

# ELLICOTTVILLE

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Introducing the Ellicottville Central School

## CLASS OF 2023



### ELLICOTTVILLE CLASS OF 2023 TOP 5 STUDENTS



#### **Katie Krotz** **Valedictorian**

Katie Krotz is the daughter of Sara and Randy Krotz. Katie is graduating as the Valedictorian of her class

with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and a weighted average of 119.88. She was selected into the New Visions: Health Professions Program at the Olean BOCES Center for her senior year. Katie has served as the President of the Student Council for two years, President of the National Honor Society for two years, Vice President of the Ecology Club for two years, and Vice President of Ellicottville Students Preserving the Reading of America Club. In addition, she is a member of the Drama Club, Jazz Choir, Jazz Band, and World Language Club, as well as the Quiz Bowl Team.

She is a College Reading and Learning Association Certified Peer Tutor. This year, as well as her freshmen year, Katie was selected to be a member of the Area-All State Choir. She has also participated in many All-County Music Festivals. Katie was also a member of the varsity soccer team and the varsity softball team.

Katie received the Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau Youth of the Week Award. In addition, Katie has worked for three years at Golden Stride Walker Ranch. She is a Level 1 Graduate of the Parelli Natural Horsemanship Program. She also lifeguarded at Holiday Valley, as well as working two ski seasons there. Katie has volunteered with many organizations such as the Ellicottville Parent-Teacher Association and the Rotary Club, and she enjoys giving back to her community.

Katie will be attending Cornell University in the fall, and she plans to major in Animal Sciences with a Pre-Veterinarian Concentration.



#### **Katrina DeChane** **Salutatorian**

Katrina DeChane is the daughter of Terra and Thomas DeChane. Katrina is

graduating as the Salutatorian of her class with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and a weighted average of 113.15. She has been on high honor roll throughout her entire high school career. Katrina has served as the Treasurer of both her class and Student Council. She is also a member of National Honor Society. Katrina has held many different jobs, but currently works at Watson's Chocolates in Ellicottville. She is an outstanding member of Holy Name of Mary where she has been helping with church services and teaching religious

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education for many years. Katrina will be attending Jamestown Business College in the fall as a recipient of the JBC Scholar of Excellence Award, where she will major in Accounting.



**Bryce Wood  
Third in Class**

Bryce Wood is the eldest child of Shannon and Blair Wood. They are graduating third in the class with an Advanced

Regents Diploma with Honors and a weighted GPA of 112.91. Bryce is the recipient of the Clarkson University High School Achievement and Presidential Awards, the RIT Computing Medal and Presidential Awards, the St. Bonaventure Bonnie Scholarship and President's Award, the Rensselaer Polytechnic Medal Award, and admission to the University at Buffalo University Honors College. Bryce is a certified CRLA Peer Tutor and is the current treasurer of the National Honor Society. Bryce loves music and has studied violin, trumpet, flute and has sung at Area All-State. They have participated in band, chorus, Quiz Bowl, Jazz Choir, soccer, robotics, ski club, and Drama Club as a sound technician. Bryce will be attending the Honors Program at SUNY Fredonia, where they received the Presidential Award for Excellence, the SUNY Honors Award, and plan to major in Computer Science and Sound Engineering.



**Lita Conklin  
Fourth in Class**

Lita Conklin is the daughter of Christina and Dennis Conklin. She is graduating fourth in

her class with an Advanced Regents

Diploma with Honors. She has achieved high honor roll throughout her high school career and is graduating with a weighted average of 110.61. She has received multiple awards including the RIT Innovation and Creativity Award, JBC Scholar of Excellence and the JCC Excellent Student Award. In addition, she has been a scholar athlete throughout her high school career. She has enjoyed playing volleyball since 7th grade and was the varsity captain for her junior and senior year and played softball until her junior year. She also enjoys the community service opportunities such as helping out at E.A.R.S. that NHS has provided her. Outside of school, she works at Salamanca Save-A-Lot where she started out as a cashier and is now a front-end manager. After high school, she plans to attend the College of Saint Rose where she will study Forensic Psychology.



