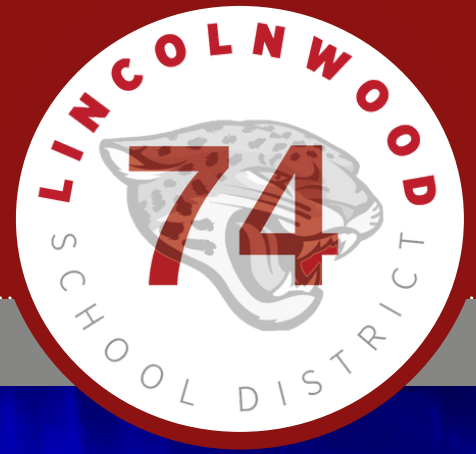


# THE JAGUAR

SUMMER 2022 EDITION



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# New School Year Brings



Dear Lincolnwood School District 74 Learning Community,

I am honored and extremely excited to become the next Superintendent of Lincolnwood School District 74. As the Assistant Superintendent for the previous five years, I have seen firsthand the incredible support the community has for our schools. Our students are constantly rising to meet new challenges and achieve a high level of success whether that be in the classroom, in the arts or on the fields of play. *The Jaguar* recaps events occurring around campus demonstrating these talents. Specifically, you will learn about accomplishments in the sciences, foreign language, athletics, literature and our John Cahill Community Scholarship winners. After a two-year break, our middle school students performed an outstanding version of *Aladdin, Jr.* and events culminated in an energy-filled ceremony where the community honored the Class of 2022.

In addition to my transition into the Superintendent's role, this edition of *The Jaguar* focuses on a series of transitions in the District's Administrative team. As you will read, familiar faces in Dr. Dominick Lupo and Mr. Mark Atkinson will become the new Assistant Superintendent and Lincoln Hall Principal respectively. New members to the team and District include Mrs. Aliaa Ibrahim (Rutledge Hall Principal) and Mr. Joe Segreti (Lincoln Hall Assistant Principal). Each of us is eager to start in our new role and continue the work of providing the highest quality education to our students.

The District continues to prioritize long-term facility maintenance and upgrades. Throughout the year, there are projects to ensure the safe, reliable functioning of building systems; as well as improvements to the campus. This summer brings a track between Todd Hall and Lincoln Hall, an expanded parking lot in front of Todd Hall, and an upgraded playground to Rutledge Hall. This regular, steady schedule of facility activities provides continuous progress for students and the community alike. Everyone is wished an enjoyable, relaxing summer and we look forward to the new school year ahead!

In educational partnership,

David L. Russo, Ed.D.  
*Superintendent of Schools*



Dear Lincolnwood School District 74 Community,

I am excited to embark on my new position as the Assistant Superintendent of Lincolnwood School District 74. I have had the privilege to work in this amazing District for the past eight years as the Assistant Principal of Lincoln Hall Middle School for three years, and ultimately, as the Principal of Lincoln Hall Middle School for the last five years.

In my new role as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, I am looking forward to building upon the great practices and resources that the staff has already been employing over the years. I am confident that we will work together to continue to drive forward best practices and curriculum in order to keep the high quality learning experience that we have come to expect for the students in Lincolnwood.

I take immense pride in providing a safe and high quality learning experience for everyone in Lincolnwood School District 74, and I am very excited to be a part of this journey at the district level!

Dr. Dominick Lupo  
*Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction*



# Transition to Administrative Team



**Mark Atkinson, Lincoln Hall Principal**

Mark Atkinson is already a familiar face to SD74. Mr. Atkinson has served as Assistant Principal at Lincoln Hall for three years. His previous experience in education includes teaching math and social studies for middle school. Mr. Atkinson says it has been quite an honor to serve as the Assistant Principal but is looking forward to the opportunity to collaborate with students, staff, and administration to continue the excellent legacy that comes with being in SD74.



