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Message from the Superintendent

Dear Remsen Community,

Our scholars have had a very busy winter filled with exciting learning, growth and a wide range of opportunities. Middle school science students are working on experiments for the upcoming Science Fair, and learning projects and experiences abound across the disciplines. Musicians performed at our annual winter concerts and are preparing for upcoming spring performances. Athletics are in full swing. Senior athletes celebrated their final home games and post season play is upon us. The Elementary Drama Club prepared for their first performance ever, in the history of the elementary school, and it was phenomenal! The High School Drama Club continues working hard to be ready for their annual production in March. Ski Club was revived this year and has given students another avenue for physical activity and fun. All of our elementary and high school groups and clubs are active, and all students are able to come to school early or stay after school for extra help and support each day. Remsen is the place to be!

Mrs. Catherine Chandler, district clerk and confidential secretary to the superintendent, officially retired on January 31 after dedicating 37 years to Remsen Central Schools. Mrs. Chandler's huge heart and kindness extend out to everyone she interacts with. She has always put others needs before her own and is the type of person who will go out of her way to help anyone without ever being asked. We are all better people because she was part of RCS. Thankfully, we will still see Mrs. Chandler at school from time to time and at Board of Education meetings as she will continue to serve as the district clerk until July 1. We congratulate Mrs. Chandler on her retirement and thank her for 37 amazing years. We wish her the absolute best in her next adventure.

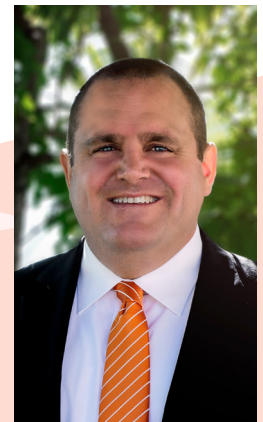
Over February Break, work will begin on reconstructing the old boys' locker room to provide for a useable storage area and a New York State Education Department-approved vault for securely storing state exams, files and important records. This is the Capital Outlay Project that was placed on hold last year and should be completed this spring. Remaining capital funds from the high school fuel tank project that took place over the summer will be used to replace the rigging and curtains on the high school stage that are in desperate need of replacement and had been listed as a project alternate. This work should also be complete before the end of the school year. The facilities team is currently working on plans for next year's Capital Outlay work, and information will be shared in our next newsletter and at our budget hearing in May.

In my writing at the beginning of the school year, I compared the challenges we have endured, and continue to endure together, to that of a long road trip with passengers continually asking, "are we there yet?" Our students, staff, parents and community members have been amazing. We are so very grateful for your level of positivity, support, understanding and patience. Our collective strength, perseverance and kindness allow us to prevail. With the recent changes that have taken place and the transitions that are forecasted in the upcoming weeks, we are quite optimistic that our destination is just around the corner! Please know that we are as eager as you are to get there.

We will continue to do what it takes to ensure that Remsen Central Schools continues to **Soar to Success**. As always, it is an honor and a privilege to be your superintendent.

Sincerely,

Timothy Jenny | Superintendent



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CALENDAR

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- MISSION -

"REMSEN is a dynamic school community of stakeholders providing diverse, demanding and innovative educational opportunities. Our culture fosters a conscientious desire to learn and achieve to individual potential. Students learn that responsible citizenship comes from critical, determined and sustained effort."

A Message from the Elementary School Principal



Dear Remsen Families,

"Life is like riding a bicycle, to keep your balance, you must keep moving." - Albert Einstein

Just like riding a bicycle, finding and maintaining balance, gaining momentum and continuing to move forward is a large part of what life seems to be about right now; this includes life at school. As changes and uncertainty continue to come our way, we seem to be coming to a point where we are now beginning to move on and move forward. Here at school, this has meant that we have had the exciting opportunity to return to many in-person activities and events. Throughout the fall and into the winter months, we have been able to enjoy concerts, ceremonies and other activities and gatherings. Our students have been able to come together for clubs and activities and our before and after-school programs have been able to take place. It is wonderful to be able to once again offer these opportunities for our students and to celebrate our students through these events and activities.

