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Class of
2024



Marissa Comstock
Valedictorian

Eliana Olschewske
Salutatorian

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Greetings and Happy Summer!

As you are likely aware, I have officially moved in at 4184 Miller Street and could not be more proud to now serve as Superintendent for Williamson Central School District. While I have only a limited number of days in the district to date, I am overwhelmed by the outpouring of welcome, warmth and support... complete affirmation of my new professional home.

In effort to deepen my understanding about the Deep Roots and Core Values of the Williamson learning community, I have developed an "entry plan" that includes listening and learning from all of you — students, parents, community partners, and WCS faculty and staff. Your voice matters, and

will frame the development of future priority areas and resulting actionable items for the district. A schedule of potential opportunities to meet and connect will be shared with internal and external stakeholders before the end of July. It is my genuine hope that we will be able to carve out time together so that I may learn from you.

Thank you for making Williamson the dynamic place it is to learn, work and live. I look forward to a promising relationship with WCS and feel confident that together, we will continue to build upon the strengths and successes of the district, achieving Bright Futures and reaching new heights along the way.

As partners in purpose, please feel free to reach out should you have any questions or concerns about the work we are doing in the district. I hope

that each of you have a phenomenal summer spending time with those who matter most to you and engaging in activities that bring you most JOY. I look forward to becoming a familiar face to you and your families this fall as sporting events and other community activities start back up in September.

With Marauder PRIDE,



E. Bridget Ashton
Superintendent



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Greetings From The Elementary School

The Elementary School had a successful 2023-2024 school year. Students and staff worked very hard this year and we have seen wonderful growth! We have also had many wonderful building-wide events and celebrations that made the year special, including Big Pumpkin Day, Spirit Weeks, Grandparents Day, Flag Day and Field Day. We are looking forward to our UPK graduation on June 24th and our 4th grade celebration on June 25th. We wish our 4th graders the best of luck in middle school next year!

We wish everyone a safe and happy summer! See you in September!



Miss Ellen Saxby
Elementary School Principal



Middle School News

The 2023-24 school year was a year of transition! We welcomed over ten new staff members, as well as our new Assistant Principal, Mr. Rockow. Our focus this year was to rebuild a sense of community and togetherness. With the advent of Community Forum, once a week, we were able to gather as a building, celebrate our accomplishments, revisit our PRIDE philosophy and build relationships. Our students have reported they enjoyed the new format, and we plan on continuing the model in the 2024-

25 school year.

We continue to offer a strong academic program. We were able to offer some new courses to our 7th and 8th grade students. Several of our 8th grade students will transition to the high school with potentially four credits!

As the year draws to a close, we look forward to next year. Our incoming 5th grade students were welcomed by their peers during our annual Big Buddy Day event. Our incoming students had the opportunity to tour

the building, meet our staff, and have lunch on the lawn. As a building, our students participated in the annual PRIDE race. We saw students who finished the race take the time to cheer on their classmates and younger students. This is the camaraderie we hope to build upon in future years.



Kathryn Taylor
Middle School Principal



Retirees/Tenure Recipients



2023-24 RETIREES

Colleen McBride - Middle School Cleaner - 19 years of service

Carrie Newby - Elementary School Teaching Assistant - 17 years of service

Marygrace Mazzullo - District Office Superintendent - 10 years of service

Pamela Blauvelt - High School Cleaner - 2.5 years of service

Deborah DelPlato - Middle School Teacher - 18.5 years of service

Diane Flanders - Elementary School Monitor/Nurse's Office - 21 years of service

James Morris - Middle School Cleaner - 15 years of service

Brian Weeden - High School Teacher - 25 years of service

Leigh Prescott - High School Psychologist - 30 years of service

Tracy Schoonerman - Elementary School Teacher - 18 years of service

Peggy Donahue - Elementary School Teacher - 34 years of service



2023-24 TENURE RECIPIENTS

Lauren Szklany - Elementary School Reading/AIS Teacher

Stephanie Pignato - Elementary School Third Grade Teacher

Christie Baglio - Elementary School Third Grade Teacher

Thomas Saxby - Elementary School Teaching Assistant

Ashley LaVallee - Middle School Sixth Grade Teacher

High School Update

We heralded the end of the 2023-2024 school year with many celebrations with this year's seniors. They include Seabreeze and the car parade, a senior trip to Cedar Point and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and new this year: a Seniors and Seniors Breakfast, where our seniors could invite their nearby grandparents to breakfast on the same day as the Elementary Grandparents' Day.

