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MARCH 2009



High School High Honor Roll



High School Improvement Roll



Middle School High Honor Roll



Middle School Improvement Roll

HIGH SCHOOL HIGH HONOR ROLL

Grade 9

Christian Baker
Carly Bean
Haelee Catchpole
Angelle Flores
Nicole Krauth
Emily Lindsay
Rayanne Luke
Tricia Phillips
Kyle Robinson
Douglas Smith
Richard Yackel

Grade 10

Robert Brown
Cody Chelini
Brian Doran
Nicholas Frawley
Emma Oakes

Grade 11

Mikayla Bean
Kristen DeMarree
Kyle Dobie
Jessie Evarts
David Ferland
Kayla Flanders

Gabrielle Frawley
Hannah Hecht
Eric Hepler
Corey Hill
Rowan Ketchum
Christina Kostakis
Mark Montondo
Joshua Smith
Kathleen Swingly
Chelsea VanAcker
Aaron VanNostrand

Grade 12

Pierce Alquist
Sara Bonke
Stephanie Bowles
Roxanne Bowman
Caleb Burlee
Luke DeFisher
Damienne Denner
Mary Doran
Tyler Eaton
Richard Edwards
Thomas Godsey
Carrie Lergner
Joseph Moll
Daniel Rehor
Terrance Skerrett
William Wenzel
Noelle White

HIGH SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ROLL

Grade 9

Tyler Deets
Alexander Kopicki
Carolyn Niles

Grade 10

Samantha Dawson
Jacob Paquette
Ashley Rose

Grade 11

Jermaine Barner
Alisha Cavallaro
Rachel Flynn
Brendan Gordon
Brittany Moran
Michael Nichols

Grade 12

Sara Bonke
Lisa Devlin
Faith Supersad

MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGH HONOR ROLL

Grade 5

Alyssa Williams
Ryan Winn

Grade 6

Ciara Chelini
Megan Dildine
Jena Eaton
Anna Kostakis
Alec McCall
Joseph Mohr
Mark Saile
Thomas Saile
Matthew Sperr
Sarah Swingly
Casey Winn

Grade 7

Jamie Dodge
Thomas Ferland
Anderson Luke
Victoria Mason
Alexandra Prater
Hunter Secor
Nicholas Vitalone

Grade 8

Catherine Bonke
Christine Dobie
Amanda Farrington
Megan Fitzgerald
Sydney Pfaff
Paul Sperr
Benjamin Yackel

MIDDLE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT ROLL

Grade 5

Jordan Sheffield

Grade 7

Avery Hawthorne
Axel Joram
Mariah Liedmann
Timothy Orr
Nathan Ruffell
Zachary Sewilo
Kristina Tunley
Dustin Wiemer

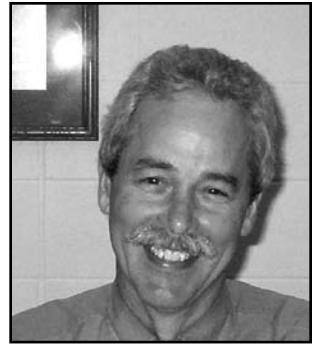
Grade 8

Trenton Beck
Olivia Cavallaro
Katherine Klem

Message from the BOE President...

“The worthwhile problems are the ones you can really solve or help solve; the ones you can really contribute something to.”

-- Richard Feynman, American physicist



*Michael Collins
Board of Education President*

Connections

The world gets smaller and more inter-connected every day. Apparently random events that occur on the other side of the planet seem to have an impact on our daily lives. Droughts lead to rising food prices. Winds disrupt power grids that in turn cause transportation delays that have an impact on replacement parts for critical infrastructure repairs. As some analysts see it, the world financial markets are in freefall because of poor decisions made in the US housing market. Choose your media and you will certainly be confronted with headlines boldly asserting the latest calamity. We all know that we're facing tough economic times. How we address the challenges is up to each of us.

