



# News & Notes

A newsletter from Superintendent of Schools Dr. Charles Galluzzo

Following the Board of Education Meeting of May 4, 2021



## The Board of Education at a Special Meeting on April 27:

**Approved the probationary appointment of:**  
**Timothy Flanagan**, High School Principal, effective July 1, 2021.

**Approved recall from lay-off of:**  
**Kathryn Leone**, Personal Care Aide, effective April 28, 2021

*It's great to see our K-5 students back for in-person instruction five days a week! Dr. Galluzzo dropped by several classrooms last week, including Jennifer Mann's 5th grade at Highland, above, to welcome everyone back. He also took some photos while on his rounds, including this one. See more on page 7.*

### Hello Everyone,

We edged a bit closer to normalcy last week with the return of our K-5 students for in-person instruction five days a week. With more venues opening up and capacity restrictions being lifted, we hold a hopeful thought for the return of more normal times throughout our schools and communities. In the meantime, the usual advice: distance, mask and sanitize. Remember, the CDC advises that COVID-19 vaccination is an important tool to help stop the pandemic. The more we can do to prevent COVID-19 transmission, the sooner we can return to more normal times.

On another note, New York State school districts will be conducting their Annual School budget votes on May 18. Lake Shore vote information is on page 2. Our voters also can take in a little art and pick up a chicken dinner at the High School that day. A small selection of art work from each of the District's schools will be displayed in the foyer by the vote entrance (District Office/Gymnasium entrance). Details on the Music Boosters' annual vote chicken BBQ are on page 3.

**Stay safe, vote, and enjoy the art and BBQ,**  
**Dr. Charles Galluzzo, Superintendent**

## Meet the Candidates:



Arlene Dejoy-Meckes



Jennifer Michalec



Guy Canonico



Kathleen Chiavetta



Tiffany Eckles

# Candidates' Night

Thank you to the Buffalo/Niagara League of Women Voters!

**Five candidates are on the May 18 ballot for two seats. Candidates, in the order they will appear on the ballot, are at left.**

A "Meet the Candidates Night," moderated by the Buffalo/Niagara League of Women Voters, was conducted Tuesday night. You can view the recording [HERE](#).

The candidates who receive the highest number of votes at the Annual Meeting will fill the expired terms of the two incumbents and will serve on the Board of Education for three-year terms to commence on July 1, 2021 and expire June 30, 2024. The seats are currently held by Jennifer Michalec and Kathleen Chiavetta. See the candidate biographies [HERE](#).

## Public Hearing

On the Proposed 2021-22 Budget

### Budget & 2 Propositions on the Ballot for May 18

A Public Hearing was conducted Tuesday night on the proposed 2021-22 school budget and two no-tax-increase propositions.

**The proposed \$60,665,973 budget** carries an estimated \$23.58 tax levy increase on a \$100,000 home (before STAR savings) in the Town of Evans.

**No-Tax-Increase Proposition 2** is for the purchase of five buses and a pick-up truck. When new buses are purchased, State Aid is reimbursed to the District and old buses are auctioned off. With those funds cycling in, the result is no local cost to taxpayers.

**No-Tax-Increase Proposition 3** would establish a Capital Reserve Fund allowing the District to reduce its reliance on State Aid by moving money saved in its Debt Reserve Fund into a fund to pay for future needs. The Capital Reserve Fund would be funded through such savings.

Although there is no tax increase on Proposition 2 or 3, voter approval is needed to proceed. You can view the recording of the Budget Public Hearing [HERE](#).

## **Annual Budget Vote**

# **Chicken BBQ!**

**BBQ by Chiavetta's  
Sponsored by Music Boosters  
2:30-6:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 18**

**Tickets \$11 pre-sale || \$12 walk up**

**Public Orders:** Order through any LSHS music student

**Staff Orders:** Lake Shore staff can pre-order via

[eric.blodgett@lscsd.org](mailto:eric.blodgett@lscsd.org) or 926-2117

or through any LSHS music student

**Please make checks out to Lake Shore Music Boosters  
and send to Eric Blodgett, High School,  
or May Vassallo, Music Boosters Coordinator**

**or pay through Venmo to: @Lakeshore-MusicBoosters  
- if paying by Venmo, list BBQ,  
the high school music student seller's name (if applicable),  
and the number of tickets.**

**Cooking will be at the West End of the High School.  
Dinners are available there (hot off the grill!)  
and there also will be a kiosk of pre-made take-out meals  
for purchase at the East End at the District Office/gymnasium entrance.**



**Virtual  
Show Times  
June 4-6**

**7 pm,  
June 4 & 5  
(Friday &  
Saturday)**

**2 pm, June 6  
(Sunday  
matinee)**

**TICKETS  
go on  
SALE**

**May 24**

**"Ticket window"  
opens Monday  
May 24 at  
[www.showtix4u.com](http://www.showtix4u.com)**

**For organization  
name, type in  
Lake Shore High School.**

**For each ticket,  
one link will be  
sold (ONE link  
per device.)**



# The Show Goes On!

## Lake Shore High School Prepares for Virtual Musical

The Lake Shore High School Art, Music and Theater Departments won't let the pandemic get in the way of this year's annual musical. The show WILL go on!

