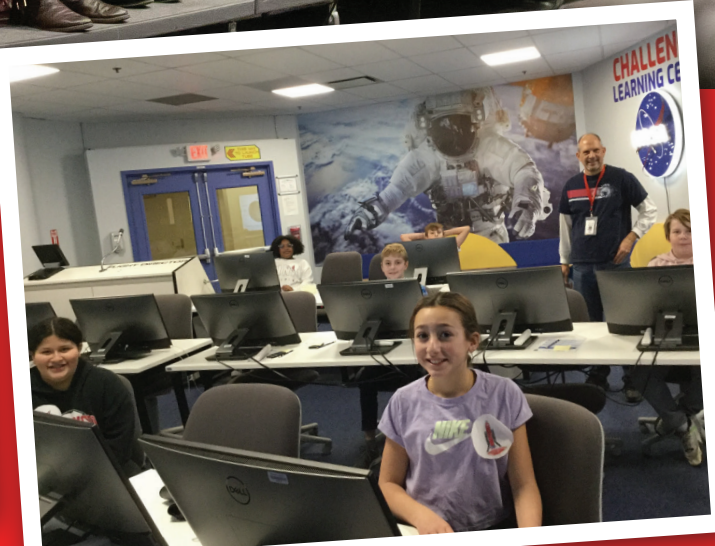


WHAT'S HAPPENING

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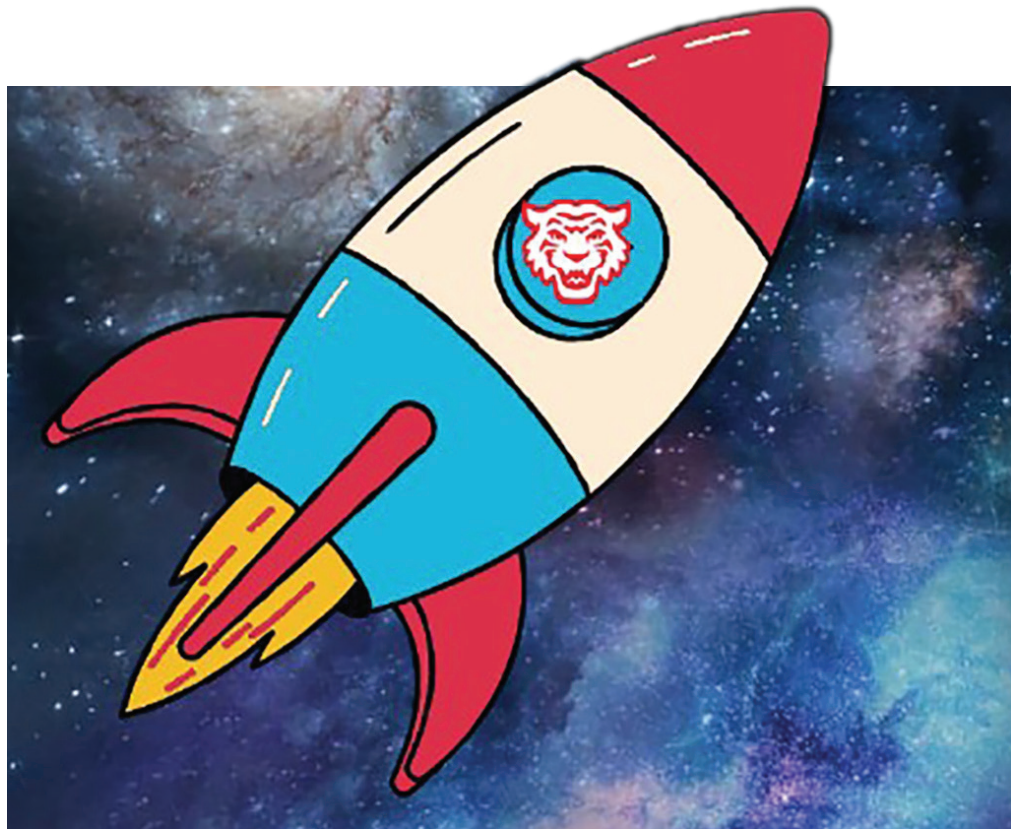
An Eye to the Future

We are all about continuous improvement at Williamson Central School District. Each year, as a part of our strategic planning cycle, we review data on student achievement and collect feedback from staff, students and parents about how we can be better. This year, we are engaging in a view that is a lot further up the road. Believe it or not, our current Kindergarten class will graduate in 2035! That may seem like the realm of science fiction, but it will be the world our students grow and thrive in! We want to be sure we are adapting the offerings and experiences within our school day to help them be best prepared for whatever that future brings.