Newton's Third law of Motion states: "For every action there is an equal and opposite reaction." The actions taken during the NYS budget process are causing districts in every community to react to potentially crippling cuts. Our district has a history of conservative stewardship of resources. Our imperative: "Doing what's right for children" is a key filter we use in the decision-making process. We are facing tough choices but the board and administration are not making "knee-jerk" reactions. Instead, we are taking a deliberative approach to evaluate our options to minimize the effects of budget cuts while maintaining the high standards of education the community expects and supports.

Make no mistake, these are challenging times. In conversations with friends, colleagues, neighbors and family, the common concern is uncertainty for the future. None of us can know what tomorrow will bring. However, we can do something about today. When we identify areas in which we can make a difference and then engage in finding creative solutions, we are taking active steps to address immediate problems and build a foundation so that we are not simply reacting to the next crisis that comes along.

I encourage you to read WCS newsletters and attend upcoming Board of Education meetings and other community forums to stay current with issues and events. Your ideas are important and your contributions are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

K-12 Music Assembly / High School
March 17th at 7:00 pm

Project 2017

Diann Roffe To Speak during the 50th Annual Apple Blossom Festival

Diann Roffe, who won a gold medal at the 1994 Olympics in Downhill Mogul and Super G skiing, will be a part of the Project 2017 Speaker Series during the 50th Annual Apple Blossom Festival. Ms. Roffe will take part in the Apple Blossom festivities and speak on **Saturday, May 16, 6:00 p.m.** at the Williamson High School Auditorium following the parade. Tickets are \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family and will be available at any school Main Office, the District Office or sites in the community in early April. Her speech will focus on the ideals and values she learned while growing up in Williamson and how they carried her to the Olympics and beyond.

What Is Project 2017?

Students today face a future that is much different than the past. There is no question that when they graduate, they will need some post-secondary education, whether it is college or secondary school. In order to ensure that students are adequately prepared, the Williamson Central School District launched Project 2017. This project is focused on students beginning with the graduating class of 2017 and every class thereafter. Students who receive an advanced Regents diploma and take at least one college level course during high school will receive a scholarship for continuing education.

Public Land Use Workshop

What Will Williamson Look Like In 2018?

Residents of the Town of Williamson are invited to attend a Public Land Use Workshop on Thursday, March 5th at 6:30 PM in the Middle School Cafeteria. The meeting is being held as part of the Town's on-going planning process to update their Comprehensive Plan.

The meeting will provide residents with an interactive, hands-on opportunity to discuss their vision for the future of the community by identifying future land uses for the Town. Topics of discussion will include preservation of agricultural lands and open space, as well as the identification of areas of the Town suitable for future residential, commercial, and industrial development.

The meeting will commence with a presentation by the Town's planning consultant, Bergmann Associates, followed by multiple opportunities for community input, including a visioning session, community character survey, and small working group sessions.

The input received at the meeting will be directly integrated into the Future Land Use Plan of the Comprehensive Plan and your feedback counts! This meeting will allow you to be part of the process to shape the future of the Town of Williamson. All residents are welcome to attend and participate. The Town wants to hear from you!

Refreshments will be provided.

If you have any specific questions about the Comprehensive Plan Update or the Public Land Use Workshop, please feel free to contact Kimberly Baptiste at Bergmann Associates at 585-232-5137 ext. 323.

High School . . .