"This year, the school is presenting *Disney's Freaky Friday*, which really describes parts of our lives lately where things are the opposite of or not what they should be," says Producer Jeff Connors. With a cast and crew of around 60 students, the production is a wonderful collaboration, showcasing phenomenal musical, acting, dancing and artistic talents, he says.

As with most schools presenting a musical this school year, Lake Shore's production will be virtual. It will be available June 4-6th (Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.).

"The show actually is being filmed prior in May, then edited and then ready to go by June," says Mr. Connors. "Many changes and challenges have made this production one to remember. For one, our students are socially distanced and/or masked at all times. The cast normally rehearses with a live orchestra pit in front of the stage, but this year, the pit previously recorded all song tracks, and the cast is using those tracks to prepare for the official recording of the show in late May. Finally, our box office is also different this year. Patrons will purchase tickets online, paying by credit or debit card for a link that will be sent to their email. Consider this a pay-per view experience!"

"It has been a 'freaky' year, but working together, the cast and crew at Lake Shore will be certain to provide a wonderful musical experience with lots of fun," he promises.



Students gather for some socially-distanced instructions as they prepare for a *Disney's Freaky Friday* rehearsal. Virtual performances will be June 4-6.

Tickets (one link per device) go on sale Monday, May 24.

—Photo by Jeff Connors

# There's A New **Book** and it

## Features Lake Shore!

ISTE's (International Society for Technology in Education) latest book, [\*The Immersive Classroom: Create Customized Learning Experiences with AR/VR\*](#), explores the use of immersive technologies (Augmented Reality, Virtual Reality, and Mixed Reality) in the classroom. So, where does Lake Shore fit in?

"The High School brought in Oculus Rift, a virtual reality system, to build on student creativity in an art class," says Technology Integrator Mike Drezek. "We shared our steps towards successful implementation and our emphasis on not needing to be an expert before attempting to create immersive technology opportunities for students."

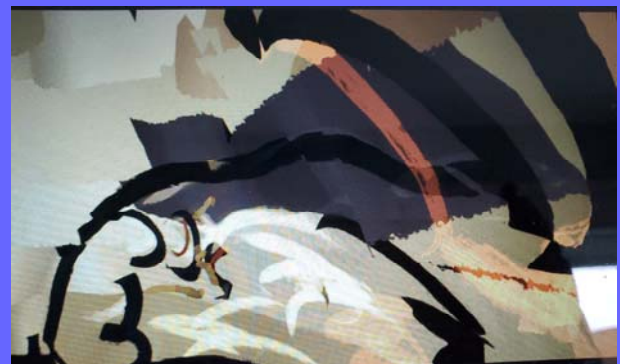
The initiative took place last year in Megan Smaldino's New Media art elective. "We couldn't do the VR class this year because of COVID-19," she says, but last year's work was enough to grab ISTE's attention.

Mr. Drezek says author Jaime Donally deemed their efforts book-worthy because, "Not only were students sharing creations to inspire other artists and creators, they were leading the creation of screen-casts (video tutorials) to help classmates improve their skills with immersive technology. As these immersive technologies are becoming more widely adopted in the workforce, getting a meaningful experience with it at Lake Shore is something the District wanted to prioritize." A team approach, among teachers, tech integrators, IT, and administration, helped make it all possible.

## GALLERY



**Vitus Bourkney (Class of '20)**  
creates a new interpretation of Paul Gauguin's  
take on Van Gogh's sunflowers [HERE](#).



**Jessica Marinaro (Class of '20)**  
created a Virtual Reality rendition of the  
Lascaux caves in France [HERE](#).

**Kira Fleming (Class of '21)** created  
[this student tutorial](#).





## Dressed for Success!

Planning for the future—and dressing for it—topped the agenda during Highland Elementary School's College & Career Awareness Month. Above, students are dressed for future careers in fields such as sports, environmental science, law enforcement and business. Below are students dressed for an interview. Activities were held throughout the month, says School Counselor Elizabeth Farrell, including a College Shirt Day, daily announcements, a career book display in the library, teacher college pennants, and career-themed door decorating.



- Photos by Beth Farrell.



# Board of Education Calendar

**May 25**  
**7:00 pm,**  
Regular Meeting  
High School  
Library-Media Center

**June 8**  
**7:00 pm,**  
Regular Meeting  
High School  
Library-Media Center



**LSCSD**  
**Employee**  
**Appreciation**  
**Day**  
**Is**  
**June**  
**8th!**

# WE'RE BACK!

So nice to see K-5 kids in-person 5 days a week ...



Theresa Scholl's 3rd grade at AJ Schmidt.



Danelle Addison's 1st grade at JT Waugh.

Top photo  
by  
Jane Burzynski.

