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ECS Names Top Students for 2015

Valedictorian Finn Wilson



Finn Wilson is the son of Scott and Susan Wilson and is the brother of Aidan, Shannon, and Ande Wilson. He is ranked 1st in the Class of 2015 and will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors. Finn is a member of the National Honor Society, High School Band, Quiz Bowl team, and ESPRA.

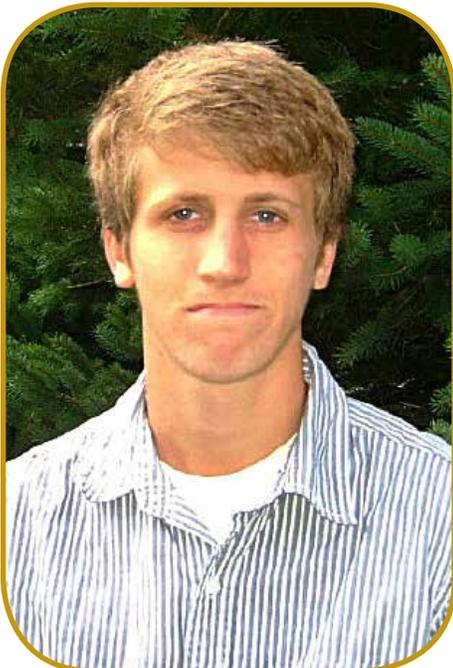
In addition to this, Finn has also been in a number of volunteer activities that have totaled over 200 hours of community service. More than 100 of these hours were spent helping in the Olean General Hospital's kitchen, volunteer office, and human resources department. He has also volunteered for the Western New York Physical Therapy clinic in Ellicottville, the Relay for Life, highway cleanups with the Teachers' Union, and helped run an animation course at the Ellicottville Library.

Finn is the recipient of the American Chemical Society Excellence in Chemistry Award and the National Honor Society Scholastic Excellence Award. He was also selected to be a Community All-Star by Business First and chosen to be a representative of The Big 30 Academic team.

This fall, Finn plans to major in Occupational Therapy at D'Youville College.



Salutatorian Patrick McMahon-Eagan



Patrick McMahon- Eagan is the son of Kelly McMahon and Kevin Eagan. Patrick has achieved the second highest GPA in the class of 2015 and will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with honors. He is also the president of the Foreign Language Club and participated in Quiz Bowl his freshman, sophomore, and junior year of high school. As for sports, Patrick played soccer on varsity for three years and was a co-captain his senior year. In addition, he took part in track his senior year.

Patrick has been on the honor roll each quarter all four years of high school and has received a few athletic honors as well. For example, he was given the Dana Stark "Love of the Game" award for soccer, earned First Team League honors for soccer his senior year, and was named to the Big 30 All- Star soccer team his senior year as well.

During high school, Patrick spent many hours at the Salamanca Soup Kitchen in the Community Action center volunteering as a food server and dishwasher. Also, he participated as an instructor in the Lounsbury Adaptive Ski program at Holiday Valley where he taught snowboarding to children with special needs. Also, he was a paid worker at Tips Up Café for two years as a kitchen worker and busser and is currently employed at Dina's restaurant in Ellicottville as a busser.

Patrick plans to attend SUNY Fredonia in the fall with an applied mathematics major and minors in French and English.

Memorable Milestones Shape School Year **Reflecting on 2014-15 Points of Pride**

By Mark J. Ward, Superintendent

As we draw the curtain on another successful year it is always fun to reflect back on the accomplishments, achievements and memorable events that shaped 2014-15. Here is a flashback in time to the events that shaped this past year.

