

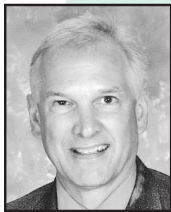
YOUR SCHOOLS

2019

Aurora City School District

From the Superintendent

By PAT R. CICCATELLI
Superintendent of Schools



We are moving through another school year heading into the spring hopeful for a break from the bad weather and the winter doldrums!

We have so much to be proud of each year due

to the accomplishments of our students, and this year is no exception. Each year the students amaze us with their academic, co-curricular and service-related achievements. This outstanding accomplishment is the direct result of the utilization of educational best practices, a collaborative learning culture where “Kids Come First,” and the support and guidance from great families.

We continue to earn accolades from various organizations for our student achievement. This past fall the Ohio Department of Education bestowed their highest honor on our district designating it as an “A” rated district! Only 28 of the 611 public districts in Ohio earned this distinction. We also received the Momentum Award from ODE signifying our students earned straight A’s on all value added, or progress measures. We were one of only a handful of districts in the state to earn both of these prestigious awards.

January was national Board of Education Recognition Month. I want to thank the Board of Education for their commitment and dedication to the students and staff

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AHS EARNS ODE 2018 MOMENTUM AND OVERALL “A” AWARDS

Aurora High School has recently earned the Momentum Award 2018 from the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). The award recognizes schools for earning A’s on every value-added measure on the 2017-2018 Report Card.

According to the ODE website, “The Momentum Award is presented by the State Board of Education and recognizes schools for exceeding expectations in student growth for the year. Schools must earn straight A’s on all Value-Added measures on the report card. The school or district must have at least two Value-Added subgroups of students, which includes gifted, lowest 20% in achievement, and students with disabilities.” The value added is a measure

of growth and not overall achievement, making this award much more difficult to attain.

Ohio State Board of Education President Tess Elshoff stated in a letter to the district, “I’m pleased to let you know Ohio’s State Board of Education has granted your district a 2017-2018 Momentum Award. Now in its fourth year, the Momentum Award is the State Board’s way of recognizing districts that received A’s on every Value-Added measure included on Ohio’s school and district report cards. As a Momentum Award winner, your district’s report card shows your district is committed to its students’ success by ensuring students

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ACSD LEVY RENEWAL ON MAY 2019 BALLOT



City of Aurora voters will see an Aurora City School District levy on the **May 7, 2019** primary election ballot. The levy is a renewal of a 1.5 mill existing general permanent improvement levy. This renewal levy means that the funds generated from this levy **WILL NOT INCREASE TAXES** if passed by voters. Passage only continues the current permanent improvement levy which

generates approximately \$777,000 yearly for the district and means the owner of a \$100,000 home currently pays \$31.81 per year. This \$31.81 per year amount would remain the same with levy passage.

Permanent improvement levy funds can only be used by a district to renovate, remodel, and purchase equipment for capital improvement projects that have a life span of 5 years or more. This would generally include such projects as roads, school buses, roofing, HVAC, etc. Permanent improvement levy monies cannot, by law, be used to pay salaries or benefits. The district would like to remind voters to please cast your ballot on May 7, 2019.

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exceeded the growth expectations in English language arts and mathematics. I also congratulate you on recruiting and motivating the high-quality leaders and staff needed to make this happen.”



Aurora High School Principal, Paul Milcetch explained, “Recently, we received some very positive news from the Ohio Department of

Education (ODE) that Aurora High School received both the 2018 Ohio School Momentum Award (3 years running), as well as the Overall A School Award (1st year of this award). The Momentum Award includes schools that have A’s in Value Added in Math and Reading in at least two subgroups: we have A’s for Overall, Special Education, and Gifted, meaning exceeding growth expectations in all of these areas. The Overall A School Award includes schools with an overall “A” on the Ohio Report Card. These indicators show how effective our learning environment is in reaching all levels of students at Aurora High School.”

