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Congratulations to the Class of **2021**

Alexander Hunt and Sammi Lin Earn Top Honors



Alexander Hunt is the son of Thomas and Shawne Hunt. He has earned the position of **Valedictorian** with a weighted average of 119.24 and will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors. Alex has been Class Treasurer for 4 years, Treasurer of the Varsity Club, Treasurer for Student Council, Captain of the Quiz Bowl Team, National Honor Society member, and ECS Concert and Jazz Band member. Outside of the classroom he has been on the Boys Varsity Soccer Team as well as the Boys Varsity Bowling Team for 4 years and was named an ADPRO Sports All-WNY Scholar Athlete honorable mention his senior year.

Alex is the recipient of the following academic awards: Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal Award, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Recognition Award, the Rochester Institute of Technology Computing Medal Award, the University of Rochester Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology and is a 2021 United States Presidential Scholar nominee. Alex is also an All-County musician for trombone, and was selected 1st Chair for the 2020 All County Band.

Outside of school, Alex has volunteered his time by donating hundreds of hours to the ECS Drama Club to run the sound and light boards for ECS productions. He has also participated in Ellicottville Town Clean-up, ECS Senior Citizen Dinners and Town of Ellicottville Memorial Day performances. Alex will be attending Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY in the Fall where he plans to major in Computer Engineering/Science.

Sammi Lin is the daughter of Guang Lin and Qiao Wang. She is the **Salutatorian** of the Class of 2021 with a final weighted GPA of 117.07 and will be graduating with an Advanced Regents Diploma with honors. She has been on the high honor roll throughout the four years in high school and is the recipient of the "The Climb" Character

Award, Rochester Institute of Technology Innovation and Creativity Award, and the Fredrick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award from University of Rochester. Sammi is the secretary of the Class of 2021, treasurer of the Yearbook Club, secretary of the student council, and a member of the National Honor Society. She is also a certified tutor of the CRLA program and has tutored for more than thirty hours. During her high school career, she has participated in soccer, track and field, and bowling. Sammi will be attending the University of Florida this fall to pursue a degree in business and communication.



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Last day of school: Thursday, June 24th • Graduation: Friday, June 25th

Congratulations to the Class of **2021** **Silvernail, Saunders, and Evans Round Out Top Five**



Adam Silvernail is the son of Clayton Silvernail and Melanie Mitchell. Adam has been on high honor roll all throughout his years at ECS and will be graduating third in his class with an Advanced Regents Diploma with honors and a weighted GPA of 116.69.

Adam has participated in many sports and extracurricular activities during his time at ECS. He was a member of the bowling team, Jazz Band, ESPRA, and the NYS Mentoring Program. He is also a member of the National Honor Society and the president of the D&D/MTG club. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 and his decision to be a full-remote student, he has not been able to participate in many of these activities this year.

He has worked at Holiday Valley as a snowboard instructor for the past two years and as a student writer for the Ellicottville Times.

Adam has been a member of the Boy Scouts since third grade, and has since participated in many community service activities, from cleaning up after various town events to repairing the local playground in Great Valley.

Adam will be attending Binghamton University as a member of the Scholars Program and the FRI Program, and will be majoring in either Chemistry or Physics.

Sydney Saunders is the daughter of Lisa and Bart Saunders. She has two older sisters Alexis and Haley, who both

graduated from Ellicottville Central School. Sydney has been on High Honor Roll through her entire high school career. She is graduating fourth in her class with an Advanced Regents Diploma. She has a weighted grade point average of 115.39.



Sydney has been a part of multiple clubs and sports teams during her years at Ellicottville. She is a co-founder of the first Girls' Varsity Golf team, Captain of the Basketball Cheerleading team, and played on the softball team. She also has been a part of Student Council in these years. Sydney has volunteered at the PTO Dime Carnivals and Senior Citizen Dinners. She was accepted into the New Vision Healthcare Program at Olean BOCES, where she did clinical rotations at the Olean General Hospital and also took multiple JCC courses.

She has worked at the Ellicottville Park Program as a camp counselor for three years, and has been a swim instructor at Holiday Valley. She also works at the Purple Doorknob in town. Sydney has been a volunteer firefighter in Ellicottville for the past five years, and has become a new member of the Ellicottville/Great Valley Ambulance Service, in hopes she passes the last test section to become a registered EMT in New York. Sydney is a certified lifeguard, CPR, and AED provider in New York State.

After getting into all ten universities to which she applied and getting a scholarship to all of them, Sydney has

decided to attend SUNY Geneseo in the fall. She will be majoring in Neuroscience. She plans to join Geneseo's First Response team on campus as an EMT.

Jalee Evans is the daughter of James and Toni Evans. She is graduating fifth in her class with a weighted average of 113.297, and has earned an Advanced Regents Diploma. Throughout high school, she has been on the High Honor Roll, and has divided her time between academics and extracurricular activities.



She has been involved in ESPRA Club (Ellicottville Students Preserving the Reading of America), Yearbook Club, National Honor Society, and the new ECS Caring Closet. Most notably, Jalee has been a member of the Quiz Bowl Team for three years, serving as Co-Captain for the last two years. She saw the team's many victories at JCC competitions, Scholastic Challenges, and participation at the National Competition the past two years. Aside from these, Jalee has participated in both Band and Jazz Band throughout her high school career, and has also participated in drama club. During her time in Ellicottville, Jalee has held her job at Watson's Chocolates in the village, as well as volunteering as a firefighter through the Great Valley Fire Company.

