



# Wildcat Connections

Wheatland-Chili Central School District

Winter 2022

## Capital Project Vote on May 17: Proposed Improvements to Have No Tax Impact



Dear Wheatland-Chili Families,  
Focusing on the future and investing in our student success starts with maintaining our school facilities. We are committed to providing the safest and most supportive learning environment possible for our students and staff. Our buildings are at the heart of our community and are the backdrop for all learning and activities that take place in our District.

To keep this commitment, we have completed an architectural Building Condition Survey and developed a 5-Year Facilities Plan, which have identified needed building upgrades that we believe are strategic investments in our future.

We plan our projects very carefully. We do so by looking at the work that needs to be completed, as well as our debt service schedules. As debt from previous projects drops off, we are able to finance our next project. We have financial advisors that help us with these schedules to make sure that there is no impact on district taxes. **We are able to fund the proposed capital project with state aid and capital reserve funds. Thus, we anticipate that the project will have no additional tax impact or increase.**

We are asking our community to vote on our next proposed capital project on May 17, 2022. That is the same day as our annual school budget vote and school board elections. The capital project that we are proposing totals \$5.8 million.

Included in this project are many upgrades at both buildings. At T. J. Connor Elementary, we are proposing upgrades to the playground and replacement of the air handling unit in the gym. Bathrooms will be upgraded. Classroom doors will be replaced and secure hardware will be added. We also will replace the front drop off lane and sidewalks and upgrade exterior lighting.

At the Middle/High School, we are improving several spaces, including the cafeteria and nurse's suite.



*Proposed Middle/High School Cafeteria*

We also will be refreshing the front hallway with new finishes to make it more inviting. We will resurface the track and replace classroom doors and hardware. While we are improving our cafeteria at the Middle/High School, we will combine proposed capital project funds with some of our federal COVID funding that will allow us to upgrade the kitchen, as well. We are also able to use COVID funding to upgrade the office area and entrance at the Middle/High School building to include a secure vestibule like the one at T. J. Connor Elementary building.

The proposed plan also calls for some upgrades at our District transportation facility.

More information will be shared in the next few weeks, and there will be opportunities to review the details of the project and to ask questions and provide input on its scope and impact. Please check out our website for the most current updates.

Working together with you, we can create facilities for learning that will build a brighter future for our students and community.

Lynda Quick, Esq.  
Superintendent of Schools

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# Additional Proposed Improvements



Improvements planned for the T. J. Connor Playground



Upgrades planned for the tile and marcite in the Middle/High School Pool

## You are invited to learn more about the proposed Capital Project during the Following Capital Project Information Meetings

Attend a **Question and Answer** Session with Superintendent Lynda Quick who will review the proposed Capital Project in detail for our Wheatland-Chili District Community.

**Monday, March 7, 2022** via Zoom Meeting.  
from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Link will be shared later.

There will be a second **public information meeting** about the Capital Project in late Spring at a date to be determined. By March 1, the project details will also be accessible for anytime viewing on our district website,  
<https://www.wheatland.k12.ny.us/>

### Save the Date

High School Drama Club presents  
**The Addams Family**

Thursday, March 24 at 5:00 p.m.

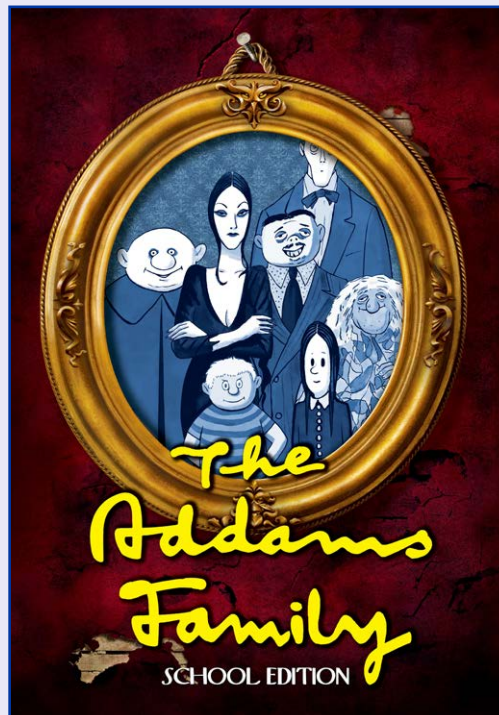
Friday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m.

Middle/High School Auditorium.