Our elementary clubs have been particularly exciting to watch this school year. The Elementary Drama Club recently performed for the first time, presenting the play "Storyville" by Lorraine Thompson. The play consisted of a series of familiar, fun and entertaining tales all woven together into an enjoyable story. Our students performed wonderfully and put on an excellent show. The Elementary STEAM Club meets regularly, participating in a variety of very engaging STEAM-related activities, experiments and problem-solving challenges. Over the coming month, our STEAM Club members will be preparing for the first ever elementary STEAM Fair. The Elementary Student Council has been active this year as well. Our Student Council members have helped with school-wide projects such as our Valentines for Healthcare Heroes and are also regularly looking for ways to make our school better for our students. These are just a few ways that we are moving forward and continuing to provide opportunities for Remsen students.

Looking ahead through March and into the months to come, we will be celebrating reading with Read Across America Day and other events and activities, moving into the third and final trimester of the school year and continue to look for ways to celebrate our students' achievements and abilities through concerts, presentations and other activities. We will continue to look for ways to keep on our "bicycle" moving forward, in order to maintain balance and to provide new opportunities for our students. Before we know it, spring recess will be here and the end of the school year will be rapidly approaching. It is amazing how quickly each school year moves along.

As always, if you have any comments, questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out. It is only in working together that we will be able to provide the best for the students of Remsen Elementary School.

Sincerely,

Gary Winghart

Elementary School Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

MARCH

- 4-5 Drama Club Production
- 8 BOE Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 9 Pre-K/Kindergarten Registration Deadline
- 11 Jr./Sr. HS Progress Reports Mailed
- 12 SAT Exam
- 16 ES Early Dismissal - ES Parent/Teacher Conf. 11:30 a.m.
- 16 Grades 5-12 Band & Chorus MIOSM Prism Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- 17 ES Early Dismissal - ES Parent/Teacher Conf., 11:30 a.m.
- 18 Superintendent's Conference Day - No School
- 28 ES Second Trimester Evening of Excellence, 6:30 p.m.

APRIL

- 2 ACT Exam
- 5 BOE Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 11-18 Spring Recess - No School
- 22 Jr./Sr. HS Report Cards Mailed
- 26 SAT Exam at Remsen
- 28 Pre-K Family Night, 6:00 p.m.

MAY

- 7 SAT Exam
- 10 Budget Hearing/BOE Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 12-14 NYS FFA Convention
- 17 School Budget Vote, BOE Election & District Art Show, 1:00 - 8:00 p.m.
- 25 Science Performance Test Grades 4 & 8
- 27 Jr./Sr. HS Progress Reports Mailed
- 27 Kindergarten Screening
- 30 Memorial Day - No School



A Message from the Jr./Sr. High School Principal



Dear Remsen Families,

As the second marking period has come to a close, it is the perfect time to look back and reflect on how far we have come. Our students have shown dedication and persistence as we navigate another unique year in education and we could not be more proud of them. As we embark on the second half of the school year, it is important to acknowledge the successes and make a plan to finish the year strong.

We have many wonderful opportunities for students to become more engaged in the school community, including a variety of clubs, activities and spring sports. The addition of the Rams Can Soar (RCS) program, both in the morning and after school, provides a great opportunity for students to have a quiet space to work or read. Teachers are available during this time to assist students with their work. We will also continue to have as many activities and events for students as possible. We know that providing opportunities for students to interact and practice their skills inside and outside of the classroom is important for their development.

If you have any questions about your student's progress, academic eligibility, or social-emotional wellbeing, please let us know. We are here to partner with you so that each student achieves success.

As I previously stated, our students have come so far this year and I cannot wait to see what they achieve by the end of the school year! Do not hesitate to reach out if you have questions or concerns.

Together we will **Soar to Success!**

Sanya Pelrah

Jr./Sr. High School Principal

Remsen Pre-K/Kindergarten REGISTRATION

The Remsen Central School District has begun the pre-K and kindergarten recruitment and registration process for the 2022-2023 school year. Registration will be open until March 9, 2022.

Universal pre-K is a full-day program and is open to all children residing in the Remsen Central School District who will be four (4) years old on or before December 1 of the current school year (2022). Income eligibility is not a factor and all families are encouraged to apply. Up to 18 children are allowed in the class. If enrollment exceeds 18 students, a lottery will take place to determine the students that will receive a spot in our pre-K program. Any student in addition to the 18 chosen through the lottery will be placed on a waiting list.

