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Celebrating a Remarkable Year at Chautauqua Lake

A Message From Superintendent Dr. Joshua Liddell

As we close out the 2025-2026 school year, it is rewarding to reflect on what has truly been a remarkable year at Chautauqua Lake. It was a year marked by success in the classroom, on the stage, and in athletic competition. Most importantly, it was a year defined by the hard work, countless accomplishments, and memorable moments created by our students.

Our graduating Class of 2026 is made up of 78 resilient, driven young men and women who have undoubtedly left their mark on Chautauqua Lake. They embraced opportunities, challenged themselves, and took full advantage of all that our school community has to offer. Their passion, leadership, and determination have set a standard for those who follow, and we are confident they are prepared to succeed in whatever paths lie ahead.

Their aspirations are as diverse as they are inspiring. Members of the Class of 2026 plan to become counselors, contractors, attorneys, pharmacists, radiologists, film directors, engineers, occupational therapists, law enforcement officers, and—my personal favorite—teachers. Graduates will continue their education at colleges and universities across the country, including multiple SUNY institutions, Penn State, Ohio State, Colorado State, Samford University, and several outstanding local colleges. We are also honored to have graduates entering the United States Marine Corps to serve and defend our great nation! Others will enter the workforce equipped with the knowledge and skills they developed through Chautauqua Lake's academic and career-readiness programs. It is our hope that we have provided each graduate with a strong foundation, a commitment to lifelong learning, and the perseverance necessary to thrive in whatever lies ahead.



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This year's commencement ceremony was held on a beautiful June evening and began with the traditional parade down Main Street before culminating in our 30th Annual Graduation Ceremony. As seniors proudly marched beneath the American flag and onto campus, they were welcomed by many cherished traditions, including the peony flower chain, personal commencement statements, and two great speeches from our valedictorian and salutatorian. It was a fitting celebration for an exceptional group of students.

Beyond graduation, the school year was filled with accomplishments worth celebrating. Our student-athletes enjoyed tremendous success, capturing Section VI championships in football and wrestling, while our softball and tennis teams earned league championships. Numerous student-athletes qualified for state-level competition, several coaches received Coach of the Year honors, and multiple teams finished the season ranked among the top five in New York State.

Perhaps most impressive, all 16 of our varsity teams earned New York State (NYS) Scholar-Athlete Team Awards, making Chautauqua Lake a 2025-2026 NYS Public High School Athletic Association School of Distinction. This prestigious honor is awarded to schools where every varsity program has a grade point average above 90 percent. It is a testament to the commitment our students make to excellence both in competition and in the classroom and reflects the culture of achievement that continues to define Chautauqua Lake.

Academically, Chautauqua Lake continues to rank among the top-performing districts in the region. Being recognized as the number one school district in our area based on combined performance in English Language Arts, mathematics, science 3–8 assessments, and Regents examinations speaks to the dedication and commitment of our students, teachers, support staff, and families. The Class of 2026 has been an important part of that success, helping to build and sustain a culture of excellence that makes our entire school community proud.

It has truly been an outstanding year. While we celebrate the accomplishments of the Class of 2026 and the many successes of this past year, we are equally excited about the future. Chautauqua Lake remains committed to continuous growth and improvement as we strive to provide the very best opportunities for every student.

Thank you to our families, staff, Board of Education, and community members for your continued support. Together, we are making a lasting difference in the lives of our students and strengthening the communities we proudly serve. Have a safe and enjoyable summer, and thank you for another wonderful year at Chautauqua Lake!

Respectfully,

Joshua E. Liddell Ph. D.



DISTRICT-WIDE NEWS AND INFORMATION

Valedictorian - Lily Otto



Lily Otto has been active in Track, Spanish Club, Peer Education, Yearbook, and the National Honor Society throughout her time at CLCS. She has contributed to numerous community service projects and served as NHS Treasurer, Track Assistant Coach and Manager, and Yearbook Co-Editor. Through these organizations, she has contributed to numerous community service initiatives, including blood drives, food and toy drives, parking coordination for the Mayville Winter Festival, and working concession stands at various sporting events.

Lily will attend Allegheny College to pursue a career in Occupational Play Therapy.

Molly Ulsh has been actively involved in tennis, basketball, softball, Envirothon, Science Olympiad, National Honor Society, and Student Council during her time at CLCS.

A dedicated student and leader, Molly earned High Honor Roll recognition every quarter and was named Student of the Month each year. She has also been actively involved in community service through the Lutheran Youth of Western New York leadership team, National Honor Society, and volunteer work at school sporting events.

Following graduation, Molly will attend Penn State Behrend to pursue a career as a child psychiatrist.

Salutatorian - Molly Ulsh



Top 10 Students



Lily Otto



Molly Ulsh



Charles Vogt



Taylyn Stanton



Lillian Schenk



Evan Riedesel



Dayne Jantzi



Anna Reyda



Brooke Feldt



Asher Olson

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any questions, comments
and concerns.**

2026-2027 Calendar Under Construction

The 2026-2027 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 - November 25th - 27th
- Winter Recess - December 23rd - January 1st
- Mid-Winter Recess - February 16th - 19th
- Spring Recess - March 29th - April 2nd
- Staff Development Days: September 1st & 2nd, October 9th, March 12th

First Day: Chautauqua Lake will start school on September 3rd.



Volunteers and Sponsors are needed for The Athletic Club!

New officers, helping hands, and community sponsors play an important role in supporting the program. Through volunteer efforts and financial contributions, The Athletic Club helps provide student-athletes with equipment, opportunities, and scholarships. Those interested in getting involved can learn more by visiting the CLCS Athletic Club Facebook page.

Chautauqua Lake Child Care Center

NYS OCFS Licensed
4 Star - Quality Stars NY Program
United Way Partner

For information, please contact CLCCC at
716-753-5851
or email childcare@clake.org



WHO WANTS A FREE MEAL?

Chautauqua Lake CSD will be participating in the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for the 2026-2027 school year. Breakfast and lunch will be served FREE OF CHARGE to ALL students, regardless of income. Look for more information about school meals in the Back to School Navigator in August.

SNAP

Our school is committed to helping students get the food they need. SNAP can give families an extra boost to their budget at the grocery store. It also helps our school get more funding that benefits students.

Answer a few easy questions from Hunger Solutions New York to see if your family may be eligible for SNAP. Visit SNAPHelpNY.org or text SNAPNY to 844-366-3435.