**Katryna Jennings  
Fifth in Class**

Katryna Jennings is the daughter of Mike and Michelle Jennings. She is fifth in the class

of 2023 with a weighted GPA of 109.77, and is graduating with an Advanced Regents Diploma. She is a member of National Honor Society which has given her an opportunity to show leadership in her school. She has also been active in musicals throughout high school, helping out both on stage and behind the spotlight. She has played clarinet in band for 9 years and has enjoyed working to improve at it over the years. Outside of school Katryna has worked at Ellicottville Bike and Bean for 3 years. She has also been active in her community through the 4-H program where she has enjoyed learning new skills and gaining new interests. She has been accepted into the Jamestown Community College Nursing Program and is excited to begin in the fall.

## ESPra visits the Palmer Opera House



On May 9, seven members of ESPRA (Ellicottville Students for the Preservation of Reading in America) traveled to the Palmer Opera House in Cuba, NY to participate in a multi-modal writing workshop presented by Angela Stockman and the Catt-Allegany Teacher Center. They joined approximately 80 other youth from the southern tier as they explored a tactile approach to storytelling.

## Superintendent's Message

# *The end of the year is just around the corner.*

As each school year passes, I feel they are passing faster and faster. This year has been no exception; it seems like just yesterday we were getting ready to open for the school year. And, now, here we are in June and the end of the year is just around the corner. Final exams are just a couple short days away for MS/HS students, elementary students are experiencing their end of the year field trips, teachers are signing up for summer professional development, and the District is starting to hire its summer help to clean the school and get ready for next year. Before we know it, the Class of 2023 will be walking across the graduation stage and become Eagle Alumni!

Over the past year, I have witnessed the students throughout the school putting forth their best efforts in all their endeavors. I have seen joy in the eyes of students in the elementary as they are sharing with me what they have learned. As I greet students in the MS/HS, you can hear excitement in their voices as they talk about moving on to the next grade. It is especially gratifying to talk

to seniors about which college they are planning on attending or the job they will be starting after school. Student athletes have enjoyed much success this year while representing ECS with pride. Musicians and actors have experienced the limelight of the stage while performing for the community. Success is on display everywhere I look.

This type of success does not just happen; it takes hard work and dedication. A student's desire to succeed is a character trait that is first instilled by parents and family. Encouraging a child to work hard, be kind, and chase dreams starts at home and requires support throughout their life. At the school, the entire staff strives to help these children to reach their full potential. Superior instruction, reliable transportation, nourishment, a safe and clean learning environment, etc. all contribute to education of each child. It is a team effort and, I may be biased, but I know that the ECS community is committed to student achievement and this commitment runs STRONG at the school!

As we head into the final weeks of the school year, I am confident that students will continue working hard, and that parents and teachers will provide encouragement to finish the year strong! Over the summer, my hope is that students and staff find the time to rest, recharge and return revitalized for the 2023-24 school year.

To the graduates of the class of 2023, I wish each of you the very best on next phase of your journey in life. No matter where your journey takes you (college, the military or the workforce), I am confident that your work and studies at ECS have prepared you for success in all of your endeavors!

Best Wishes for a Safe and Enjoyable Summer and Congratulations to the Class of 2023!



Robert Miller, Superintendent

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***Thank you to the ECS Community for coming out for the 2023/2024 school year budget vote and board member election.***

**With your support, all three propositions passed.  
Congratulations to Debra Golley & Jenna O'Connell  
on being elected to five-year terms effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2028.**





## CLASS OF 2023 - FUTURE PLANS



Breana Andrews	Niagara University	Biology
Jacob Ballard	SUNY Brockport	Physical Therapy
Tristin Bomberly	JCC	Studio Arts
Zachary Clark	Finger Lakes Community College	Fishing & Wildlife
Lita Conklin	The College of Saint Rose	Forensic Psychology
Koda Curtis	Employment	
Katrina DeChane	Jamestown Business College	Accounting
Gavin Dietrich	SUNY Canton	Sports Marketing
Hali Fish	Employment	
Emmett Gebauer	JCC	Animal Science
Bryan Grundy	Alfred State College	Architecture
Madeline Hawkins	Allegheny College	History
Charles Hensel	Travel	
Chloe Huffman	Jamestown Business College	Accounting
Katryna Jennings	JCC	Nursing
Liam Jimerson	JCC	Biology
Bradley John	St. Bonaventure	Business
Olivia Knab	SUNY Morrisville	Equine Science
Katie Krotz	Cornell University	Pre-Vet
Errol Moore	U.S. Coast Guard	
Aidan Murray	Alfred State College	Building Trades
Giancarlo Nuzzo	Saint Anselm College	Communications

