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High School High Honor Roll

Grade 9

Joshua Bailey
Joseph Belmont
Aubree Brothers
Gavin Buehler
Hunter Byron
Justin Eaton
Maxwell Farrington
Adam Fisk
Autumn Frost

Hannah Haws
Makenna Hill
Tyler, Ingham
George Konstantinou
Irina Konstantinou
Mackenzie Mangos
Andrew Niles
Trayton Schmeelk
Adam Robert Schreiber
Abigail Sheahen

Olivia Tunley
James Williams

Grade 10

Drew DiSanto

Grade 11

Clayton Belmont
Jessica Brandt
Jeffrey Cantwell

Bailey DiSanto
Claire Donovan
Hannah Ferland
Sharayah Fisher
Jacob Haase
Matthew Kuhl
Nathanael Niles
Nathaniel Palmer

Grade 12

Angelena Barclay
Logan DeRue
Serena Doyon
Leaha Eidman
Stephanie Fisk
Leanna Hess
Maja Amalie
Johman Kjaerulf
Dakota Kolyer

Tylea McCarthy-Walker
Rebecca Moran
Autumn Pollock
Amber Raymer
Alexander Steurys
Alyssa Williams



7th Grade Achievement Roll

Erma Beckwith
Evan Blankenberg
Andrew Brandt
Patsy Catalano
Johanna Cottrell
Nick Cook
Connor DeNagel
Kennedie Dunbar

Jayelle Dunning
Gavin Fernaays
Mackenzie Fox
Julianna Giudici
Zachary Haase
Gabriella Hamel
Nicole Hillyard
Scott Klinkman

Alandra Kunz
Autumn Lee
Abigail Lamark
Michael Main
Makayla Mottler
Cadie Newby
Aryn Notovitz
Lauren Pollock

Brianna Shanley
Danielle Sitterly
Laurel Taft
Arabella Tousey
Ryan Trombly
Nicole Woodworth



8th Grade Achievement Roll

Amanda Barber
Kayla Brennan
Austin Brown
Nicole Cantwell
Luis Ceron
Emma Cino

Emily Conrow
Ryan Fernaays
Sarah Goodenough
Arthur Holcomb
Olivia Kern
Max Lalone

Josiah McIntosh
Delilah Moore
Heather Ramsdell
Tyler Raymer
Riley Schmitt
August Schulz

Noah Scileppi
Jayden Sherman
Jacob Steurys
Allyson Wieser
Jordan Williams

High School Improvement Roll

Grade 9

Morgaine Akridge-Phillips
Tyrese Smith

Grade 10

Kevin Zuniga

Grade 11

Adriannah Klejment
Samantha Neild
Tricia Mitchell

High School Sustained Improvement Roll

Grade 10

Joshua Miller

7th & 8th Grade Exceptional Achievement Roll

7th Grade

Annie Alexander
Brooklyn Brothers
Elizabeth Collier
Claire Consadine
Dharma DeMarco
Jacob Dinehart
Camden Haws

Sarah Hellmann
Sophia Konstantino
Austin Steurys
Cadence Suwyn
Madison Tarquinio
Grace Weber
Lydia Wyble

8th Grade

Annalise Allman
Cora Blunden
Alyssa Bond
Madeline Bortle
Evelyn Fonda
Connor Garrod
David Kellock

Jacob Kuhl
Alyson LaBarr
Connor McVey
Erin Noger
Maria Ortiz
Rachel Ramsdell



Kathryn Avery
High School Principal

High School . . .

The winter season has brought us many acknowledgements!

152 of our students earned honors for Merit, Honor, High Honor, and Improvement Rolls for the second marking period.

At press time we are sending 6 wrestlers to the State qualifiers. We have new school records in the Weight Throw courtesy of Norberto Cervantes, who set a Williamson and Wayne Finger Lakes record in the Weight Throw of 53'10" and Sierra Taylor set a new school record in the Weight Throw of 22'1". Our swimmers are also setting pool records and competing in sectionals as of this issue.