Links can be found on our school website www.clake.org on the Cafeteria page



SNAP
helps families buy food

Find Free Summer Meals Near You
Summer Meals and Summer EBT, a food benefit program for school-aged children, can keep your kids well-fed while school is out.

Visit SummerMealsNY.org to find nearby places serving free meals to kids and teens and to learn more about Summer EBT.



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) 753-2243 for information.

Ripley Community Council Food Pantry

Located at 14 North State Street, the pantry is open Tuesdays, 2pm-4pm; Saturdays, 10am-12 noon. They are closed on major holidays. The pantry serves residents in the town of Ripley. For information, call (716) 969-8344.

Attention Graduates

Did you end the year with a positive balance on your account?

If your meal account has a positive balance at the end of June, you will receive notice offering you choices on how to close your account.

You may:

- 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

If you have any questions, please call the cafeteria office at 716-753-5824 or email jshearer@clake.org.



Retiree Showcase

This year, Chautauqua Lake Central School celebrates the retirements of six dedicated educators and staff members whose combined careers represent nearly two centuries of service to students. From inspiring creativity in the art room, guiding scientific discovery, and supporting students with special needs to building practical skills, fostering confidence, and providing daily encouragement, Gary Whipple, Shelly Walsh, Cathy Redlecki, Louann Heslink, Mary Jantzi, and Jim Tennies have each left a lasting impact on generations of Eagles. Their dedication to students helped shape the culture of Chautauqua Lake and strengthen our school community. We thank them for their years of service and the lasting impact they have made as they begin their well-earned retirements.



Kara Smith Receives Robert Minton Counselor of the Year Award

Chautauqua Lake Elementary School Counselor Kara Smith was recently honored with the Robert Minton Counselor of the Year award, presented annually by the Chautauqua County Counselors Association. This award recognizes a counselor whose dedication, character, and service reflect the qualities exemplified by longtime counselor, Robert Minton.

Those who know Mrs. Smith know that this recognition is well deserved. She is a steadfast advocate for students, a trusted colleague, and a consistent source of positivity within our school community. Whether she is helping a student through a difficult situation, collaborating with colleagues, or bringing her best school spirit to every event, she consistently goes above and beyond to make Chautauqua Lake Elementary a fun and supportive place for all. Mrs. Smith brings energy, compassion, and authenticity to everything she does. We are proud to celebrate this well-earned honor and grateful for all she does each day.



HEALTH NEWS AND INFORMATION



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.

Immunizations

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.

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.

Professional Learning in Action: CLT Showcase Highlights Teacher Dedication

The annual Collaborative Learning Team (CLT) Showcase brought Chautauqua Lake educators together on May 15 to celebrate a year of professional growth, innovation, and collaboration. Held in the secondary gymnasium, the event highlighted the dedication of faculty and staff as they shared the results of their learning, research, and teamwork with colleagues from across the district. Each fall, educators establish professional goals focused on both individual growth and collaborative team learning, with Collaborative Learning Teams working throughout the year to explore new instructional practices, address student needs, and advance district priorities.

This year's Showcase featured more than 30 teams sharing their work through interactive displays and presentations. Projects and initiatives addressed a wide range of topics, including *The War on Vocabulary*, *Book Buddies*, *CHQ Kids Care*, *Artificial Intelligence in Special Education*, *Wellness Day*, *Fitnessgram*, *Family Engagement*, and *Expanding Holocaust and Social Justice Education at CLCS and throughout Chautauqua County*, among many others. Colleagues had the opportunity to learn from one another while participating in hands-on activities that highlighted innovative approaches to teaching and learning.

The CLT Showcase reflects Chautauqua Lake's commitment to professional excellence and innovation. By investing in collaboration and continuous growth, educators help ensure students benefit from engaging, meaningful, and effective learning experiences.



Eugenia Hannum Award



Every year since the early 1990's, an elementary teacher at Chautauqua Lake is chosen to be the 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 year's recipient of the Eugenia Hannum Award is Music Teacher, Mrs. Katie Ryan. Mrs. Ryan has been with the district since 2006. Her talent and passion have allowed our music department to flourish, giving students countless opportunities to find a love of music. In addition, Mrs. Ryan's vision and dedication have undeniably impacted our school community through the establishment and continued success of our PBIS House System. Congratulations to Mrs. Ryan!

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A Message From Elementary School Principal, Megan Lundgren

Dear Chautauqua Lake Families,

What an incredible, unforgettable school year it has been! As the hallways grow quiet and we wrap up these final days, I am filled with immense pride reflecting on everything our students have achieved. From day one back in September to the high-energy events of this June, our kids have demonstrated outstanding character, deep curiosity, and a remarkable spirit of community.

This spring has been absolutely buzzing with activity across all grade levels. Our students have led regional environmental initiatives, dominated local academic competitions, showcased stunning creative talents, and stepped up as true leaders alongside our neighbors. None of this would be possible without the unwavering support of our dedicated staff, our local community partners, and, of course, you—our wonderful families. Your enthusiasm, volunteer hours, and constant encouragement are the foundation of everything we do here at Chautauqua Lake Elementary.

As you read through, you will find detailed highlights and photos celebrating the spectacular events that capped off our year. I hope you feel the same immense pride in our students that I do.

On behalf of the entire elementary faculty and staff, I want to wish every one of our families a safe, healthy, and deeply relaxing summer break. I hope these upcoming months are filled with warm sunshine, great books, outdoor adventures, and well-deserved rest. Thank you again for a spectacular school year, and we look forward to welcoming our Eagles back in the fall!

Farm Day

On June 22nd, the elementary school hosted the 4th annual Farm Day on the CLCS campus. The event was started three years ago by students Hallie Boardman and Kylie Keefe as the focus of their senior leadership project. It has been such a success that it's become a staple June event. Farm Day brings various local farmers and organizations together to promote agricultural literacy. Students in grades pk-6 were able to interact with various animals, view farming equipment, and talk with local educators about the importance of agriculture in our county.

A huge thanks to our participants, which included:

- Knight Family Vineyards from Ripley, NY
- Cornell Cooperative Extension Educators
- Country Ayre Farms, The Woodis Family
- Cassie Skull
- The Boardman and Tarnowski Families
- Student Volunteers: Jameson Belson, Kase Keefe, Cala Schuster, Connor Hitchcock, and Jackson & Mimi Seiberg

We look forward to hosting this event for many years to come!