- ★ **Ellicottville Central School's Odyssey of the Mind Division I Silent Movie Team (Mandy Hurlburt, Matthew Ives, Katie Krotz, Daniel Pfeffer, Christian Swalcy, Alysa Williams and Elsa Woodarek). The team was coached by Miss Leah Klahn and placed first in local competition qualifying for State's at Binghamton where they placed second. With that finish, the OM Team qualified for "World's" at Michigan State University where they finished 26 out of 65 teams!**
- ★ The excitement continues to build as students are given tours and a "sneak peak" at the new facilities! We are hoping to be able to open the new parts of the building in September or early October depending on how construction proceeds this summer.
- ★ **Kaleigh Hunt, Alessia Filutze and Katie Barry**, three talented ECS music students performed on May 30th at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC.
- ★ Our 2nd graders participated in a new field trip experience this year to Old Fort Niagara to coincide with their study of the War of 1812.
- ★ The Division II Odyssey of the Mind Team Lose Your Marbles problem, coached by Mrs. Katie Keller, also competed in the State competition in Binghamton finishing third out of 15 teams and just missed qualifying for world competition. Their balsa structure held an unbelievable 861.5 pounds!
- ★ 7th and 8th grade Robotics teams placed first and second in the Southern Tier Robotics Qualifier competition and went on to Regional competition at the University of Rochester.
- ★ The BOE is adding three new teaching positions: elementary, Generalist in Middle Childhood Education (Grades 5-9) / special education and business.
- ★ The musical hit "CATS" was performed brilliantly by our students at the Ray Evans Theatre in Salamanca.
- ★ The voters approved the passing of a \$925,000 capital project in January 2015 designed to replace and repair over 50,000 square feet of the roof. The project will allow us to purchase the equipment and complete the sound system upgrades associated with the gym/multi-purpose room. The last part of the project will allow the district to incorporate a new south vestibule that will provide improved safety and be energy efficient.
- ★ **Collectively ECS students in 2014 grades 3-8 ELA and Math Testing were first or second in 11 of 12 tests when compared to all CA BOCES schools.**
- ★ Football team makes history merging with Franklinville to compete as one team playing for a Sectional Title at the "Ralph". Three players from West Valley were also part of the team. In a year of firsts, we bused all students in grades 7-12 to Franklinville for a "combined Pep Rally"!!
- ★ Our elementary students enjoyed a Science presentation provided by the Buffalo Museum of Science which was held at the newly remodeled Ellicottville Town Center Building.
- ★ Our "After-School Academic Program" was expanded...to include students in K-2, 7-8 and an additional night was added for everyone in K-8...going from two days a week to three. It proved to be a great success and will be continued in 2015-16!!
- ★ The District is currently in the process of updating our Strategic Plan. This plan has served as the District's "blueprint" since it was adopted by the Board of Education in September 2009. Four committees are currently working on the plan with a goal of taking it to the Board in September 2015.
- ★ The Class of 2015 will be the first and last class to ever hold graduation at Holiday Valley!
- ★ Ugly Sweater Day just might become a new tradition at ECS!
- ★ Nine students traveled to Europe with students from Allegany-Limestone and Hinsdale taking in some of the most famous sights in Italy, France and Spain in what could be described as a "trip of a lifetime".
- ★ The Student Council is to be commended for the excellent Mock Accident Event that was sponsored on May 27th involving the Ellicottville and Great Valley Fire Companies, Ellicottville and Great Valley Ambulance Inc., Town of Ellicottville Police, Cattaraugus County Sheriff's Dept., County District Attorney and O'Rourke's Funeral Home.
- ★ National Honor Society inducted 19 new members at their induction ceremony. This is one of the largest groups ever inducted at one time...congratulations to everyone on this prestigious honor. We also had 4 students inducted into the National Technical Honor Society for achievements in Career and Technical Education at the Olean and Ellicottville BOCES centers.

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Rounding Out the Top 5 Seniors

Alessia Filutze, daughter of Shannon and Bill Coolidge and Johnpatrick Filutze, ranks third in the Class of 2015 and has earned an Advanced Regents Diploma.