In the fall, Jalee will be attending the Honors College within Cleveland State University with a major of Biology, intending to prosper in a career in the field of medical laboratory science.

Superintendent's Message:

A Successful Year That Was Anything But Normal

As the 2020-21 School Year winds down, it would be a HUGE understatement to say it was a very unique year. In fact, I do not think any of us can compare it to any other year. It seemed like there were not only unforeseen twists and turns, but ladders, slides, roadblocks, pitfalls and even time warps (cue the theme song to "The Twilight Zone") throughout the year. COVID-19 threw so many challenges at all of us: students, parents, teachers, school staff, the Board of Education, and, well, this list could go on for a quite a while. Yet, despite all of the challenges, here we stand at the end of another school year. And, although it was different, I would say, given the circumstances, it was a successful school year for so many reasons:

- ▶ We were able to prioritize bringing in students in grades PreK-6 such that these students attended school in-person five (5) days per week from the first day in September.
- ▶ Through creativity in scheduling, we were eventually able to allow all students to return to in-person instruction five (5) days per week.
- ▶ When we were required to go "all remote" the cafeteria staff and bus drivers ensured that students received meals at home.
- ▶ Teachers did an amazing job transitioning to provide remote instruction to students in an efficient manner when necessary.
- ▶ Through the generosity of many individuals and organizations in the community, we were able to secure at least one iPad per family to be used whenever we switched to an all-remote model (Thank you!).
- ▶ While ECS saw its share of positive cases of COVID-19, we are not aware of any transmission between students / staff at the school. I strongly feel that EVERY staff member played a role in this. From ensuring students were following the rules (wearing masks, social distancing, etc.) to the cleaning / disinfecting (buses, classrooms during the day by both maintenance and teachers, the

cafeteria between groups eating, and the more thorough cleaning at night), everyone chipped in to keep one another safe.

- ▶ We were able to complete four (4) different shortened interscholastic sports seasons (fall, winter, fall 2 and spring). Along the way, the Boys Basketball, Titans Football, and Alpine Girls Skiing Teams won Sectional Titles! An added congratulation to Hayly Fredrickson for winning the individual Section 6 Title for Alpine Skiing.
- ▶ A book fair for elementary students is being planned for early June.
- ▶ We are planning to hold a Junior / Senior Prom off campus in June.
- ▶ In conjunction with the Cattaraugus County Department of Health we hosted a vaccination clinic on campus that saw over 120 people (students and community members) receive the Pfizer Vaccine.
- ▶ Our much anticipated Capital Project has begun, and as we head into the summer, you will begin to see many changes around the school building and grounds.
- ▶ This list could go on...

I think the most impressive item I witnessed this year, however, was the resiliency of our students. It was not an easy year.

- ▶ Shortened days created for less time with a teacher throughout the year.
- ▶ Working through a hybrid model in the MS/HS forced students to be more responsible for their own learning.
- ▶ Moving in and out of remote instructional models was very disruptive to student learning (not to mention teacher and parent schedules).
- ▶ Students placed on quarantine had to deal with the frustrations of not only missing in-person instruction, but being isolated away from their family and friends.
- ▶ Etc.



Yet, despite, all these obstacles, students continually returned to school; ready to learn and hungry for in-person instruction. Thank you to EVERYONE that provided much needed support to the students. From teachers to parents to... essentially everyone that came into contact with students; you helped make it all happen. You did not let the students give up. You encouraged them to continue on. You assisted them with homework. You made sure they arrived at both school and home safely. You made sure they had the nourishment they needed. In short, you ensured their success! Thank you!

As we prepare for the final weeks of the school year, I know that students will continue to try their hardest while parents and teachers provide encouragement to study hard and finish the year strong! Over the summer, my hope is that students and staff find the time to relax and recharge as they prepare for the 2021-22 school year at ECS. While we are all hoping for a return to "normal," we have also proven that, as a team, we can be flexible and adapt to whatever comes our way.

Most importantly, I would like to wish the graduates of the Class of 2021 the very best on the next phase of your journey in life, whether it is college, the military or the workforce. Your last year of school certainly was anything but traditional. I can say with certainty that the manner in which you have overcome obstacles while working towards your diploma have provided you with skills that, when combined with your work and studies at ECS, have demonstrated you are prepared to be successful in whatever you choose to do in life!

Best Wishes for a Safe and Enjoyable Summer!

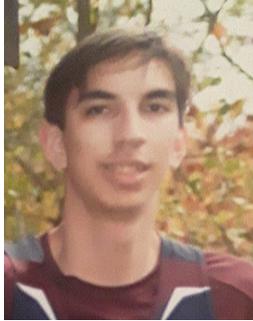
~Bob

Congratulations to the Class of **2021**

We Are Proud of All of Our Ellicottville Eagles!