Big Boy 4014

First and second grade students had the opportunity to witness a remarkable piece of American history on June 9 when they traveled to Ripley to see the historic Big Boy 4014 steam locomotive as it passed through town during its nationwide tour celebrating America's 250th anniversary.

Students joined their peers from Ripley Central School to watch the massive locomotive roll by, creating a memorable shared experience.



Young Talents Shine at the CLES Eagle Expo - A Celebration of Art, History, and Science

On Wednesday, March 18th, 2026, the Chautauqua Lake Campus was buzzing with excitement as it hosted the highly anticipated CLES Eagle Expo. The evening featured a diverse showcase of student talent, packing out the school's facilities with interactive exhibits and creative displays.

The lower atrium was transformed into a vibrant wonderland for a special "Under the Sea" K-2 Art Exhibit, giving the youngest students a chance to showcase their creative, ocean-inspired artwork. Meanwhile, history came alive in the Multi-Purpose Room during the 4th-grade Wax Museum, where students portrayed remarkable historical figures. The annual "Waxie Awards" celebrated their exceptional research, period-accurate costume designs, and inspiring storytelling, with top honors recognizing outstanding biographies, creative displays, and engaging presentations.

Over in the elementary gymnasium, the 5th-grade Science Fair was in full swing. Students proudly shared the findings of their unique research, experiments, and sensory explorations. A panel of high school student judges from Mr. Reyda's physics class and a community-wide popular vote recognized the top scientific projects, highlighting exceptional critical thinking and innovative approaches to problem-solving.

From colorful ocean artwork to impressive scientific discoveries and theatrical historical reenactments, the Eagle Expo proved to be a massive success. The event beautifully demonstrated the immense creativity, dedication, and curiosity alive across the entire elementary school community.



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Hooked on Books Bash: A Night of Celebration and Reading Success!

The annual Hooked on Books Bash once again proved to be a resounding success, bringing together students and families to celebrate a year of dedicated reading. The event, held on the evening of Tuesday, June 16th, at the picturesque CHQ Barn, was a perfect culmination of the "Hooked on Books" reading challenges.

Approximately 270 students successfully completed all four reading challenges and were honored at this festive end-of-year celebration. The evening was filled with excitement as attendees enjoyed delicious food, dancing, and fun yard games, all under a beautiful sky that perfectly complemented the occasion.



A heartfelt thank you is extended to the Rice family for their incredible generosity in donating the use of the CHQ Barn for the second consecutive year. Their continued support provides a stunning venue for this cherished event and significantly contributes to its success.



The Hooked on Books Bash not only celebrates the achievements of young readers but also fosters a love for literacy within the community. The Mayville Library and Jessup Baker (BOE Member & President of Jamestown Plastics) are main supporters of the Hooked on Books program, which is now in its 5th year. We look forward to preparing for another successful year, promoting reading within our school community!



Chautauqua Lake Elementary students proudly represented our school at the 2026 Spring All-County Music Festival. Selected from fifth and sixth grade, these students were chosen for their musical growth, dedication, and enthusiasm for music. They joined talented young musicians from across Chautauqua County for a day of rehearsing and performing together. Congratulations to all 12 students on a wonderful experience and outstanding performance!



Our 6th graders once again created cards for participants in the Big Fish Triathlon. As part of Mrs. Betts' ELA class, students practiced their writing skills while sharing thoughtful messages of encouragement. This meaningful activity provides a wonderful opportunity for students to connect with and give back to the community while showing their community spirit.

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Camp Onyahsa

On Tuesday, June 2nd our 5th graders ventured together with the 5th graders from Ripley to Camp Onyahsa in Dewittville. The students had a beautiful day to enjoy a "day at camp".



For this experience, our students went kayaking and pedal-boating on Chautauqua Lake. They fished off a bridge in Dewittville Creek and caught bluegill, perch, rock bass and other species that meander through the creek. The students were able to experience a camp crafting station where they got to make friendship bracelets. They tested their accuracy at the archery station and many of our students were quite impressive. The students also visited a challenge course where they strapped into harnesses and helmets to cross Dewittville Creek from above on a tight rope bridge. Throughout the experience, the students participated in different "Ice Breaker" activities to get to know each other a little better and share together in a unique experience outside of the walls of the classroom.

Shore by Your Door

Our kindergarten students enjoyed a memorable day of learning and exploration at the annual Shore by Your Door event in Bemus Point. Through hands-on activities led by local environmental organizations and community partners, students discovered the importance of Chautauqua Lake and the many ways people, plants, and animals depend on its health. Highlights included exploring wildlife and fossils, viewing lake water under microscopes, learning about conservation efforts, riding the Bemus-Stow Ferry, and enjoying a picnic and ice cream. The experience helped inspire curiosity, environmental stewardship, and a deeper appreciation for one of our community's greatest natural resources.



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Field Day

Elementary students had another exciting Field Day event on the morning of Tuesday, June 16th, on the school's turf football field. This highly anticipated day of fun featured various competitive events, and served as a culmination of our PBIS system. Students compete within their colorful PBIS houses throughout the day, adding more points to the total their house has earned throughout the school year. All participants, including parents and middle school student volunteers, enjoy lots of water related events.

Following the activities on the field, a schoolwide assembly was held to announce top earners from the field day events, and the winning PBIS house for the year. House Officium (teal house) won the House Cup for the first time. This vibrant event truly showcased the positive culture and strong sense of community that thrives within our school.



Hit the Trails

The "Hit the Trails" program is designed to encourage children to explore local trails and parks. This year, 28 Chautauqua Lake elementary students successfully completed the hiking challenge.

The program is sponsored by Chautauqua County Health, CHQ Healthy Schools & Youth Program, and UPMC Life Changing Medicine.



On Tuesday, June 16th program sponsors came to our campus to recognize participating students and present prizes. Amy Hitchcock from the Chautauqua County Health Department presented awards and a new bike to two lucky students. We appreciate the support of our local community as we promote health and wellness using the various outdoor attractions that our area has to offer.

Inaugural "Water Warriors Day" Inspires Youth Environmental Stewardship in Mayville

On June 5, 2026, Mayville Lakeside Park hosted the successful inaugural "Water Warriors Day," a student-led initiative focused on protecting Chautauqua Lake. Sparked by a project in Mrs. Bett's sixth-grade classroom, the event brought together Chautauqua Lake Central School students, local officials, and environmental organizations to put watershed protection into action.