Ryah Quinn	JCC	Business
Kayla Romero	Alfred University	Psychology
Allison Rowland	JCC	Psychology
Baylee Ruiz	JCC	Human Services
Alexander Silvernail	University at Buffalo	Electrical Engineering
Selena Smith	Finger Lakes Community College	Health Sciences
Samantha Stock	Alfred University	Art & Design
Christian Swalczy	Salt Lake Community College	Business
Leah Tupchik	Buffalo State College	Psychology
Natalie Vassar	Employment	
Yahir Velazquez-Garcia	SUNY Brockport	Psychology
Sarah Weber	Houghton University	Clinical Psychology
Cody Wickham	JCC	Digital Media
Alysa Williams	Alfred State College	Agri-Business Management
Aaliyah Winslow	D'Youville University	Exercise & Sports Studies
Bryce Wood	SUNY Fredonia	Computer Science
Braylon Wyatt	JCC	Early Childhood Education
Caedon Wyatt	St. Bonaventure	Business Administration
Ian Zeher	Alfred State College	Heavy Equipment Operation

## Second Graders Visit Local Farms

In May, the 2nd Grade visited two local farms in our community. The goal of this trip was to learn more about the contribution farmers have to our rural community (our social studies standard). We visited the Williams Ranch and Cattle to learn about angus cows. While there, we learned how to measure a cow by weight and we were able to pet two twin calves. Next, we visited Telaak Farms to learn more about dairy farming. While there we toured the barns and learned more about the technology involved in 20th century dairy farming. The milk produced by the Telaak cows is sent to Upstate Farms. We enjoyed a delicious cheese stick and milk treat produced from the labor of this farm. A special thanks to all involved in making this such a fantastic day of local learning (especially the baby calves who tried to hitch a ride back to ECS). We are so thankful for our small community.





# 3RD QUARTER HIGH HONOR ROLL & HONOR ROLL

January 30 – April 21, 2023

## 5th Grade

### *Mrs. Frank's Class*

Harley Andera  
Myla Brennan  
Harrison Cornelius  
Liam Dahlman  
Rowan Decker  
Maggie Faulkner  
Aidan Zeher

### *Mrs. Moore's Class*

Allyana Andrews  
Caelan Myers  
Reagan Pawlowski  
Aston Seeley

### *Mr. Smith's Class*

Joseph Freaney  
Layla Gearhart  
Ty Howard  
Charlie Norton  
Clinton Northrup

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

### *Mrs. Frank's Class*

Harley Andera  
Trevor Beeson  
Myla Brennan  
Liam Dahlman  
Maggie Faulkner  
Aiden Schultz  
Audri Scott  
Jayda Wyatt  
Aidan Zeher

### *Mrs. Moore's Class*

Allyana Andrews  
Alyvia Burlingame  
Thomas Green  
Leona Hill  
Axel Moore  
Paisley Nelson  
Reagan Pawlowski  
Broderick Riley  
Aston Seeley  
Teagan Siperek

### *Mr. Smith's Class*

Kaiya Baker  
Payton Butcher  
Elijah Calkins  
Oliver Daniels  
Mason LaCroix  
Dominic Mack  
Emma Wallace  
Bentley Ward  
Jason Winship

## 6th Grade

### *High Honor Roll*

Marjorie Brown  
Gabriel DeChane  
Marshall DeChane  
Grace Griffith  
Carsten Kosinski  
Audrey Krause  
Cayda Kruszynski  
Marlee Maynard  
Andrew Myers  
Calvin Pearl  
Lillian Pearl  
Camerie Riley  
Patricia Ross  
Briyona Tarr  
Stella Tupchik  
Ella Weber  
Nicholas Wedvik

