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A Message From Superintendent Dr. Joshua Liddell

Gratefulness & Growth

As we close out the 2021-22 school year, we have a moment to reflect and be thankful for all the amazing work our faculty, staff, school leaders, parents, and community put forth to ensure our students had a safe and dynamic educational experience. It has been an extraordinary year that required all of us to work together with a common goal of taking care of our students and one another. We are proud to report because of everyone's hard work our school culture has been incredibly positive and constructive as we continue to raise the bar and improve our district.

The end of the school year was highlighted by an amazing commencement ceremony honoring the Class of 2022. Our seniors were blessed with a beautiful graduation evening to parade down Main Street and underneath a huge American Flag surrounded by friends, family, and community members. The graduation ceremony had all the traditional pomp and circumstance including long-standing traditions such as our peonies flower chain, individualized senior recognition statements, and fantastic salutatorian and valedictorian speeches.

During their time at Chautauqua Lake, specifically the last couple of years, our seniors have been flexible, resilient, and strong. They successfully persevered through a host of unique challenges and consistently exhibited leadership qualities and positive character traits they can use as they transition to college or career. The Class of 2022 leaves our district with a well-rounded instructional foundation, life skills, and a great work ethic that they will be able to utilize when they navigate their next steps.

As our seniors take their next steps, so does our district as our building and grounds will go through a transformation this summer. We are proud and excited to share the progress of our Capital Project. Just some of the highlights and new areas that will be part of our students' learning environment and overall experience this coming fall are:

- A Manufacturing & STEM Lab addition that gives us an additional 1200+ square feet of instructional space. The
 addition includes a technologically advanced industrial classroom with all new woodworking, STEM, and metal
 working equipment.
- A renovated wrestling/multipurpose suite that adds 700 square feet to our wrestling area, a coaches' office, and a parent waiting/student workout space.
- A new cafeteria that has a collegiate/university feel and an expanded footprint that includes a multipurpose
 instructional space. The cafeteria will have all new cooking equipment and modern seating.
- A new turf field for our athletic stadium will be host to games and meets for our football, track & field, soccer, and area youth teams. It will be used for softball and baseball practices so our athletes can get outside to practice early in the spring. Our gym classes, the Chautauqua Lake Child Care Center, and Chautauqua Lake BOCES will be able to use the field late into the fall and throughout the spring months to increase student time outdoors.
- A reconstructed playground that has a safety rubber foundation, all brand new equipment, and a walking track. It
 also will include a small lined field for soccer and football for our kids to use during recess.
- There will be a new tennis complex, new lighting in the auditorium, and a host of other upgrades throughout our school buildings.

In addition to the Capital Project elements, we will be working on building a new trail system this summer that will be located on 40 acres behind the school. The trail system will be used by our students for hiking, mountain biking, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing. The district is starting a new Adventure Club and purchasing equipment so our students can use the new trails.

We can look back upon the past school year with gratefulness and appreciation for what we have accomplished. The future of Chautauqua Lake is bright and we will continue to work together to enhance student programming and our overall educational environment. Thank you again to everyone for supporting our Class of 2022, the Capital Project and our students!

Joshua E. Liddell Th. D.
Superintendent, Chautaugua Lake CSD

Valedictorian & Salutatorian

cecondary Principal Rachel Curtin announced the top two students in • the Chautaugua Lake Central School Class of 2022. Both graduates are members of the National Honor Society and have received numerous awards and scholarships.



Sophia Shearer

Valedictorian Sophia Shearer is the daughter of Jennifer and Kenneth Shearer of Mayville. Sophia has been involved in numerous activities while at Chautaugua Lake, including Student Administration, Science Olympiad, Envirothon, High School Bowl, Peer Mentoring, Book Club, National Honor Society, Language Club, Chess Club, and the Interact Club.

Sophia has received many awards such as Student of the Month, High Honor Roll, JCC Part-Time Dean's List, and National Merit Scholarship Letter of Commendation.

She will attend JCC for one year and then transfer to Rice University to continue her studies in Computer Science.

Calutatorian Sydney Hawkins is the daughter of Ryan and Julianne Hawkins. Sydney has been involved in High School Bowl, Science Olympiad, Envirothon, National Honor Society, Yearbook as Business Manager, Student Administration, Interact Club, Language Club, Adventure Club, and Impact. She also participated in Volleyball, Softball, and Basketball while also being involved in leadership positions such as the HOBY leadership conference, Class president, NSHSS Member, Envirothon team captain, and Interact President.

This Fall, Sydney will attend SUNY Fredonia where she will study Biology.



Sydney Hawkins

See pages 16-18 for more honors and awards received by these and other outstanding scholars.

Class of 2022 Top 10 Students In Alphabetical Order



Carson D'Anthony

David Gard, III





Sydney Hawkins Salutatorian

Owen Nelson





Devin Putney

Ian Riedese





Sophia Shearer Valedictorian

Jonas Simora





Sydnie Tutmaher

Lily Woodis



Election Results

The 2022-23 Budget passed with a 76.7% passing rate (430 total votes; yes 330 no 87) Proposition II passed (General Capital Reserve Fund) with a 79.8% passing rate Proposition III passed (Repair Reserve Fund) with an 82.8% passing rate

School Board Candidates Selected: Andrea Munsee-Wellman and Kenneth Shearer Jr. were elected for a 3-year term

FREE Nutrition Programs

To find open summer meal sites in your community, visit:

www.fns.usda.gov/summerfoodrocks

Or call the National Hunger Hotline at (866) 348-6479 or Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc. (COI) at (716) 661-9430.

Mayville Food Pantry

Located at 9 S. Erie St. in Mayville, the pantry is open 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. It supplies food to those in need, including fresh produce from its garden. Volunteer gardeners are always needed! The pantry serves the entire Chautauqua Lake Central School District area, not just Mayville. Call (716) 753–2172 for information.