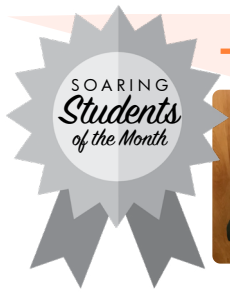
Kindergarten is open to all children residing in the Remsen Central School District who will be five (5) years old on or before December 1 of the current school year (2022).

If your child did not attend our pre-K program, they will need to be registered to attend our kindergarten program. If your child will be starting school this coming fall for either the pre-K or kindergarten program, please contact the Elementary Secretary Mrs. Arruda at 315.205.4300 ext. 4223 to request a registration packet. Once you have completed your registration packet, please call Mrs. Arruda to schedule an appointment to return your completed paperwork.

Registration paperwork is also available on the Remsen District website at www.remsencsd.org.



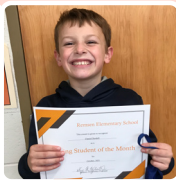
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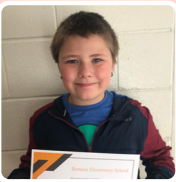
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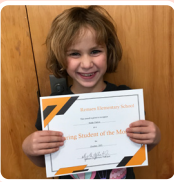
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Daniel Burdell



Blake Carnright



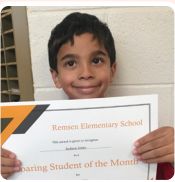
Holly Dalton



Josie Doolen



Kaleesi Felshaw



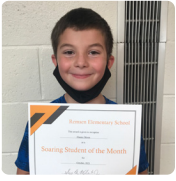
Jackson Jenny



Cassidy Kerr



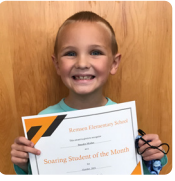
Luke Meeker



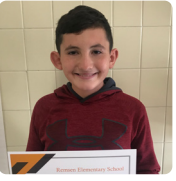
Hunter Moon



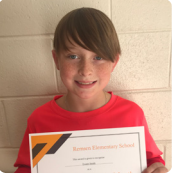
Avery Morrison



Brayden Mosher



Owen Piaschyk



Evann Smith

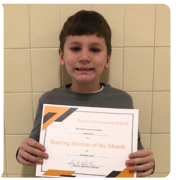


Grayson White

NOVEMBER 2021



Norbert Bankert



Harlen Case



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Logan Houck



Trent Jenny



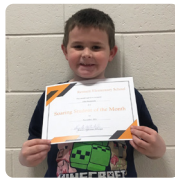
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Gemma McCarthy



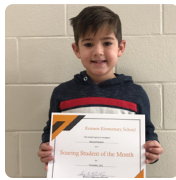
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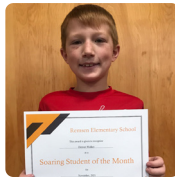
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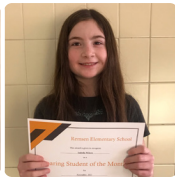
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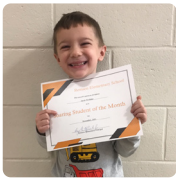
Maxwell Spadaro



Denver Walker



Isabella Wilcox



Jacob Wollaber

DECEMBER 2021



Emalyn Burns



Jasmine Colón



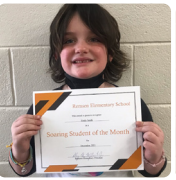
Grace Dalton



Gianna Ferguson



Lacey Green



Everly Kiniry



Daniel Kozak Jr.



Rhett Mayer



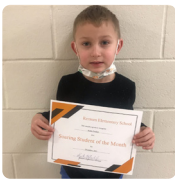
Garrett Miazga



Caleb Millick



Luke Murphy



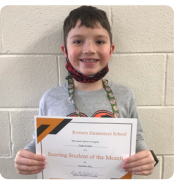
Kalen Pouliot



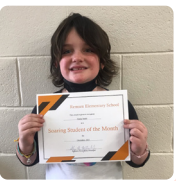
Dominic Prentice



Wyatt Rapson



Tucker Scouten



Emily Smith



McKenna Tomaino



First Trimester Award Winners 2021

GOOD CITIZENSHIP

Spencer Anderson, Carsen Bronson, Emalyn Burns, Arianna Colón, Holly Dalton, Elizabeth Dutch, Emma Fox, Laken Kiniry, Hunter Leska, Luke Meeker, Brianna Petteys, Alexis Petteys, Cynthia Poczatek, Hunter Polovick, Eliza Smith, Rosalie Walker