Milcetch added, “After some analysis, I am proud to share that only 12 high schools in Ohio (of 1,152 public high schools, so 1%), earned both the Momentum Award, as well as the Overall A Award, with seven of those in Northeast Ohio! Beachwood, Brecksville-Broadview Heights, Chagrin Falls, Kenston, Rocky River, and Solon Schools are the other area schools with the rest scattered around the state. We certainly are in great company, and these results show the quality of public schools in our area! Congratulations to our students, staff, parents, and community. This type of recognition does not occur without plenty of talent, hard work, and a commitment to excellence all coming together. We are fortunate to have outstanding students, a committed staff, and supportive parents. Given this combination along with our excellent programs in academics, athletics, the arts, and our activities, our students have amazing opportunities to shine in so many ways with these awards being just one example.”

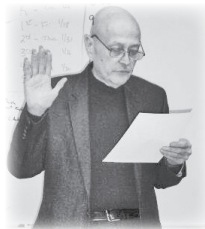
Board Notes



The month of January 2019 was declared School Board Recognition Month by the Ohio School Boards Association. A special “**THANK YOU**” goes out to each of our school Board members: Gerald

Kohanski, President; Pam Mehallis, Vice President; Zena Elliott, Miriam Conner and Stephen Sabulsky. They each serve our school community selflessly in order to make our district one of the top school districts in the State of Ohio and the nation. Superintendent, Pat Ciccantelli, said during the January Board meeting,

“Our work is joyful because you support us with your passion. You are here for the right reasons.” Our Board makes sure “Kids Come First.”



Gerald Kohanski was sworn in as President of the Aurora BOE at the Organizational Meeting on January 7, 2019.



Pam Mehallis (left) was named Vice President at the Board’s Organizational Meeting.

VETERANS DAY 2018



AHS VETERANS DAY BREAKFAST

The Aurora High School Service Learning Class students and their advisors Melissa Foster and Mike Rubin organized the 4th Annual Veterans Day Breakfast at the high school on November 9, 2018. The students were gracious hosts while running the event, serving a breakfast buffet, cleaning up and assisting where needed. Entertainment was provided by the AHS Unaccompanied Minors and Board President Gerald Kohanski gave an inspiring speech. Thank you to all of the veterans who attended the breakfast. The students and staff were honored to commemorate your sacrifice and service.



HARMON SCHOOL SPECIAL GUEST



A special thank you goes to Mr. Hubach for spending time with Harmon Middle School students and relating his experiences during WWII on Veterans Day.



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HARMON SCHOOL STUDENTS VISITED GRAVESITE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Harmon Middle School 8th grade students, who had traveled to Washington, D.C., on the school's annual trip, took the time during their visit to find the gravesite of an area resident's late husband, SSgt. Daniel Clay.

In a letter to Harmon School Assistant Principal, Staci Albanese, Lisa Clay Blackwell explained, "My name is Lisa Clay Blackwell and I am a long time close friend of the Horvath family. As I was going about my business last week, Laura Horvath sent me a picture of [her daughter] Alexis at Arlington National Cemetery at the grave of my husband, SSgt Daniel Clay. I wanted to thank you and the teachers/chaperones on the Washington, D.C. trip for making and taking the time to find his grave and have some of the students visit there. It is the greatest gift to me, and the rest of Dan's family, to know that he is remembered and thought of even by those who never knew him. Laura also sent me a picture of a group of students with Alexis at Dan's gravesite. Dan would have loved this. He would have been so grateful that these young adults can live a life of relative safety and enjoy the freedoms that they

do. It is exactly why he chose to serve in the manner in which he served. I am remarried and now have two sons (6 and 4 years old) who will one day head to D.C. when they are in 8th grade at Harmon. I can only hope their experiences there are as meaningful in some way as you and the teachers seemed to have made for the group this year."

Sincerely,
Lisa Clay Blackwell

Alexis Horvath pictured at the gravesite of SSgt. Daniel Clay in Arlington Cemetery.



Classmates helped find the gravesite of Alexis Horvath's family friend.