To that end, we have been reading and doing research on job/employment trends and innovations in education. There is a lot of evidence that automation and artificial intelligence will change the workforce needs of the future. For example, there will be a 55% increase in hours spent on advanced IT skills and programming by the year 2030. There will also be a major increase in entrepreneurship, initiative taking and leadership skills necessary to meet the demands of the future market (McKinsey&Company, Skill Shift, In Brief). Along with these changes, there is also a forecasted drop in the need for manual labor and basic cognitive skills.

When we think about the future of the educational system, we know that career training is important. We also hear a lot about life skills and executive functioning being priority areas for development. The future will certainly need people who can problem solve, innovate and work together in high functioning teams.

As we develop our long range plans for preparing our students for their futures, we would love to hear about



your thoughts and ideas. We are sure you have had conversations in your current professional worlds about future needs. What - as a community member or family member or a future employer - do you feel is important to focus on as we adapt and flex our current educational model?

You can find the link to the Future Focused Survey on our website under "Quick Links" or you can scan this QR code:



We appreciate you taking some time to share your perspectives and ideas.

Back to the present, we wish all of our Marauder community members a wonderful holiday season and a prosperous new year. Here's to a great 2023... and beyond!

With Marauder PRIDE,

Marygrace Mazzullo
Superintendent



Greetings From The Elementary School

So many wonderful things are happening here at the elementary school this year!

Big Pumpkin Day came back to the elementary on Friday October 28th! It was wonderful to have our parents and high school student volunteers back with us.... there were 200+ volunteers here to help us celebrate our special day. A big thank you to our Big Pumpkin Day coordinators - Mrs. Erin Genge and Mrs. Jamie Hale!

Our Grandparent Readers are also back in the elementary school - we've missed them these past few years. These wonderful volunteers come in during our 1st and 2nd grade lunch times and read with our students. It's hard to tell who enjoys this time more - our students or the grandparents!

The elementary school production of The Lion King Kids took place on December 2nd and 3rd this year and was a wonderful show! Our 3rd and 4th graders, along with the directors Mrs. Byron and Miss Wander, worked very hard these past few months. Thank you to all the behind the scene volunteers who helped to make this show a success. Great job to everyone!!



Miss Ellen Saxby
Elementary School Principal



Middle School News

Our students have successfully completed their first 10 weeks, and are into the second 10 weeks, of the school year. Students are engaged in learning and social development. The faculty encourages students to stay organized, give their best effort and be kind. Academic and behavioral expectations remain high for all students. We continue to incorporate our district wide PRIDE philosophy in all we do here at the Middle School.

Report cards accurately identify student's progress toward meeting Learning Standards. A reminder that report cards are available on parent portal in SchoolTool. The end of the first marking period was November 10th. Students are proud of their accomplishments and teachers are continuing to work diligently to instruct and challenge them. Students are encouraged to seek assistance if needed and be responsible for their learning. Together with families, we encourage students to put forth their best effort and engage in learning, fully participating in their school experience.