The following students have earned Quarterly Quality Student Awards at the Wayne Technical and Career Center (WTCC) in the second quarter: Joseph DelPlato, Electrical Trades; Claire Donovan, Health Dimensions; Serena Doyon, New Vision Medical Careers; Noah Ferrante, Auto Body Repair; Amber Raymer, New Vision Medical Careers; Braedon Spence, Culinary Arts. They have been recognized by their instructors for demonstrating exceptional skills in the following areas: Communication Skills; Personal and Workplace Behaviors; Quality Process Skills; and Specific Technical and Career Skills.

Additionally, the following students have achieved a 90 or higher average in their technical program for the second marking period: Westley Burlee, Electrical Trades; Norberto Cervantes, Criminal Justice; Claire Donovan, Health Dimensions; Serena Doyon, New Vision Medical Careers; Sarah Haak, Health Dimensions; Amber Lorah, Cosmetology; Amber Raymer, New Vision Medical Careers; Emelia Sonnevile, New Vision Medical Careers.

Our staff are implementing new instructional strategies through the use of Google Classroom, eDoctrina and other technology tools. Seniors in English 12 are completing our first ever Senior Project, blending writing and research skills with an area of their passion. Students at all grade levels are beginning career exposure through the work of our Pathways Counselor Tracy O'Hara. We have numerous students participating in internships and job shadows to learn more about fields of interest.



National Honor Society New Inductees: Left to Right: Claire Donovan, Chantel Smith, Amber Raymer, Bailey DiSanto, Angelena Barclay, Matthew Kuhl, Jessica Brandt, Rebecca Moran, Hannah Ferland, Sharayah Fisher

Middle School . . .

The Middle School is full of activity, opportunity and advancement beyond the classroom.

There are a variety of clubs that students are active in all year long, including: Yearbook Club; Newspaper Club; International Club; and Student Association.

We also have activities throughout the year that include: Cooking Club; Ski Club; Robotics Club; Spelling Bee; Intramurals; Coding Club; Chess Club; Masterminds; Odyssey of the Mind; and Running Club. Many of these activities are available to all Middle School students.



*John E. Fulmer
Middle School Principal*

This winter over 45 7th and 8th graders participated in modified sports that include basketball; swimming; cheerleading; and wrestling.

Other activities in the Middle School:

- Students participated in the oral round of the Spelling Bee after qualifying in the written round. Two finalists will go onto the regional competition in Geneva.
- The Learning Fair is again scheduled for the end of April.
- 6th graders participated in “Mission to Mars” at the RMSC in November.
- Nearly 50 8th grade students in MS Travel Club went to Boston for three days in October.
- The MS has begun holding monthly “PAWSit forums” where all students begin their day in the auditorium together. We focus on the MS being a true community built on personal and social responsibility.
- 8th graders will be participating in the Skills Competition at BOCES in March.
- Approximately 50 students and staff are participating in the Fuel Up Play 60 Initiative promoting healthy living by eating right and 60 minutes of exercise per day.
- Medieval Day for 6th grade students will take place March 13th.
- Three roller skating parties have taken place for students at all grade levels.
- Middle School students participated in the Martin Luther King community celebration that took place in Newark.
- 6th graders participated in positive social skills lessons with an instructor from Delphi.
- All students received hearts on their lockers for Valentine’s Day courtesy of MS Student Association.
- International Club is planning an International Fair in April.
- The MS is collecting Box Tops for Education, with the 5th graders winning the first competition between classes.

We encourage students to participate in different activities along with their academic responsibilities and stay involved in all aspects of the school environment.





Ellen Saxby
Elementary School Principal

Elementary School . . .