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of our district. We celebrated the Board at the January Board meeting. Craddock Elementary music teacher Donna Janoso created a song and had her students perform it thanking the Board for their dedication. Also, Stacey DeAnna and Pat Fenner produced a video thanking the Board members for their dedication and support. Our Board members are: President- Jerry Kohanski, Vice-President- Pam Mehallis, Zena Elliott, Miriam Conner and Steve Sabulsky. We appreciate everything they do for our students and staff!

We have had another successful season outside of the classroom, as well, as our students have earned many awards the past few months. The wrestling team won their fourth consecutive Suburban League Championship and finished as state runners-up in the State Dual Meet Tournament. Our individual wrestlers will be competing to earn berths to the state meet later this month. Our Girls' Basketball team won the Suburban League title again this year, making it

three consecutive championships! They are the number one ranked team in their district tournament and ranked 3rd in greater Cleveland. They finished the regular season with a sparkling 21-1 overall record. Also, our students continue to excel in the arts. We have students who have earned the highest rankings in music and visual arts in their respective competitions. Congratulations to our Art Department as our students have continued to achieve at the highest levels. This year three AHS students earned a Gold Medal for their Portfolio at the Northeast Central Ohio Scholastic Art Competition. Congratulations to Emma Duckham, Grayson McMaster and Tuuli Pirinen on this fantastic achievement. Also, this month nearly fifty students were recently inducted into the National Honor Society at Aurora High School.

We continue to see families who find this as an attractive community and with the new housing developments in town we anticipate some growth in our enrollment over the next several years. When families move into our district they often cite

VISITING STUDENTS FROM COSTA RICA



Costa Rican Visitors

AHS Service Learning/Spanish Instructor, Melissa Foster, coordinated and hosted our Costa Rican students again this past January. They spent time at Aurora High School (AHS) and visited Harmon School while enjoying many different activities and experiences throughout Northeast Ohio. AHS Instructor Rose Brown and her International Club thoughtfully hung red and blue fact signs around AHS to help the visitors feel welcome.

the schools and the opportunity of their children to pursue their goals in and out of the classroom as a major reason why they choose to make Aurora their home.

Despite all of these successes, we are always looking at ways to better prepare our students for post-graduate success. Several years ago we launched a new initiative where every student in grades 6-12 was provided a Chromebook computer. That has now been expanded to include the students in third through fifth grade as well. This device gives them access to unlimited information and the opportunity to pursue knowledge in a way that fits their learning styles and individual interests and strengths.

We look forward to working through these challenges with your continued support. Our school system is truly great because of the supportive parents and greater community that we serve!

Go Greenmen!

Pat Ciccantelli, Superintendent

Who's Who & What's New



Community Internet Safety Live Stream Event - Join representatives from the ACSD, Twinsburg City Schools and Nardonias Schools on March 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. for a live streaming event that will discuss the topic of Internet Safety for Children. Look for upcoming details to follow on our website.



The **AHS National Honor Society** held their annual Parents Night Out on December 8, 2018. Parents dropped their children off for a night out from 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. with all of the money going to **Aurora for Others charities**.

Look for the **Record Courier Newspaper's** new monthly column called **Kids of Character** that features outstanding students from area schools districts.



The **Leighton School Reading Club** features a different book each month. After reading the book *Save Me A Seat*, a parent, **Anjali Panguluri**, and her daughter, **Deepti**, brought in an Indian tiffin box that was highlighted in the book. They also prepared and served samples of an Indian dish from the book. Club advisor, **Rhonda Chartier** said, "We are so fortunate to have such wonderful community members. I hope to continue creating opportunities to team up with local residents to advance the love of literature."



Congratulations to **Coach Annie Walker** and the **Quiz Bowl Team** who hosted a tournament on November 11, 2018 at AHS. The AHS team went undefeated 8-0 to bring home the championship.

Thank you to AHS teacher **Melissa Foster** who took six students to attend the prestigious **64th Annual Humanitarian Awards** at The Renaissance Hotel in Cleveland. Students rotated to assigned tables in the dining hall filled with VIP's and executives from over 50 major corporations in Cleveland. The students discussed the themes they encountered at a fall retreat. After rotating, they continued conversations and passed out 'business cards' they were given to network. Thank you to the **Aurora Schools Foundation** who provided funds for their October retreat.