At ECS, Alessia has participated in Drama Club, Jazz Band, Jazz Chorus, Soccer, and is a member of National Honor Society. She is also the secretary of her senior class and is the treasurer of the Music Association. She has been on High Honor Roll during all of her years of high school. During her senior year, Alessia has received several awards, including being chosen as the senior JCC College Connections Student-of-the-Year for 2015. Her other academic awards include University of Rochester's George Eastman Young Leaders Award and the RIT Innovation and Creativity Award. Outside of school, Alessia plays in pit orchestras and other musical activities. She has volunteered for National Honor Society, ECS, Holiday Valley, and the Rotary Club. She is employed at Coffee Culture, Holimont Ski Area, and is a park counselor for the Ellicottville Park Program.

Alessia plans to attend Niagara University where she will major in Economics. She has been granted a Trustee's Scholarship of \$20,000 per year at NU. She also plans to continue pursuing music during her time in college.

Aidan Wilson is the son of Scott and Susan Wilson, and the brother of Finn, Shannon, and Andelain Wilson. He is ranked fourth in his class and will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma. Aidan has been on the High Honor Roll throughout High School, and is the Treasurer of the National Honor Society. He is also the Captain of the Quiz Bowl team, and a member of ESPRA.

Aidan has had



Alessia Filutze



Aidan Wilson

artwork displayed at the University of Buffalo, St. Bonaventure, and the Albright Knox Art Museum. He has also designed covers for the local publication, "E'ville Events." He participated on the Soccer and Track teams, and in the Drama Club.

He has completed over two hundred hours of volunteer service, with half of that spent at the Olean General Hospital.

This Fall, Aidan plans to attend Alfred State College with a major in Digital Media and Animation.

Molly Woodarek, daughter of Mary Jo and William Woodarek, has the fifth highest GPA in the class of 2015. She will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma.

Molly is currently the President of her class and has been since sixth grade. She is a member of the Foreign Language Club, National Honor Society, and Drama Club. She also participates in Jazz Band, Jazz Chorus, soccer, and softball.

At ECS, Molly has been on high honor roll throughout her entire high school career and has received a number of academic awards. These include the University of Rochester's Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award, Jamestown Business College Scholar of Excellence Award, and Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau Youth of the Week. During her senior year, she worked at the Holiday Valley Children's Ski School and as a lifeguard at the Little Valley Pool.

After graduating from Ellicottville, Molly plans to go to JCC for two years under the USA Scholarship allowing her to go tuition free. After that she plans to transfer to St. Bonaventure where she will continue her major in Education.



Molly Woodarek

7 p.m. - June 26th, 2015
Yodeler Lodge Holiday Valley



Front Row (l to r): Patrick McMahon-Eagan, Alexis Woodin, Shelby Swalcy, Molly Woodarek, Gabriel Ling, Phalla Musall, Daneth Musall, Tyler Slaughenhaupt, Taylor Martin, Dominic Campbell, Amber Davies, 2nd Row (l to r): Hannah Birchall, George Lavman, Alexander Delity, Calum Watt, Jocelyn Steffan, Alessia Filutze, Rebecca Hagon, Finn Wilson, Olivia Venezia, Aidan Wilson, Lacey Tabak, Alexis Saunders; 3rd Row (l to r): Jakob Morton, Mark Reese Jr., Derick Cuozzo, Nathan Dunkleman, Zachary Logel, Connor Schnick, Kevin Bower, Hannah Doro, Ryan Kilbourn, Hunter Steffenhagen, Alex Paddock



Good Luck to the ECS Class of 2015!



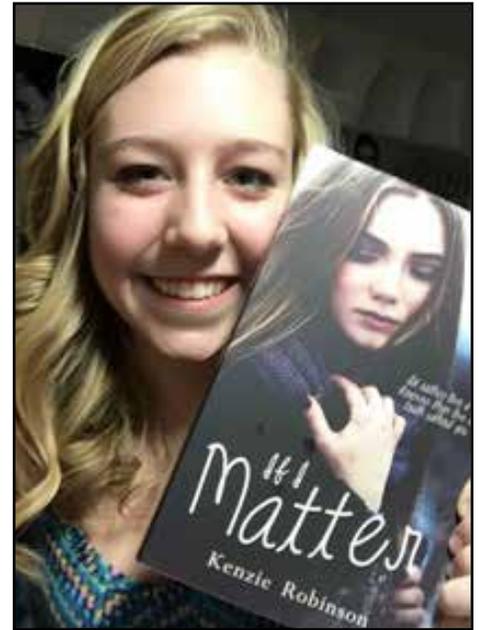
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| <i>Dominic Campbell</i> | <i>Ryan Kilbourn</i> | <i>Alex Paddock</i> | <i>Olivia Venezia</i> |
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| <i>Nathan Dunkleman</i> | <i>Patrick McMahon-Eagan</i> | <i>Jocelyn Steffan</i> | <i>Alexis Woodin</i> |
| | <i>Jakob Morton</i> | <i>Hunter Steffenhagen</i> | |