Ripley Community Council Food Pantry

Located at the front of Ripley Country Market, the pantry is open Tuesdays from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. They are closed on major holidays and Saturdays before Monday holidays. The pantry serves residents in the town of Ripley. For information, call (716) 736–4386.

Attention Graduates

Your family should have received a notice from the Cafeteria Manager Jennifer Shearer regarding funds in your meal account and offering several choices:

- Transfer remaining funds to a younger student's account
- Donate the money to a fund for meals for students in need
- Request a refund check

Questions? Please call the Cafeteria Office at (716) 753–5824.

Welcome Mr. Steger

Chautauqua Lake is excited to welcome Joe Steger as the new K-12 Assistant Principal. We are so proud and excited to add Mr. Steger to our Chautauqua Lake CSD family and our leadership team. We strongly feel his work ethic, character, and past educational experiences will positively impact our culture and school environment. His references used terms such as remarkable, dedicated, and passionate when describing him as an educational professional.

Mr. Steger is very excited to begin his administrative journey at



Chautauqua Lake. He stated, "I knew immediately that Chautauqua Lake Central School is a special place! The people that I have met so far - the leadership team, teachers and students, members of the school board - have been incredibly welcoming." Mr. Steger grew up in Orchard Park, NY, next to the Bills' stadium and hopes for a Superbowl win next season. He loves to spend time with his wife and one-year-old daughter, baby Savi. Mr. Steger is an avid outdoorsman and is extremely excited about the development of an Adventure Club here at the school.

Mr. Steger obtained his undergraduate degree from Gannon University and his master's degree from Canisius College. He has completed all of his Educational Leadership courses at St. Bonaventure University. For 15 years, Mr. Steger has enjoyed honing his teaching and leadership skills. He has also been a coach, mentor, and advisor. He has taught English Language Arts 9-12, including various elective and communication courses. Most recently, he was teaching at Ellicottville Central Schools. "It has been a true blessing to make a career out of working with students and communities to create positive change. I'm honored and excited to get started at Chautauqua Lake," Mr. Steger added.

2022-23 Calendar Under Construction

The 2022-23 district calendar is under construction with events to be added throughout the summer months. As always, dates are subject to change. The one-page calendar may be viewed or printed now at www.clake.org and includes these key dates:

- Thanksgiving Recess: Nov. 23-25
- Christmas Recess: Dec. 23 Jan. 2
- Winter Recess: Feb. 20 24
- Spring Recess: April 3-10
- Staff Development Days: Sept. 1-2, April 11, and June 23, as well as half-days on Oct. 7, Nov. 18, Dec. 9, Jan. 27, Jan. 30, Feb 17, March 31, and May 12 (early dismissal at approximately 11 a.m.)

First Day: Chautauqua Lake students start school on Tuesday, Sept. 6.

These dates will be added back to the calendar in the following order if needed: Februarty 24, 23, 22, 21, April 3, 4, 5, & 6.

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Best Wishes to Our Retirees

We are bidding farewell to a number of exceptional Thunderbirds this summer. We thank them for their many years of service to Chautauqua Lake Central School and wish them the best in their retirement!



Mr. Brian Fortney 32½ years of teaching

Mr. Fortney shared that he "loved imparting his knowledge of science to his students." He was equally passionate about helping to develop a whole new generation of individuals who are able to think for themselves and who can take responsibility for their own learning. He shared, "Whether engaging in educational discourse or on a personal level, listening to what the students had to say made every day different and rewarding."

Mr. Chris Rammacher 30½ years of teaching

Mr. Rammacher shared that the highlight of his career was the start of recycling programs for paper and cans/bottles at CLCS. He shared, "we helped save tons of paper and thousands of cans and bottles from going into the waste stream. The earth's resources are finite, and it is of utmost urgency that we are the best stewards possible."





Mrs. Tammy Rizzone-Bigaj 31 years of teaching

Mrs. Bigaj shared that waking up every morning and working with her students was the best part of her job. She stated, "teaching has been my dream and passion, and I'm so lucky to have been able to fulfill my dream every single day through the support of my fellow teachers and administration. My certification allowed me to work across many grades levels. Every year I taught something different even though I may have had the same students for more than one year."

Mrs. Kathy Rooney 38 years of teaching

Mrs. Rooney notes the best part of her job was hearing the student's stories and seeing their smiles. She especially enjoyed field trips to Rails to Trails; monitoring the vernal pools for Roger Tory Peterson and yearly volunteer trips to take students to the Youth Climate Summit. Some of the many highlights of her career include starting the student store at Turner Elementary School and "connecting with the rough and tough and getting students that wanted to quit to stick it out."



No Pesticides Requiring Advance Notification Used

Chautauqua Lake Central School District practices Integrated Pest Management (IPM) as an effective and environmentally sensitive approach to pest management. IPM utilizes common sense practices to control pests by taking advantage of various pest management options, including the judicious use of pesticides.

As part of its Integrated Pest Management program, the district may periodically use pesticide products requiring notification under State Education Law Section 409-h.

This law requires that all employees and persons in parental relations to CLCS students be offered an opportunity to be informed of pesticide use and be sent summaries periodically throughout the school year.

As this newsletter was sent to press, no pesticides requiring such notification had been used during the 2021-22 school year. If you have questions about the IPM Program or pesticide use at Chautauqua Lake Central School, please contact the Director of Facilities at (716) 753-5825.

Please be on extra alert in the parking lots and when hiking around the building as it is lawn care season. The outside crew will be weed whacking and on the lawnmowers.