Middle &  
Bottom photos  
by  
Dr. Galluzzo.

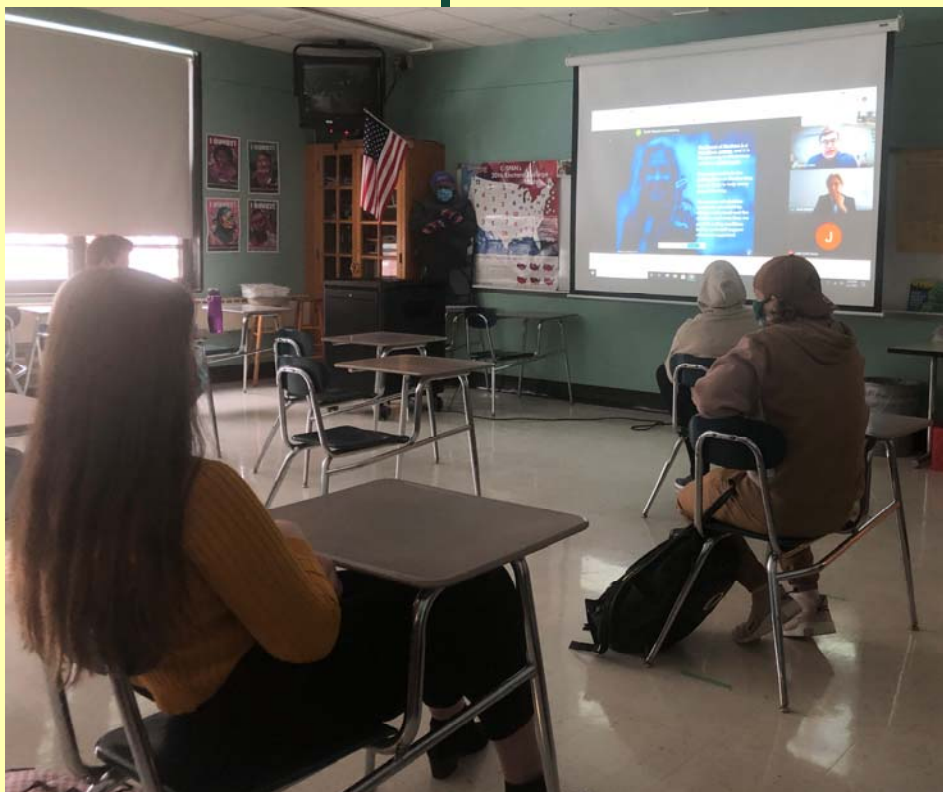


Michele Amoia-Hornberger's 3rd grade at JT Waugh.

# Such Beautiful Voices!



**A Song in Their Hearts & Awards to Show for It ...** Three LSHS students and their beautiful voices have been recognized by the New York State School Music Association. Holding award certificates in recognition of their selection for the Conference All- State performing groups are, from left: Elizabeth Sreniawski, Mixed Chorus; Rebecca Myers, Treble Chorus, and Kaylee Guzman, Treble Chorus. They are students of Deanna Civilette. Congratulations to all!



- Photo by Michael Drezek.

## Let's Vote!

Thanks to Google Meet, Erie County Board of Elections Commissioner Jeremy Zellner was able to meet with Sophie Chimera's Participation in Government students to talk about the organization's role in ensuring fair and orderly elections.

"It's not about politics, it's about governing and elections and to making sure they go off without a hitch," he said.

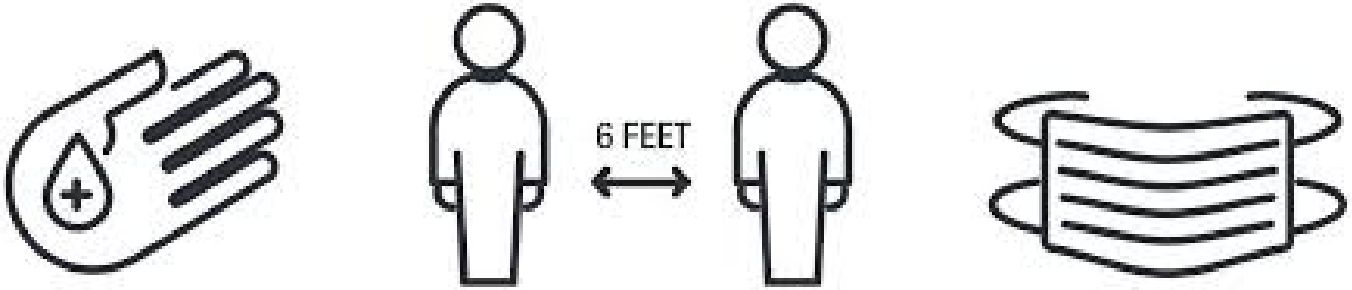
This is a class that is committed to voting, says Mrs. Chimera. All of the students are registered to vote.



# 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, we must continue to follow all protocols:

- Masks should be worn at all times.
- Social Distancing for 6 feet or more at all times. (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.