We are all about learning here at the elementary school! Learning takes different shapes and forms throughout the day, some examples include:

- Our students are in the gym learning how to play a new game with their classmates.
- You can also see our students in class reading and learning about people and places around the world through their reading.
- 3rd graders are learning about the different species of frogs in both their classroom and at the Rochester Museum and Science Center while on a field trip.
- The student safety patrol (4th graders) are learning what it is like to have a role of leadership and responsibility in the building (they are doing a great job in this role!).
- Soon our K-4 student population will learn what it is like to be a writer and an author when James Howe visits our school on March 11th and shares his learning path as well as his successes!

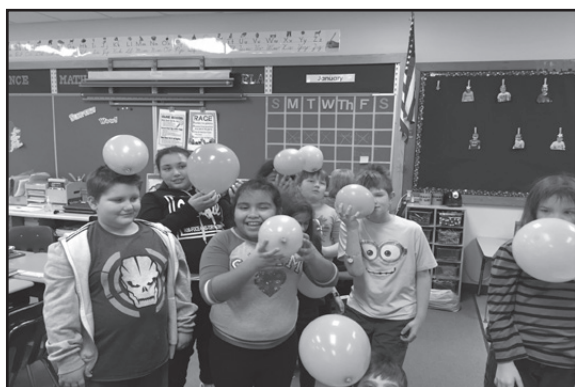
Take a peek at these pictures of our Williamson Elementary students and their learning!



Mrs. Sharp's and Mrs. Barnes' 2nd graders learning while using technology (iPads purchased through PTSA and the Box Top program!).



Miss Gowan's Kindergarten students learning about Johnny Appleseed.



Mrs. Colling's 3rd and 4th graders learning about static electricity.



Thank you for your
continued support!

High School Honor Roll

Grade 9

Leonardo Ceron
Kayley DeNagel
Madeline Dinehart
Benjamin Edwards
Mareasa Giudici
Mackenzie LeBerth
Tyia McCarthy
Erika Meyn
Ryan Morse
Madison Weber

Grade 10

Avery Carlson
Cameron Gregory
Rachel Miller
Angelique Nacci
Autumn Ressue
Kristina Stein
Emma Vos

Grade 11

Joseph Allman
Grace Caternolo
Abram Collier
Martha Liddle
Amber Lorah
Chantel Octaria Smith

Grade 12

Jacqueline Aguilera Fonseca
Sarena Buys
Sean Campbell
Benjamin Dodge
Andrew Fitzgerald
Shania Fonda
Malik Jones
Cassie McCall
Owen Parshall
Ashley Raymer

Ingrid Schulstad
Emelia Sonnevill
Emily Thompson
Taylor Walker
Mackenzie Whitmore
Lyndsey Yackel

High School Merit Roll

Grade 9

Brooke Bishop
Kayli Burggraaff
Justina Adair Eodice
Eryn Grell
Logan Hamm
Jason Homman
Kaden Martinez
Collin McCall
Marissa Peets
Mynor Perez Mendez
Samuel Jacob Rochevot
Dara Storms
Sierra Taylor

Martin Williams
Dylan Woodworth

Grade 10

Jamie Ackerman
Rook Williams Allen
Jeremiah D Bulman
Beau Burlee
Mackenzie Cayea
James Cook
Dennis Cooney
Zalya Doebling
Khyeria Hall
Tyler Jones

Alexa Jordan
Samantha Kaler
Anna Lalone
Jacob LaPlant
Brian Noger
Taylor Nuessle
Nicholas Piazza
Annaliese Reuter
Lucas Daniel Rochevot
Joseph Silipino
Ethan Sonnevill

Grade 11

Maria Isabel Aguilera
Fonseca
Westley Burlee
Joseph DelPlato
John Grell
Sarah Haak
Hannah Henderson
Gary Immesoete
Adriannah Klejment
Cole Mascle
Autumn Miller
Michelle Post
Aaryn Schmitt

Lauren Patricia Smith
Emilee VanDemortel

Grade 12

Jacob Bailey
Haley Haws
Jacob Kommer
Nathanael Lalone
Brianna McCall
Emma McLymond
Thomas Page
Mason Prater
Austin Whitcomb