Lucas
Adams



Hunter
Bomberry



Jamison
Caldwell



Madison
Delity



Jianna
Flora



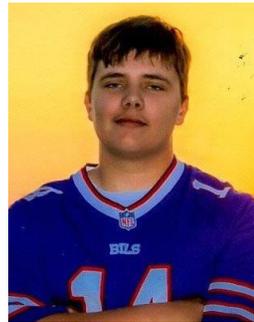
Kolby
Aldrich



Dalton
Bradley



Wyatt
Chudy



Logan
Dimpfl



Brianna
Freaney



Jose
Azcarate



Dominic
Brown



Willow Comstock-
Eastlick



Patrick
Dineen



Hayly
Fredrickson



Bryce
Butler



Ryan
DeKay



Jalee
Evans



Logan
Fredrickson

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Jake
Hadley



Xander
Ireland



Blaise
Konarski



Riley
Lewis



Braedyn
Palmatier



Jenna
Hadley



Caleb
Jennings



Gavin
Krist



Sammi
Lin



John
Pfeffer



Alexander
Hunt



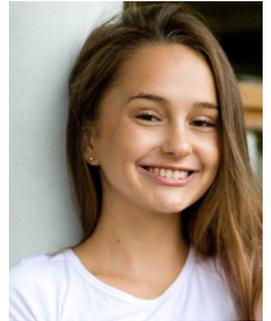
Leif Jimerson



Brett
Kryniski



Harrison
Newark



Olivia
Pitillo



Justin
Imhoff



Aidan
Joyce



Cameron
Lendvay



Colby
O'Stricker



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Abigail
Ploetz



Clayton
Rowland



Adam
Silvernail



Lindsay
Swalcy



Summer
Wilson



Victoria
Provorse



Jordyn
Sage



Jarett
Slaughenaupt



Kelsea
Tomczak



David
Winship Jr.



Erin
Quinn



Sydney
Saunders



Gabriel
Snyder



Jillian
Tomsick



Brianna
Winship



Courtney
Sexton



Noah
Steinbroner



Macy
White



Class of 2021 Future Plans...

Lucas Adams	Employment	Gavin Krist	Employment
Kolby Aldrich	SUNY Morrisville Horticulture	Brett Kryniski	SUNY Brockport Business
Jose Azcarate	Ithaca College Communications	Cameron Lendvay	Jamestown Community College Business
Hunter Bomberry	Alfred State College Culinary	Riley Lewis	Employment
Dalton Bradley	Employment	Sammi Lin	University of Florida Business
Dominic Brown	Employment	Harrison Newark	Employment
Bryce Butler	Clarkson University Data Science	Colby O'Stricker	Alfred State College Motorsports Technology
Jamison Caldwell	Employment	Braedyn Palmatier	St. Bonaventure University Sports Media
Wyatt Chudy	SUNY Brockport Anthropology	John Pfeffer	Finger Lakes Community College Environmental Science
Willow Comstock-Eastlick	Jamestown Community College Early Childhood Education	Olivia Pitillo	Sienna College Marketing
Ryan DeKay	St. Bonaventure University Biology	Abigail Ploetz	Elmira College Education
Madison Delity	Employment	Victoria Provorse	Employment
Logan Dimpfl	Genesee Community College Sports Management	Erin Quinn	Eckerd College Marine Science
Patrick Dineen	Ohio Technical College Diesel Mechanics	Clayton Rowland	Finger Lakes Community College Environmental Science
Jalee Evans	Cleveland State University Biology	Jordyn Sage	Employment
Jianna Flora	Alfred State College Culinary	Sydney Saunders	SUNY Genesee Neuroscience
Brianna Freaney	Alfred State College Culinary	Courtney Sexton	Keuka College Math Education
Hayly Fredrickson	St. John Fisher College Biology	Adam Silvernail	Binghamton University Chemistry
Logan Fredrickson	St. John Fisher College Biochemistry	Jarett Slaughenhaupt	Employment
Jake Hadley	Employment	Gabriel Snyder	Sarah Lawrence College Theater
Jenna Hadley	Jamestown Community College Business Administration	Noah Steinbronner	Jamestown Community College Journalism
Alexander Hunt	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Computer Science	Lindsay Swalcy	Employment
Justin Imhoff	Hocking College Heavy Equipment	Kelsea Tomczak	Jamestown Community College Early Childhood Education
Xander Ireland	Employment	Jillian Tomsick	SUNY Brockport Physical Education
Caleb Jennings	Alfred University Physics	Macy White	Jamestown Community College Nursing
Leif Jimerson	Jamestown Community College Construction	Summer Wilson	Jamestown Community College Business
Aidan Joyce	Finger Lakes Community College Fish & Wildlife Technology	David Winship	Employment
Blaise Konarski	Employment	Brianna Winship	Canisius College Animal Behavior Ecology & Conservation

ECS Budget Vote and BOE Election Results

BASIC BUDGET - PROPOSITION #1

Resolved: That the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District in the County of Cattaraugus, State of New York, **BE AND IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND THE SUM OF \$13,458,285** for the 2021/2022 school year budget. *The Basic Budget will provide funds for all educationally related services and the maintenance of our school building.*

YES 113 NO 11

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS RESERVE FUND - PROPOSITION #2

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Ellicottville Central School District, Cattaraugus County, New York (the “District”) is hereby authorized to establish a capital improvements reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law of the State of New York (the “Fund”); that the Fund shall be known as the “Capital Improvements Reserve Fund, 2021” of the District; that the Fund shall be established for the purpose of financing, in whole or in part, the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, expansion, renovation, alteration and improvement of buildings, facilities, sites and real property by the District, or the District’s share of the cost of any capital improvements project undertaken by a Board of Cooperative Educational Services (“BOCES”) of which the District is (or may become) a component district, including, in all cases, the acquisition of necessary furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus; that the ultimate amount of such Fund shall be not greater than \$5,000,000.00 (plus interest earned thereon); that the probable term of such Fund shall be not longer than ten (10) years; and that the permissible sources from which the Board is authorized to appropriate monies to such Fund from time to time shall be (a) amounts applied thereto from budgetary appropriations of the District; (b) unappropriated fund balance of the District; (c) State aid received as reimbursement for expenditures by the District in connection with District capital improvements (whether or not such improvements were financed in whole or in part from the Fund); (d) proceeds from the sale of unneeded real or personal property owned by the District, if permitted by law; (e) such other sources as the Board or the voters of the District may direct from time to time, all as may be permitted by law.