Following a community lunch and safety briefing, students were divided into small teams under adult supervision to launch the first phase of the "Adopt-a-Drain" project, outlined in the "Adopt-A-Drain Info and Agenda". According to the official "Water Warrior Press Release", the day's highlights included:

- **Storm Drain Cleanouts:** Students cleared trash and debris from local curbs to keep waterways clean.
- **Drain Marking:** Teams applied "No Dumping" markers to local drains, reminding the public that stormwater flows directly into the lake.
- **Rain Barrel Distribution:** The student-created "Paint the Lake" initiative distributed pre-painted rain barrels to community members to help reduce residential runoff.

The event was made possible through a massive collaboration with partners like the Everwild Land Trust, NYSAWWA, and the Village of Mayville DPW. Local dignitaries, including County Executive PJ Wendel and Mayville Mayor Richard Syper, attended to support the initiative. The afternoon proved that when communities empower young people, small actions can create lasting waves of positive environmental change.



Chautauqua Lake Students Excel in Recent Battle of the Books Competitions

Chautauqua Lake students recently showcased their impressive reading comprehension and teamwork during two separate, highly competitive Battle of the Books events. From elementary matchups to middle school showdowns, local readers proved they have what it takes to compete at the highest level.

The fifth-grade division brought high energy to Bemus Point Elementary School for a thrilling reading competition. The special program partnered Chautauqua Lake with Bemus Point to challenge small groups of students on their knowledge of seven different novels.

Students dedicated significant time both inside and outside the classroom to prepare for the rigorous afternoon trivia session. Ultimately, Chautauqua Lake's young scholars rose to the occasion, taking home a well-earned first-place victory against their regional peers.



The literary momentum continued on May 9th at the historic Robert H. Jackson Center, which played host to the 6th–8th grade Battle of the Books tournament. Chautauqua Lake made a massive statement at the venue, bringing the largest student participation numbers—and the loudest cheering section—of the entire competition.

Under the expert guidance and mentorship of advisors Logan Betts, Jenny McPherson, and Nora Ludwig, the middle school students navigated a series of challenging literary rounds. Thanks to their hard work and deep text analysis, Chautauqua Lake's two competing teams dominated the field, securing both second and third place overall.

Congratulations to all of the dedicated readers and coaches who poured their passion into these events and proudly represented the district!







SECONDARY NEWS AND INFORMATION

Congratulations Class of 2026

A Message From Secondary School Principal, Rachel Curtin

It is our pleasure to celebrate the accomplishments of the Class of 2026 and thank everyone who joined us for the graduates' parade and commencement ceremony. Watching this remarkable group of students grow from seventh grade to graduation has been one of the greatest rewards of being educators. We've celebrated championships, persevered through disappointments, challenged and supported them, and watched them discover their strengths.

Just as importantly, they inspired us. They dismantled diesel engines, built houses, researched clean water, explored ways to sustain our watershed, competed in athletics, robotics, and academic competitions, performed on stage, volunteered in classrooms, designed and sewed their own clothing, created internships, and produced incredible works of art. They transformed classroom learning into meaningful, real-world experiences, proving they are ready for the opportunities and challenges ahead. We are incredibly proud of all they have accomplished.

Salutatorian Molly Ulsh encouraged her classmates to embrace uncertainty and focus on what truly matters. She shared: "I used to think that I needed to have every detail of my future figured out. And I know that many adults have come up to me and asked 'what's next?' or 'What are you going to do after high school?' and for a while I tried to come up with a plan of what to say when they asked, even though I had no clue most of the time. Now I realize that I never had to worry about knowing everything, because you don't have to. Those small details you spend nights trying to think of the outcomes and what to do do not matter as much as you probably think they do. Even though anything can happen in our future, I know that we will all turn that uncertainty into experiences and new memories that will last a lifetime. I want to leave you with a quote from an author that has inspired me throughout high school. 'Focusing on what you can't control makes you stressed. Focusing on what you can control makes you powerful.' From ~Mel Robbins

Valedictorian Lily Otto reflected on growth through the lyrics of one of her favorite songs, "Landslide" by Fleetwood Mac. She began with the lyric, "Well, I've been afraid of changin' 'cause I've built my life around you." "And these words couldn't be any more true. I, as many of you can as well, can attest that my life for the past 18 years has revolved around school. It's always been the early morning alarms to make it to the bus on time, white-out themed football games on Friday nights, review sessions for regents exams in June, playing with the parachute in elementary gym class, unhinged spirit weeks and TV Pro interviews, and the big kickball tournament between our homerooms back in 7th grade.

As much as those experiences have shaped us, it's time for us to grow. ...To all of you who are afraid of the changes coming our way, I want to remind you that we've already changed. Matter of fact, we've changed a thousand times since we entered high school four years ago. The shift from paper hall passes to Securly, Thunderbird to Eagle, losing football team to winning football team, and the obvious, Freshman to Senior are all examples of who we've been, who we are, and who we are becoming. I would like to end with one final lyric from Landslide. It's merely four short words, it has carried me through this entire school year. It's the words that are written on my cap right now, and that is: "Time makes you bolder." What seems scary right now will feel small in a couple of years. Time heals all and experiences shape us into who we are, so get out there. I am so incredibly proud of how far we've all come."

On behalf of the Chautauqua Lake Board of Education, Leadership Team, and entire school family, we wish the Class of 2026 fulfillment, prosperity, and continued success in all that lies ahead.

It's a great day to be an Eagle!

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CLCS Class of 2026 Honor Pins

GOLD HONOR PINS

(94.5% and above)

Lily Otto
Moly Ulsh
Charles Vogt
Taylyn Stanton
Lillian Schenk
Evan Riedesel
Dayne Jantzi
Anna Reyda
Brooke Feldt
Asher Olson
Meghan Pauley
Isaac Ludwig
Anna Gollhardt
Lillian Zappie
Grace Lundin

SILVER HONOR PINS

(89.5 – 94.49%)

Benjamin Siliano
Michael Horvath
Cameron Mathews
Lucille Gates
Gracie Gerring
Caleb Swanson
Lucien Dubois
Jackson Seiberg
Benjamin Carlson
Jacob Gilmore
Jillian Miller
Clayton Smith



BRONZE HONOR PINS

(84.5 – 89.49%)

Kent Messman
Carson Fairbank
Ragen Crandall
Callie Delcamp
Telaney Walrod
Nickalis Jacobson
Jeanie Group
Mary Vaillancourt
Kieffer Maytum
Dakotah Head
Kilee Nowicki
Rodney Palmer
Johnathan Lyon
Phillip Powell

Students Recognized in VFW Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy Competitions

Chautauqua Lake Central School students were recognized for their participation in the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy scholarship competitions. This year, 29 students participated in the Patriot's Pen essay contest and five students entered the Voice of Democracy audio-essay competition.

