



# Lake Shore Schools

## Title VI Program News

September 2022

# Welcome Back to the 2022-2023 School Year!

We are looking forward to all that a new school year brings—new activities, friendships, teachers, and an excitement for learning and growing!

**A reminder from your Title VI and Native American support team- Attendance is a critical component to your child's success. Not only does consistent attendance and on-time arrival keep students learning and engaged, it makes their lives happier if they are not playing catch up on missed work. School friendships, sports and other extra curricular activities benefit as well from consistent attendance. Thank you parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles as always for your great work and support on the ongoing attendance initiative!**



This newsletter will highlight our schools, new administrators and the Lake Shore Native

American program. Most communication from Native American programs will be on our Facebook Page, @LSNAPrograms— as it is a quick means to getting information to families. Please take a minute to “Like and Share” our page!





## J.T. Waugh Elementary School

### Meet Ms. Wesley!

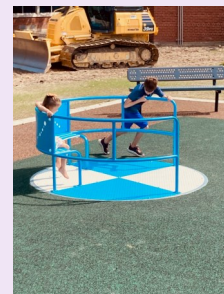
Abby (Fetterick) Wesley has been working at Lake Shore for eleven years. She spent ten years as a Special Education teacher at the high school. When she wasn't in the classroom she was directing and choreographing the musicals, advising the junior and senior classes, and coaching track and swimming. Now Ms. Wesley is taking on a new role at the J. T. Waugh Elementary School as Principal. She has hosted an ice cream social and looks forward to holding more community events to make connections with students and families at the K-5 level.



## A.J. Schmidt Elementary School

### Say Hello to Mrs. Clark!

Jill A. Clark, principal of A. J. Schmidt Elementary School for almost 10 years. Previously, I was the Assistant Principal at Wm G. Houston Middle School and prior to that a classroom teacher in the district. I have been with Lake Shore for 23 years, YAY!! My philosophy is that we are here for our students and families. Few things are impossible if we work together with a common goal ~ SUCCESS of each of our students! If you need us, we are here to help!





## Highland Elementary School

### Say Hello to Mrs. Politowski!

I grew up on Long Island and moved to Buffalo after college. I started my educational career in Catholic schools, first as a teacher and then as a principal. I came to Lake Shore in 2019 and love it. I am in my 22nd year of education and can't imagine any other career. I am certified in elementary education (N-6), early English education (7-9), Literacy (birth-12th), and I am certified as a school building and school district leader. My husband and I have 2 daughters, ages 19 and 8. We have a red fox lab that keeps us on our toes even though he is 7, a rescued turtle, a bearded dragon, and a rescued horse. I look forward to working with all of our students and families throughout the year, and I am always happy to speak with you.

## William G. Houston Middle School

### Meet your Middle School Principals...

#### Mrs. Conti-

I am the newly appointed principal of William G. Houston Middle School. Prior to this role, I was an assistant principal for five years in Lancaster Schools. I am eager to bring my skill set to the Lake Shore School District and support our whole school community. I pride myself in open, honest communication and will work tirelessly to provide a learning environment at WGH that is conducive to student learning and growth.

#### Mr. Krause-

My name is Jeffrey Krause and I am the new Assistant Principal at William G. Houston Middle School. For the past five years I have been the dean of students at another small, community based, diverse high school in the WNY region. My top priority is supporting all students so that they can find success in the educational setting. To accomplish this I like to build relationships with the students, staff, parents and other community stakeholders. In doing so, I have an open door policy for students and parents, so if there are any concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out. I look forward to getting to know and working with the children this upcoming school year.





## Lake Shore Senior High School

### Dr. Berner-Wallen-

I am happy to begin serving the Lake Shore District as the High School principal after serving as the Assistant Principal at the Middle School for the last 6 years. I am a resident of the Evans community where I live with my husband, our teenage daughter, 2 cats and our dog, Rosie. I look forward to continuing to support the parents and students within our school community. One of my favorite experiences is visiting with and connecting with parents/students within the community - please don't hesitate to come up and introduce yourself and your family.



Mr. Besant– Assistant Principal/Athletic Director

Mr. Reidell– Interim Assistant Principal

### **\*\*\*ATTENDANCE\*\*\***

**Consistent attendance and on-time arrival is critical for every student, aiding academic success and emotional well-being in school, *Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.***

When it is necessary for a student to miss school, please contact the school nurse in your child's building (contact info. below). If it is a religious absence it is excused ***with a note*** from parent/guardian. We look forward to a successful school year at Lake Shore with your commitment to your child's education.

### **IMPORTANT! Photo Notice!**

The Title VI Program will be taking pictures throughout the year. Pictures will be used for possible publication in future newsletters and informational fliers. **IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILDS PHOTO PUBLISHED** please contact Lorraine Jimerson, Title VI Home School Liaison, at 926-3737.