Senior Future Plans

Hannah Birchall - Florida Gulf Coast University - Business & Marketing
Kevin Bower - Alfred State College - Mechanical Engineering
Dominic Campbell - Jamestown Community College - Pharmacy
Derick Cuozzo - University of Pittsburgh @ Bradford - Criminal Justice
Amber Davies - Jamestown Community College - Nursing
Alexander Delity - Genesee Community College - Social Work
Hannah Doro - St. Lawrence University - Biology/Pre-Vet
Nathan Dunkleman - Alfred State College - Diesel Mechanics
Alessia Filutze - Niagara University - Economics
Rebecca Hagon - Jamestown Business College - Accounting
Ryan Kilbourn - Jamestown Community College - Criminal Justice
Gabriel Ling - SUNY Fredonia - Business Administration
Zachary Logel - Alfred State College - Diesel Mechanics
Taylor Martin - Undecided - Physical Therapy
Patrick McMahon-Eagan - SUNY Fredonia - Mathematics
Jakob Morton - Salisbury University - Education
Daneth Musall - Jamestown Community College - Liberal Arts
Phalla Musall - SUNY Fredonia - Sports Management
Alex Paddock - Embry Riddle Aeronautical Univ. - Aerospace Engineering
Mark Reese Jr. - Employment
Alexis Saunders - SUNY Geneseo - Biochemistry/Pre-Med
Connor Schmick - Jamestown Community College - Business
Tyler Slaughenhaupt - SUNY Fredonia - Sports Management
Jocelyn Steffan - Allegheny College - Psychology
Hunter Steffenhagen - SUNY Cortland - Education
Shelby Swalcy - Edinboro University - Nursing
Lacey Tabak - Jamestown Community College - Environmental Science
Olivia Venezia - Villa Maria College - Animation
Calum Watt - Ashland University - Biology/ Pre-Med
Aidan Wilson - Alfred State College - Digital Media & Animation
Finn Wilson - D'Youville College - Occupational Therapy
Molly Woodarek - Jamestown Community College - Education
Alexis Woodin - University of Pittsburgh @ Bradford - Radiology



ECS Graduate McKenzie Robinson Writes First Book

By **Tammy Peters,**
2nd Grade Teacher

Ellicottville Central School is very proud of former student, McKenzie Robinson, for her latest accomplishment. Just recently, she published a proofed copy of the book titled "If I Matter". It tells the story of a young girl who is faced with the challenge of making the wrong, right.

"When the police get a tip that Jason Thatcher, a teacher at the local high school, has been involved with one of the school's most brilliant students, he's accused of having manipulated her and charged with rape. Lola Perkins, the student, refuses to accept the police's claim that he abused her, and writes letters directed to him in an attempt to prove her own sanity."

Its release into stores will take place as soon as the proofing process is completed.

McKenzie is the daughter of Ted and Tracy Robinson, and has three younger siblings (Lindsey, Kourtney, and Kyle) who attend ECS. We are all so very proud of McKenzie and this awesome achievement that she has earned. She is a true model to others her age when it comes to proving that hard work pays off in the end! Congratulations Kenzie!

Proud brother Kyle, is a second grader in Mrs. Peters' class.