**Aliaa Ibrahim, Rutledge Hall Principal**

Aliaa Ibrahim joins SD74 after previously serving as a Principal in Norridge, Illinois. Mrs. Ibrahim brings 14 years of experience serving in public schools, which includes experience as an Assistant Principal, and a Technology Integration Specialist. Mrs. Ibrahim was born in Chicago and currently resides in Gurnee with her husband and 7-year old son. In her free time, she enjoys family hiking adventures and discovering new state parks. Mrs. Ibrahim is very excited and humbled to be a part of and serve the community as the new Principal of Rutledge Hall.



**Joseph Segreti, Lincoln Hall Assistant Principal**

Joseph Segreti joins SD74 with 15 years of experience serving in public schools as a 7th and 8th grade English teacher. Mr. Segreti is originally from Schiller Park and is married with three children - an 8-year old and 5-year old twins. He enjoys tennis and coaching his children's sport teams in his free time. Mr. Segreti says he is excited to work with all of the talented students, faculty, staff and administration in SD74 and is also looking forward to building strong relationships with everyone.



**1st-8th Grade:**  
Wednesday, August 24, 2022

**Pre-K & Kinderarten:**  
Thursday, August 25, 2022

# Summer Brings Multiple Improvement Projects to SD74 Campus

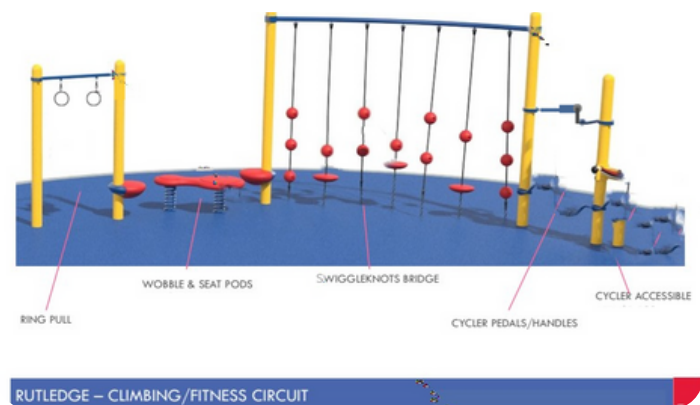
Construction on several projects around the SD74 campus has begun this summer. The expansion of Todd Hall's parking lot is currently underway. With the addition of 35 more parking lot spaces, this expansion will help decrease the amount of street parking by staff, as well as alleviate congestion during pick-up and drop-off. The project also includes the addition of permeable pavers on the north side of the lot. The pavers will help with water runoff and retention. Additionally, new trees, landscaping and fencing will be installed.

While Todd Hall's parking lot is receiving a full makeover, Lincoln Hall and Rutledge Hall parking lots were recently updated with crack filling, seal coating and new striping.

Another project is the addition of a new walking/running track around campus. The new nine foot wide path follows the layout of the campus grounds between Todd Hall and Lincoln Hall. Students will enjoy the use of the pathway during school hours, while community members will have the opportunity to use it during off-school hours. The track includes three lined lanes and will include distance signage posted along the way. SD74 will officially inaugurate the completed path for students at this fall's Jaguar Jog event happening on September 16.

Rounding out our summer improvement projects are the additions and improvements to Rutledge Hall's playground. A new outdoor learning facility will be added to the playground. The new outdoor learning facility will include a climbing/fitness circuit that will have a ring pull, wobble & seat pods, a swiggleknots bridge, cycler pedals and handles. A new poured-in-place rubber playground surface will replace the current wood chips surrounding the playground equipment. The addition of the new equipment and surface will allow the playground to be more accessible and safer for all students. Renderings of the new equipment can be seen in the picture accompanying this article.

A majority of overall costs for these improvement projects have been paid for by the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III grant funding that the District received. Annually, the District undertakes projects to maintain the physical plant or make improvements on campus following a multi-year Master Facilities Plan. For more information on this plan, please visit the Business Office webpage on SD74's website at [sd74.org](http://sd74.org).