Congratulations to this year's Patriot's Pen award winners: Vera Morton (1st Place), Wyatt Little (2nd Place), and Gracie Parker (3rd Place). All five Voice of Democracy participants also received Honorable Mention awards for their efforts.

We commend all participating students for their thoughtful work, civic engagement, and commitment to sharing their perspectives through these prestigious VFW programs.



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2026 Honor Night Scholarships and Awards

NYS Legislative Scholarship for Academic Excellence

Lily Otto, Molly Ulsh & Charles Vogt

JoAnn Gleason Scholarship Award

Dayne Jantzi

Martin A. Wright Memorial Scholarship

Kieffer Maytum

Friends of Jake Scholarship Fund

Clayton Smith & Brady Martin

North Lake Fire Department Scholarship

Kilee Nowicki & Brady Martin

American Legion Post #493 Auxiliary Awards

Jillian Miller & Taylyn Stanton

Harold "Hal" McCarthy Memorial Scholarship

Taylyn Stanton

The Doc Malinoski Sportsmanship Award

Devin Hewes

Chautauqua Science Scholarship

Benjamin Siliano

Chautauqua Central School Alumni Incentive Awards

Kieffer Maytum & Asher Olson

Ripley Hose & Auxiliary Community Service Scholarship

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Jackson Seiberg

Chautauqua Grange #571 Scholarship Fund

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Edgar Skinner Scholarship Fund

Lilian Schenk & Benjamin Siliano

Harold M. Cornell Memorial Scholarship Award Fund

Anna Reyda & Evan Riedesel

Lake Chautauqua Memorial VFW Post #8647

Armed Services Recognition Award

Denny Rojaslopez & Kent Messman

Achievement Award

Caleb Swanson & Telaney Walrod

Americanism Award

Charles Vogt & Jacob Gilmore

R & R Property Services & Syper Family Scholarship Fund

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Ripley Education Association Award

Lucille Gates

Ripley Women's Club English Award

Lily Otto

Gene Haas Scholarship

Benjamin Siliano, Jacob Gilmore, Evan Riedesel

Daphna Petersen Art Award

Grace Lundin

North Shore Arts Alliance Award

Issac Ludwig

Jane Lincoln Scholarship

Anna Golhardt

Kenneth Baker Memorial Award

Asher Olson

Darlene Williams Fagenbaum Award

Anna Golhardt

Tuesday Club Award

Molly Ulsh

Dixie Smith Memorial Foundation Scholarship

Lily Otto

Kristie Ward Memorial Scholarship #1

Anna Reyda

Kristie Ward Memorial Scholarship #2

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Lucille Gates

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Lily Zappie

Jonathan E. Long Memorial Scholarship

Dayne Jantzi

Principals's Achievement Award

Lily Otto & Jacob Gilmore

Ruth Barker Winch Scholarship

Taylyn Stanton, Molly Ulsh & Lily Otto

Edna Kofoed Scholarship

Lily Otto

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Mayville Community Outreach Thrift Shop Award
Jillian Miller

Dr. Clyde & Helen Eidens Memorial Scholarship
Molly Ulsh

James Tennies Honorary Scholarship Award
Dayne Jantzi & Evan Riedesel

Chautauqua Lake Choral Music Award
Michael Horvath & Lillian Schenk

Chautauqua Lake Chorale Award
Lillian Schenk & Lillian Zappie

Keith Emanuelson Music Award
Benjamin Siliano

Cecil S. Adams Jr. Memorial Music Award
Lillian Zappie

John J. Maxwell Science Scholarship Award
Gracie Gerring

Chandler V. Paddock Memorial Music Scholarship
Michael Horvath

CLCS Teacher's Association Scholarship Award
Taylyn Stanton

Barton Memorial Scholarship for Future Teachers
Taylyn Stanton

Beverly Ann Wood Edelman Memorial Scholarship
Dayne Jantzi

William & Norman Beazell Memorial Scholarship (Science)
Meghan Pauley

William & Norman Beazell Memorial Scholarship (Nursing)
Anna Reyda

National Honor Society - Red Cross Scholarship
Meghan Pauley

American Legion Post #493 History Award
Isaac Ludwig & Clayton Smith

Scholarship Award
Callie Delcamp, Brady Martin
Jackson Sieberg & Taylyn Stanton

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Nickalis Jacobson

Roger Testrake Memorial Scholarship Fund
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Robbie Peacock Memorial Scholarship
Jackson Seiberg

Ellen Marie Butterfield Memorial Award
Brooke Feldt

CLCS Student of the Year Award
Brooke Feldt

Craig Klinginsmith Memorial Scholarship
Abigail Woolett

Chautauqua Lake Athletic Club Award
Taylyn Stanton & Clayton Smith

Chautauqua Lake Jean Pool Scholarship
Madisen Little

Holocaust & Social Justice Education Award
Telaney Walrod

Lions' Club Community Impact Award
Gracie Gerring & Anna Gollhardt

Summit Lodge #219 - Beacon Award
Anna Gollhardt

Westfield-Mayville Rotarty Club Award
Meghan Pauley & Phillip Powell

Rotary Foundation - District 7090
Dayne Jantzi

Westfield Women of the Moose
Telaney Walrod

Josiah Reagan Cox Memorial Scholarship
Gracie Gerring

DAR Award
Taylyn Stanton

Scottish Rite Scholarship Award
Molly Ulsh

A heartfelt thank-you to the wonderful sponsors in our community for giving \$98,000 in scholarships to our graduating seniors.