CAPITAL PROJECT PHASE II

















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A Message From Elementary School Principal Megan Lundgren

Flying High: Features from the Nest

As I reflect on the year, I can't help but feel immense pride for what our school community has accomplished. We are incredibly fortunate to have teachers, support staff, parents, volunteers, and educational partners who remain committed to seeing our students flourish. All of the new programs at the elementary school have been born out of a collective vision to offer our students the very best. This year we launched Hooked on Books, 5th/6th Grade Production Crew, Makerspace, and our PBIS House System. These additions have invigorated our school culture, strengthened community partnerships, and fostered students' creativity and leadership.

I can't wait to see what we can accomplish next school year!



Have a fabulous summer!

Hannum Award

CLCS is proud to announce that elementary teacher, Ms. Karin Adams is this year's recipient of the Eugenia Hannum Award. This is a long-standing tradition awarded in memory of retired Mayville teacher, Eugenia Hannum, and celebrates excellence in elementary education. This honor has been awarded to an elementary teacher each year since the early 1990's.

Ms. Adams has been employed with the district since 1995. Even with over 25 years of experience, she strives to do something new each year to keep students motivated and excited about learning. The pride and caring she has for students is evident in the smiles and laughter that can be seen/heard within her classroom. Ms. Adams consistently opens her door to collaborate with various colleagues in order to meet the needs of every learner.

The CLCS school community is lucky to have such a talented and dedicated educator serving our students.





Pre-Kindergarten Registration Chautauqua Lake Elementary 2022-23

Chautauqua Lake is moving forward with offering two full-day Pre-K classrooms next school year. To request a registration packet or if you have any questions, please contact District Registrar, Dennie Stahlsmith at 716-753-5910 or dstahlsmith@clake.org.

A Message From Assistant Principal Joe Steger

Amazing Start to Thunderbird Career

The first two months at Chautauqua Lake Central have been an amazing experience! I am so grateful for all of the incredible opportunities that the students, staff, and community have provided me in this short time.

Two of my most enjoyable experiences have been the Junior/Senior Prom and the Elementary Field Day/House Celebration. These two experiences have shown me how amazing this school and the surrounding community truly is. In a conversation with the prom DJs, we agreed that there couldn't be a group of students more respectful and enjoyable – it was great to see them dressed in their best and having the time of their lives. The students were a first-class act! The Elementary Field Day/House Celebration truly showcased a school community coming together for the kids. From parent volunteer/school board member, Mr. Bensink's top-notch, gourmet lunch for all of the students, teachers, and parent volunteers to one of my favorite students smashing me in the face with a plate full of whipped cream, I could not have asked for a better welcome! Seeing all of the children celebrating the end of their year was what it's all about!

Though those two events were the most memorable, I also want to comment on Chautauqua Lake's Culture of Excellence that I see everyday throughout the district; it is remarkable. I have witnessed, in every corner of this district, day and night, students, teachers, and staff working to build success. The positivity and optimism is plentiful and there is no question that everyone is collaborating in the name of the students to create a culture of excellence. I have enjoyed my time and am very much looking forward to further contributions. I wish that everyone has a wonderful, relaxing summer. We'll see you all in September!







CLCS Elementary has PBIS Spirit

This year our PBIS committee embarked on a new journey to create a sense of community, support, and excitement for the students and staff at Chautauqua Lake. At the very beginning of the year, students were sorted into "houses", each house represents a character trait that supports our students in becoming responsible and compassionate citizens and leaders. Twice a month, students and staff would meet with their house and compete in challenges that not only taught about the character education, but helped build strong relationships with peers and adults.

One of the most wonderful things to see come out of this new PBIS system was the natural mentorship that developed between older students and some of our youngest learners. This mentorship also helped spark a desire to lead, thus giving way to community service projects created by some of our amazing 6th graders.

With so much to celebrate this year, it was only fitting to have an end-of-the-year event to match the spirit that the house system had created! Our 9 houses took to the field at Lakeside Park to engage in friendly competition and just plain old fun! With the help of the amazing staff and wonderful parent volunteers, students enjoyed a day of soccer relays, pool noodle hockey, the limbo, a delicious lunch and so much more! The culminating event was the recognition of the top ticket earners for this year as well as the top-earning houses. To further celebrate, some generous teachers offered to allow themselves to be "pied" by some very deserving students.

Seeing students and staff have so much fun and be so supportive of one another made all the work and preparation worthwhile. Our PBIS committee is excited to plan for this next school year and continue to support not only academic growth but outstanding character development. Cheers to a great first year and may the best house win!

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Field Day









Visits with Ripley Elementary Students

n an effort to foster connections between CLCS & Ripley elementary students, 4th, 5th, and 6th grade teachers organized visits this past spring. Students were able to enjoy time together in the CLCS pool and on our nature trails. Following the visits, students from both schools were excited about the new friendships they made and were anxious to plan another get together next school year.







Hooked on Books

lementary students should be very proud of the reading they've done this school year! Just over 150 students accomplished their final reading challenge in the month of June. During the last week of school, students in grades pk-3 were rewarded with an ice cream party, and students in grades 4-6 were transported to Webb's Captain's Table for a special treat in their private banquet room. "It was wonderful to see students come together and have so much fun celebrating their success", stated Elementary Principal, Megan Lundgren. In addition to the bi-monthly reading incentives, students who accomplished 4 out of the 5 reading challenges this school year received a SIC cup with the "Hooked on Books" logo. Just over 90 students were recognized at our Field Day event as Ben and Amy Webb of Webbs' Captain's Table presented students with SIC cups to commemorate their hard work. Students were both excited and proud to sport their new cups. This community-sponsored reading program will continue next year. The Hooked on Books committee, which is made up of parents, teachers, the Mayville Library, and Webb's Captain's Table, is anxious to continue growing the program to promote reading and family togetherness.