It's hard to believe, but more than half the 2008-09 school year is complete. Williamson High School continues to offer a variety of activities and opportunities that inspire character, service, knowledge, and wisdom in our students. Our goal continues to center on students being well-rounded and achieving their very best! Some highlights from the 2nd marking period include:



*Douglas Lauf
High School Principal*

- 164 or 40% of the student body achieved one of the academic rolls (merit, honor, or high honor roll) during the 2nd marking period while another 15 students achieved improvement roll or sustained improvement roll
- The artistic talents of Haley Appleby, Emma Oakes, Hannah Barrett, Jayelle White, Jessie Evarts, Efrosyni Kostakis, Tyler Deets, and Dylan Forman were recognized through the Principal's Choice Art Award program for the months of September through December
- 90 students have earned student of the month honors since the beginning of the school year
- Our Masterminds Team is undefeated at 6 – 0, is in 1st place in the Wayne County League and has a home meet at the high school on February 25, 2009, at 3:30 p.m.
- The National Honor Society sponsored a non-perishable food drive in the high school that assisted the Wayne County Rural Ministry/Come-Unity Center in providing food to over 4,300 people
- The Link Crew worked with the freshmen class and provided a local family with many necessary items at holiday time
- The French Club, Spanish Club, and Student Council sponsored and participated in our annual gift giving and caroling event at Blossom View Nursing Home
- Our Volunteer Club took approximately 30 students to Eastview Mall to “ring the bells” for the annual Salvation Army Red Kettle event
- Our first class in the Project Lead the Way pre-engineering program sequence, Design and Drawing for Production, has 58 students enrolled. Next year the current MST class curriculum will change to become the 2nd class in the sequence, Principles of Engineering.
- The following students earned Quarterly Quality Student (QQS) awards at the Wayne Technical and Career Center during the 1st semester for demonstrating exceptional skills in their vocational program...Michael Decker II, Criminal Justice; Damiene Denner, New Vision Medical Careers; Jack Inman III, Auto Body Repair; Ti Jock, Carpentry; Mark Kuter, Automotive Technology; Benjamin Miller, Engineering/CAD; Lisa Devlin, Stephanie Follette and Brendan Gordon, Animal Science; Mark Kuter and Jeremiah Wackerman, Automotive Technology; Benjamin Miller, Engineering/CAD; Abram Peters, Metal Trades/Motorsports Fabrication; Alexis Torres, Cosmetology

Don't Miss The Following High School Musical Events...

Instrumental and Vocal Music Small Ensemble Concert & Student Art Show

March 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Williamson High School Musical Production of “My Fair Lady”

April 3, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

April 4, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Middle School . . .

Over half of the 2008-2009 school year is complete and the Williamson Middle School continues to have a number of activities that highlight active learning at all grade levels.

Classroom Highlights:

Grade 5 In Social Studies students are studying pioneers and the westward movement and in Science, students are comparing inherited and learned physical traits. The Math department is supporting students' math skills by instructing them in addition and subtraction of fractions and integers. Guidance counselor, Ann Dewhirst, is going into the classrooms to discuss anti-bullying strategies with all fifth graders.

Grade 6 In Math, students are focusing on ratios, fractions and proportions. Students in Science classes are learning about plate tectonics and in ELA, students are reading Maniac McGee, a book that examines racism and cultural differences. Students will also begin studying the medieval cultures as they prepare for Medieval Days at the end of March.

Grade 7 In ELA the students are reading books that examine human diversity. The Accelerated ELA class is researching human rights history with projects to be shared at the Learning Fair. In Social Studies students recently completed colonial projects while in Math they are advancing their understanding of the measurement systems. Accelerated Math students are working with sampling and creating surveys. In Science they are focusing on the phases of matter. The Technology program, Project Lead the Way, incorporates computer design and robotics in a variety of ways.

Grade 8 The 8th grade Math students are completing a geometry unit on polynomial arithmetic. Students taking Integrated Algebra are working with graphing and linear equations. In Social Studies students are learning about the Great Depression and in Science they are learning more about the plant and animal kingdoms. The Living Environment class is studying evolution and how species change over time. In ELA, students recently began a unit called "Start a Fire" where they each are researching one year in the 20th century, becoming an expert, and then presenting their findings to the class in a PowerPoint presentation. Project Lead the Way is also part of our 8th grade requirements.