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ArtSpark Day Brings Creative Energy to CLCS

Chautauqua Lake Central School celebrated its second annual ArtSpark Day on April 2, providing students with an immersive arts experience led by professional artists, educators, and performers. Throughout the day, students rotated through hands-on workshops in theater, visual art, music, and dance. Activities included improvisation, collage, paper flower creation, mindfulness art, West African drumming and dance, jazz dance, a bagpipe demonstration, and interactive sessions such as Music Bingo and karaoke. Students also enjoyed performances by SUNY Fredonia's Orchestis Dance Company and the jazz ensemble Tetris Effect.

ArtSpark Day continues to be a highlight of the school year, showcasing Chautauqua Lake's commitment to creativity, student engagement, and learning through the arts.



CCMTA All County Music Festival



Several Chautauqua Lake secondary students participated in the annual CCMTA Spring All-County Festival at Chautauqua Institution on June 6. Students were selected to perform in the Junior Band, Junior Chorus, Senior Band, and Senior Chorus, joining talented musicians from across Chautauqua County for a day of rehearsals and an evening concert. Congratulations to all of our student musicians for representing Chautauqua Lake with excellence and Eagle Pride!

Paint Chip Poem contest

Congratulations to Kortlyn Fairbank, the inaugural winner of Mrs. Rowe's Honors 9 English Paint Chip Poem Contest. Throughout the school year, students created more than 140 original poems using paint chip color names while incorporating literary techniques and meeting specific English Language Arts requirements.

After selecting their strongest work, students participated in a peer-review process to determine the top finalists. The final round of voting included input from eighth-grade students, faculty members, and the community through a display hosted by Tulip's Brunch House. Kortlyn's poem was ultimately selected as the contest winner.



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Envirothon Continues Tradition of Excellence

The Chautauqua Lake Envirothon teams continued their tradition of excellence this year, earning the Chautauqua County Championship for the ninth consecutive year. The championship team of Jacob Gilmore, Dayne Jantzi, Eve Kushmaul, Jocelyn Miller, and Evan Riedesel led the way, demonstrating months of dedication and preparation.



The team went on to compete at the New York State Envirothon at SUNY Cortland, where Chautauqua Lake placed 3rd overall in New York State. The team tied for 1st in Current Issues, earned 1st in Aquatics, 2nd in Oral Presentation, 3rd in Soils, and 5th in Wildlife. A historic highlight came when Chautauqua Lake was selected as one of the top three Oral Presentation teams and invited to present before the entire state assembly—an honor never before achieved by a Chautauqua County team.

Middle Grades Masquerade Ball



The Class of 2030, along with Junior Student Administration, hosted the annual Middle Grades Dance on June 5th. This year's theme was a Masquerade. The event celebrated Chautauqua Lake's 7th and 8th grade students while welcoming 6th grade students from both Chautauqua Lake and Ripley to the middle grades.



A total of 135 students attended the dance, which featured dancing, limbo, yard games, snacks, and a soda bar. The event provided students with an opportunity to celebrate the end of the school year, build connections across grade levels, and create lasting memories with their peers.

PE Excellence Recognized

High School Physical Education Students of the Month were recognized for their hard work, positive attitude, and commitment to physical education throughout the year with a trip to a Buffalo Bisons baseball game. These students consistently demonstrated leadership, respect, and a strong work ethic, making them deserving recipients of this special recognition.



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STEM Wars

Chautauqua Lake students showcased their creativity, technical skills, and teamwork at this year's STEM Wars competition hosted by Dream It Do It Western New York. Competing against students from across the region, our Eagles earned numerous top honors in challenges focused on engineering, manufacturing, design, robotics, aviation, and career readiness.

Jacob Gilmore earned first place in the CAD Design Challenge, while Wyatt Little captured first place in the Middle School Aviation competition. Vera Morton won the T-Shirt Design Challenge, and her design will be featured on next year's event shirts. Caroline Hetrick was recognized for Best Prepared Interview, and Kaitlyn Brown was named the Overall Winner of the Interview Challenge. In team competitions, Chautauqua Lake students continued to excel. The Middle School DIDI 500 team of Marcus Morton, Kase Keefe, Carter Dean, and Jonathan Ribbing earned first place. Noah Riley and Tyler Wahl received Best Overall honors in the Makers Event for their fire pit project. The Grade 8 Cardboard Furniture team placed third, while the Robotics Division 2 team of Eden Ludwig, Megan Pauley, Andrew Chess, Tyler Seelbinder, and Lucy Gates represented Chautauqua Lake with outstanding effort and innovation.



National Team Competition for High School Bowl

The Chautauqua Lake High School Bowl team continued its tradition of excellence earning another championship and advancing to national competition. The team recently traveled to New Jersey to compete in the National Academic Championship, marking the program's second national appearance in the past three years.

This year's championship was particularly significant, as it marked the eighth title in the history of the competition for Chautauqua Lake and its predecessor schools—more than any other school in the tournament's history.



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Community Partners & Girls in Manufacturing Day:

This past June, Chautauqua Lake partnered with five dedicated volunteers from Cummins Engine Corporation who worked alongside students on trail development and workforce readiness initiatives. Together, they helped build a new “roller coaster” trail for the mountain bike unit and also volunteered during Girls in Manufacturing Day, providing technical expertise and serving as positive role models.

As partners with Dream It Do It Western New York (DIDI), we value opportunities that connect students with local industries. Cummins volunteers demonstrated how classroom learning can lead to rewarding careers. Jennifer Lundmark, Community Relations Coordinator and volunteer, shared, “Your students were a joy to work with—so respectful, on-task and hard-working!”

Workforce development is a key part of our mission as a district. Through partnerships with organizations such as DIDI, Cummins, LiveCHQ, Jamestown Plastics, Chautauqua Institution, Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy, Gene Haas Foundation, and many others, we strive to help students see Chautauqua County as a great place to live, work, and build a future.

On June 5, Chautauqua Lake hosted Girls in Manufacturing Day at the Baker Stuart Manufacturing Complex. Organized by Dream It Do It Western New York in partnership with Cummins and Jamestown Community College, the event introduced middle school girls to careers in manufacturing through hands-on learning and mentorship from women working in the industry. During the event, students explored the manufacturing process while using mills, lathes, CNC equipment, welding tools, and fabrication equipment to create projects. Chautauqua Lake technology teachers played a leading role in coordinating the experience. Teacher Bill Persons noted, “Watching students learn a new skill and use it to create something meaningful is what it is all about.”

Technology teacher Dan McCray added, “This year’s Girls in Manufacturing event fostered both creative and technical experiences while providing opportunities to connect with industry professionals. It was a positive and eye-opening experience for everyone involved.”