SOARING TO SUCCESS

Bricen Anken, Brody Baker, Ethan Behr, Javaya Harris, Olivia Johnson, Colin Jones, Emerson LaBella, Carter Manning, Brayden Mosher, Connor Nelson, Conner Poczatek, Trenton Porter, Chase Ultsch, Colden Van Valkenburgh, Hayden Walls, Hunter Wilcox

HONOR ROLL

Spencer Anderson, Makenzie Beiderbecke, Oliver Burns, Blake Carnright, Erika Carnright, Grace Dalton, Arynn Day, Lydia Gates, Morgan Gates, Bryce Graves, Hayden Graves, Jayde Hammill, Chase Helmer, Adam Hill, Tanner Hill, Serenity Hinkley, Logan Johnson, Olivia Johnson, Colin Jones, Daniel Kaufman, Cassidy Kerr, Jase Kinsley, Mason LaBella, Alannah Lawlor, Lucas Linke, Graycie Lyons, Carter Manning, Miriel Marolf, Makayla Mauldin, Chelsea McCauley, Jack Mclsaac, Avery Morrison, Shea Mundell, Owen Piaschyk, Cynthia Poczatek, Dominic Prentice, Wyatt Rapson, Reese Rowlands, Emmelia Smith, Ryan Uebele, Jaycob Wagner, Brayden Walker, Rosalie Walker, Grayson White, Hunter Wilcox, Dixie Wilson, Hannah Winghart, Madison Wollaber

HIGH HONOR

Anna Becker, Harlen Case, Jasmine Colón, Ella Dickenson-Waldo, Trent Jenny, Evelyn Shew, Evann Smith, Isabella Wilcox

REMSEN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD

Blake Carnright, Jase Kinsley, Evan McCarthy, Peyton Millick, Eliza Smith, Madison Wollaber



REMSEN HIGH SCHOOL FIRST QUARTER AWARDS

On Dec. 20, Jr./Sr. high school students were recognized for academic and behavioral success. Students on high honor roll and honor roll were announced and teacher nominated awards were given.

High Honor

GRADE 7

Andrew Becker
Tiarra Fox
Evalyn Gates
Brooklyn Helmer
Marissa Karis
Jackson LaBella
Ella LaFave
Olivia Lalyer
Lexxis Mosher
Daniel Mulhall
Taylor Murphy
Adam Prentice
Madelyn Prosser

GRADE 8

Sienna Aiken
Allyson Beiderbecke
Keara Hyde
Ethan Karis
Gavin Nelson
Kole Poczatek
Ashley Roberts
Ellie Secor
Jaedyn Wilcox
Makayla Wilcox

GRADE 9

Shianne Austin
Natalie Barnard
Alexander Carnright
Shaylyn Dolly
Wyatt Ehart
Dylan Gutowski
Matthew Helmer
Dylan Jones
Jaden Jordan
Rachel Leska
Madisyn Pett
Ean Piaschyk
Colton Walker
Shawna Williams

GRADE 10

Imagin Aiken
Benjamin Becker
Sabrina Gates
Zachary Helmer
Isabella Lalyer
Owen Long
Tayler Nelson
Ava Russo
Brian Secor
Matthew Tavenner
Leila Ward

GRADE 11

Julia Dening
Teaghan Fox
Grace Hajdasz
Marissa Hefner
Grady Helmer
Joshua Jordan
Mary Jane Kranbuhl
Grace Shufelt
Noah Skermont
Benjamin Staskoski
Nicholas Tillman

GRADE 12

Abby Barton
Beulah Bigelow
Ty Bowers
Amber Decker
Randell Dolly
Denise Fox
Adriana Hoover
Jonathan Jewett
Paige Loveric
Evelyn Morgan
Samuel Nichols
Jessica Rimmer
James Roberts
Olivia Stanford
Ryan Staskoski
Gavin Thompson
Julia Woolheater

Honor

GRADE 7

Elijah Besaw
Preston Corn
Alexis Helmer
Cory Helmer
Kailyn Helmer
Kole Kennerknecht
Glen LaFave
Adam Prentice
Emily Spatto
Alexis Stevens

GRADE 8

Burke Gates
Sara Hill
Morgan Horn
Nathan Leska
Regan Meeker
Marissa Morris
Emily Shufelt
Ella Staskoski