Makerspace Magic

Makerspace this year. The students were able to celebrate their unique abilities by applying new technology skills, engineering solutions to problems, exploring hands-on learning, and became masters of the scientific process. Collaboration with classroom and special area teachers made for a successful first year experience. Most importantly, we helped develop and instill a growth mindset in all students that participated in Makerspace activities.

The real magic has been watching the students evolve, engage in the space, and find a passion to help their friends and community. For example, 6th grader Eliana Ludwig developed our first student-led service project by creating "care kits" for the UCAN City Mission in Jamestown. Each year we hope to inspire students to give back to their community through a "MakerCare Project" that all elementary students can participate in. During the 2022-23 school year we are happy to announce that we will be helping area animal shelters with 6th grader Olivia Aman's "Help the Paws" care corner.

Help support our Makerspace! We love to repurpose, reuse, and recycle. If you have any items you would like to donate for the students to use please check the innovation supplies list.



Elementary Enrichment Students Take on Passion Projects

This year 3-6th Grade Enrichment students worked on Passion Projects. Students were tasked to make the world a better place by researching areas of individual interest. They learned how their unique abilities and interests could make a big difference. Eliana Ludwig created a service project for our Elementary Students that helped UCAN City Mission and Community Helping Hands in Jamestown. Students brought in items for donation that filled our elementary lobby. The students were so excited to contribute to this great cause.



Pictured: (from left to right) Nolianna Paddock, Mrs. Schuster (enrichment teacher), Eliana Ludwig, Charlotte Emhardt, Annelyse Schenk, Michael Jauss, Greyson Wellman.

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VIP Dance 2022

The School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) and Elementary Parent Teacher Council (PTC) sponsored the 2nd annual V.I.P. (Very Important Person) dance on Friday, June 17th. After a 2-year hiatus due to COVID restrictions, the elementary students were able to dance the night away with their VIPs in the high school gym. Over 300 students and adults attended the event. Decked out in fancy clothes and glow sticks, guests could partake in dancing under the disco balls, a limbo competition, playing with legos and board games, or taking selfies with family/friends in the photo booth. Staff volunteers donated some delicious and nutritious treats, while our very own high school students manned the DJ booth. It was great to see our school community come together for a night full of fun and fancy dance moves. We hope to see everyone at next year's dance!









Money Raised for Kids Heart Challenge



Chautauqua Lake Elementary School partnered with the American Heart Association to raise money for the "Kids Heart Challenge." This school-wide event allows students to learn about kids with special hearts, raise funds for the health of all hearts and promote increased awareness around healthy heart habits. Elementary students raised just over \$8,600 dollars in three short weeks. The event was organized by physical education teacher, Cole Gleason who stated-- "It was incredible to see the kids and community come together to support this program. We set our original goal of raising \$800 and after the first day, we had already passed that amount! All the credit goes to the kids and parents. Because of their hard work we were able to raise more than 10 times our original goal!"

In addition to raising monetary donations, 26 students completed Finn's Mission and in the process learned Hands-only CPR and the warning signs of a stroke. The elementary production crew also created special features for the morning announcements to promote healthy habits and physical activity among students and their families. Elementary Principal, Megan Lundgren states "This experience allowed our students to feel empowered and also learn a great deal about other children who may be struggling with unique heart conditions and ways that they can keep themselves and family members healthy." Staff and students plan to make this an annual event and are anxious to set an even higher goal for next year!

Elementary Students Host Community for Annual Science Fair

On the evening of March 16th, Chautauqua Lake Elementary students and staff hosted their annual Science Fair for parents and community members. The Science Fair showcases science projects completed by Chautauqua Lake's 5th-grade students under the direction of veteran teacher, Shari Tennies. This was a welcome return to tradition since last year's Science Fair was not open to the public due to COVID restrictions. "We were excited to welcome visitors again so we decided to make the event bigger and better," stated Elementary Principal, Megan Lundgren. The event was expanded to showcase enrichment, art, and makerspace projects, and included an interactive tour of the building's new Makerspace classroom, as well as a Wax Museum created by 4th-grade students.



5th-grade students worked on their Science Fair projects for approximately two months. Titles ranged from Factory Eggs Cracked to Have No Fear, Water Power is Here, encompassing 48 projects in 7 areas of science. Projects are judged by a group of high school physics students using specific criteria. This year's winners are pictured right. Isabelle Dawson, Grand Prize Winner for her project, "Nuclear Fusion" stated, "The Science Fair was a very enjoyable experience. I enjoyed getting to show the idea I created."

Science Fair Winners (left to right) Back Row: Alexis Kleinfelder, Tatum Bensink, Olivia Grover (honorable mentions), Emily Hall (3rd place) Front Row: Isabelle Dawson (Grand Prize), Wyatt Stroth (1st Place), Connor Goulding (2nd Place), Alice Scarpine (3rd Place)

In addition, 4th-grade students created a Wax Museum in which they dressed up as a historical figure that they researched. Students completed a biography project on an influential person from history and were essentially "frozen in time"; students changed their hair and clothing, memorized a short speech, and brought props to show the accomplishments of that individual. Visitors learned about individuals such as Rosa Parks, Galileo, Lucille Ball, King Tut, Anne Frank, Alexander Graham Bell, Barack Obama, Sacagawea, Walt Disney, Abraham Lincoln, Marie Curie, and more. "I am so proud of the hard work, creativity, and determination that every 4th grader put into their research and biography presentation. Each influential figure came to life during the Wax Museum, it was truly a wonderful experience for all," stated 4th-grade teacher, Emily Abbotoy.

Students and staff are already looking forward to hosting this event in 2023!