Students are looking forward to:

- Travel Club is going to Montreal, Canada at the beginning of April for three days.
- The Learning Fair will be March 21st from 1-4 pm in the Middle School.
- "Reading in the Wildest Places" contest will take place in April.
- Medieval Days will take place at the end of March for the 6th grade.

With the continued support of the community Middle School students have opportunities to learn and develop into productive and healthy individuals.



*John E. Fulmer
Middle School Principal*



**Breakfast
with the
Principal**

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Grade 9

Laura Allard
Corrin Bogart
Neil Campbell
Heidi DeCann
Kimberly DeFisher
Trena DeMarree
Brandon DeRue
Amanda Grevell
Dannie Joram
Efrosyni Kostakis
Emily Mogray
Ashley Neal
Caleb Peters
Erik Rangel
Andrew Reid
Gregory Stitt
Jeffery Timmerman
Meghan Willis

Grade 10

Hayley Ameele
Charity Baker
Hannah Barrett
Michaela Bristol
James Buda
Britny Cole
Nicole Darling
Courtney Dodge
Cody Garrod
Jessica Gillis
Evangeline McClure
Luke Moll
Kierstyn Palmer
Brian Redder
Samantha Scott
Mary William
Zachery Willis

Grade 11

Gregory Akins
Alisha Cavallaro
Emma Clark
Adam DeMay
Chelsea Gates
Vann Henry
Brittany Moran
Michael Nichols
Lindsay Rynders
Elizabeth Shadduck
Meredith Shultes
Ryan Thayer
Robert Wendler
Kyle Youngs

Grade 12

Jaycee Bristol
Nina Calabresi
Alexandra Cappon
Stephanie Darling
Joshua Forget
Katlyn Gregg
Katherine Johnson
Stephanie Kingsbury
Rebecca Klejment
Kelly Marchionda
Shelby Maroselli

Benjamin Miller
Anthony Miralles
Jeremiah Wackerman
Jayelle White
Corey York
Chelsea Young

HIGH SCHOOL MERIT ROLL

Grade 9

Melanie Cahill
Adrienne Cook
Daphne Croop
Megan DeFisher
Ashley DeNardo
Alexander Kopicki
Mason Mascle
Alexander Miller
Randi Ray
Andrew Stohr
Emily Stritzel
Trevor Thayer
Nadia Thompson
Shane Walker
Matthew Wright

Grade 10

Tiffany Bloss
Natalli Bogart
Zachary Cappon
William Denner
Connor Hannan
Joshua Havranek
Alexander Intini
Allison Liddle
Jason Miller
Emily Morlock
Macenzie Peters
Tyler Picotte
Caitlyn Pilc
Jay Seyna
Samuel Sherwin
Christopher
Timmerman
William Verno

Grade 11

Maria Aguilera
Dominic D'Augustino
Kathryn Distenfeld
Ti Jock
John Johnson
Danielle Vitalone

Grade 12

Lukas Allen
Autumn Bowman
Michele Cahill
Blanca Cervantes
Chelsie Morrison
Jennifer Persutte
Abram Peters
Sergio Trejo-Acevedo
Krista Valletta
Amanda Westfall

MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Grade 5

Jacob Bailey
Angelena Barclay
Hayden Beck
Sean Campbell
Naomi Cobbs
Nathan Currier
Robert DeMarco
Taylor DeNeef
Logan DeRue
Benjamin Dodge
Stephanie Fisk
Andrew Fitzgerald
Dawson Gilbert
Haley Haws
Jordan Hayes
Leanna Hess
Nicholas Hordin
Malik Jones
Dakota Kolyer
Emma McLymond
Konner Oakes
Autumn Pollock
Emelia Sonnevile
Alexander Steurys
Taylor Walker
Brianna Wilson
Samuel Winslow