Mandatory Fall Sports Meeting Slated June 25th

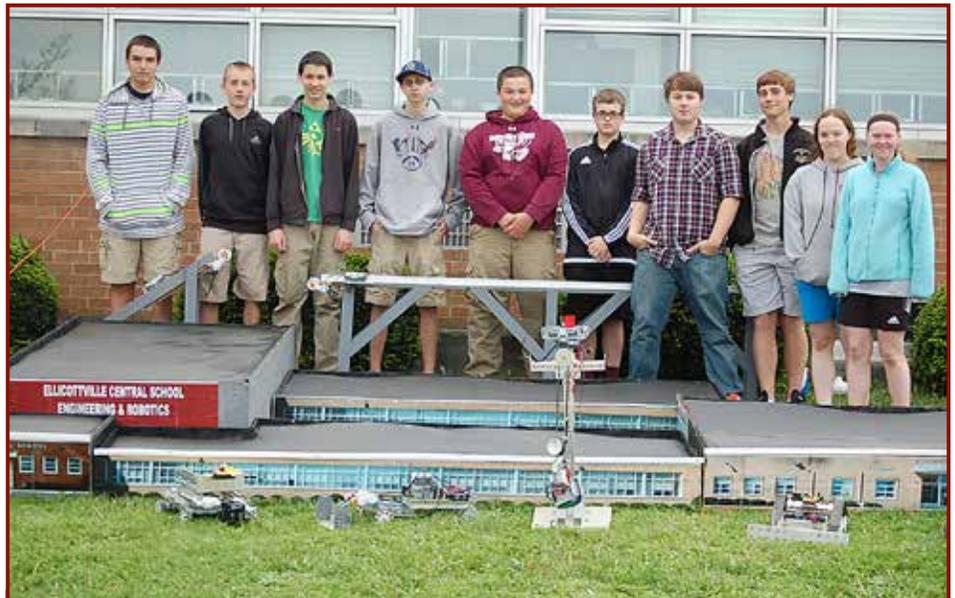
All students grades 6-11 who plan on participating in a Fall Sport at ECS must attend a mandatory meeting on June 25th at 6 pm in the High School Cafeteria.

Those sports include:

- JV & Varsity Football
- Football Cheerleading
- Boys' & Girls' Modified, JV, Varsity Soccer
- Girls' Modified, JV, & Varsity Volleyball
- Girls' Swimming with Franklinville & Allegany-Limestone at A-L
- Cross Country at Franklinville

The purpose of the meeting is to ensure all student-athletes are aware of the paperwork that needs to be completed, where to obtain the correct forms, when and where they are due. We have time for discussion on sportsmanship for players, parents, and coaches.

There will also be a short break-out session with respective coaches where you will gather information about the off-season workout/conditioning programs and expectations of practices that start August 17 for all Varsity and JV programs.



ECS Presented Flag from 'Operation Enduring Freedom'

On Memorial Day, Lieutenant Bob VanWicklin, Navy Reserves, presented ECS with an American flag that was flown on May 25, 2014 in a drone combat mission over Afghanistan as part of "Operation Enduring Freedom."