Jaydyn Barrett as Abraham Lincoln

anything is possible



Sidney Cannon as Lucille Ball

Mackenna Hardenburg as King Tut Rebecca Ames as Galileo

Immunizations

Note: The best way to ensure your child is in compliance with the immunization requirements is to **contact your child's health care provider** prior to the start of school in September.

Please ask your health care provider to fax your child's immunization record to the Health Office at (716) 753-2085. School nurses may not request these records from the doctor's office; the parent must initiate the request.

Notification letters were sent in June to parents of children not in compliance with the immunization requirements. Immunization requirements for school attendance include:

- MMR/Varicella vaccines: Two doses of each are required for kindergarten students to attend school.
- Meningococcal vaccine: All students entering grades 7 and 12 must have the meningococcal vaccine to attend school.
- Tdap vaccine: Students entering grade 6 must receive the Tdap vaccine in order to attend school.
- Medical exemptions to immunizations must be reissued annually. The
 documentation must specify the immunization exempted, sufficient
 information to identify the medical contraindication to the specific
 immunization, and the length of time the immunization is medically
 contraindicated. The medical exemption form is available on the school
 website in the Health and Safety Department.
- The requirements for different grade levels for immunizations can be found on the NYS Department of Health Immunization chart on the school website in the Health and Safety Department.

Reminder to Parents: Schedule Summer Exams

Here are the mandated years for health exams and screenings:

- Health examinations will be required in grades pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11.
- Vision screening and hearing screenings will be required within 6 months of admission to school and in grades pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11.
- Scoliosis screening will be required in grades 5 and 7 for girls and grade 9 for boys.

The physical exam must be completed on the approved NYS Education Department Student Health Examination Form by their primary care provider. This form can be downloaded from the Health and Safety Department on the school website at www.clake.org.

Please ask your health care provider to fax a copy of a current physical exam to (716) 753-2085. If we do not have a current physical on file for the required grade level or for sports participation, we will schedule your child for a physical with the school physician, Dr. Robert Berke or one of his associates during the school year. If you do not want your child to receive their physical at school, please call the Health Office at (716) 753-5819.

Summer Safety

The School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) wants to remind you that **sunburned or tanned skin is damaged skin**. You can save the skin your child is in by protecting them with sunscreen every time they go out into the sun all year long. It is also important to **keep kids hydrated in the summer heat**. Water is the best fluid for hydration.



GRADUATION 2022 CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS!







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A Message From Secondary School Principal Rachel Curtin

Stronger Together

We come to the end of the year with a tremendous feeling of accomplishment and gratitude for the hard work of our students and school community. From their ambition to rise to the occasion with community service and athletics, to creating projects, experiments, and performances, and working hard on tests and papers, they have excelled and inspired our pride. We are excited about many end-of-year events, including the student celebrations and graduation for Chautauqua Lake's Class of 2022. A sincere thank you for all that you have done to support our students; we genuinely appreciate your commitment to our partnership in education.















Honors Night Awards & Scholarships

The following awards were presented on June 7, 2022.

Academic Excellence Award (NYSED)	
Cecil S. Adams Jr. Memorial Music Award	Jonas Simora
Alumni Association of Mayville Schools Academic Improvement Award	Domenic Cusimano, Haley Falco
American Legion Auxiliary Award	Mercedez Obert, Abigail Parker
American Legion History Award	Lily Woodis, David Gard
American Legion Post #493 Scholarship AwardAbigail Parker, N	licholas Gilmore, Jessica Wiemer, Haylee Falco
American Legion Post #351 Francis Earl Gregory Citizenship Award	Carson D'Anthony, Sydney Hawkins
American Legion Post #351 Ralph V. Hubbard Memorial Scholarship	Carson D'Anthony, Sydney Hawkins
Kenneth Baker Memorial Award	
Ruth Barker Winch Scholarship	Sophia Shearer, Lily Woodis, Sydney Hawkins
William and Norma Beazell Memorial Scholarship (science)	Sydnie Tutmaher
William and Norma Beazell Memorial Scholarship (nursing)	Mercedez Obert
Ellen Marie Butterfield Memorial Award	
Laura Cady Estate Scholarship	Devin Putney, Sophia Shearer
Martin D. Carey Memorial Award	David Gard
Chautauqua Central School Alumni Incentive Awards	Jillian Delcamp, Chandler Nuse, Henry Mueller
Chautauqua Fire Dept. Memorial Education Award	Morgan Olson
Chautauqua Grange #571 Scholarship Fund	Benjamin Cross, Owen Nelson
Chautauqua Lake Associated Support Staff "CLASS" Award	
Chautauqua Lake Jean Pool Scholarship	Sara Howard
Chautauqua Science Scholarship	Corson Vogt
CLCS Chorale Award	Jonas Simora
CLCS Choral Music Award	Jonas Simora
CLCS Honor Pins	See Page 16
CLCS Student Administration Student of the Year Award	Lily Woodis
CLCS Teachers' Association Scholarships	Carson D'Anthony, Sara Howard
Harold M. Cornell Memorial Scholarship Award	Carson D'Anthony, Devin Putney
Dewittville Fire Department Scholarship	Lily Woodis
Lieutenant Tom Drake Memorial Scholarship	Jalen Parkhurst
Dr. Clyde and Helen Eidens Memorial Scholarship	David Gard
Keith Emanuelson Music Award	Emma Lindsey
Darlene Williams Fagenbaum Award	Sydney Hawkins
Jeanne and Robert Ferry Memorial Award	Donna Hamrick, Wayne Swoger
JoAnn Gleason Scholarship Award	Carson D'Anthony
Gene Haas Scholarship	Christopher Breads