YES 107 NO 16



TRANSPORTATION RESERVE FUND - PROPOSITION #3

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Ellicottville Central School District, Cattaraugus County, New York (the “District”) is hereby authorized to establish a new capital reserve fund (the “Fund”) for the acquisition of various school buses, school bus-type vans/minivans, and similar vehicles (and related equipment) for use in the transportation program of the District, all pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law of the State of New York; that the Fund shall be known as the “Transportation Reserve Fund, 2021”; that the ultimate amount of the Fund shall be not greater than \$1,000,000.00 (plus interest earned thereon); that the probable term of the Fund shall be not longer than five (5) years; and that the permissible sources from which the Board is authorized to appropriate monies to such Fund from time to time shall be (a) amounts applied thereto from budgetary appropriations of the District; (b) unappropriated fund balance of the District; (c) to the extent specifically directed by the Board, State aid received as reimbursement for transportation-related expenditures by the District (whether or not such expenditures were financed in whole or in part from the Fund); (d) proceeds from the sale of real or personal property owned by the District, if permitted by law and if directed by the Board; and (e) such other sources as the Board or the voters of the District may direct from time to time, all as may be permitted by law.

YES 108 NO 16

SCHOOL BUS LEASE - PROPOSITION #4

Resolved: This proposition will authorize the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District in the County of Cattaraugus, State of New York, to levy an additional (not to exceed) \$39,600 to lease 2 (two) 66 passenger school buses for each of the next five years (five annual payments) commencing with the 2021/2022 school year.

YES 114 NO 9

BOE MEMBER ELECTION VOTING

The candidate receiving the highest number of write-in votes will serve a five-year term, beginning on May 18, 2021 and expiring on June 30, 2026.

****Erin Cornelius - will serve the term as stated above (Write-in Candidate)**

<i>(Write-in Candidates)</i>		Katlyn Tekavec	<u>2</u>
**Erin Cornelius	<u>12</u>	Lynn Eddy	<u>1</u>
Roger Spell	<u>5</u>	Thomas Hunt	<u>1</u>
Mark Ward	<u>3</u>	Ed Imhoff	<u>1</u>
James Pawlowski	<u>2</u>	Larry Mack	<u>1</u>

ECS Sports Report



ECS Athletes in Several Sports Finish First!

TITANS FOOTBALL

By: Coach Marsh

The FE Titans defeated the Salamanca Warriors to capture the **Section VI Class D Sectional Championship**. The Titans defeated Salamanca 21-7 to capture its first Sectional Title since 2015. The Titans finished the season with a 6-1 overall record, and a 6-0 record vs. class D opponents. The Titans ended the regular season with a 4-0 league record and captured the #1 seed for the class D playoffs. The Titans advanced to the Section Championship game with a 34-8 semi-final victory over Randolph. The Titans had 11 players receive all-league recognition.

1st Team: Logan Frank – QB, Ryan Dekay – OL, Brett Kryniski – OL, Clayton Rowland – RB, Wyatt Chudy – LB, Lucas Marsh – DB, Logan Grinols – DB, and Caleb Ploetz – DE

2nd Team: Ethan Frank – OL, Blake Frank – WR, and Matt Peters – OL

Logan Frank was voted as the Co-Player of the year along with Portville's Jayden Lassiter.

Brett Kryniski was voted Co-Lineman of the Year along with Salamanca's Jarod White.

Coach Jason Marsh was named the Class D Coach of the Year.

JV FOOTBALL

By: Coach Myers

The JV Football Team finished the season with an **undefeated 4-0 record**. This included wins over Fredonia (20-16), Dunkirk (30-8), Akron (26-14), and Salamanca (28-16). Team Members included from Ellicottville: Zack Clark, Gian Nuzzo, Sean Crowley, Dylan Timblin, Christian Swalcy, Owen Chudy, David Freundsuh, Hunter Smith, Emmett Coolidge, Reese Benjamin, Koda Curtis, Isaiah Ploetz, Gavin Dietrich and Brad John. Great season by all of the JV Titans and we are looking forward to seeing them play in the upcoming years!



MODIFIED FOOTBALL

By: Coach Delity

The FE Modified Football team just completed its inaugural season this past May with the team going 3-2 and finishing in third place in a very competitive six-team division. Wins over Clymer-Sherman-Panama (C-S-P), Portville and Olean highlighted our first ever season of 7th & 8th grade football. Congratulations to all players including 8th graders Ryan Metzger, Ryan Norton, Noah Morlock, Jayce Pearl, Christopher Polino, and Carter Smith. Kaden Button, Grady Byroads, Kalyn Crowley, Aidan Gascon, Cameron Mendell, and Hunter Woodarek rounded out the team as our 7th grade participants. Good luck to the 8th grade student-athletes that will be moving up to the JV level next year. A big “thank you” to the players, parents, and “behind the scene” supporters of FE Football. Finally, I would like to personally thank coaches Marsh, Mendell, Myers, Blecha, Palmatier, Tatlow, and Dunlap for all the support and encouragement of our players; making our first season a very successful one. Come out this September and watch these young men and women once again play the game they love. The future of FE Football is bright!