AHS ABC Club Halloween Party



Aurora High School has an **ABC Club** that allows students the opportunity to enjoy social gatherings outside of the academic day. Their Halloween Party included games and best of all was catered by Chick-Fil-A.



Miller School January Bingo Night



HARMON SCHOOL COAT DRIVE 2018 LARGEST EVER



The Harmon School Student Council held their annual holiday coat drive from November 28-December 10, 2018. The staff and students collected coats, sweaters,

sweatshirts, and snow pants. They collected and donated 1,450 items or 5,370 pounds of clothing to the Portage County Clothing Center in Ravenna. This was the drive's largest coat collection ever. The top three classrooms with the largest donations were, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Frankmann and Mrs. Schofield-Carter. Harmon tutor, Jen Golec, and Intervention Specialist, Jen Jenkins, coordinated the drive and were very appreciative for help from Principal, Mark Abramovich, the Transportation Department (Sal, Aaron, Bob and Steve) for transportation and loading/unloading and John Eacott for supplying the bags. They said, "We are beyond proud and thankful for all of our students, staff, and families who helped make the coat drive of 2018 very successful!"



SHOP WITH A COP Volunteers at Walmart



MILLER STUDENTS collected items and gift cards to help brighten the holidays for many families through Portage County's Family and Community Services.

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CLASS ACTS



AHS SERVICE LEARNING CLASS teacher **MELISSA FOSTER** and **INTERACT CLUB** advisor **MARY PAT PAVICIC** helped organize the annual AHS Service Learning Class' **RAKE-N-RUN** community event. On Saturday, November 10, 2018, 41 AHS students raked leaves for the elderly in Aurora which was also organized by the **ROTARY CLUB** of Aurora. The students braved the cold temperatures to get the jobs done. Many residents greeted the students with drinks and snacks. The students listened compassionately to stories from the homeowners who were at times visibly emotionally shaken by seeing the students working in their yards.



The AHS Principal's **KNOW!** series can be found under the Principal's Message on the Aurora High School's webpage. This newsletter series, produced by the **OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**, focuses on important **TEACHABLE MOMENTS** to help parents support adolescents and guide in the prevention of risky behaviors.

Two artists visiting from **SENEGAL** spoke to upper level French classes about their culture and gave students the opportunity to practice their French speaking and listening skills. They also shared conversation about where art comes from and what it says about us and society with the AP art students.



Serigne Ibrahim Dieye (left) and Ibrahim Thiam (right) from Senegal visited AHS classrooms

Congratulations to Harmon School Media Center Director, **MARY BECKSTROM**, who applied for and received a special grant of \$934 from the **LIBRARY SERVICES AND TECHNOLOGY ACT 2018** funds. This grant is to help support the **CELEBRATING OHIO BOOK AWARDS & AUTHORS** initiative.



Congratulations to **AHS SYMPHONIC BAND** members (left to right), **ASHLEY JURCAGO**, **MARYE RAY**, **JOHNNY KUSHAN**, and

ABBY TOTH who were selected to become members of the **2019 KENT STATE HONOR BAND**.

AHS is offering seven **NEW COURSES** for the 2019-20 school year. They are: **BUSINESS TECHNOLOGY APPS**, **AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE 1**, **FORGING YOUR INDEPENDENCE**, **INNOVATIVE DESIGN AND PROGRESSIVE MANUFACTURING COURSE**, **ADVANCED TREBLE CHOIR**, Health/Physical Education Department - **INVASION GAMES** and **NET GAMES**. Descriptions can be found in the **2019-20 PROGRAM OF STUDIES**.



Harmon Middle School teacher **KAREN SUNDERHAFT** had all of her 6th and 7th grade students enter a **SELLING BEE CONTEST** sponsored by the **YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR INSTITUTE** from University School. The students had to come up with a creative and innovative business idea or product and then create a 30-45 second persuasive video. Congratulations to **ARABELLA RODI** (6th grade), **REILLY CURTS**, (7th grade) and **REAGAN KACMAR** (7th grade) who were included in the top 40 students out of the 635 contest entries.