Orris C. Hirtzel & Beatrice Dewey Hirtzel Memorial Foundation Scholarship	Kaylee Gollhardt
Craig Klinginsmith Memorial Scholarship	Jeffrey Bajdo
Ordence Knowlton Scholarship Grant	Lily Woodis, Ian Riedesel
Edna Kofoed Scholarship	Carson D'Anthony
Lake Chautauqua Memorial VFW Post #8647 Achievement Award	Brooklyn Scriven
Lake Chautauqua Memorial VFW Post #8647 Americanism Award	Kaylee Ellis, Henry Mueller
Paula Laughner Art Scholarship	Sydnie Tutmaher
Jane Lincoln Scholarship	Sophia Shearer
Jonathan E. Long Memorial Scholarship	Lily Woodis
The Doc Malinoski Sportsmanship Award	Emma Lindsey
John J. Maxwell Science Scholarship Award	Sydney Hawkins
Mayville Community Outreach Thrift Shop Award	Ian Riedesel
In Memory of Owen J. Miller Scholarship	Lily Woodis
Timothy B. Mulholland Memorial Scholarship Award	Carson D'Anthony
Norma Jean Myers Athletic Scholarship	Mercedez Obert
Robbie Peacock Memorial Scholarship	Austin Henry
Daphna Petersen Art Award	Sydnie Tutmaher
Principal Achievement Award	Chandler Nuse
Queen Esther Circle Award	James Gendron
R & R Property Services and Syper Family Scholarship	Lily Woodis
Ripley Education Association Award	•
Ripley Grange #65 Community Scholarship	David Gard
Ripley Hose Company #1 & Ripley Hose Co. Auxiliary Community Service Scholarship	Sydney Hawkins
Ripley Women's Club English Award	
Edgar Skinner Scholarship Fund	Jalen Parkhurst, Sara Howard
Summit Lodge #219 Free and Accepted Masons of Westfield Award	Sydney Hawkins
James Tennies Honorary Scholarship	Jeffrey Bajdo
Roger Testrake Memorial Scholarship	Sydney Hawkins
Thunderbird Athletic Club Award	Lily Woodis, Carson D'Anthony
Kristie Ward Memorial Scholarship	Haylee Falco
Kristie Ward Memorial Scholarship #2	Austin Henry
Wesley W. Weise, Jr. Scholarship	Sophia Shearer, Jeffrey Bajdo
Rotary Foundation Award	
Westfield-Mayville Rotary Club Award	Ian Riedesel, Jonas Simora
Westfield Women of the Moose Incentive Award	Gwendalynn Gerber
Martin A. Wright Memorial Scholarship	Carson D'Anthony
DAR Good Citizen Award	Lily Woodis
DAR Exceptional History Student	Devin Putney
Chautauqua County School Counselors' Association	Abigail Parker

Honors Night Awards & Scholarships

We celebrated our hard-working and exceptional students with our scholarship winners at the 2022 Honors Night. More than \$55,000 in awards were presented by school and community members. Every student expressed their thanks and pride in their recognition.

Mrs. Curtin congratulated students with this sentiment, "through these awards and scholarships we have been reminded that kindness matters, that freedom isn't free, and that service to others is the highest honor. Our hope is that you will use these awards and the many gifts and talents that you possess to someday give back to your community with the same generosity and purpose that has been shown to you.

CLCS Honor Pins

Three different colored pins are given to seniors based on their overall averages. **GOLD HONOR PINS** are given to those students achieving an average of 94.5% or above. The recipients are:

Carson D'Anthony Kaylee Ellis David Gard Sydney Hawkins Owen Nelson Abigail Parker Devin Putney Ian Riedesel Sophia Shearer

Jonas Simora Sydnie Tutmaher Corson Vogt Lily Woodis

SILVER HONOR PINS are given to seniors with averages of 89.5% or higher. The recipients are:

Jeffrey Bajdo Benjamin Cross Gwendalynn Gerber

Nicholas Gilmore Austin Henry Sara Howard Mercedez Obert Jalen Parkhurst Luke Studley

BRONZE HONOR PINS are given to seniors with averages of 84.5% or above. The recipients are:

Sienna Collins Haylee Falco James Gendron Kaylee Gollhardt Donna Hamrick Isaac Irizarry Henry Mueller Alyse Thomas Jessica Wiemer

National Technical Honor Society Inductee

A student from Chautauqua Lake in the Career and Technical Education (CTE) program at the Erie 2-Chautauqua-Cattaragus BOCES Hewes Educational Center, **Haylee Falco** (Culinary Arts), was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society this spring.

The National Technical Honor Society recognizes students who are outstanding scholars and who have also achieved significant success in service, leadership, honesty, responsibility and character. Students must maintain at least a 90 percent average and have no more than 5 absences throughout the school year.





Prom

Students were treated to a delicious dinner and fabulous dance at the Chautauqua Suites for prom. Our DJ played the best songs, and our beautiful students danced the night away with enthusiasm.

Regents Week

Our students worked their hardest during Regents week this year. While Mrs. Curtin was worried about the first morning, and students arriving on time, these juniors showed up early and surprised her with a car show, and then went on to do a great job on their first test.



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Manufacturing Students Lead the Way with Trails Kiosk Project

anufacturing students in our New Visions program learned to build trail sign kiosks this semester, a project that will give back to all of the community trails that connect us. Chautaugua Lake Secondary school principal, Rachel Curtin, and teacher Dan McCray initiated the kiosk project within the CLCS Manufacturing program to showcase the work of our talented high school students and to connect our area high schools to the many recreational and healthyliving opportunities in our county. A kiosk is a structure that will hold metal maps of our community trails, parks, and waterways, and post information about our community, and lead visitors and residents toward new adventures. Our students began the installation of the first kiosk on the Chautaugua Rails to Trails behind Boxcar Barney's in Mayville. Special thanks to the Chautaugua Region Economic Development Corporation, Rails To Trails, Carl Perry, Mark Geise, Theresa Davies (DEC) and volunteers Dee Dippel, Jacob Bodway, and Bill Ward, as well as our Board of Education for their support and partnership. As a result of this service learning project, students learned about our trail systems and gained practical skills as they fulfilled a need in our community. Mr. McCray offers, "So much has been given to us from our community, so it is great to be able to give back. Community involvement and giving back through this Kiosk project gave our students a big picture of how their learning can go far beyond the classroom and will hopefully contribute to them being proud of their accomplishments."

