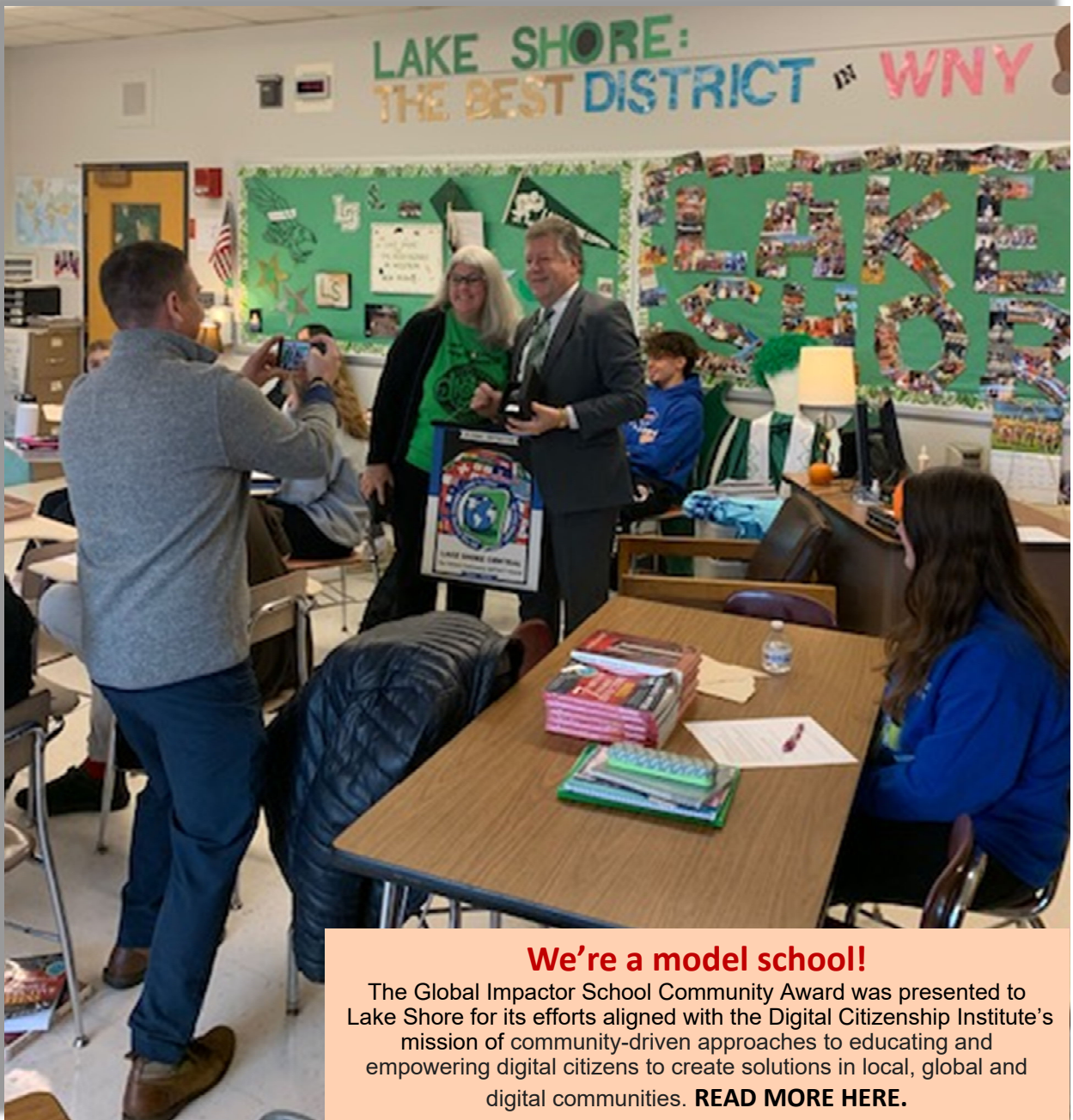




News & Notes

following the Board of Education Meetings of Dec. 6, 2022



We're a model school!

The Global Impactor School Community Award was presented to Lake Shore for its efforts aligned with the Digital Citizenship Institute's mission of community-driven approaches to educating and empowering digital citizens to create solutions in local, global and digital communities. **READ MORE HERE.**

Dec. 6, 2022 Board of Education

Personnel Actions:

Probationary Appointment of ...

Abby (Fetterick) Wesley, Assistant Director of Special Education & Coordinator of Student Learning,

Resignation of ...

Katrina Kaminski, Special Education Teacher (effective 1/2/23).

Tenure for ...

Colleen Politowski, Elementary Principal (effective 1/7/23).

Among the Best in The Eastern U.S.!

Senior Josh Merritt, who plays French horn, has been accepted into the National Association for Music Education's (NAfME) All-Eastern Honor Band as one of the best student musicians in the Eastern United States. The All-Eastern rehearsals and performances will be in Rochester, NY, in April.

"This is great news and a huge accomplishment for Josh and our music program," said Band Director Eric Blodgett. Josh also will perform in the All-State Symphonic Honor Band at the State Music Conference in Rochester (Eastman) in early Decem-



ber. He also was accepted into the Greater Buffalo Youth Orchestra, representing Lake Shore in WNY's top student orchestra! **READ MORE HERE.**

Dec. 6, 2022 Meeting
Highlights Con't ...

Highland Visit Includes
Math/Science Update

Highland’s progress on implementing math and science Next Generation Learning Standards was highlighted at Tuesday night’s Board of Education meeting.

“This is the first year that students in grade 3-8 will be taking the NYS Math exam aligned to New York State’s Next Generation Learning Standards for mathematics,” Principal Colleen Politowski told the Board. The new standards add 1-3 new clusters of learning per grade level and delineate which clusters require greater emphasis.

The Math Curriculum Team has discussed what will be needed, including providing online access for all and a clear scope and sequence following the Next Generation Learning Standards. Multiple teaching strategies are used, with an early introduction that includes word problems and parent resources.



Principal Colleen Politowski leads Board members and administrators on a tour of Highland Elementary.

“While there will be no 4th grade science exam this year, there will be a 5th grade science exam in 2024,” Mrs. Politowski said, with grades 3-5 seeing four new science investigations which must be completed before taking the new exam. “We will be creating kits, a common documentation method between middle and elementary school, and decide how we would like to proceed when we complete the investigations.” The investigations are not graded, she said, but they must be completed.

Highland Halls Decked Out in Students’ Holiday Themed Projects!



Welcome to Kim’s Christmas!

High School Secretary Kim Himes and her husband, Chris, spent a few hours after school Tuesday evening, transforming her office into a holiday wonderland, complete with a gingerbread house clad in candy and stockings hung by the chimney with care. Awesome!