GRADE 9

Jack Anken
Josiah DeLand
Zachary Geer
Tucker Hollenbeck
Jacob Morris
Alice Roman
Abbie Tyson
Joseph Wagner

GRADE 10

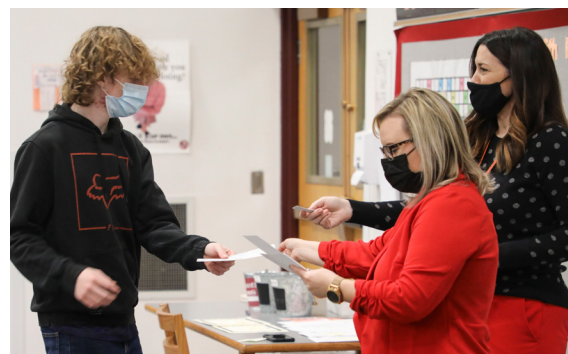
Frank Austin
Ellyssa Besaw
Zoey Coe
Charles DeLand
McKayla Finn
Wyatt Monroe

GRADE 11

Colleen Fox
Taylor Hollenbeck
Alexander McCormack
Matthew Murphy
Skylie O'Conner-Russo

GRADE 12

Cameron Bronson
Joseph Hazzard
Hailey Jenkins
Alexandra Jewett
Anthony Vaccarelli
Morgan Wright





The indoor track team competed at Utica College in the CSC League Championship on January 28.

Marissa Karis, Grace Hajdasz, Lexie Helmer and Julia Dening were crowned league champions in the 4x400 with their first place finish. The boys 4x200 team made up of Taylor Hollenbeck, Wyatt Ehart, Hayden White and Noah Skermont were also crowned league champions with their impressive victory.

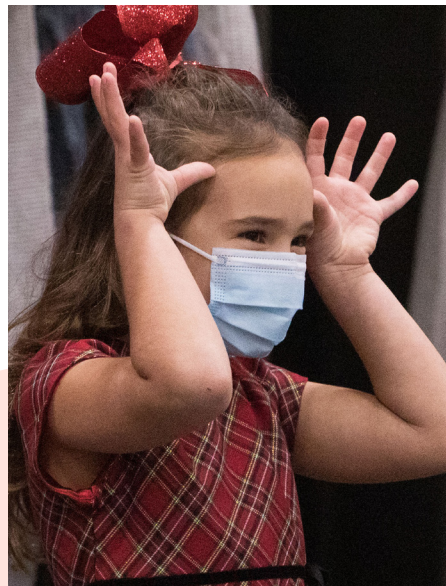
Individually, Julia Dening set a massive personal best to come away with a victory and be named an individual champion in the 55 meter dash. Julia is now ranked ninth in the entire Section III, regardless of classification. Scoring in the top six were Wyatt Ehart in the 55 meter dash, Marissa Karis in the 600, Noah Skermont in the 600 and 300, Paige Loveric in the 1500 and Ethan Karis in the 1600.

Thanks for a great year to our lone senior Paige Loveric!

Thanksgiving Fun!

Mrs. Spatto's pre-K class spent time this past November learning about fall and the first Thanksgiving. Prior to Thanksgiving recess, students made loaves of banana chocolate chip bread to bring home to their families and also enjoyed a full Thanksgiving meal.





Hot Cocoa and Santa!

On Dec. 22, Mr. Jenny and Mr. Winghart visited with students during recess, providing each student with a warm cup of hot cocoa. Later in the afternoon, students were surprised with a special visit from Santa. He spent time answering some very interesting questions from students and made sure to snap a quick photo with classes before he left.



Mrs. Spatto's pre-K students spent December learning about and making gingerbread houses and men. They watched "Hansel and Gretel" as well as the story of the gingerbread man. Students also made holiday gifts for their parents and had fun painting!



STUDENTS CELEBRATE HOLIDAYS WITH *Authentic Spanish and French Traditions*

Mrs. Izzo's Spanish classes learned about El Día De Muertos. The culminating project was for the students to make their own "alebrijes," which are spirit or guide animals in Mexican folklore. The students also watched the Disney film "Coco," which is inspired by authentic Mexican traditions, food and music.