Graduation was June 26 and our speaker was teacher, coach, and 1988 graduate Jeff VanHoover.

We had a record number of students acknowledged at the Breakfast of Champions this year — over a third of our high school students were on High Honor Roll this year. Our featured speaker was Matt Coon, a longtime business teacher and this year's new flag football team head coach.

Our seniors aren't the only ones we will miss: Mrs. Prescott, our school psychologist, and history teacher Mr. Weeden are going to enjoy a well-earned retirement.

As mentioned above, flag football was a new and exciting sport for our school. Our team had a good first season and senior Emma Taylor was recognized as the Section V Class B2 Defensive Player of the Year. Our girls track team had an amazing season earning a sectional brick for Class B2, and we sent athletes to the State Meet for the 4x100 relay, 1500m, and triple jump. Lastly, and importantly, each of our spring season teams were recognized as Scholar Athlete Teams.

We wish all of our students and their families a restful and enjoyable summer.



Kate Avery
High School Principal

POST-GRADUATION PLANS

Anya Abrams - Math Education, SUNY Geneseo

Estefania Aguilera - Education, MCC

Emily Arcarisi - Health Career, MCC

Makenzie Babcock - Horse Trainer

Mackenzie Bailey - Athletic Training, Slippery Rock University

Isabella Bearce - Animal Science, SUNY Cobleskill

Logan Bendschneider - Carpentry and Masonry, MVCC

Arianna Blankenberg - Equine Science, SUNY Morrisville

Roman Brackman - Carpentry

Elizabeth Brandt - Nursing, St. John Fisher University

Nathan Burns - Criminal Justice, SUNY Brockport

Lillian Buwalda - Human Services/Social Work, FLCC + Nazareth University

Jaeden Cacia - Workforce

Joann Catalano - Business Administration and Management, SUNY Geneseo

Marissa Comstock - Comedy Writing and Performance, Columbia College Chicago

Nikolas Covey - Architectural Technology, FLCC

Ryan Czebiniak - Welding, Western Welding Academy

Bionca d'Alessandro - Food Industry

Aaron Davies - Nursing

Quinton Davis - Workforce

Jaden Dysinger - Construction, FLCC

Ariana Eodice - Diagnostic Medical Sonography, RIT

Kalin Flynn - Political Science and International Relations, RIT

Landon Foehner - Fire fighter or Auto Body

Joseph Frank, Jr. - HVAC

Lily Frederick - Nursing, Nazareth University

Zachary Froelicher - Film/Acting

Grace Gasparri - Physical Therapy and Music, Houghton University

Jordan Genge - Pastoral Ministry, New York Ministry

Vivian Giudici - Animal Science, SUNY Cobleskill

Isabella Graves - Physical Therapy, Daytona State University

Anna Henner - Biology Pre-Med, Alfred University

Matthew Hogg - Electrician or US Navy

Kayne Holberton - Small Engine Mechanic, Universal Technical Institute

Alexius Hughes - Working with animals

Aidan Iglar - US Air Force or Business Administration, FLCC

Jalissa Jones - Nursing

Lydia Kern - Childhood Education and Theater and Womens Studies, Russell Sage College

Logan Koepke - Workforce

Catherine Kreuzer - Working with animals

Kearstin Laird - Undeclared, SUNY Alfred

Allison Lamark - Nursing, Keuka College

Julie LaPlant - Working with animals

Alyssa Leaty - Exercise Science, RIT

Luisa Libovichova - Going back to Slovakia

Aiden Mateo - Workforce

Mary Kate Matteson - Public Relations, Seton Hall University

Tammy Melendez-Otero - Workforce

Keenan Murray - Mechanical Engineering, SUNY Canton

Eliana Olschewske - Forensic Science, Roberts Wesleyan University

Rylee Orr - Workforce

Amanda Palavicino - Return to Chile

Demitrius Paola - Engineering, SUNY Alfred or University at Buffalo

Ivy Petrosky - Biochemistry/Biophysics, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Eyhildur Ragnarsdottir - Biomedical Engineering, RIT