GIRLS' VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

By: Coach Auge

Brave. Eager. Leaders. Fun. These are the words that I think of when I look back on our varsity volleyball season. This past season is one that I will always remember. Even though we may not have always been the team on top at the end of the night, it often felt like we were the winning team. There were 10 players

that made up our varsity team. Out of those 10 athletes, only 3 of them were returning starters from the previous year. So even though we had 6 seniors on the team, I would still say we were a young team in terms of “experience.” That is what made this season so special. A group of girls wanting to learn the amazing yet complicated game of volleyball. Watching the girls help each other learn the various parts of the game, using the same vocabulary and movements that



they have seen me do was powerful to watch. We truly went from being a group of individuals learning the game to a team moving together in and out like the waves crashing onto shore.

Our team consisted of 6 seniors, 1 junior, 2 sophomores and 1 freshman. Top row of picture from left to right are the 6 seniors: Olivia Pitillo, Courtney Sexton, Jenna Hadley, Hayly Fredrickson, Lindsay Swalcy, and Jillian Tomsick. Bottom row left to right consists of: Sophomores Lita Conklin and Allison Rowland followed by freshman Cora Norton. Not pictured - Junior: Erica Wilber

Photo Credit: Debbie Golley

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ECS Sports Report Continued...



GIRLS' VARSITY VOLLEYBALL CONTINUED FROM PAGE 9...

The coaches in our league voted and two of our players received special recognition. Congratulations to our sophomore outside hitter, Allison Rowland, for being voted 1st team all-star, and also a big congratulations to senior setter, Jenna Hadley, for being voted to 2nd team all-star.

I wish all the seniors the best of luck as they begin to continue their journey through life after graduation!



GIRLS' JV VOLLEYBALL

By: Coach Norton

The JV Girls volleyball team (pictured above) had a great season. We ended with a record of 4-8 overall. Our final game at Forestville was a win, with the Lady Eagles taking three sets in a row. It was definitely a unique season, as we had some first-year players try out a new sport! We had fun building new skills and making memories. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you this Fall.

ECS ALPINE SKI TEAM

By: Coach Kelly Fredrickson

This ski season was like all the rest of the sports seasons this year, delayed, under new guidelines, and with ups and downs, but the Alpine Ski Team raced with true heart and soul. The season consisted of 4 races taking place at Holiday Valley against Williamsville and GOW. There was a record number of competitors from

those schools with experience to those new to the idea of ski racing. It was great to see the kids develop not just as a racer but as a skier. If you have never watched a ski race you have a lot to learn. It takes more than just the ability to ski, but agility, strength, and a sense of bravery to keep those skis racing down the hill. Overall, the Ellicottville team again came out on top with Hayly Fredrickson finishing first, CeCe Carls second, and Emmylu Carls third in Section 6 final results. These three are all strong competitors and shine as the leaders on the Ellicottville girls team. For the boy's team Emmett Coolidge finished second in Section 6. Emmett put forth great effort keeping up with the leader from GOW. Hayly Fredrickson swept all four of the races. Teammate from the past Logan Fredrickson was out with a torn ACL but was on the sidelines cheering on the team. Other members of the team from Ellicottville were Senior Courtney Sexton, Kaleb Kilby, Toby Colburn, Maddox Johnson, Bianca Bush, and Harper Klien. Kaleb showed much

improvement from last year with finishes in the top 6 each race. Courtney Sexton showed strong skills finishing in the top 10 in three races. On the Modified team Toby Colburn and Maddox Johnson were strong competitors with times that improved with each race. First year racers Bianca Bush and Harper Klien came in with great skills and had challenging times placing them at the top. The team was happy that they got to race this year and thank all those who made it out to support them on those cold and snowy nights.

BOYS' MODIFIED BASKETBALL CORRECTION...

By: Coach Keenan

I need to make a correction for the 7th graders who played Modified Basketball this past season. I forgot to mention that Oliver Wedvik was also on this team. I apologize for this oversight on my part, and I hope to see Oliver again next year on the Boy's Modified Team.



All-Western New York Winners for Winter Sports Season Announced...

Section 6 recently announced the 2021 All-Western New York Scholar Athlete winter sports winners. To be nominated for the team, students must have carried a 90-plus average for the previous six semesters and been a starter or significant player in their winter sport. The scholar-athlete team is open to seniors from Western New York's 100-plus public and private schools and the selections are made by a committee.



Representing Ellicottville Central School as a winner of the honor are Seniors **Clayton Rowland** and **Hayly Fredrickson**. Clayton, a member of the Boys Varsity Basketball team, was a key contributor on the basketball court, earning CCAA East 2 League MVP this season while helping the Eagles win the Section 6, Class C-2 Championship. Hayly was a key contributor to the Alpine Ski Race team, while also winning a Section 6 Championship this winter! In addition to this, Clayton and Hayly have also excelled in the classroom. Congratulations on great senior seasons Clayton and Hayly!