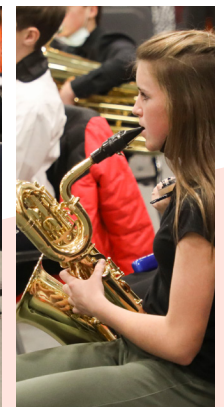


Students competed in a Bûche de Noël (traditional holiday dessert popular in France) contest this past holiday season. The name translates to "log of Christmas" or "yule log" and is a rolled cake decorated to look like a log with bark, mushrooms and leaves or berries.



Veterans Day Concert

On November 10, the elementary and Jr./Sr. high school band and chorus came together for an evening Veterans Day concert performance. Tickets were required, and families members and veterans were able to gather responsibly to enjoy the first District-wide concert in nearly two years.



Thanksgiving Breakfast

On November 23, Jr./Sr. high school students were treated to a Thanksgiving breakfast! Thank you to the faculty and staff who helped serve food and make this fun morning possible for our students.



Hot Cocoa

On Dec. 21, Superintendent Mr. Jenny and High School Principal Mrs. Pelrah spread some holiday cheer (and sugar) with hot cocoa during students' lunch periods.



Cooking Class

Remsen's International Club participated in a cooking class led by Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES Dietician Hayley Mielnicki and intern Margarita Morgun. The students made cheese soufflé, a savory French dish.



Congratulations to our Seniors!

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL: **AMBER DECKER** | **EVELYN MORGAN** | **JESSICA RIMMER** | **OLIVIA STANFORD**

INDOOR TRACK: **PAIGE LOVERIC**

CHEERLEADING: **BEULAH BIGELOW** | **ADRIANA HOOVER** | **HAILEY JENKINS** | **SAM NICHOLS** | **BRIANNA PETER**

BASKETBALL: **JOE HAZZARD** | **JONATHAN JEWETT** | **RYAN STASKOSKI**



How Can I be a Good American?

Mrs. Morrison's sixth grade writing students each wrote an essay for the Remsen VFW Patriot's Pen writing contest in October. This year's theme was "How Can I Be a Good American?"

WINNERS
TRENT JENNY *First Place*
CHASE POZATEK *Second Place*
ALANNAH LAWLOR *Third Place*

Students were presented with awards on Veterans Day at the Remsen VFW.



Fourth Grade Concert

On Feb. 2, fourth grade students performed in their beginning band/chorus concert.



For the past three years, Remsen Jr./Sr. High School students have had the opportunity to earn the honor and distinction of the New York State Education Department's (NYSED) Seal of Biliteracy under the direction of French teacher Mrs. Laura Boyd and Spanish teachers Mr. John Bunker and Mrs. Michele Izzo. Remsen Jr./Sr. High School was recently awarded the Silver Badge in recognition of students earning the Seal of Biliteracy every year since the 2018-2019 school year.



In addition to completing challenging coursework, each student must successfully complete the following requirements, spoken in a second language, in order to earn the Seal of Biliteracy:

- *A research project*
- *Article reviews*
- *A personal interview*
- *A 10-minute presentation about a predetermined topic*
- *An essay*

Earning the Seal of Biliteracy is an impressive achievement. Remsen Central School District is proud of those students who have earned this honor over the past three years and looks forward to receiving the Gold Badge after five years of earning the Seal of Biliteracy. This opportunity is made possible thanks to the grit and determination of our students, the support of their families, the dedication of the World Languages Department and their desire to constantly improve the program for our students, the incredibly supportive administration and our Board of Education.



The Remsen Central School District athletic program is proud to announce that all four fall season varsity teams qualified for the

New York State TEAM SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD

At the end of each sports season, the NYSPHSAA honors teams and individuals that excel in the classroom. In order for a team to be awarded a scholar-athlete, they must possess a grade point average of 90.00 or above for 75% of the roster.

Qualifying members of our varsity boys and girls soccer and varsity boys and girls cross country teams:

**BOYS
SOCCER**

Ben Becker
Kyrian Hall
Grady Helmer
Zach Helmer
Jon Jewett
Dylan Jones
Owen Long
Ean Piaschyk
Brian Secor

**GIRLS
SOCCER**

Imagin Aiken
Kendall Decker
Julia Dening
Sabrina Gates
Grace Hajdasz
Isabella Lalyer
Tayler Nelson
Ava Russo
Grace Shufelt
Olivia Stanford

**BOYS
CROSS COUNTRY**

Jaden Jordan
Ean Piaschyk
Noah Skermont
Ben Staskoski
Ryan Staskoski

**GIRLS
CROSS COUNTRY**

Kendall Decker
Julia Dening
Grace Hajdasz
Tayler Nelson
Grace Shufelt

CONGRATULATIONS

to all of our outstanding student athletes!