Mrs. Curtin offers, "Our district is committed to promoting the best attributes of our county, and we want our students to appreciate where they live by giving back through service. The beautiful Chautauqua County Rails to Trails and Overland Trail systems provide adventure, healthy activities, and an opportunity to appreciate and understand our natural resources and ecosystems. When the opportunity to build kiosks to help our community and visitors navigate these trails came up, I knew right away that Mr. McCray and our manufacturing students would be perfect for the project. The real-world application of mathematical concepts, together with hands-on learning, problem solving and teamwork created an exceptional learning opportunity for our students."







Pictured from left to right: Coach Mary Jantzi, Henry Mueller, Sophia Shearer, Abigail Parker, Sydney Hawkins, Owen Nelson, & Coach Brian Fortney

Envirothon

We are proud to share that our CLCS Envirothon Team, consisting of Henry Mueller, Sophia Shearer, Abigail Parker, Sydney Hawkins and Owen Nelson, represented Chautauqua County at the NYS Envirothon. Their knowledge was challenged in five areas: aquatic ecology, forestry, soils & land use, wildlife, and the current environmental issue. The team earned 6th place, the highest placing our school has ever received. competing against all the other counties in the state.

CL Participates in Civic Engagement

uring the month of May, Chautauqua Lake Central Schools hosted a symposium to educate school communities about current crises and transformative civic reflection that can lead to healing. On May 13th, students and educators from Chautaugua Lake, Fredonia, Silver Creek, and Maple Grove heard from the Founding Chief Prosecutor for the UN Special Court for Sierra Leone, David Crane, and responded to his presentation. They asked insightful questions about the ongoing crisis in Ukraine and accountability for Vladimir Putin for crimes that violate international law. Following an interactive timeline and model diplomacy activity where students from different schools worked together to study the history of Ukraine, students heard from Founding Chief Prosecutor for the UN Special Court for Sierra Leone and the author of the book "Every Living thing: Facing Down Terrorists, Warlords, and Thugs in West Africa-A Story of Justice." Students gained further insight into the Ukraine Crisis from Ukrainian Aleksey Sergeevich as he shared not only his own experiences but that of his family who is still in Ukraine. Many of his family members have made their way to safety in Germany and are working on visas to come to the United States. Students wondering what they can possibly do about this situation heard suggestions from all speakers.

On May 24, 2022, Chautauqua Lake joined over 250 students from Chautauqua County attending a presentation by Carl Wilkens, the only American to remain in Rwanda during the 1994 genocide. Wilkens' presentation did not stop with Rwanda's tragic history but reflected the powerful and inspiring recovery process. Among the many lessons, he shared from his experience is the transformative belief that we don't have to be defined by what we lost or our worst choices. We can be defined by what we do with what remains – what we do next after tragedy strikes. Chautauqua Lake Social Studies teacher Leigh-Anne Hendrick organized these symposiums with her colleague, English teacher Emily Dorman. Hendrick and Dorman organized this collaboration with the Hebrew Congregation of Chautauqua's Holocaust and Social Justice Education program and area school districts to create these powerful conversations about learning to live together, and how we can demonstrate respect, empathy, and inclusion through civic engagement.





All County Returns

The 71st Annual Chautauqua County Music Festival brought the best student musicians from around the county to the Chautauqua amphitheater on June 4th. It was wonderful to hear the exceptional performances as the ampitheater was full of life and music. 19 Elementary, Middle and High School vocalists performed a concert of challenging and inspiring repertoire, and enjoyed the beautiful and gracious hospitality of Chautauqua Institution.





The **High School Language Club** was very happy to learn Mr. Hindman's delicious recipe for authentic tamales! Mrs. Carle and Language Club students finished the year with dance lessons, a movie event, and salsa-tasting.

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Celebrating Local Treasures and the End of the School Year

Our secondary students have been hiking and exploring the beautiful trails in our community over the last week and they enjoyed a great adventure. Juniors went to Panama Rocks, 7th Grade hiked Cusimano Westside Overland Trail at Hannum Road, and the Class of 2022 hiked Allegany State Park and rested at the epic view from Luensman Overview Park. Finishing on a high note, the 8th grade class trip took place at Sky High in Ellicottville where students participated in a ropes course and a mountain coaster. A challenging experience full of smiles and laughter!

Chautauqua Lake and Ripley students had the extraordinary opportunity to meet and learn about rare, endangered, and threatened species from Jeff Musial-Nickel City Reptiles & Exotics. Jeff offers educational outreach programs and has appeared on national television including the Today Show and The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon. Students had up-close seats and were entertained with light-hearted jokes and information about the animals' native habitat and behaviors. It was a wild time!