JUNE 2015 HIGH SCHOOL EXAM SCHEDULE

Tuesday – June 2nd	Monday, June 8th – Friday, June 12th			
AM Regents (8:15–11:15): • ELA Common Core	***HS Exams this week given during regularly scheduled periods***			
PM Regents (12:00–3:00): • Geometry Common Core	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HS Technology • LOTE Speaking / Listening • Physical Education • NU French 103 • Earth Science Lab • HS Art • HS Band • HS Chorus 			
Monday – 15th	Tuesday – 16th	Wednesday – 17th	Thursday – 18th	Friday – 19th
	AM Regents (8:15–11:15): • US History (R)	AM Regents (8:15–11:15): • Global History (R)	AM Regents (8:15–11:15): • Integrated Algebra (R)	AM Regents (8:15–11:15): • Earth Science (R) • Algebra 2 / Trig (R)
AM Local (8:15–11:15): • Global 9	AM Local (8:15–11:15): • JCC ENG 1530 • At the Movies	AM Local (8:15–11:15): • JCC Calculus • Pre-Calc	AM Local (8:15–11:15): • Spanish III • French III	AM Local (8:15–11:15): • GCC Physics 121
	PM Regents (12:00-3:00): • Living Environment (R)	PM Regents (12:00-3:00): • Common Core Algebra 1 (R)	PM Regents (12:00-3:00): • Comprehensive English (R)	PM Regents (12:00-3:00): • Geometry - 2005 Standards (R)
PM Local (12:00-3:00): • ELA 9 • ELA 10	PM Local (12:00-3:00): • Economics	PM Local (12:00-3:00): • HS Health	PM Local (12:00-3:00): • GCC Physics 122	PM Local (12:00-3:00): • ADV Spanish • NU French 104
Monday – 22nd	Tuesday – 23rd	Wednesday – 24th	Thursday – 25th Friday – 26th	
AM Regents (8:15–11:15): • RCT in Global	AM Regents (8:15–11:15): • Chemistry (R) • RCT in Science	AM Regents (8:15–11:15): • RCT in Reading	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px;"> <p style="text-align: center;">RATING DAY</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">If a student has a conflict with a local exam they must see Mr. Miller to complete a request for an alternate time. Approval will only be granted for serious extenuating circumstances. <u>Regents, RCT, JCC, and GCC exams cannot be moved!</u></p> </div>	
AM Local (8:15–11:15): • Spanish II • French II • Music Theory	AM Local (8:15–11:15): • Environmental Science	AM Local (8:15–11:15): • Make-Up Testing		
PM Regents (12:00-3:00): • RCT in Writing	PM Regents (12:00-3:00): • RCT US History	PM Regents (12:00-3:00): • RCT in Mathematics		
	PM Local (12:00-3:00): • Consumer Math			

Exams in Red will be administered in the Multi-Purpose Room in the Elementary. Exams in Blue will be administered in the High School Library.
Exams in Black will be administered in regularly scheduled classroom. Exams followed by (R) indicated NYS Regents Exams.

6TH, 7TH, & 8TH GRADE EXAM SCHEDULE

Monday – June 1 st – NYS 8 th Grade Written Science Assessment				
	Wednesday, June 10	Thursday, June 11	Friday, June 12	Monday, June 15
8:15 – 10:29	Normal schedule for periods 1 – 3 for 7 th and 8 th Grade Health 6	1 st Period Classes Math 8 Science 8 Social Studies 7 ELA 7 English 6	7 th Period Classes Math 7 Science 7 Math 7/8 Social Studies 8 English 8 Math	4 th Period Classes Math 8 Science 8 Spanish 7 French 7 6th Grade Make-Up
10:33 – 11:15	Report to “regular” 4 th period class			
11:15-12:01	Report to “regular” 5 th period class			
12:01-12:31	MS Lunch			
12:35 – 2:55	6 th Period Classes Art 7 Technology 7 French 1 Spanish 1 (including HS students) Social Studies 6	2 nd Period Classes Social Studies 7 ELA 7 Tech 8 H/C 8 Science 6	8 th Period Classes Math 7 Science 7 Science 7/8 Social Studies 8 English 8 Language Arts 6	MS Awards
Monday, June 15th, will be the last day of school for grades 6-8, except accelerated 8th Graders.				

New York State Uniform Admission Test Deadlines for Regents / RCT Exams:

Morning Exams = 10:00 a.m.
Afternoon Exams = 2:00 p.m.

Students arriving after these times will not be admitted to a Regents or RCT examination.

- On June 22nd- 25th the Middle/High School cafeteria will be open for breakfast and lunch with a menu that will vary day to day.
- ECS buses will follow normal pick-up and return times through and including June 22nd.
- ECS buses will follow normal pick-up times on June 23rd – 25th, but will depart school early at 12:00 noon on these days. Students that have afternoon exams will need to make arrangements for pick-up after they complete their exams (approximately 3:00).
- HS Students who are present at school during a given time, but who do not have an exam, will report to a designated study hall.