### *Honor Roll*

Kaegan Bauer  
Cooper Coolidge  
Brody Erlandson  
Tareyn Foster  
Ricky Howard II  
Crew Koleta  
Benjamin McCarthy  
McKenna Mendell  
Taylor Perks  
Mario Polino  
Whitney Powers  
Lindsay Watson

## 7th Grade

### *High Honor Roll*

Alison Antholzner  
Zachary Brennan  
Isabella Czamara  
Rian Johnson  
Daniel Kruszynski  
Carson Mendell  
Coleman Milks  
Sawyer Miller  
Nigel Poulin  
Abigail Rust  
Cooper Sciara  
Collin Weber

### *Honor Roll*

Kelsey Feldbauer  
Audrianna Finch  
Camden Howard  
Keegan Kaleta  
Karle Northrup  
Riley Northrup  
Meegan Olson  
Trenton Pierce  
Payton Quinn  
Matthew Rzucek

## 8th Grade

### *High Honor Roll*

Adalynn Andrews  
Eli Atwater  
Kristen Bless  
Timothy DeChane III  
Christopher Edwards  
Ava Fuller  
Kaiser Joesel  
Tosh Klein  
Jaxson LaCroix  
Juliana O'Connell  
Ava Pasinski  
Yanieliz Velazquez-Garcia  
Ava Weber  
Benjamin Wedvik  
Isabella Wilder

### *Honor Roll*

Breanna Byroads  
Malie Curtis  
Ainsley Edwards  
McKenzie Green  
Jonah Mann  
Eliza Murray  
Nora Santiago  
Blake Smith  
Riley Whitmer

## 9th Grade

### *High Honor Roll*

Patrick Andera  
Grady Byroads  
Isabelle Coburn  
Kalyn Crowley  
Drew Ficek  
Teaghan Finn  
Jordan Folts  
Harper Klein  
Jackson Kruszynski  
Cameron Mendell  
Delaney Myers  
Anna Nazareth  
Mackenzie Noga  
Ande Northrup  
Jordan O'Connell  
Makayla Potter  
Olivia Tighe  
Oliver Wedvik  
Skye Wood

### *Honor Roll*

Faith Burlingame  
Bianca Bush  
Shyann Harber  
Parker John  
Lanie Wilson

## 10th Grade

### *High Honor Roll*

Kathryn Bless  
Jayden Douth  
Benjamin Edwards  
Sara Epps  
Tea Fuller  
Maddox Johnson  
Courtney Marsh  
Liam McGuire  
Cheyenne Rust  
Siying Sun  
Sophia Sundeen  
Adelaide Weber

### *Honor Roll*

Hayden Andera  
Michael Cleary  
Tobias Coburn  
Owen Doherty  
Alivia Fisher  
Addison John  
Michael Kerns  
Ryan Metzger  
Ryan Norton  
Christopher Polino  
Grace Privitera

## 11th Grade

### *High Honor Roll*

Dalayla Alexander  
Evan Bauer  
William Benatovich  
Brooke Butler  
Emmylu Carls  
Abby Chudy  
Jase Curtis  
Adrynn Dederick  
Edward Doherty  
Samuel Edwards  
Keelin Finn  
Zoe Goode  
Aiden Harrington  
Cameron Kaleta  
Layla Kerns  
Morgan Krotz  
Emma Lafferty  
Bailey Lewis  
Aaron LoGiudice  
Isabelle Woodmancy

### *Honor Roll*

Shelby Colburn  
Gwendolyn DeChane  
David Freunds Schuh  
Audrey Hurlburt  
Jaida Mendell  
Cora Norton  
Allison Pfeffer  
Skylar Schroeder  
Gabrielle Spross

## 12th Grade

### *High Honor Roll*

Breana Andrews  
Jacob Ballard  
Lita Conklin  
Katrina DeChane  
Bryan Grundy  
Madeline Hawkins  
Katryna Jennings  
Katie Krotz  
Errol Moore  
Giancarlo Nuzzo  
Kayla Romero  
Allison Rowland  
Alexander Silvernail  
Selena Smith  
Samantha Stock  
Leah Tupchik  
Yahir Velazquez-Garcia  
Sarah Weber  
Alysa Williams  
Aaliyah Winslow  
Bryce Wood

