in Canada, it is important to note that there also was a residential school right on the Seneca Nation Cattaraugus Territory.

Check out this YouTube video from Phyllis Webstad, who is the reason behind the orange shirt. <https://youtu.be/EuW4Wbekhxy>

Orange Shirt Society
www.orangeshirtday.org



HELLO EVERYONE, MY NAME IS PHYLLIS WEBSTAD.
I AM FROM THE CANOE CREEK/DOG CREEK FIRST NATION.

A.J. SCHMIDT'S Fall Fest & Chicken BBQ

(Sponsored by AJS PTA)

Tell your grandparents, aunts, uncles and neighbors...We're having a BBQ!

Thursday, September 30th

\$12 per chicken dinner

All proceeds go to AJ Schmidt PTA



Pre-Sale Pickup

4:30-6pm

Non-Pre-Sale

4:30-7pm or sold out

Pre-Order Online! Scan the QR Code

Bring camping chairs or a picnic blanket to dine outside at AJS!

Weidner's Chicken dinner includes: 1/2 Chicken, potatoes, coleslaw, dinner roll & butter

Drinks will be available for purchase the day of.

Pre-Sale Chicken Dinner Order Form



Please return this slip to your teacher with cash and/or checks payable to
AJ Schmidt PTA by Thursday, September 23.

Student's Name: _____ Teacher: _____

Name _____ # of Dinners _____ Total \$ _____

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