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# Students Achieve Academic Recognition in Multiple Areas

## Lincoln Hall Student Wins Statewide Literature Contest

Congratulations to 8th grade student, Ellie K. for winning the 2022 "Letters About Literature in Illinois" Contest. Ellie wrote to Illinois author Celia C. Pérez about her book, *The First Rule of Punk*. Ellie wrote about the influence that this particular book has had on her life. Her letter was submitted by her teacher, Mrs. Ellis.



To participate in the annual competition, students in grades 4-12 are asked to read a book or poem and then write a personal letter to the author explaining how the book changed their personal view of themselves or the world. Students can read fiction or non-fiction works from living or deceased authors. Ellie was recognized at an awards ceremony in Springfield, Illinois in May.

## SD 74 Receives PLTW Distinguished District Award

For the fourth time, SD74 was named a "Distinguished District" by Project Lead the Way (PLTW). The District partners with PLTW on our Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) curriculum. The criteria is that at least 20 percent of students in each grade, K-8, participated in a PLTW program during the 2020-21 school year.

In this picture, a student at Rutledge Hall works on coding and engineering modules. Each module is a hands-on, problem-solving project with additional activities. Students at all grade levels get the opportunity to experience similar projects including robotics, computer-aided design and app creation and development.



## Four SD 74 Students Earn Top Medals at Regional Science Fair, Qualify for State Fair



Four Lincoln Hall students took home the gold and silver for projects they submitted to the Illinois Junior Academy of Science (IJAS) North Suburban Regional Science Fair on March 5, 2022.

Rachel G. earned a gold medal in the category of Health Science for her project, "The Effects of Sodas on Calcium Compounds." Sarah P. earned a gold medal in Physics for her project, "The Effect of Temperature on Leyden Jar Spark Size." Sarah K. and Mila M. won a silver medal in the category of Health Science for their project, "Methods for Preserving Apple Freshness."

All three projects also qualified for the IJAS State Science Fair, which took place April 23, 2022 in Peoria, Illinois.

## Spanish Students Receive National Recognition



Several Lincoln Hall students attained national recognition for excellent performances on the 2022 National Spanish Examinations. Jonathan B., Lexi C., Mateo K., Raffaella F., Adrian G., and Mia L. V. all earned medals or honorable mentions. This particular exam is one of the largest in the United States with over 73,000 students participating in 2022. The National Spanish Examination is administered each year in grades 6-12.

# Sports & Theater Spotlight

## Lincoln Hall's Track & Field Teams Bring Home Several Championships from End-of-Year Meet

Congratulations to all 58 Lincoln Hall student-athletes who participated in the Little 9 Track & Field Meet on May 17, 2022 at Niles North High School. All four SD 74 teams - JV Boys, JV Girls, Varsity Boys and Varsity Girls - took 1st place overall in the Little 9 Conference. The meet featured 32 track events that included hurdles, relays, 100 meter to 1600 meter races, and 20 field events that included shot put, discus throw, high jump, long jump and triple jump.

Grade	1st Place Finishes	2nd Place Finishes	3rd Place Finishes
6	1	2	1
7	8	10	5
8	5	8	7

A special congratulations to the following student-athletes for top finishes in multiple events:

- 7th Grader, Jessica G. - 1st Place Hurdles, 1st Place 800 meter run, 2nd Place 8th Grade Triple Jump
- 7th Grader, Aya A. - 3rd Place Hurdles, 3rd Place 8th Grade Triple Jump
- 7th Grader, Ezra B. - 2nd Place Hurdles, 2nd Place High Jump, 1st Place Shot Put
- 7th Grader, Jaydon S. - 2nd Place Long Jump, 3rd Place Triple Jump
- 8th Grader, Dillawar C. - 2nd Place Hurdles, 3rd Place Mile Run, 2nd Place High Jump, 3rd Place Long Jump
- 8th Grader, Dylan H. - 1st Place 400 meter dash, 1st Place Triple Jump
- 8th Grader, Mila M. - 3rd Place 200 meter dash, 2nd Place Long Jump
- 8th Grader, Alina C. - 2nd Place Discus throw, 1st Place Shot Put
- 8th Grader, Zach V. - 2nd Place Discus throw, 2nd Place Shot Put