2014-15 Milestones, *continued from page 2*

- ★ Our elementary students enjoyed a Science presentation provided by the Buffalo Museum of Science which was held at the newly remodeled Ellicottville Town Center Building.
- ★ ECS was rated one of the 100 Best Wise High School's Teaching Personal Finance in 2015 based on the Financial Literacy Certification Exam administered by Ms. Jackie James.
- ★ Ellicottville and Franklinville students vote to adopt a new "combined" mascot. The schools will be known as the Titans!
- ★ Business classes will once again be part of the ECS curriculum. After an absence of three years the Business curriculum is making a return. The District is hoping to find someone who can immediately provide college level courses as well as strengthening computer and technology skills for middle school students.
- ★ Elementary 'Eagle Time' assemblies this year included presentations from the director of the WWII Museum in Eldred, PA, as well as, speeches from ECS High Students: Shelby Swalcy, Thomas Easton, and Shauntay Hackett, who spoke about their own life experiences with the character trait of perseverance.
- ★ Board voted to accept West Valley student-athletes to compete on ECS interscholastic sports teams. We see this as something that will strengthen our programs, improve competition and in general, raise the bar for our students. With the landscape of sports in area schools changing we believe this is in the best interest of both schools!
- ★ We combined with Cattaraugus/Little Valley for Volleyball and were part of a three-way combo for girls swimming with Franklinville and Allegany-Limestone
- ★ 24/35 seniors made high honor roll (90% or higher) 2 or more marking periods this year. That's 68.5% of the senior class!
- ★ Offered 10 college level courses with approx 120 students (some more than one) taking these classes. These opportunities add up, as we had 3 members from the class of 2012 graduate from college this year in just 3 years!!!! That's not only impressive; it represents a huge savings to students and families.
- ★ The Ellicottville Junior Writers Club, a collaboration project between ECS and the Ellicottville Memorial Library, has grown to a level of 36 participants in grades 4, 5, and 6.

Battle of Britain Survivor Visits Sophomores

By Mr. Keenan

The sophomore global classes had a special guest speaker discuss his perspective of what life was like in England during WW2. Mr. John Chew (grandfather of the Chew twins, Emma and Hannah) came in to share what it was like living during the Battle of Britain when he was a boy. Mr. Chew contrasted school for us in Ellicottville today with his education as a young boy growing up in London, England. Mr. Chew explained to the students that he and all the other children of London always walked to school because there were no busses due to the war effort, and even if there were busses, there would have been no fuel to operate them. Mr. Chew also stated that every child always had a gas mask around their neck in the event of a gas attack. Fortunately for these kids no such attack occurred. Mr. Chew stated that a typical day may start in the school building, but if an air raid siren



sounded, then all the children would walk quietly and quickly out of the building and re-assemble at the "football pitch" (aka, soccer field) where a portion of the field had been dug out to put in a bomb shelter. The kids were then expected to resume their studies until the attack was over.

Mr. Chew painted a vivid picture of how he and some of his classmates would sit on a hill in a cemetery and watch as

British fighters would take off and return around the clock in an effort to defeat the Germans in the skies over England. His descriptions of how he and his family slept under portable, metal bomb shelters, (just large enough to cover a mattress) that protected them from the constant nightly threats of attack demonstrated the dangers that were ever present. Mr. Chew re-counted that his family was fortunate in that his mother only had to remove bricks and rubble from the night shelter once, while friends had had whole houses destroyed. This was a real eye-opener for our students, and helped them to truly understand the contrasts between his schooling and ours that he was trying to show.

On behalf of the sophomore global classes, Mr. Keenan would like to thank Mr. Chew for taking the time to share his first-hand accounts of what life was like in London, England during "the Blitz."



CAPITAL PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Regent's Earth Science Field Trip



On Friday, May 22nd, students in Ms. Brierton's Regents Earth Science classes attended a field trip to the Discovery Science Museum in Niagara Falls and the Penn Dixie fossil site in Hamburg, NY. Students spent the day viewing displays at the museum. At the fossil site, students searched for fossils from 380 million years ago, including trilobites, brachiopods, crinoids and various corals. A 3 inch cephalopod was discovered by Aidan Rozler. All students found over 10 fossils each. It was a day of learning and fun!