The cast is comprised of 20 Middle/High School students plus 10 crew members, and two students in the orchestra. We are excited to be returning to live theater with a live audience! Tickets go on sale March 1 here:

<https://www.showtix4u.com/event-details/61495>



### Stay Connected

Check out our district website for the latest updates:

<https://www.wheatland.k12.ny.us/>

And be sure to follow  
Wheatland-Chili on Social Media:



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## W-C represented at ROC2Change Summit

Seven Wheatland-Chili Students represented the high school at the 12th ROC2Change Summit on Race at St. John Fisher College on Monday, November 22. They included: Chad Newman, Taylor Drummond, Demetrius Singletary, Joey Everts, Priscilla Kiptoo, Ma'Nya Smith, and Auri Palmer.



The students and their advisor Mrs. Wilson heard presentations from:

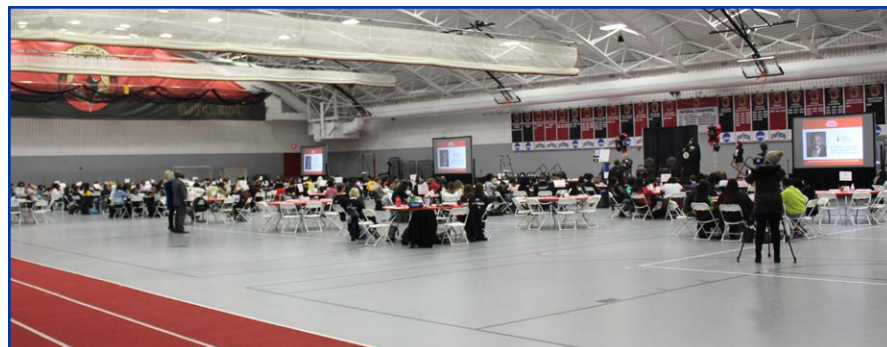
- Keynote speaker Ms. Jayda Woodall from SUNY Oneonta who shared her spoken word poetry on social justice as well as her personal experiences with various forms of racist behavior.
- Jocelyn Schaible-Goldberg who spoke on the opportunity for students to apply to the Princeton Prize on Race Relations scholarship. Winners receive \$1,000 and an opportunity to participate in the Princeton University Virtual Princeton Prize Annual Symposium on Race in early June. The Prize recognizes high school students who undertake substantive efforts to advance race relations in their communities and schools in order to promote respect and understanding among all.
- Dr. Marlowe Washington who also serves as Wheatland-Chili's facilitator on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI).

ROC2Change was established in January 2016 to bring students from across Monroe County together to talk about race, racism, privilege, internalized racism, and the difference between being non-racist and anti-racist. Students spent time collaborating on how to bring the ROC2Change process back to their local schools and communities.

The next summits are scheduled for March 18 and November 18, 2022.

There's more information about ROC2Change on its website, [www.roc2change.com](http://www.roc2change.com)

For more on the District's DEI efforts, check out the District's website, <https://www.wheatland.k12.ny.us/>



## Tasty Treat for First Quarter Honor Roll Students

The Wheatland-Chili PTA honors those high school students who make the Honor Roll each quarter. On December 3, that honor came in the form of ice cream sundaes. Congratulations to all of our students who reached this academic achievement. Thanks to the PTA for their time and support of our students and schools!



## Parent Orientation Sessions for Pre-K & Kindergarten:

We welcome parents/guardians of our registered Pre-K and Kindergarten programs at information sessions which include a tour of the elementary building.

- Kindergarten info session will be Thursday, April 7, 2022 from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Pre-K info session will be on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 from 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

If you haven't registered your child yet, please call your school office as soon as possible.

T. J. Connor Elementary 585-889-6935

## Holiday Tea

A longstanding Wildcat tradition on the last day before the December break returned with the Holiday Tea. Current seniors in the class of 2022 met with recent graduates in the Middle/High School library. They talked about the transition from high school to college and employment while sipping tea and hot chocolate. Alumni enjoyed seeing familiar faces as they returned to our school hallways.



## Ski Club

Our Ski Club has proven to be a popular choice for our Middle/High School students with more than one in five participating! More than 60 took to the slopes at Swain for the club's first night on January 13!

## Winter Sports

Our Wheatland-Chili athletes were able to compete in full, regular winter sport seasons with spectators in the bleachers cheering them on!

Our defending sectional champion Boys Basketball team plus Girls Basketball, Swimming, Ice Hockey and Cheer Team all proudly represented the blue and white through their competitive seasons.

Wheatland-Chili students also participate on a combined Boys Varsity Ice Hockey team, comprised of players from Gates Chili, Wayne, East Irondequoit and Wheatland-Chili.