John E. Fulmer
Middle School Principal

There are a number of clubs and activities that have occurred in the first quarter and into the second quarter of this year at the Middle School including:

- **Student Leadership Committee** – A group of 18 8th grade students mentor and support our 5th grade students, facilitating activities throughout the year.
- **International Club and Newspaper Club** – Two clubs with active membership.
- **Odyssey of the Mind** – Two teams from the Middle School are preparing to participate regionally.
- **Red Ribbon Week** – A week-long focus on educating a drug and bully free lifestyle school wide. A great deal of school spirit was evident.
- **Running Club** – Over 25 students are participating in fitness activities two times per month.
- **Cooking Club** – Over 35 7th grade students are involved in their development of cooking skills.
- **MTSS** – Community forums promote our PRIDE philosophy (P-Perseverance; R-Responsibility; I-Integrity; D-Dignity; E-Excellence). Activities include student PRIDE tickets leading to positive behavior rewards.
- **Harvest Fest** – Building wide pumpkin painting and launching in October.
- **Mega Playground and Multi-Cultural Day** – Time for students to interact with one another as part of our MTSS Tier 1 program.
- **Modified Athletics** - Over 50 students participated in extracurricular athletics at the Middle School during the fall season. The winter sports season has begun.
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences** – Middle School parents had conferences with teachers on November 17th.
- **I-Ready** – Our on-line diagnostic assessment and instructional tool has begun supporting students and their unique educational needs.
- **Volunteer Club** – This group has been working to support the stuffed animal drive at Newark-Wayne Hospital, as well as some local families in need.
- **Veteran's Day Celebration** – This in person celebration successfully took place this year on November 10th. The Middle School welcomed over 50 Veterans. Band students played a rendition of "Stars and Stripes Forever"

and "Star Spangled Banner". Choruses sang patriotic selections. Our students also cooked and served breakfast to our Veterans and their guests.

- **Mission to Mars** – Our 6th grade students visited the RMSC for an engaging hands-on simulation in November.



- **Holiday Concerts** – The Middle School 7/8 Band and 7/8 Chorus will perform on December 21st. The Middle School 5/6 Chorus, grade 5 Band and grade 6 Band will perform on December 20th. Both concerts will take place at the Middle School Auditorium.

**WILLIAMSON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
CENSUS FORM 2022-2023**

You may complete this online at <https://www.williamsoncentral.org>

FATHER/MALE GUARDIAN LIVING IN HOME
(Circle one)

MOTHER/FEMALE GUARDIAN LIVING IN HOME
(Circle one)

Name _____
First Last

Name _____
First Last

PO Box (if applicable) House Number & Street Lot Number

Town Zip Code Telephone Number

() Check here if there are no children under the age of 18 at this residence.

CHILDREN		Male/	Birth Date			Grade in
Last Name	First Name	Female	Month	Day	Year	Sept

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE A DISABILITY? YES NO

IF YES, EXPLAIN BRIEFLY.

WILL YOUR CHILD BE ATTENDING A PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL SCHOOL? YES NO
IF YES, PLEASE LIST NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL STUDENT WILL ATTEND.

WILL YOUR CHILD BE HOME SCHOOLED? YES NO

ARE YOU MOVING OUT OF THE WILLIAMSON SCHOOL DISTRICT BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1st?
YES NO

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO RELOCATE WITHIN THE DISTRICT, INDICATE ADDRESS OF NEW RESIDENCE.

House Number and Street Town Zip Code

DO YOU HAVE A COMPUTER AT YOUR RESIDENCE? YES NO

IF YES, DO YOU HAVE INTERNET SERVICE AVAILABLE ON THIS COMPUTER? YES NO



WCSD



Annual Census

**All district residents should complete
this census, even if you do not currently
have school aged children!**

- You can complete the survey online by going to www.williamsoncentral.org and finding the quick link.
- OR
- You can complete the paper form included in this publication. Mail the form to District Office, PO Box 900, 4184 Miller Street. Williamson, NY 14589.

THANK YOU!



High School Update

This fall we welcomed the Class of 2026, which seems like a distant, futuristic year. They are off to a great start, with one third of them on high honor roll and over half on merit, honor, or high honor. They and other groups have been busy with fundraising for events, and I want to thank the community for its support of our young people.

In fall sports news, our students did extremely well on the field, but also in the classroom, with each fall team being named a NYS Scholar Athlete Team.

The high school NHS inductions added a large class of inductees this year, with 15 new members.