## Students Perform in First Musical Since May 2019

Over two years in the works, Lincoln Hall finally performed Aladdin Jr., the musical. Aladdin Jr. was originally selected and casted in 2020 before COVID-19 shut down the production. Cast and crew had been rehearsing for nearly six weeks before the shutdown.

This May, students performed in three incredible sold-out shows. Opening night was on the evening of Friday, May 20, 2022 and also two more performances on Saturday, May 21, 2022. The cast worked on developing and refining their performance into what became an outstanding show.

Cast included sixth grade student William P.S. as Aladdin, eighth grade student Sarah K. as Jasmine, eighth grade student Evan M. as Jafar, sixth grade student Peter T. as Iago, and seventh grade student Natalie L. as Genie.

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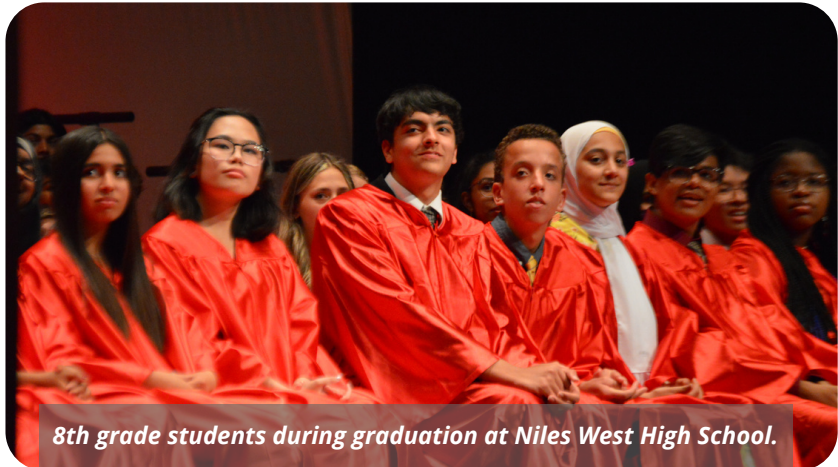
# Event Highlights

*As the 2021-2022 school year wrapped up, SD74 had ALOT of wonderful events happen!*

*A 5th grade student posing proudly with her bottle rocket design.*



*8th grade students during graduation at Niles West High School.*



*Pre-K students at Todd Hall check on their special bug friends.*



*Annual Art Show at Village Hall*



*2022 recipients of the John Cahill Community Scholarship*



*Students performed a variety of popular Broadway songs at the Spring Chorale Concert.*

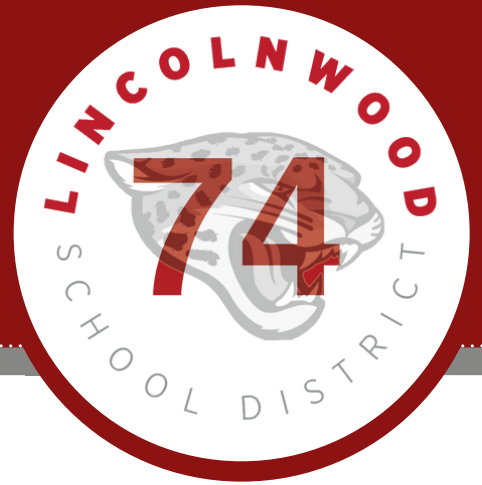


*Tons of fun at Family BINGO Night in Lincoln Hall's gymnasium.*





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Friday, August 26 at 6 p.m.  
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