Grade 6

Reilly Carlson
Schae Clark
Corey Cristales
Elizabeth DeFisher
Katelyn Flanders
Benjamin Henner
Elizabeth Kuhl
Samuel Kuhl
Amy LaVare
Leah Loveless
Morgan Manktelow
Samantha Mayo
Taylor McCall
Jennifer Meyn
Liam Miller
Dennis Mowers
Arianna Palmer
James Benjamin
Reid
Tessa Robinson
Jonah Sharp
Cody
VanKouwenberg
Justin Villnave
Samantha
Zimmerman

Grade 7

Paula Aguilera
Christian Barrett
Shane Blauvelt
Jacqueline Bouvier
Marcella DelPlato
Joshua Faulks
Ali Henderson
Axel Joram
Kathryn Kolyer

Matthew Lindsay
Kira McCall
Joshua McIntosh
Katherine McKay
Makenna McKeon
Mickayla Miller
Joseph Montondo
Bailey Musclow
Joshua Neal
Bennett
Schoonerman
Zachary Sewilo

Grade 8

Christopher Allard
Ariana Allman
Jamison Brooks
Karly Byron
Carly Catchpole
Alex DeMay
Casey DeMay
Yaneczka Flores
Alexis Ginther
Alison Hassett
Kathryn Hodgson
Jeanette Homman
Adam Johnson
Heather Kramberg
Holly Kramberg
Nicole LaVancha
Sean Mannix
Kimberly
Marchionda
Nicholas Monachino
Oona Quinn
Nicholas Smith
Kelsey Stitt
Stephen Thomson

MIDDLE SCHOOL MERIT ROLL

Grade 5

Makenzie Baker
John Beikirch
Claudia Cooney
John Devendorf
Noah Eaton
Leaha Eidman
Silver Fox
Clayton Hamm
Garrick Immesoete
Caleb Jordan
Jacob Kommer
Anthony Lachiusa
Tyler Ledsome
Cassie McCall
Tylea McCarthy-
Walker
Rebecca Moran
Thomas Ploof
Mason Prater
Amber Raymer
Jagger Secor
Jordan Sheffield
Jake Tesch
Emily Thompson
Brendon Tuper
Kendal Ulmer
Lyndsey Yackel

Grade 6

Carl Ashlaw
Jacob Brandt
Alexander Cook
Zackary Guerra
Daniel Kruger
Griffin Lange
Zoey Lee
Emily Piazza
William Sackett
Hannah Seniuk
Destiny Sharrow
Spencer Smith
Tyler Spence
Devon Traas
Chaz Vanderwall
Guadalupe Vargas
Samantha Walton
Brody Wilson

Grade 7

Francisco Aguilera
Emma Akins
Kaitlyn Ashlaw
Ashley Baker
Gordon Barron
Monica Brennan
Elizabeth Cody
Katelyn Gilbert
Carissa Havranek
Jacinda Henry
Daniel Inman
Abby Kerr
Votie LaFave-
Boughton
Mariah Liedmann
Simone Macirella
Gerard Moran
Cory Neild
Megan Noger
Nathaniel Ruffell
Anna St. Cyr
Mitchell Steurys
Kristina Tunley
Abram VanHoover
Stephanie
Zimmerman

Grade 8

Priscilla Alba
Joseph Ankrom
Kevin Bertolone
Cassidy Bishop
Tyler Bureau
Zackery Bushart
Jacob Collier
Taylor Flanders
Connor Gelina
Micalah Klejment
Andrew Kruger
Taylor Kuter
Kyle Ludgate
Alexander
Monachino
Ariana Nieto
John Piazza
Joshua Raymer
Emily Strobel
Cheyenne Traas