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Tiny House Project Provides Real-World Construction Experience

This year the Chautauqua Lake Advanced Woodshop class embarked on a journey to construct a "Tiny House" where they could gain hands-on experience in multiple construction based skills during their sequence in Technology & Manufacturing. The project required students to learn & then execute blueprint reading, framing, roofing, electrical wiring, drywalling, and siding. Students in the class often remarked how they enjoyed a class project where it was as if they were showing up to the jobsite and constructing a scaled building with deadlines and standards as the real world requires.

Dan McCray, manufacturing teacher at Chautauqua Lake stated how rewarding it was to have a group of students come in with a passion to learn constructive life skills that can benefit them for years to come. The skills these guys developed over the last several months are in extremely high demand and will afford them great opportunities for employment when they leave Chautauqua Lake.



Old Glory 3.0

Mr. Persons' Technology 7 class concluded the school year with a patriotic woodworking project called "Old Glory 3.0." In recognition of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, students designed and built rustic wooden American flags while developing valuable woodworking skills and safety practices. Throughout the project, students learned how to safely use a propane torch to create a weathered finish, a compound miter saw and table saw to measure and cut wood accurately, and the gluing process used to join individual wooden pieces into a finished panel. The class completed a total of 14 flags, including 13 traditional American flags and one special "1776" commemorative flag. To celebrate the students' hard work, craftsmanship, and connection to American history, all of the finished flags were raffled off at the end of the year, making "Old Glory 3.0" a memorable and meaningful finale to the Technology 7 experience.



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Field Trips

Our middle school field trips provide opportunities for students to relax, have fun, and build lasting memories. Students enjoyed outdoor adventures at the Rails to Trails in Sherman and a fun-filled day at Waldameer.

Few things capture summer quite like the smell of Waldameer's Pirate's Cove or the thrill of the log ride, and brain freezes from dip-n-dots. We are grateful to our teachers, who created these memories, and there is nothing better than seeing the joy on our kids' (and teachers') faces.



Service Learning Project Gives Back to the Trails

Mr. McCray's students created a beautiful handmade bench for the trails in Sherman, featuring a machine-cut, integrated bike rack on the back. The bench was assembled on-site with the support and cooperation of the Village of Sherman Highway Department.

We love service learning projects because they give students meaningful opportunities to apply their skills while making a lasting impact in our community.

If you are part of a 501(c)(3) organization, or know of a community project that could benefit from student involvement, please don't hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Curtin at rcurtin@clake.org or give a call 716-753-5882. While we may not be able to take on every project, we are always excited to explore meaningful ways to serve our community.

Student Spotlight: Growing Success with Hydroponics

Chautauqua Lake student Grace recently completed a successful hydroponics project using the school's new Flex Farm indoor growing system. Working independently with guidance from her teacher, Grace grew romaine lettuce, basil, and Greenstar lettuce, producing the equivalent of nearly 200 bags of fresh greens.

Throughout the project, she learned how to manage the hydroponic system, monitor water quality, and maintain proper pH levels to support healthy plant growth. Grace's experience highlights the potential of hands-on, student-driven learning while showcasing how innovative agricultural technology can support sustainability and fresh food production in schools.



ATHLETICS SPRING 2026

A message from Supervisor of Athletics, Bryan Bongiovanni

The Chautauqua Lake Eagles enjoyed another successful spring season, highlighted by outstanding achievements both on the field and in the classroom.

The Lady Eagles softball team finished the season with a 13-2 overall record and a perfect 10-0 league mark, capturing their third consecutive league championship. The varsity baseball team posted a 10-7 record, highlighted by a season sweep of Clymer/Sherman/Panama and a victory over Frewsburg, the program's first against the Bears in over a decade.

Both the boys' and girls' track teams won multiple league meets and qualified several athletes and relay teams for the Section VI Championships. Meredith Lendt earned a second-place finish in the 1500m at Sectionals while setting new school records in the 1500m and 3000m after previously breaking the school record in the Steeplechase.

The golf team also captured a league championship, finishing with an undefeated league record.

Our student-athletes excelled academically as well. Every spring varsity team earned NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Team recognition, and all 16 Chautauqua Lake varsity programs received Scholar-Athlete Team honors during the 2025-26 school year. This accomplishment earned Chautauqua Lake designation as a NYSPHSAA School of Distinction.

Looking ahead, football will begin practice the week of August 17, while all other fall sports will begin the week of August 24. FamilyID registration information will be distributed during the second week of July.

Thank you for your continued support of Chautauqua Lake Athletics. We look forward to seeing our athletes at summer training sessions and another exciting year of Eagle Athletics this fall!

GO EAGLES!

Modified Boys and Girls Track

The Modified Track and Field teams enjoyed a successful season marked by hard work, determination, and growth. Throughout the year, athletes consistently improved their skills, built confidence, achieved personal records, and demonstrated perseverance at practices and competitions. Just as importantly, they supported one another, formed strong friendships, and created a positive team atmosphere that made the season both rewarding and enjoyable. A special congratulations goes to Evie Sabella for her outstanding achievement of placing first in the 200-meter race at the County Championships. Her accomplishment reflects the dedication and commitment shown by all of our modified track and field athletes this season.



ATHLETICS SPRING 2026

Varsity Golf

The Chautauqua Lake/Westfield golf team enjoyed an outstanding season, finishing undefeated in Division 1 West Small Schools with an 8-0 league record and a 10-1 overall record. Comprised of three Westfield students and eight Chautauqua Lake students, the team overcame challenging spring weather conditions to earn the league title.

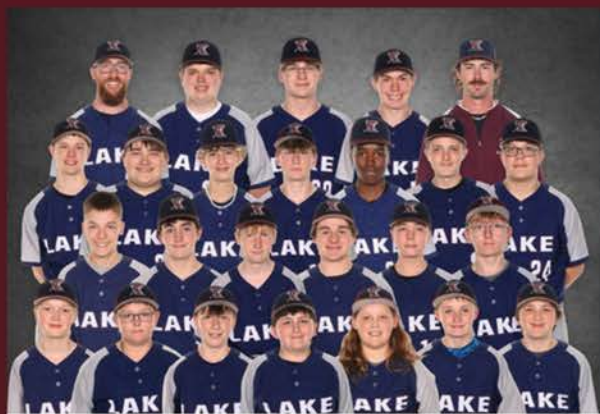
The program graduates seniors Brayden Gibbs, Aden Gollhardt, and Lincoln Thomas, while returning a strong core of eight players for next season. Congratulations to the team on a remarkable year and thank you to the families who supported them throughout the season.