This past month we inducted 12 new members into our music honor society Tri M, under the direction of band

teacher Mr. Tyler and club president Michael Ortiz. Michael was the first chair clarinet at All-State this past month, and will be going to perform at the All-Eastern music conference.

New assistant principal Michael Pray started at the high school in mid-November and has been in the thick of all things Williamson Senior High School. He will be working with students in grades 9-11. He's been an excellent addition- please say hello when you see him!



Dr. Kate Avery
High School Principal



Michael Ortiz

Congratulations to this year's High School Old English W Award Ceremony recipients!



The following students were honored in the ceremony that was held on Friday, September 30th.

Vincent Beck, Samuel Belmont, Kate Campbell, Kayleigh Genge, Renee Groesbeck, Austin Lonski, Ella Markko, Audrey Murray, Rhett Storms, Olivia Tarquinio, Evan Trombly, Joseph Weinschreider, Anya Abrams, Devin Allen, Faith Atwater, Audrey Erwin, Emily Foss, Calina Hernandez, Adrian Martinez, Eliana Olschewske, Ivy Petrosky, Marissa Comstock, Ashley Mendoza, and Michael Ortiz.

Congratulations on all your hard work!

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

So, what's happening in Transportation? Well, if you have been past our building lately, you have noticed a bright new "facelift". We have been splashed with our school colors along with our Marauder logo! We are so excited for this new look!!

Each year, NYS polls local school districts to participate in the illegal passing of school buses. This was completed on November 10th. Across the state, there were approximately 26,000 illegal passings of school buses statewide. This puts MANY students in danger. Locally we are averaging 8 illegal passes, weekly. This is totally unacceptable. Please watch for the red lights on a school bus. You could save a life. Our transportation team works very hard to ensure the safety of our students. Please do your part as well. A ticket for passing a stopped school bus could lead to five points on your license and a hefty fine.

This holiday season we have had a "secret" elf spreading some holiday cheer in our department. There are special little decorations on each one of our buses. We would like to thank this elf for adding a little extra spirit!

Remember, if you need to send us an email, please use this email address, transportation@williamsoncentral.org.

In closing, I would like to thank Julie Leaty and John Manahan for their service to the Williamson community. They both have driven for 27 and 21 years, respectively. Both Julie and John will be missed. I hope you both enjoy your retirement and keep busy!!

Have a great Holiday Season and a very Happy New Year!

With Marauder Pride,

Chuck O'Neil, Transportation Director

The Importance of Play



Have you ever wondered why play is so important for children? Children need to develop various skills to support their overall growth. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics (2018), research demonstrates how developmentally appropriate play can promote prosocial cognitive, language, and self-regulation skills. Through play, children have opportunities to be imaginative, creative, and innovative. They also develop problem-solving skills, learn to collaborate, and can improve executive functioning skills.

Often, recess or other opportunities for play are integrated at the elementary level. However, it is important to highlight the benefits associated with offering our older students similar opportunities. Research professor of psychology at Boston College, Peter Gray, says play for older students can reduce stress, enhance communication skills, and support critical thinking skills. Although play may look different depending on age, it offers a sense of ownership and engagement (2017).

The Williamson Central School



District is dedicated to educating the whole child. To promote the development of the above skills, we will participate in Global School Play Day on February 3, 2023. Our building administration will be in communication with students and their families regarding specific information for this day. We hope this event will serve as a way to create lasting memories and enhance positive relationships for all students!