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Myth vs. Fact: COVID-19 Vaccines

With the abundance of information surrounding COVID-19, it can be challenging to decipher what information is accurate, reliable and trustworthy. There are many misconceptions and inaccuracies surrounding not only the virus but also the vaccines available to guard us against contracting the virus. Read on to learn the myths vs. facts regarding the approved vaccines.

Myth: The COVID-19 vaccines were created too quickly without going through the typical protocols and safety measures that other types of vaccines do.

Fact: The approved COVID-19 vaccines went through rigorous testing, including clinical trials with tens of thousands of participants. Typically, it takes years and billions of dollars to have a vaccine go from concept to approval. However, pharmaceutical companies and the federal government collaborated with the [Operation Warp Speed](#) initiative. This accelerated the process, allowing for expedited funding that often slows the timeline; thorough testing for safety and effectiveness; and the development and rapid distribution of supplies – quicker than any other vaccine in the past.

Myth: After getting a vaccine, you will test positive on a COVID-19 test.

Fact: None of the authorized vaccines in the U.S. will cause you to have a positive COVID-19 test result.

Myth: You don't need to get a vaccine if you've already been diagnosed with COVID-19.

Fact: Since individuals can get infected more than once with COVID-19, it is advised that you still get a vaccine. In addition, it is not yet completely understood how long you are protected from the virus after you have recovered from it, so the vaccine provides another layer of protection.

Myth: The technology behind the COVID-19 vaccines is brand new.

Fact: Researchers have worked with and studied mRNA technology (e.g., Moderna and Pfizer vaccines) as well as vector-based vaccines (e.g., Johnson & Johnson) for years.

Myth: A COVID-19 vaccine will alter your DNA.

Fact: None of the approved COVID-19 vaccines will change or interact with your DNA in any way.

Myth: It is not safe for you to get a COVID-19 vaccine if you are pregnant or may become pregnant.

Fact: People who are pregnant or planning to become pregnant may receive the vaccine. Current studies show no evidence of the antibodies formed from the vaccine causing any complications with pregnancy or fertility.

"Myths and Facts about COVID-19 Vaccines," cdc.gov, accessed March 9, 2021.

"COVID-19 Vaccines: Myth Versus Fact," hopkinsmedicine.org, accessed March 9, 2021.

"How were researchers able to develop COVID-19 vaccines so quickly," news.uchicago.edu, accessed March 9, 2021.



The Last Chocolate Chip Cookie Recipe You'll Ever Need

Active 5 minutes
Total 20 minutes
Makes 20 cookies

Ingredients

- 2 1/2 ripe bananas, mashed
- 1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract or more if preferred

(Did you know using vanilla sweetens baking recipes and is a great substitute for sugar? Experiment with the amount until you reach a sweetness you love!)

- 1 1/2 cups old-fashioned oats
- 1/3 cup peanut butter or nut butter of choice

(If using nut butter that is looser than regular peanut butter, consider reducing the amount of banana you add to the recipe to keep the batter thick.)

- 1/4 cup chocolate chips
- Optional add-ins: raisins, nuts of choice

Instructions

- Preheat your oven to 350 F. Grease or line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- Mash the bananas and fold them into the oats, adding your peanut butter or nut butter of choice. Mix in the chocolate chips.
- Use a cookie scooper or small spoon to drop the dough on your baking sheet. (They don't expand much, so you can place them close together!)
- Bake the cookies for 10 minutes or until lightly brown.
- Allow the cookies to cool on the baking sheet for five minutes before moving them to a cooling rack.
- Enjoy right away, store them in an airtight container at room temperature for five days, or pop them in the freezer for up to six months!

Recipe adapted from mydarlingvegan.com

5 Medical Appointments You Should Keep

If you're nervous about stepping into a clinic or emergency room right now – for routine or emergency medical care – experts recommend you don't delay your visits. That's because there's emerging evidence that the health threats from putting off some medical tests and exams, including those for cancer and heart disease, outweigh the risk of getting exposed to COVID-19 at a doctor's visit, even if the virus is widespread in your community. Below are five crucial in-person medical appointments you shouldn't postpone any longer.

✓ Cancer Screenings

If you screen routinely for breast cancer, colon cancer, skin cancer and other malignancies or you have a personal or family history of any cancer, don't postpone your cancer screenings. Timing can make the difference when it comes to detection and successful treatment.

✓ Prompt Checkups for New Red-Flag Symptoms

For any new symptoms that are persistent or affecting your daily life get them checked out by your health care provider. It is important to contact your health care provider for even subtler symptoms, such as occasional chest discomfort or shortness of breath, that come and go or that stop if you sit down and rest. For any sudden emergency symptoms like crushing chest pain and trouble breathing, call 911 and get treatment in the ER.

✓ Chronic Disease Follow-ups

If you're already taking medicine for a health condition, see your health care provider who prescribed the medication. It may be unsafe for you to continue postponing this appointment, especially if you have an illness that can have serious complications if it's left unmanaged, such as heart failure, chronic lung disease, kidney disease or diabetes.

✓ Mental Health Management

Psychiatric appointments (including those that require in-person interactions), regular visits (e.g., for long-acting psychiatric drug injections or drug screening tests and pickups for patients in medication-assisted treatment programs), and blood tests for medicine titrations should continue uninterrupted. It's important to note that if you (or someone you know) is experiencing suicidal thoughts, you may need to visit a health care professional right away.