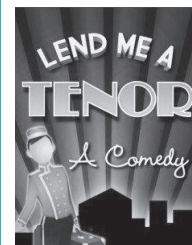
The **MILLER SCHOOL STEP UP TO QUALITY ANNUAL REVIEW**,



which included a variety of observations, audits, inspections, etc., once again earned the school the highest rating of 5 STARS from the **OHIO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**. Congratulations to the entire Miller staff.

AHS AP ART STUDENTS CREATE RESTAURANT MURAL

On January 23, 2019, Aurora High School AP Art students, **Emma Duckham**, **Grayson McMaster**, **Raye Palko**, **Tuuli Pirinen**, **Sophia Roberto** and art teacher **Sean Berrodin** created a mural for Beachwood's new restaurant, City BBQ. Sean Berrodin explained, "It was a great opportunity and the students did a fantastic job. They were professional, ambitious and showcased their talent marvelously. I was very proud of the commitment to their craft."



The Aurora High School Drama Club produced the comedy *Lend Me a Tenor* on November 2-3, 2018. Set in 1934, it chronicles the escapades revolving around a world-famous tenor set to perform for

an opera company and the mishaps that occur. The cast included **Grace Caffoe**, **Nolan Caponi**, **Mason Kacmar**, **Johnny Kushan**, **Elana Noel**, **Brianna Shimandle**, **Karson Taylor** and **Nathan Welsh**.

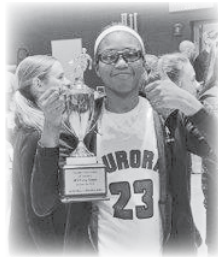


SPORT REPORT

AHMAAD CRUMP ANNOUNCES AHS GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL GAME

GANLEY CHEVROLET in Aurora hosted Cleveland Cavalier's announcer **AHMAAD CRUMP** at the **AURORA HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL** game on Saturday, January 26, 2019. Events throughout the evening included a media presence, student-athlete introductions for both teams, t-shirt giveaways during breaks, athlete interviews and Player of the Game recognition with a trophy/player interview at the end of the game courtesy of Ganley Chevrolet. During halftime, a half-court shot competition was held for students in attendance from the Drug Free Club for a \$500 scholarship generously donated by James Reinart from Ganley Chevrolet. Congratulations to **KYLE OBLY** who won the \$500 scholarship. **SHAYLA** and **SHYANNE SELLERS** were awarded Player of the Game honors.

SHYANNE SELLERS holds the *Player of the Game* trophy she and her sister Shayla share.



DREW ALBRECHT – American Division Suburban League Diving Champion

Congratulations to divers **DREW ALBRECHT**, **KYLIE PALIAN** and **VICTORIA BLECHSCHMID** who placed in the top 4 at the **SUBURBAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIPS**. Albrecht took 1st place, Palian came in 2nd place while Blechschmid finished in 3rd place in the American Division.



The Greenmen **HOCKEY TEAM** finished their season with a **BARON CUP III SEMIFINAL** loss to top-seeded

Parma 6-0. This is the fourth time in the team's history that they have reached the Baron Cup Semifinals.

2018 FALL SPORTS GPA'S

BASED OFF 1ST QUARTER GRADES 2018

TEAM	GPA
Girls' Cross Country	3.91
Girls' Soccer	3.81
Girls' Tennis	3.68
Football Cheerleading	3.57
Boys' Golf	3.53
Girls' Golf	3.53
Volleyball	3.52
Boys' Cross Country	3.48
Boys' Soccer	3.37
Football	3.02
FALL SPORTS AVERAGE	3.54

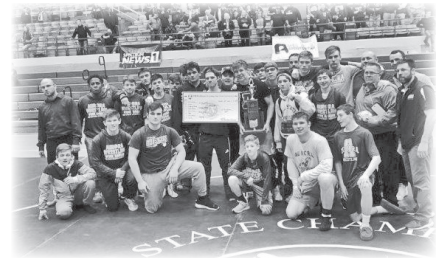
NCAA ATHLETIC SIGNING DAY ~ November 14, 2018

Congratulations to the six AHS outstanding athletes who were recognized on NCAA National Signing Day for becoming Division I student athletes. What an impressive accomplishment.