5th and 6th Grade Outstanding Work Habits

5th Grade

Alan Aguilera-Rangel
Adrianna Alexander
Sam Belmont
Leta Bernhardt
Logan Bond
Andrew Bradford
Collin Brennan
Evonne Buwalda
Joelle Cobbs
Ross Consadine
Matthew DeFisher
Luke Dinehart
Audrey Erwin
Marshall Faniel
Kayleigh Genge
Blake Giglio
Alexa Governor
Aaron Jones
Natalie Kern
Alayna Kiesinger
Ella Markko
Adrian Martinez
Aiden Mateo

John Niles
Michael Ortiz
Raymond Otero
Morgan Peets
Vincent Pilato
Kylie Sciortino
Lilianna Sharp
Allyson Skinner
Moir Smith
Bailey Stringer
Olivia Tarquinio
Sebastian Tarquinio
Evan Trombly
Tania Vargas
Logan Venti
Joseph Weinschreider
Kaitlin Welscher
Marcela Zavala

6th Grade

Emelia Adams
Andrea Aguilera
Jennifer Aguilera-Fonseca
Lizbeth Aguilera-Rangel

Gryphon Akridge-Phillips
Hazel Arteaga-Martinez
Joshua Bardin
Morgan Baumgartner
Dylan Begy
Evan Bishop
Joseph Bissell-Young
Mackenzie Booser
Alan Bouwens
Jeffrey Brackman
Sierra Brown
Ian Buckles
Brooke Byron
Cole Campbell
Jayden Chiccino
Vincent Chiccino
Sam Colfer
Dylan Colonio
Morgan Comstock
Myla Coon
Justin Czebiniak
Jonathan Davies
Thomas DeFisher
Tessa Englerth

Olivia Flynn
Avery Fonda
Shawn Francis
Zack Frost
Isaac Gasparri
Diego Gonzalez DeVore
Tori Goodness
LaTrell Green
Devon Harrison
Damien Hawn
Troy Ingham
Matthew Jackson
James Jones
Chloe Jordan
Paige Jordan
Nick Katta
Emily Kozak
Daniel Kuhl
Riaghlee Lagoner
Jesse LaPlant
Jordyn Lavoie
Shelby Lessord
Cameron Leidmann
Connor Manahan

Reagan Mangos
Jaxxten Markko
Peter Matteson
Jennifer Mendoza Nava
Shaylyn Miller
Cayleigh Newby
Graham Penta
Aiden Richmond
Alexis Rodriquez
Liam Rothfuss
Emma Grace Scileppi
Nadia Serrano
Torin Sheahen
William Snow
Caeleb Suwyn
Faylinn Tousey
Jillian VanLare
Autumn Warney
Johnathan Wieser
Emily Williams
Taylor Williams
Grace Wren
Jackson Wren
Christina Zimmerman

Changes to NYS Testing Program = Good for Kids!

In response to feedback from school districts, school leaders and parents, the New York State Education Department has changed several aspects of the state testing program. These changes will alleviate many of the concerns stakeholders have expressed in regards to past testing practices. Here is a list of the most significant changes for this school year:

- ✱ **Questar has replaced Pearson as the state's assessment services provider**
Questar Assessment, Inc. brings extensive experience with assessment in New York State to the Grades 3-8 testing program.
- ✱ **There will be greater involvement of educators in the test development process**
The increased involvement of educators in the review of questions and final test forms will improve the quality of the Grades 3-8 ELA and Mathematics Tests. There will be a focus to more closely measure what is taught in classrooms.
- ✱ **There will be a decrease in the number of test questions**
One of the most consistent recommendations made to NYSED was to reduce the length of the tests. Based on this feedback, NYSED has decreased the number of test questions on both the 2016 Grades 3-8 ELA and Mathematics tests.
- ✱ **The assessments will be untimed**
We will be transitioning to an untimed testing model in order to allow students the ability to work at their own pace and do their best work. This will also help to alleviate concerns about test completion.
- ✱ **Assessment results will not impact teacher evaluation**
The New York State Education Department had placed a four year moratorium on using test scores to inform teacher evaluation.