✓ Sexual Health Maintenance

If you're experiencing new genital or urinary symptoms, think you've been exposed to a sexually transmitted infection, or are taking medication to treat or prevent HIV, regular visits for the required lab tests should not be delayed. Also, if you're using long-acting birth control devices, such as intrauterine devices (IUDs) and other implants, check with your health care provider to see if you're close to the expiration date and don't delay an appointment if the device needs to be removed or updated.

"5 Medical Appointments You Should Stop Putting Off," npr.org, Kristen Kendrick, March 2, 2021.



Honor & High Honor Roll, Grades 6-12

Third Quarter: February 1, 2021–April 16, 2021

High Honor Roll

6th Grade

Adalynn Andrews
Eli Atwater
Kristen Bless
Breanna Byroads
Coleman Carls
Timothy DeChane
Trinity DeChane
Danielle Dunkleman
Ainsley Edwards
Christopher Edwards
Amberlynn
Freundschuh
Ava Fuller
McKenzie Green
Ella Grundy
Kaylin Hamed
Braiden Hayes
Kaiser Joesel
Tosh Klein
Jaxson LaCroix
Jonah Mann
Eliza Murray
Reed Nazareth
Juliana O'Connell
Ava Pasinski
Ellen Quinn
Nora Santiago
Yanieliz Velazquez-
Garcia
Ava Weber
Benjamin Wedvik
Riley Whitmer
Isabella Wilder

7th Grade

Ava Adamucci
Patrick Andera
Nevaeh Baker
Keira Baldwin
Leila Balicki
Faith Burlingame
Bianca Bush

Grady Byroads
Isabelle Coburn
Kalyn Crowley
Drew Ficek
Teaghan Finn
Jordan Folts
Emily Ginnitti
Kayedance Hayes
Parker John
Emma Kaminski
Harper Klein
Jackson Kruszynski
Alexa Liskow
Cameron Mendell
Delaney Myers
Ande Northrup
Jordan O'Connell
Jackson Pearl
Daliana Velazquez-
Garcia
Oliver Wedvik
Skye Wood

8th Grade

Kathryn Bless
Alivia Fisher
Tea Fuller
Maddox Johnson
Michael Kerns
Courtney Marsh
Cheyenne Rust
Sophia Sundeen
Adelaide Weber
Ava Woodarek

9th Grade

Evan Bauer
William Benatovich
Brooke Butler
Emmylu Carls
Abby Chudy
Shelby Colburn
Keelin Finn
Cameron Kaleta
Layla Kerns

Emma Lafferty
Bailey Lewis
Isabelle Woodmancy

10th Grade

Breana Andrews
Lita Conklin
Katrina DeChane
Katryna Jennings
Katie Krotz
Errol Moore
Kayla Romero
Samantha Stock
Leah Tupchik
Sarah Weber
Alysa Williams
Aaliyah Winslow
Bryce Wood

11th Grade

Maddox Bush
Cecelia Carls
Ignacio de Orbe
Antonia Epps
Ethan Frank
Kaleb Kilby
Carly Neumann
Aiden Privitera
Samuel Schwartz
Emma Steffenhagen
Cody Wickham
Elsa Woodarek
Jocelyn Wyatt

12th Grade

Hunter Bomberry
Bryce Butler
Jalee Evans
Jianna Flora
Jenna Hadley
Alexander Hunt
Caleb Jennings
Brett Kryniski
Cameron Lendvay
Sammi Lin

Olivia Pitillo
Abigail Ploetz
Erin Donna Quinn
Sydney Saunders
Adam Silvernail
Gabriel Snyder
Noah Steinbronner
Kelsea Tomczak
Macy White
Summer Kay Wilson

Honor Roll

6th Grade

Rylan Benjamin
Malie Curtis
Parker Gebauer
Jailah John
Abigail Krause
Bentley Lewis
Jadyn Nevins
Blake Smith

7th Grade

Aiddan Gascon
Brogann Howard
Anna Nazareth
Camden Palmatier
Makayla Potter
Curtis Robison
Olivia Tighe
Lanie Wilson
Hunter Woodarek
Talyn Wyatt

8th Grade

Brianna Aronson
Tobias Coburn
Jayden Doult
Benjamin Edwards
Jack Flagg
Jesse Harber
Addison John
Liam McGuire
Grace Privitera
Kyle Robinson

Carter Smith
Madisyn Winship

9th Grade

Nathan Andrews
Christopher Calarco
Owen Chudy
Samuel Edwards
Zoe Goode
Aaron LoGiudice
Madison Potter

10th Grade

Jacob Ballard
Gavin Dietrich
Bryan Grundy
Madeline Hawkins
Allison Rowland
Selena Smith
Yahir Velazquez-
Garcia

11th Grade

Shawn Clancy
Kyleigh Dimpfl
Harley Ficek
Dalton Gonzalez
Nicholas LoGiudice
Courtney Venturin

12th Grade

Jose Azcarate
Willow Comstock-
Eastlick
Ryan DeKay
Logan Dimpfl
Hayly Fredrickson
Logan Fredrickson
Justin Imhoff
Aidan Joyce
Braedyn Palmatier
Clayton Rowland
Courtney Sexton
Jillian Tomsick

AWESOME JOB!



Julie JAM's Java!

Mrs. Rocco's Lifeskills class received a brand new coffee cart for Julie JAM's Java. This cart was donated by the Mendell Family in memory of their daughter Julie Ann Mendell. The students were very excited to get the new cart up and running! Thank you to the Mendell Family for this incredible gift to our school that will provide many authentic learning experiences for years to come.