The six Division I student-athletes (front row) are: **MORGAN COPLEY** (Volleyball) - Kent State University, **SHAYLA SELLERS** (Basketball) - Purdue University Fort Wayne of Indiana, **WILL MCGHEE** (Wrestling) - Old Dominion University, **JACK GORMAN** (Wrestling) - Cleveland State University, **ANDY GARR** (Wrestling) - Columbia University, and **JULIA MAZANEC** (Softball) - Kent State University. Coaches are (back row): **ERIKA GREENBERG** (Basketball), **JOHN PAPESH** (Wrestling), and **SAM PETRASH** (Softball).

The **AHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM** and **COACH ERIKA GREENBERG** clinched the **SUBURBAN LEAGUE CONFERENCE TITLE** for a third consecutive year with a record of 21-1.

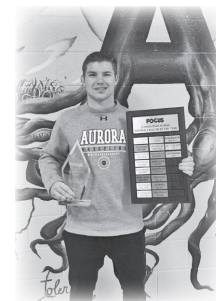


The four-time consecutive Suburban League champion **AHS WRESTLING TEAM** had an amazing season that led to a first time appearance in the **DIVISION II STATE DUAL MEET WRESTLING TOURNAMENT** in Columbus. The Greenmen faced seven time straight defending champions and one of the top teams in the nation, St. Paris Graham, in the finals. St. Paris Graham took top honors with the Greenmen bringing home the **DIVISION II STATE RUNNER UP** trophy. Congratulations on an incredible and exciting season!

Thank you to **VOLLEYBALL COACH TYLER PRICE** who created a new volleyball record board.



The **AHS CHEERLEADING TEAM** and **COACH JESSICA SWARTZ** came home with a **1ST PLACE OUTSTANDING SHOWMANSHIP AWARD** on November 18, 2018 at the **CHAMPION CHEER CENTRAL** competition.



COLIN MCNAMARA poses with his **COMMUNITY FOCUS AHS FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD**.

THE OPEN MAT released their **TOP 50 WRESTLERS IN THE NATION** listing for the Class of 2022. Congratulations to **DYLAN FISHBACK** who was named #50 on the list.

Congratulations to Aurora Boys' Soccer Coach **JASON BIBZA** who was named as **SOCCER COACH OF THE YEAR 2018** by the **AKRON TOUCHDOWN CLUB**.

ARTISTS & WRITERS

2019 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

Congratulations to **Sean Berrodin** and **Brian Caponi** and their students as the Aurora High School (AHS) Art Department had yet another outstanding showing at the 65th annual Northeast Central Ohio Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. The exhibition of all silver key, gold key and portfolios was on display from January 14 - January 30, 2019 at the Kent State University, Stark Campus.

In this year's competition the judges boiled down 70 excellent portfolio entries to 15 gold winners and selected from over 3140 entries only 436 silver and gold key winners.

The Gold Portfolio Medal is the most outstanding level of achievement demonstrated by graduating seniors who submitted a body of art in the Portfolio categories. These portfolios are forwarded to New York City for national adjudication. Congratulations to Aurora High School's own **Emma Duckham** (2), **Grayson McMaster** (2) and **Tuuli Pirinen** (2) for receiving this prestigious Portfolio Gold Award.

The seven AHS Gold Key winners, demonstrating the highest levels of originality, technique, and personal vision, are: **Grayson McMaster** (4), **Tuuli Pirinen** (5), **Sophia Roberto** (2), **Will Carpenter**, **Audrey Davis**, **Emma Duckham**, and **Lauren Slates**. Their work will be forwarded on to New York City for national adjudication.

AHS Silver Key winners, whose artwork demonstrated advanced artistic achievement worthy of recognition on the regional level, are: **Kristen Fedor** (2), **Grayson McMaster** (3), **Tuuli Pirinen** (3), **Sophia Roberto** (2), **Emma Duckham**, and Mara Hanson.