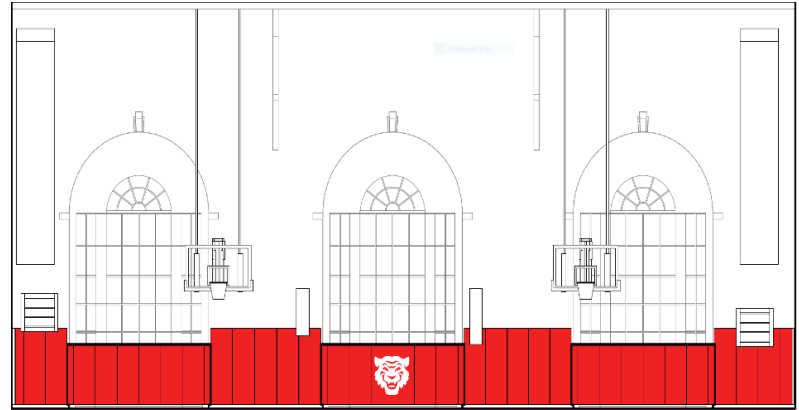


Rachel Liberatore
*Assistant Superintendent
of Instruction*

CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

Capital Outlay Projects

Last May as part of the budget vote, the community authorized a \$100,000 Capital Outlay project to be completed during the 2022-23 school year at the Williamson Middle School. The Capital Outlay project has been approved by the State Education Department and is currently being priced per the required NYS contract procurement process. This project will include the replacement of the basketball backboards and supports, as well as the replacement of the wall padding. The basketball backboards and supports will be replaced with glass backboards and new supports which will allow select backboards to move against the wall to accommodate other activities in the gym. The process is underway to have materials ordered this month and scheduled to be installed in the Spring. The ideal construction schedule and our goal is to have work completed during scheduled breaks to reduce interruption. However, due to the supply chain issues and the unpredictability of delivery, continued coordination will need to occur with stakeholders.



GYMNASIUM - SOUTH

Capital Improvement Project

The Capital Improvement Project authorized by voters in December 2021 is in the last phase of design. These drawings and specifications are on schedule to be submitted this month to the State Education Department for their review and comment. The project drawings and specifications will be with SED for about 4-5 months, when they will issue their comments, SEI Design (District Architects) will respond, and a permit will be issued. During this time, Watchdog Building Partners (The District's construction managers) will develop an updated estimate and will work with SEI Design Group and the District to begin phasing the project for bidding and construction. Below are some of the items included in the drawings and specifications. As to be expected, costs (materials, labor, etc.) will determine the scope of work to be completed, as such some of these projects may not be completed.

Elementary School:

- Elementary kitchen remodel
- Elementary air handlers
- Elementary School playground

Middle School:

- Middle School playground
- Middle School auditorium seat replacement/renovation
- Middle School air handlers
- Middle School bathrooms (ADA compliant)
- Middle School dust collection system (technology room)

High School:

- High School dust collection system (technology room)
- High School music room remodel



Jeff Sutton
School Business
Administrator

CONGRATULATIONS!



Kids Winter Musical: The Lion King



4th Grade Winter Concert



Tri-M

Tri-M welcomes 10 new members this month!

National Honor Society Inductees

The National Honor Society Inducted 15 new members in a ceremony held at the High School on Monday, December 12, 2022.



UPCOMING EVENTS FROM WILLIAMSON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Lego Day!

December 28th, 2022 1:00pm-4:00pm

Join us for snacks and building! A fun way to pass the time on a cold winter day!
Ages 3 and up.



Winter Reading

January 2nd-February 25th

Kids 2-12 are eligible to enter. With every book you read, enter to win a \$25.00 Barnes & Noble gift card! The program is divided into two age groups. 2-7 years and 8-12 years. There will be one gift card winner for each age group. Tickets are due Saturday, February 25th and prize winners will be contacted the following week.



Take Your Child To The Library Day

February 4th, 2023 10:00am-12:00pm

Come to the library and have ice cream for breakfast with us! There will be games, prizes and of course ice-cream! (Volunteers needed - 3 hours. See volunteer info below)



Grab and Go Craft Kits

New kits each month

Each month we prepare the materials for a new and unique craft that all members of the family can try! The kits come with a majority of the materials as well as the crafts instructions. Call the library to register for your Grab and Go kits!



Free Practice DMV Tests

<https://williamsonpl.driving-tests.org/new-york/>

Are you getting ready for your permit, drivers, or CDL test? Looking for free resources to study? Check out our website and get access to resources to help you pass your test!

Volunteer Opportunities

The library is always happy to help students earn their volunteer hours! We always need help with big programs and with general library maintenance. If you are interested in volunteering with us, please call the library at 315-589-2048.

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CLASSES**

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More Info Coming Soon!