For more information and greater detail about the exciting changes coming to the New York State 3-8 Mathematics and ELA Testing Program, please visit the New York State Education Department's website at **NYSED.gov** and click on the **assessment link**. We are asking parents and guardians to remember that these assessments do provide teachers with valuable information about student learning and program effectiveness. **Our district must ensure a 95% participation rate on these assessments in order to qualify for federal funding.**

Williamson Community Assessment Forum



Please join us on
March 10th from 7:00 – 8:00
in the MS Auditorium



We will share the latest updates and answer questions you may have.

Message from the Superintendent . . .

Why High Participation Rates Helps Williamson Schools



Greg Macaluso
Superintendent of Schools

As we head toward spring and the administration of the grades 3-8 state assessments in English Language Arts and Mathematics, we want to thank our teachers, parents and students for all of their hard work towards meeting the New York State Standards. Last year we had a large number of students “opt-out” of taking the tests. Parents, teachers, and other groups communicated their concerns with the assessments and the State has made changes accordingly. These changes are outlined on a separate page of this issue. The purpose of this article is to help you understand why the assessments are important to us. By having your child take the assessments, you are:

1. **Allowing our students to demonstrate what they know and are able to do** as compared with the expectations set by the state standards. The results help us analyze the effectiveness of our curriculum. Further, these assessments allow us to objectively compare the progress of our students with students in other schools and districts.
2. **Supporting the hard work of our teachers and administrators** as they utilize the entire instructional cycle – standards, curriculum, instruction, assessments, analysis of results, and professional learning – to continuously improve the opportunities provided to our students.
3. **Preparing our kids for future standards-based instruction and assessments** such as Regents Exams and the SAT. When students take the 3-8 assessments, they are “practicing” in a sense for future assessments, when the stakes are higher. It is reassuring to note that on the 3-8 assessments, students do not pass or fail nor do they fail content area courses or get held back in their current grade based on their assessment results. Instead, they are deemed to have met proficiency or not – and then future guidance or support services are provided accordingly. These 3-8 assessments also build the stamina and “grit” students will need for future exams.
4. **Providing the district with critical information** about our students, our professional learning, and the investments that we make in our educational system. It is worth noting that the assessments are comprehensive for a reason: to be fair to our students. For an assessment to be “fair,” it must provide multiple opportunities for students to demonstrate proficiency against a given question/standard. This design makes the amount of time challenging, but is one of the key features in establishing the validity of the assessment. The State’s efforts to shorten the tests and not restrict time will be a great help.

We want you to know that we greatly appreciate your child’s participation in the assessments here in Williamson Central Schools. Simply put, doing so helps us see how our students are meeting expectations; understand specific areas in which our students are successful; and identify specific areas in which our students struggle so that we can best focus our efforts to prepare them to be ready for the future.

Message from the BOE President...

*"The foundation of every state is the education of its youth."
– Diogenes, Greek philosopher 412-323 BC*



Michael Collins
Board of Education President

Our district's perennial budget process is in full swing. As outlined in the budget presentation, this year we are cautiously optimistic that instead of cutting personnel and programs, we can actually reinstate and even enhance our efforts to provide our students with a competitive and relevant education. It's good news. While it is a welcome relief from recent years, we are not complacent in thinking that adequate education funding will become a driving force for change in Albany. We will continue to push for fair and equitable funding as well as promised GEA reimbursement. The future of our children and our community is too important to be left to chance or political expediency. Each member of the WCS team contributes to our culture of doing what's right for children through dedication and a commitment to excellence every day. Community support ensures that we are preparing our children for the future. Please stay informed, engaged and in touch. Let us know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Collins, President
Board of Education

SMART Schools Bond Preliminary Plan is posted on the District website. Please take a minute to review and submit your suggestions.

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