Aldo Resendiz - US Air Force

Edis Rizvanovic - Criminal Justice, MCC

Colton Schmeelk - Graphic Design, Daemen University

Natalia Serrano - Adolescent Education, MCC + SUNY Geneseo

Grayson Sherman - Undecided

Brett Steurrys - Lineman

Emma Taylor - French & International Business, Clemson University

Laura Tenney - Environmental Sustainability and Public Health, RIT

Alexzandria Tingle - Undeclared, MCC

Raul Trejo - Welder

Carlos Trejo Rojo - Electrician

Yulianna Valentin-Casillas - Cosmetology

Julia VanLare - Theatre Arts, SUNY Fredonia

Samantha Veley - US Air Force

Timothy Vos - Criminal Investigation, SUNY Canton

Jennifer Walter - Bio Human Health and Biomedicine, MCC

Julia Weinschreider, Psychology, Hartwick College

William Weinschreider, Computer Engineering, Miami Univ

Matthew Woodworth - Auto Body Tech

Carl Zarccone, Jr. - Psychology, SUNY Oswego

AWARDS & HONORS

Piddock - Science Department	Eliana Olschewske
James A. Todd Art Award	Colton Schmeelk
Natalie J. Fuller	Anna Henner, Isabella Bearce, Anya Abrams, Allison LaMark
Gail K. Vanderbilt	Elizabeth Brandt
Williamson Rotary	Mackenzie Bailey, Emma Taylor, William Weinschreider
Randy Aceto	Matthew Hogg, Kalin Flynn, Elizabeth Brandt
Isaac Lagoner - Application	Grace Gasparri
CSEA	Kalin Flynn, Eliana Olschewske
Allman Endowment	Alyssa Leaty
William Palmer	Alexandria Tingue
Williamson American Legion Post 394 Memorial	Matthew Hogg
American Legion (new 2019)	Ryan Czebiniak
Morgan Verbridge	Alexandria Tingue
Devon Traas	Alyssa Leaty
Clayton DeFisher	Marissa Comstock
Matthew J. Williams	Matthew Hogg, Elizabeth Brandt
Ludwig Bergner	Mackenzie Bailey
Josephine Catchpole	Anya Abrams
Charles Dittmar	Marissa Comstock
Dr. Pepper/Snapple	Julia Weinschreider, Colton Schmeelk
Jeanette Steinbach	Estefania Aguilera
Watchdog Bldg. Partners Jack Osborne Memorial	Jaden Dysinger
Larry Luke Memorial Service Scholarship (new)	Eliana Olschewske
NYS Thomas P. Comptroller Student Achievement Award	Ivy Petrosky
NYS Triple C	Grayson Sherman, Anna Henner
Jane Buell	Carl Zarcone
Brian Lee Memorial	Alexandria Tingue
Wantman Math Award	Marissa Comstock
Randi Ray Memorial - Sub Committee	Quinton Davis and Samantha Veley
WFA Frank VanVleet	William Weinschreider
David Knight	Landon Foehner
Scholarship for Academic Excellence - SAE	Marissa Comstock, Anya Abrams, Eliana Olschewske
U.S. Air Force	Emma Taylor
DAR - American History	Lily Frederick
President's Award for Educational Achievement	Julia Weinschreider, Emma Taylor, Mackenzie Bailey, Colton Schmeelk, Ivy Petrosky, Keenan Murray, Jordan Genge, Mary Kate Matteson
President's Award for Educational Excellence	Marissa Comstock, Anya Abrams

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Williamson Central School UPCOMING EVENTS



AUGUST 21: Scoops & Schedules
*5th grade 5:30 - 6 PM,
6th, 7th & 8th grade 6 - 7 PM
at the Middle School*



AUGUST 26: Freshman Orientation
8 AM at the High School



SEPTEMBER 6: Back to School Bash
5 - 7:30 PM at the Middle School

For more information, head to **williamsoncentral.org/calendars**