VARSITY GOLF
CHAUTAUQUA LAKE SECONDARY SCHOOL

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Modified Boys Baseball



MODIFIED BASEBALL
CHAUTAUQUA LAKE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Upstate

The modified baseball team enjoyed an outstanding 2026 season, finishing with a 9-1 record while showing tremendous growth throughout the year. The Eagles rebounded from their only loss of the season to earn a victory over Frewsburg later in the schedule, demonstrating the team's resilience and determination.

The players built a strong culture through hard work, teamwork, and a commitment to improvement. The foundation established this season will help strengthen the Chautauqua Lake baseball program for years to come.

Varsity Boys Baseball

The varsity boys baseball team completed a strong season with a 10-6 record and a second-place finish in their division, remaining in contention for the title late into the year.

Throughout the season, the team showed consistent effort, strong coachability, and steady growth. While the competitive nature of games occasionally presented challenges, the group continued to develop and improve as the season progressed.

Support across the athletic department and collaboration among programs helped provide a positive and well-coordinated season experience. Several underclassmen made significant contributions and will return next year, helping to build a strong foundation and promising outlook for the future of the program.



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Modified Softball

The modified softball team enjoyed a season to be proud of, finishing with a strong 7-4 record. Throughout the year, the team demonstrated hard work, determination, and steady growth each time they took the field. Offensively, they posted an impressive .401 batting average, scored 169 runs, collected 146 hits, and stole 114 bases, reflecting both their energy and competitive spirit.

Beyond the statistics, the team showed tremendous improvement in confidence, softball knowledge, and teamwork. Each player contributed to the group's success, and it was evident throughout the season how much they supported one another and continued to develop as athletes.



JV Softball

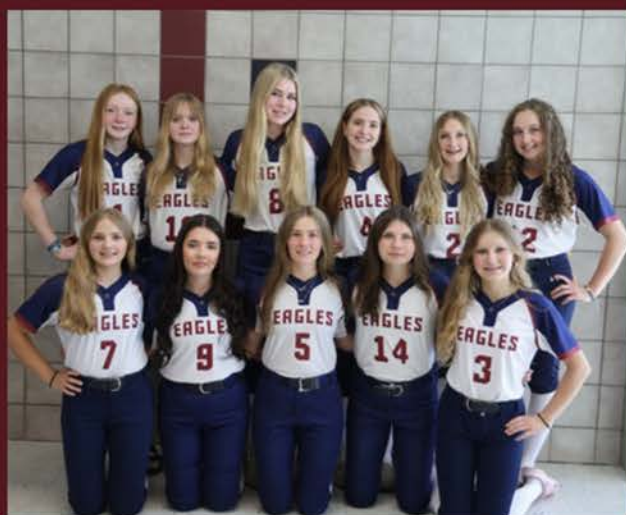


The Chautauqua Lake JV Softball team enjoyed a successful 2026 season marked by hard work, growth, and competitive play. The team finished with a .365 batting average, scored 167 runs, stole 81 bases at an 88% success rate, and posted a .528 on-base percentage. Their aggressive baserunning and ability to consistently put the ball in play created scoring opportunities throughout the season.

Beyond the statistics, the players demonstrated tremendous growth as athletes and teammates, embracing accountability, effort, and a positive attitude while supporting one another along the way. The season was filled with memorable moments and valuable lessons, providing a strong foundation for future success and making the team proud representatives of Chautauqua Lake.

Varsity Softball

The Chautauqua Lake Eagles Varsity Softball team finished another remarkable season with a 13-2 overall record. After dominating the league 10-0, they earned the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Athletic Association Division 2 League Title for the third season in a row. Their season came to an end in the Quarter Finals falling 6-3 vs Clymer/Sherman/Panama. Senior Lucy Gates and Freshmen Alice Scarpine and Kinslee Motter earned 1st Team All-Star for CCAA2, Senior Jillian Miller, Junior Karagan Fairbank, and Freshman Macy Ulsh earned 2nd Team All-Star for CCAA2, and Alexis Szumigala earned honorable mention.



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Varsity Girls Track

This season the Girls Track team went 2-4. This record is not reflective of the effort, energy, and teamwork that went into the season. The girls experienced many new Personal Records and accomplishments. The team took 5th in Division I at CCAAs and 8th at the Class B meet. At the Sectional meet, our team was represented by Noli Paddock in Long Jump (11th), Gracie Gerring in High Jump, the 4x100m relay made up of Lily Otto, Kady Phillips, Olivia Aman, and Addison Chess (12th) and Meredith Lendt in the 1500m (7th) and 3000m (2nd). Can't wait to see what the future holds for this young team!



GIRLS VARSITY TRACK
CHAUTAUQUA LAKE SECONDARY SCHOOL



BOYS VARSITY TRACK
CHAUTAUQUA LAKE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Varsity Boys Track

The merged Chautauqua Lake/Westfield boys track and field team enjoyed a successful 2026 season, posting a 2-4 record with victories over Dunkirk and Fredonia. In its fourth year as a combined program, the team demonstrated strong teamwork, dedication, and steady improvement throughout the season.

The team competed in several invitational meets, including the Frostbite Relays, Falconer Invitational, Jamestown Invitational, and Super 8 Invitational, along with the league, Class B, and Section VI championship meets. Nine athletes qualified for the Section VI State Qualifier Meet: Michael Horvath, Lucas Horvath, Travis Horvath, Lane Scarpine, Noah Tuah, Urijah Meredith, Wyatt Stroth, Ian Kinderman, and Jordin Eddy. Michael Horvath earned a fourth-place finish in the triple jump and sixth place in the long jump, while the 4x800-meter relay team placed sixth.

At the team awards ceremony, Lucas Horvath was named Track MVP, Michael Horvath earned Field MVP honors, and Coaches' Awards were presented to Ben Siliano, Lance Franklin, and Liam Simpson.

With nearly 40 athletes on the roster, the team showed tremendous growth and enthusiasm for the sport. While the program will miss its graduating seniors, coaches are excited about the strong group of underclassmen returning next season.

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