## Winter Sports Senior Nights

On January 18, the Varsity Swim team honored four members of the Class of 2022 at Senior Night: Tyler Krull, Connor Ingham, Just'Hana Yawn-Gordon, and Alannah McLean.

On February 2, the Boys Varsity Basketball team honored members in their final season on the team. Honored at Senior Night were: Jah'Mere Copper, Justin Gross, Josh Juneau, Aaron Lund, John Lynch, Brendan Moore, and Taevon Wormley.

Senior Aaron Lund scored his 1,000th career point on January 7 during the Varsity Boys Basketball team's win over Alexander.

Congratulations, Wildcats!



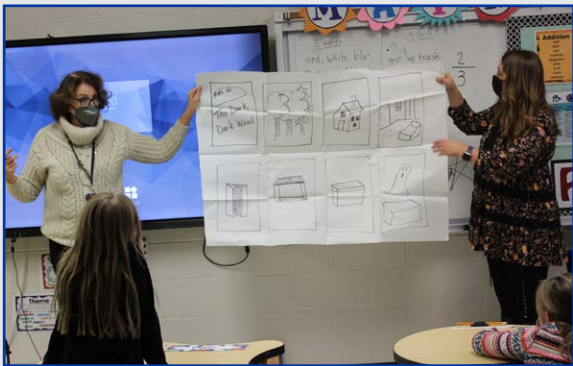
## Storytelling Club marks its 18th year at T. J. Connor Elementary

One of the longest running activities at T. J. Connor Elementary School is the Storytelling Club.



Students break the ice at Storytelling Club at the beginning of the meeting by telling jokes in front of their class, one at a time. Then, they get to work practicing their skills.

Advisors Ann Bayer and Kristen Hotaling work with third, fourth and fifth graders on developing storytelling skills and abilities without memorizing their individual stories word-for-word. Rather, they encourage the students to create storyboards, visualize the sequence of their story, and speak about it sequentially.



The advisors have seen students gain more confidence presenting their stories in front of their peers as time goes on.

Students presented their stories in the Firelight Performance in the lodge at Johnson Park in Scottsville.

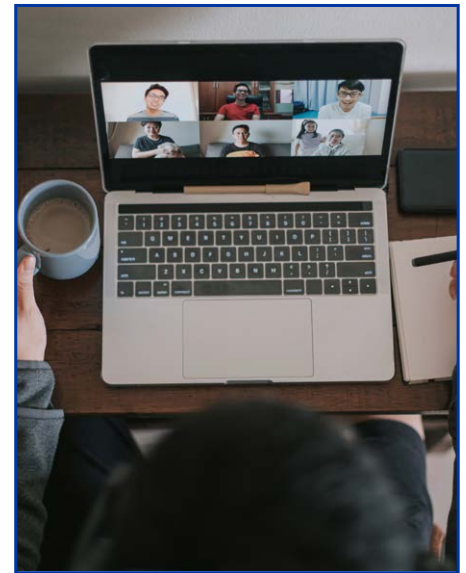


There is a winter Storytelling Cafe in which club participants present poems, stories and jokes. In the spring, there is a final performance where all members of the club tell a story!

## Coffee Talk with Superintendent

Wednesday, March 2, 2022 from  
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Pour your favorite morning beverage and log onto a Zoom meeting where Superintendent Lynda Quick will answer questions about District matters.



## Calendar Spring Recess

Good Friday, April 15\* – No School for Students

April 18 – April 22 – No School for Students

\*new addition to calendar



## Monroe County Holiday Concert Series Tradition Returns!

After a pandemic pause, a tradition in place since 2016 returned in 2021 with the Wheatland-Chili High School Band playing a concert at the Monroe County Office Building during the annual Tree Lighting in the building's atrium. Holiday tunes from our band filled the atrium as onlookers watched Monroe County Executive Adam Bello flip the switch to light up the majestic tree, kicking off the county's holiday celebration. The County Office Building resumed hosting weekly lunchtime concerts in the atrium after W-C kicked off the season under the direction of Mr. Steven Zimmerman.



### Bringing Holiday Favorites to Our Neighbors

The Middle School Jazz Band played carols for those in the community attending the annual Holiday Luncheon at the Wheatland Senior Center. The visit on December 22 included a sing-a-long with some holiday favorites.



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## Live Music Makes a Return!

The Winter Concerts in December marked a return to live music performances with audiences for our District's choruses, bands and jazz bands for the first time since the pandemic restrictions were put in place. The

Middle/High School Auditorium hosted three concerts in December with proud parents, family members and friends on hand to enjoy the variety of holiday selections each group performed.