## Introducing The Native American Programs Team

### Mrs. Jimerson– Title VI Home School Liaison



Welcome  
Back to  
the '22-  
'23  
school

year! I look forward  
to working with everyone  
this year!

### Mrs. Garcia– WGH Middle School

Hi Lake Shore  
Families! My  
name is Jacinta  
Garcia and I am  
Native American  
Academic Support  
at William G.  
Houston Middle  
School for Teams  
Unity, Valor, and  
Tradition. I started  
with the district last  
year and I am looking  
forward to a fun and  
exciting 22-23 school  
year. I strongly  
encourage parents and  
guardians to reach out  
to me directly either  
by phone or email any-  
time with questions,  
updates, or concerns.



### Mrs. Purpera– Senior High School

Welcome Back! My name is  
Stacey Purpera, I am entering my  
15th year as the Native American



Support person at  
Lake Shore Senior  
High School. My  
goal is to help stu-  
dents be successful  
in school. Please  
reach out to me  
with questions, I  
am happy to help.  
My other role is to co-

ordinate our Title VI Native American  
Program within the district. I  
work on our Title VI grant, which  
secures funding for our school.

### Mr. Reynolds– Elementary JOM

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My name is Mr.  
Reynolds. I have  
been working for the  
Seneca Nation for 6  
1/2 years now, as a  
JOM educator. I  
have worked that  
entire time at JTW  
Elementary in the  
Lakeshore CSD. I  
work with Native American students  
grades K-5 in many various capacities.  
You can always find me at community  
events and I'm frequently at the ECLC  
and the CCC. When I am not working I  
enjoy reading, hiking, camping, all  
things history and star wars related. I  
love electronic music and Chinese food!  
Finally, I am a die hard Steelers fan.  
LETS GO STEELERS!!!!





## Important District Contact Information

(716)549-2300

### J.T. Waugh-

Principal- Ms. Wesley

Main Office- Ms. Casey- ext. 2370

Nurse- Ms. Cervola- ext. 2376

Counselor- Mr. Biastre- ext. 2297

Counselor- Mrs. Farrell ext. 2470

### A.J. Schmidt-

Principal- Mrs. Clark

Main Office- Ms. Brown- ext. 2350

Nurse- Ms. Zielonka- ext. 2355

Counselor- Ms. Mead- ext. 2363

### Highland-

Principal- Mrs. Politowski

Main Office- Ms. Huber- ext. 2460

Nurse- Mrs. Majkut- ext. 2465

Counselor- Mr. Kelley- ext. 2323

### W.G. Houston Middle School-

Principal- Mrs. Conti

Assistant Principal- Mr. Krause

Main Office- Ms. Coleman- ext. 2400

Main Office- Ms. Wetzler- ext. 2401

Nurse- Mr. Dragowski- ext. 2408

Counselor- Mrs. Grimaldi- ext. 2422

Counselor- Mr. Michael- ext. 2423

### Senior High School-

Principal- Dr. Berner-Wallen

Assistant Principal (Interim)- Mr. Reidell

Assistant Principal/Athletic Director- Mr. Besant

Main Office- Mrs. Jones- ext. 2307

Main Office- Mrs. Jakiel- ext. 2311

Nurse- Ms. Binaxas- ext. 2317

Counselor- Mr. Tomasik (A-Gra)- ext. 2325

Counselor- Mr. Brown (Gre-Mq)- ext. 2322

Counselor- Ms. Boncore (Mr-Z)- ext. 2324

Counselor- Mrs. Manney (Phoenix program) ext- 2326

### Family Support Center-

Mrs. Phillips- ext. 2321

Mrs. Dziewa- ext. 2234

Ms. Pittner- ext. 2381

# Seneca Vocabulary

Keyanösde' or Ögwanösde'- We honor them/We cherish them

Ahsöh idwe's or jidwe's- We are still here



## *Opportunity to Get Involved!*

The Lake Shore Native American Parent Group meets four times throughout the school year. Meetings are held virtually on Zoom. The Parent Committee works on initiatives throughout the school year to help students have a good school experience. The opinions and desires of the parent committee are taken into strong consideration when submitting the Federal Title VI grant application.

We look forward to your direction regarding the academic and cultural education of your children. Dates of the Meetings will be posted on Facebook @LSNAPPrograms, The Lake Shore Native American Parent Group Facebook page and the district website.

## **Native American Programs Contact Information**

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K-5 JOM at J.T. Waugh  
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# EVERY CHILD MATTERS



## **Wear Orange**

Please help spread awareness of all the lost children that have been found from the old residential schools by wearing orange.