Life in the Theater

Students in Ms. Michalak's class connected with Chautauqua Theater Company Artistic Director Andrew Borba, NYC-based actor Richard Topol, and Lisa Rothe, a NYC-based freelance theater director, acting/vocal coach, and educator to discuss their work in theater and connection to the Chautauqua Theater Company. Students were given an opportunity to learn from this group through the Holocaust Honors class. Students studied the work of Pulitzer Prizewinning playwright Paula Vogel and explored the true events surrounding the 1923 Broadway debut of Sholem Asch's God of Vengeance and the connections between their curriculum and Vogel's play which was inspired by these events in 1923. This week our students will learn more about the daily life of theater and expand their knowledge of acting through improvisation with members of this year's company. Many thanks to our partners at Chautauqua Theater Company and Chautauqua Institution for the enrichment and opportunity!



igh School Bowl, had a very successful year, remaining undefeated until the final seconds of the semi-finals. Here are the grades 9-12 team members who contributed to this phenomenal season, including 2 outstanding players who received the CO-MVP awards this year, team captain Ian Riedesel and Sydney Hawkins, who both earned the most match points. We are graduating a great group of seniors, but coach Mary Jantzi looks forward to all of the promising underclassmen coming up to fill in for next season.

ATHLETICS NEWS AND INFORMATION

A Message From Athletic Director Jeff Angeletti

Thunderbirds Excelling On & Off the Field

Our athletic teams excelled on and off the field. Eleven of our varsity teams qualified for the New York State Scholar Athlete Team Award. This prestigious award is only given to teams whose team GPA is 90% or higher.

We are preparing for exciting times next year for our sports programs. The Thunderbirds will be playing football and soccer games on a new artificial turf field. Our boys and girls wrestling teams will have a state-of-the-art wrestling room to prepare for more state championships. The tennis team will have a brand new tennis facility. Our gymnasium will be getting a face-lift on the court, with new designs and resurfacing.

Many of our coaches and programs are already preparing for next season by competing in summer leagues, utilizing our weight room/training facilities, and attending camps. I wish everyone a healthy and safe summer and "watch out for those Thunderbirds next year!"



Athletic Awards

Calvin Cederquist Coach of the Year Joanne Meadows, Varsity Volleyball

CL Senior Athlete of the Year Lily Woodis & Carson D'Anthony

> CL Senior Scholar Athlete of the Year

Lily Woodis & Devin Putney

CL Senior Sportsmanship Award Sydney Hawkins & Jalen Parkhurst

Project Play WNY Multi-Sport Student Athlete Award

Mercedez Obert & Carson D'Anthony

The Boys Track & Field team have been growing by leaps and bounds as they competed at the Section VI State qualifier championship track meet. Places were taken by David Speagle and Cole Otto in the long jump. Anton Graham took third in the 100m, Elias Quintero set a new school record in the 800m, 2:01.10, earning fourth-place, and the 4x100m relay team of Dom Cusimano, Cole Otto, Elias Quintero, and Anton Graham set a new school record 45.03 capturing fourth.

The Seniors this season were Carson D'Anthony, Anton Graham, and Dom Cusimano.

Special thanks to Head Coaches Bill Persons and Mike Rohlin for their hard work to bring this season together.





The Varsity Girls Track & Field team finished with a 1-4 season. Highlights of the season include defeating Westfield on Senior Night and Mercedez Obert placing 1st at the Super 8's meet for High Jump. The MVP's this season were Lydia Kushmaul (MVP Track) and Mercedez Obert (MVP Field). They were also named a NYSPHAA Scholar Athlete Team.

The girls did a nice job under the adverse conditions of not having a track and/or pits to practice with. They were very supportive of each other and pushed themselves to improve their personal records at every meet. Great season girls!! Thank you coaches Bill Persons and Mike Putney.

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The Boys Baseball team finished the season with a 5-9 record. Highlights included beating Westfield on their turf and a win over Brocton at home on our Senior Night!

- Offensive MVP- Kalen Miller
 CCAA West 2 1st Team
 Senior All-Star game selection
- Defensive MVP- Tate Olson CCAA West 2 2nd Team
- Most Outstanding Pitcher- Jalen Parkhurst CCAA West 2 1st Team
- Co-Rookie of the Year- Devin Hewes CCAA West 2 2nd Team
- Co-Rookie of the Year- Clayton Smith CCAA West 2 Honorable Mention
- Dedication Award- Nate Henry
 CCAA West 2 Honorable Mention
- NYSPHSSA and Sect. VI Scholar Academic Team 2022

Thank you to the coaches Matt Cummings, Mike Cummings, and Richie Langer.



The Varsity Softball team once again had a fantastic season! Led by MVP of the team, Olivia Herrington, the Thunderbirds compiled a record of 11–2 league and 13–4 overall. The team made a run in the playoffs but eventually fell to Gowanda in 10 innings by a score of 8–7.

All nine starters made the CCAC Division II West All Star Team, congratulations! Olivia Herrington made Honorable Mention for the All WNY Team. This is quite an accomplishment, congrats Olivia. Award winners at the CLCS Softball Banquet were the following: Olivia Herrington, MVP, Jenna Waters, Defensive MVP, Cayzlee Johnson, Offensive MVP, Most Improved Mallory Morrison. Our three seniors, Sienna Collins, Kaylee Gollhardt and Emma Lindsey.

Thanks for helping us have a great season! Best wishes to all three Seniors as you continue your college journey!

This year's **Golf** team welcomed two new members from Panama Central School. Lucas Liscandro and Donovan Schnars came on board and have been improving week by week. Darien Swanson, a team member from Westfield Central School, has led our team again this season along with Carson Swanson playing in the one and two spots all season.

Darien and Carson are advancing onto the Section 6 Championships again this year with a chance to qualify and move onto the



NYS Championships in early June. Darien will be heading to the NYS Championships on June 5 and 6. Carson was close finishing 19th in all of Section 6.

Darien completed his great season with a trip to the NYS Championships shooting 82 in the first round and 83 in the second round.

Ian Riedesel, Jacob Ferranto, and 7th grader Liam Swan rounded out the roster. Each of them showed improvement throughout the season.

We will lose two seniors from this year's team that will be greatly missed, Darien and Ian have been playing for us since they were 7th graders. Great job boys and we wish you all the best as you move onto college in the fall.

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