### *Honor Roll*

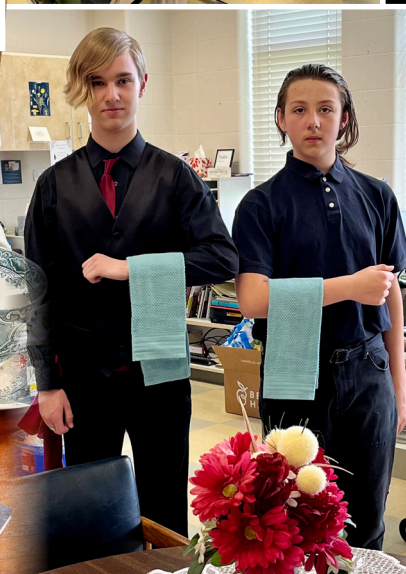
Tristin Bomberly  
Emmett Gebauer  
Aidan Murray  
Ryah Quinn  
Christian Swalcy  
Cody Wickham





# TEA TIME IN TRUE VICTORIAN FASHION

On April 26th, students in the Short and Sweet Literature class hosted a traditional afternoon tea party in true Victorian fashion. After being enchanted by Oscar Wilde's play, "The Importance of Being Earnest," students used their best impressions of upper class society life as they re-created parts of the play—the parts centering around food! What a fabulous afternoon.





# ELLCOTTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BANQUET

This year the Master of Ceremonies will be ECS Alumni and former American Idol co-host Brian Dunkleman! This event will be held on Saturday, July 15, 2023. We are looking forward to a fun and entertaining evening with fellow alumni!

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## ECS ALUMNI BANQUET - SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2023

SOCIAL HOUR BEGINNING AT 5:30PM, DINNER AT 7PM

Tannenbaum Lodge · Upper Holiday Valley · Ellicottville, New York

### RESERVATION FORM

Please complete and return this form, along with your check made payable to the ECS Alumni Association at the above address, no later than July 7, 2023. Dinner is \$36.00 per person. If you would prefer to make your reservations and pay online you can go to <https://www.ellicottvillealumni.com/> and click on the "Annual Banquet" link.

### RESERVATIONS

Last Name	First Name	(Maiden Name)	Graduation Year
<input type="checkbox"/> Filet Mignon	<input type="checkbox"/> Stuffed Chicken	<input type="checkbox"/> Salmon	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian

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Current Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Guests: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Filet Mignon    ☐ Stuffed Chicken    ☐ Salmon    ☐ Vegetarian

*There will be brunch at the United Church of Ellicottville on Saturday, July 15th  
from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. Please come and socialize with other alumni.*

*I am pleased and supportive of what our Association is doing to further the education and careers of ECS graduates.*

*Please accept my following contribution to support the on-going operation expenses  
of the Association \$10, \$20, \$50, Other Amount \_\_\_\_\_.*



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Or CURRENT RESIDENT**

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Mrs. Kathryn Mendell, Elementary Principal/Director of Curriculum

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Change

**C** Celebrating  
Success

**S** Surpassing  
Expectations



## First Graders Enriched by Art



Using money from the Tony Casetta Fund, the First Grade was able to take an exciting arts-based field trip to the Burchfield Penney Art Center at Buffalo State University. Classes engaged in tours through galleries filled with work from Charles E. Burchfield as well as many local artists. Following the tour, classes were able to participate in an art activity where each student created his or her own clay sunflower sculpture inspired by Burchfield's watercolor painting 'Sunflowers'.



## IMPORTANT DATES

**Thursday, June 15, 2023**  
**½ day for K – 6th Grade Students**  
**(Noon Dismissal)**

**Friday, June 16, 2023**  
**½ day for K – 6th Grade Students**  
**(Noon Dismissal)**

**Monday, June 19, 2023**  
**School Closed – Juneteenth Holiday**

**Tuesday, June 20, 2023**  
**½ day for K – 6th Grade Students**  
**(Noon Dismissal)**

**Wednesday, June 21, 2023**  
**½ day for K – 6th Grade**  
**Students (Noon Dismissal)**

**Thursday, June 22, 2023**  
**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**  
**½ day for K – 6th Grade Students**  
**(Noon Dismissal)**