The 17 AHS students who received Honorable Mention awards for artwork demonstrating artistic quality and potential received 39 certificates. They are: **Brynn Berryhill**, **Will Carpenter**, **Phoenix Cyronek**, **Audrey Davis** (2), **Emma Duckham** (2), **Gabreilla Elsas**, **Allison Girman** (2), **Wyatt Lupton**, **Kate McCray**, **Grayson McMaster** (7), **Raye Palko**, **Tuuli Pirinen** (6), **Kayla Shaw**, **Danielle Serafin**, **Olivia Stein**

(3), **Lauren Slates** (3) and **Paige Thompson**.

Mr. Caponi and Mr. Berrodin would both like to congratulate all students who entered and all students who were recognized in this year's show. AHS Principal, Paul Milcetch, said that this is, "Great affirmation of their work in an outstanding program under the direction of Berrodin and Caponi."



Aurora Gold and Silver Key Winners: Back Row - Lauren Slates, Emma Duckham, Will Carpenter, Mara Hanson, Tuuli Pirinen Front Row - Kristen Fedor, Audrey Davis, Grayson McMaster, Sophia Roberto



Aurora Portfolio Winners (left to right): Grayson McMaster, Emma Duckham, Tuuli Pirinen

Drowning in Sadness by Grayson McMaster



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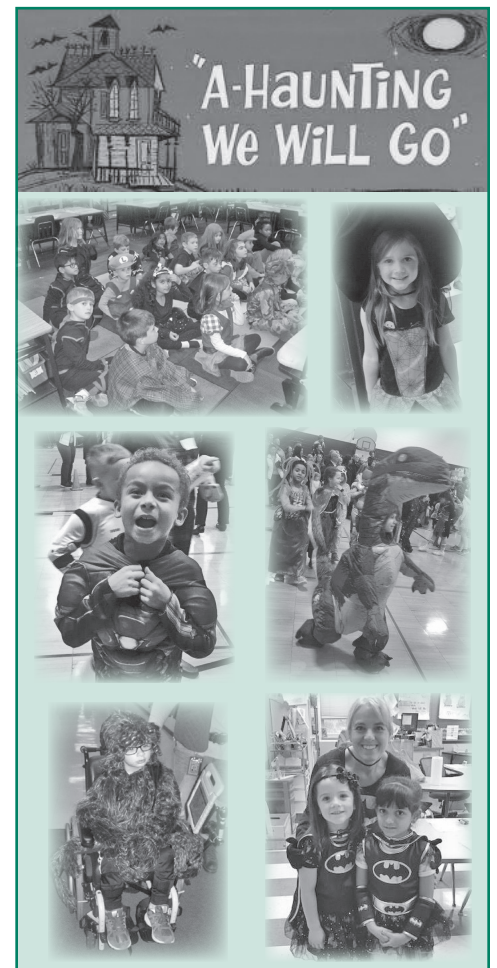
NHS AURORA FOR OTHERS

The AHS National Honor Society Students and advisors Jen Simmerman and Kasie Burroughs organized the annual Aurora for Others fundraisers during the 2018 holiday season. AHS raised over \$9,500 that was distributed to four different charities. The charities this year included, Comfort Cases, Alchemy Acres, House of Hope, and Pencils of Promise. Thank you to all who donated so generously and made this fundraiser so successful.

INTERACT CLUB



Over the holiday season, the Interact Club students participated in several great service activities that included caroling with residents at Independence Village in Aurora and assisting with a BREATHE event that provides fun activities for special needs children over the age of two in respite care.



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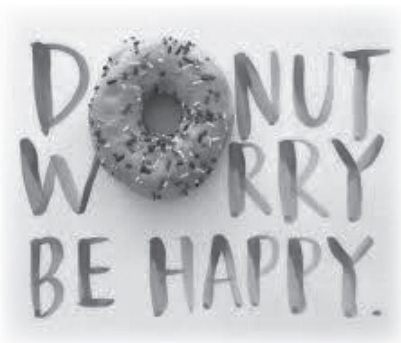
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Craddock Elementary School Donut Day ~ November 2018



Props to Ms. McArthur's Class Photos!