Important Dates:

Tuesday, June 22nd
 Wednesday, June 23rd
 Thursday, June 24th
½ Day for Students

Students arriving at 8 am
 will be dismissed at 11 am
 Students arriving at 9 am
 will be dismissed at 12 pm

"Bag" lunches will
 be sent home with
 students each day.

Fifth Grade Honor Roll ★ ★ ★

Third Quarter: February 1, 2021–April 16, 2021

Mrs. Moore's Class

Carter Kaleta
 Jamila Nelthrope
 Meegan Olson
 Nigel Poulin
 Blake Simons

Mrs. Peter's Class

Kelsey Feldbauer
 Keegan Kaleta
 Riley Northrup
 Cooper Sciara

Mr. Smith's Class

Rylie Button
 Jake Flagg
 Angus Howard
 Carson Mendell
 Karle Northrup
 Jennifer Sliviak

B.U.G. Awards (Bringing Up Grades)

Mrs. Moore's Class

Meegan Olson
 Nigel Poulin
 Abigail Rust

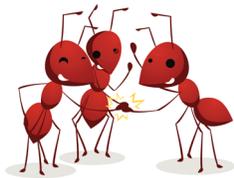
Mrs. Peter's Class

Zachary Brennan
 Daniel Kruszynski
 Riley Northrup
 Cooper Sciara
 Collin Weber

Mr. Smith's Class

Jersie Czapla
 Audrianna Finch
 Rian Johnson
 Coleman Milks
 Sawyer Miller
 Matthew Rzucek

COOL!



**Excellent
 WORK!**

AWESOME!



Virtual Science Experiment

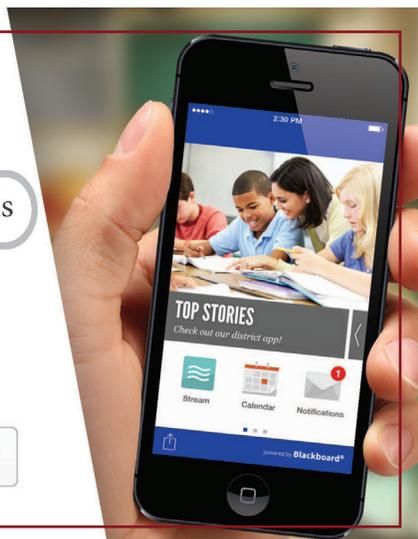
By Leah Farnum

The 2nd grade students were treated to an "in house" science experience this past month. Our host Abigail Luzier, a 4-H Youth Development Educator at the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cattaraugus County created a live virtual experience for us! Each Tuesday we met via virtual conference to discuss the life cycle of chickens. Abigail had an incubator full of eggs in her office, and allowed us to participate virtually in the hatching process. She showed us different kinds of chicken eggs, how to candle an egg to see if there is a chick present, and all of the technology needed including an incubator and a brood box. When the chickens finally hatched, she recorded their first moments out of the shell, so we felt like we were there in person! What a great virtual field trip for us! A big thank you to Miss Luzier for this opportunity!

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Communication On The Go!

ECS is pleased to announce our new mobile app designed specifically to keep our families better informed and connected to what's going on in our schools. The new ECS mobile app is available for both Apple and Android devices.

The app will deliver real time school news to a smart-device for fast, up-to-date access. The app will feature:

- The latest district and school news
- Push notifications about breaking news, closures, weather, events, and more
- Photos from school events
- Phone numbers and staff information

The app is **FREE** and available for **download today**:

1. From a smart-device, go to the iTunes App Store® or Google Play®
2. Search Ellicottville Central Schools
3. Then select the Ellicottville Central Schools app for free download
4. Start navigating through the app to see what is there. You may see some "incomplete" areas, as we are still updating information in the app. We ask for your patience while we learn about all of its full capabilities.

Please note, while the District will continue to make robo-calls and post emergency information to its website and Facebook page, the app provides even more ways for parents and students to stay connected and informed. One new avenue of communication that this app will provide is the ability to send text messages and e-mails to parents that sign up for these notifications.

The new ECS mobile app is just a few taps away. **Download it today!**

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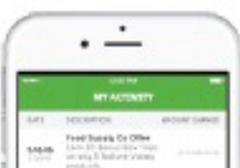
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SCAN YOUR
RECEIPT.

EARN.

WATCH EARNINGS
STACK UP.



PTO News

TAB CONTEST!

Last year we decided to kick it up a notch and collect in memory of our beloved elementary secretary, Mrs. Adams! However, due to COVID-19 this did not happen. Mrs. Adams played a huge part in the tab collection, and we would like to honor her efforts and make a large donation to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. To accomplish this goal, the PTO has set a goal to collect at least 25 paper boxes full of tabs. If this goal is met, all students in grades Pre-K through 6th grade will receive a treat from the PTO.

Tabs are found on various aluminum items such as pop, water, pet food, soup cans, etc. We take the tabs to the recycling station where they pay us by the pound, then the PTO donates the money to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. This year we will make the donation in memory of Mrs. Adams! Please save your tabs all year long and bring them to the Elementary Office.



ALL BOX TOPS ARE NOW DIGITAL!

Download the app today and earn money for the PTO! Please download the Box Tops app to your phone (pictured left) so that the PTO can continue to earn money that will provide activities for students.

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