Olivia Walker
Katelynn White
Kristian Wilson
Ian Youngs

5TH GRADE HIGH ACHIEVEMENT ROLL

Jacob Bailey
Makenzie Baker
Angelena Barclay
Hayden Beck
John Beikirch
Sean Campbell
Naomi Cobbs
Claudia Cooney
Nathan Currier
Robert DeMarco
Taylor DeNeef
Logan DeRue
John Devendorf
Benjamin Dodge
Noah Eaton
Leaha Eidman
Stephanie Fisk
Andrew Fitzgerald
Silver Fox
Dawson Gilbert
Clayton Hamm
Haley Haws
Jordan Hayes
Leanna Hess
Nicholas Hordin
Garrick Immesoete
Malik Jones
Caleb Jordan
Jacob Kommer
Dakota Kolyer
Anthony Lachiusa
Tyler Ledsome
Cassie McCall
Tylea McCarthy-
Walker
Emma McLymond
Rebecca Moran
Konner Oakes
Thomas Ploof
Autumn Pollock
Mason Prater
Amber Raymer
Terry Rogers
Jagger Secor
Jordan Sheffield
Emelia Sonnevile
Alexander Steurys
Jake Tesch
Emily Thompson
Brendon Tuper
Kendal Ulmer
Taylor Walker
Alyssa Williams
Brianna Wilson
Ryan Winn
Samuel Winslow
Lyndsey Yackel

Elementary School . . .

Jump Rope for Heart



Anne Ressler
Elementary School Principal

Many of you may have been asked to sponsor one of our Elementary School students in our Jump Rope For Heart fund-raising activity held this month. The Jump Rope For Heart initiative is a national educational fund-raising program that is sponsored by the American Heart Association and the American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (AAHPERD).

Our physical education teachers, Mr. Minier and Mr. Schoonerman, spearheaded this initiative in conjunction with the American Heart Association personnel. The physical education teachers designed the program so that it taught our students valuable life-long lessons including: the importance of being engaged in fund-raising activities to support a worthy cause, that volunteerism is a part of being a good community member and that we need to develop healthy habits early on in life to keep our hearts healthy.

A school goal of collecting \$1,500.00 was set and although all the monies have not been counted we are certain that our students have far exceeded this goal. This is a tribute to the generosity of our community even in hard economic times. The funds will go directly to support lifesaving heart and stroke research.



Message from the Superintendent . . .

The Collision Of Two Forces

Over the last two years, I have been informing the community of our decreasing enrollment. It has forced us to cut many elementary classrooms. For those of you that went to school in Williamson, you may remember classes of 100 or more students. Our present third grade class has 67 students. This declining enrollment will continue to be a force to be reckoned with this spring as we plan for next year.

This loss of students affects the amount of aid that the state sends our way. With the recent financial woes, the loss of revenue to the district makes this the second force we are dealing with this budget cycle.

These two forces have caused an extensive study of our class offerings and our class sizes. The Board and I have always believed that the size of the Kindergarten through grade two classes need to be 18 or under. We have never set minimum or maximum class sizes for the remaining grades. With the declining enrollment of our district and the loss of revenue from the state, we have done so this year. Class sizes in the upper grades will be set at 20-24 for core subjects (Math, English, Social Studies and Science) and for elective courses to run, at least 10 students will need to be enrolled. By doing this we will be able to maintain 9 Gemini courses and 6 Advanced Placement Courses, as well as a Business and Technology Department. For a school of our size, we exceed what other schools offer at the high school level.

All of this must be done with the taxpayer in mind. Times are tough and large tax increases are not possible. The state has been talking about a tax cap and the Board and I have made a commitment to stay under that amount. We are also committed to offering our students an education that will keep them on par with their peers. Education is an economic driver and without a well educated work force, our economy will not be able to recover.

I ask that you come to Board meetings between now and April when we will be discussing the budget before it is adopted if you have questions or are looking for more detailed information. There will be rumors that will be swirling and most of them will probably be untrue or exaggerated. The Board meets at 7 pm on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. If you would like a budget presentation to a community group that you are a part of, that is possible also. Please call the District Office at 589-9661 to set up a time.



Maria Ehresman
Superintendent of Schools



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