The indoor track team recently competed at the NYSPHSAA Section III Championship. The relay team of Marissa Karis, Ella LeFave, Grace Hajdasz and Julia Dening pulled off a stunning upset in the 4x400 to be named Section III champions. Their time marked an eight second improvement over their previous season's best time.

The girls 4x8 team of Marissa Karis, Ella LeFave, Lexi Helmer and Paige Loveric placed in third. This was the first time the girls had competed in the event.

The girls 4x200 team of Lexi Helmer, Grace Hajdasz, Ella LeFave and Julia Dening placed fourth.

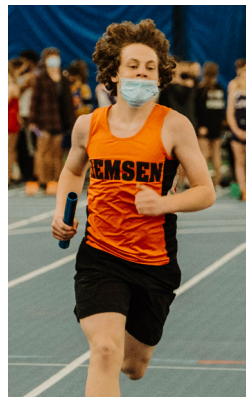
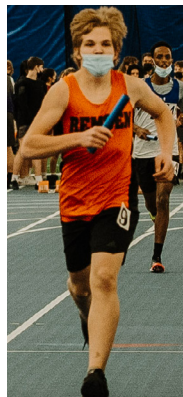
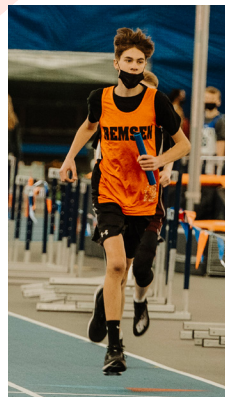
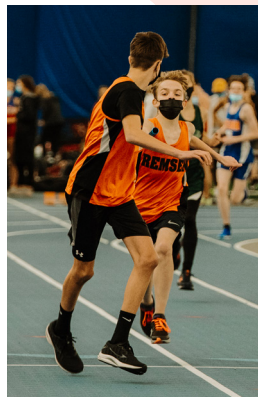
The boys 4x800 team of Ethan Karis, Josh Kuiken, Gavin Nelson and Jaden Prosser placed sixth overall with both Ethan and Josh running personal bests.

The boys 4x200 team of Taylor Hollenbeck, Wyatt Ehart, Hayden White and Noah Skermont placed third overall.

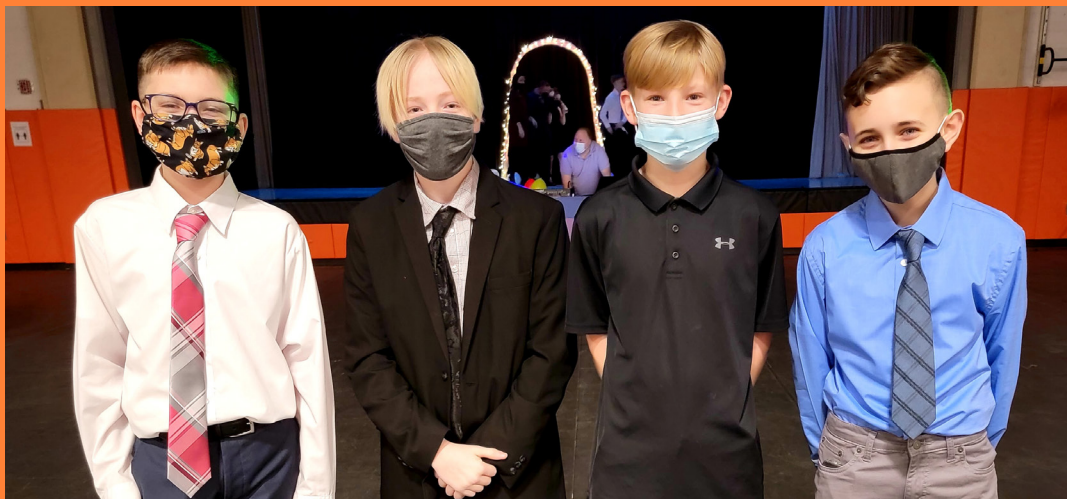
In Remsen's only individual events, Noah Skermont and Julia Dening ran well with Julia continuing on to the State Qualifier Meet.

Congratulations and good job to the whole indoor track team!





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