Odyssey of Mind Team Makes Strong Showing at World's

Congratulations to Miss Klahn's Division I Odyssey of the Mind team! This team recently participated in the World Finals Competition at Michigan State University. The team of fourth and fifth graders performed a long-term problem in the Silent Movie category, as well as a Spontaneous problem. They finished 26th out of 65 teams! Team members include Alysa Williams, Katie Krotz, Christian Swalcy, Daniel Pfeffer, Matt Ives, Elsa Woodarek, and Mandy Hurlburt.

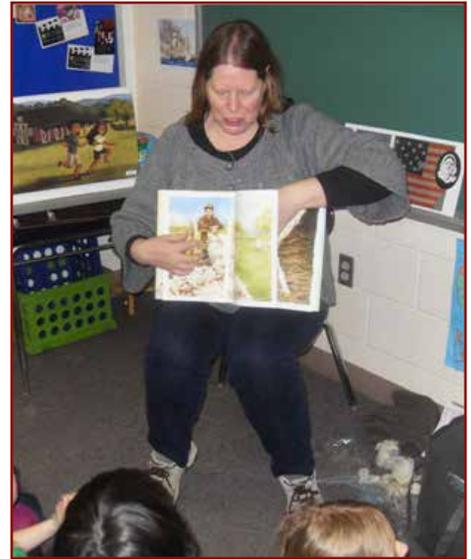


Ellicottville Alumni Update

On behalf of the ECS Alumni Board, whether it is an anniversary year or not we want to encourage you to attend this year's event. We hope to grow and strengthen our organization by getting more alumni involved. If classes are planning reunions consider scheduling them around the third week of July. The Class of 1963 has issued a challenge and are donating \$1,000 each year toward the two \$1,000 scholarships that the alumni present at graduation. Get involved by making a donation on behalf of your class to the

scholarship fund.

The Alumni organization is in the process of acquiring 501C-3 status as a tax exempt organization. This will make all donations tax deductible! Your financial support can help us continue to "give back" so we can provide even more scholarships in the future. Additional Alumni information can be found on the school's web site: www.eville.wnyric.org or on our Facebook Page -Ellicottville Alumni Association.



(Photos by Leah Klahn and Tammy Peters)

ELLICOTTVILLE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
P. O. Box 1033
Ellicottville, NY. 14731-1033

ALUMNI BANQUET - Friday, July 17, 2015
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 June 30, 2015.** Dinner is \$30.00 per person.

The "sit-down" dinner choices are:
() Beef () Chicken () Vegetarian

Saturday morning, July 18th, there will be a light brunch at the United Church meeting room on Elizabeth Street from 9:AM till ?

_____ **Check here if you plan to attend the brunch on Saturday**

_____ **Check here if you are interested in a tour of the "New School" on Route 219 at 11:00 am after the brunch**

RESERVATIONS

Last Name First Name (Maiden Name) Graduation Year

Current Mailing Address: _____

E-mail address: (please update if necessary) _____

Guests: _____





ECS Well Represented at Envirothon 2015

The 2015 Cattaraugus County Envirothon was held April 29th at Camp Allegany at Allegany State Park. Ellicottville was well represented by a team of students participating in this Environmental Science Competition. The Envirothon is an Environmental Science Competition hosted by the Cattaraugus County Soil and Water Conservation district and assisted by many other local agencies and companies dealing with our natural resources in Cattaraugus County. This year there were 14 teams of 5 students, each from Cattaraugus County Schools.

The students take tests dealing with five Scientific aspects

of the Environment. These include Forestry, Soils, Aquatics, Wildlife and a Contemporary Issue that changes every year. This year's current issue was Urban Forestry. In addition to taking a test in each of the five subject areas, the students prepared an oral presentation to describe a management plan for maintaining a forest component of an urban or city area.

The team this year included Reed Carney, Zack Golley, Lucas Foster, Nick Foster and Robert Newmann. They competed very well and earned tenth place out of 14 teams.

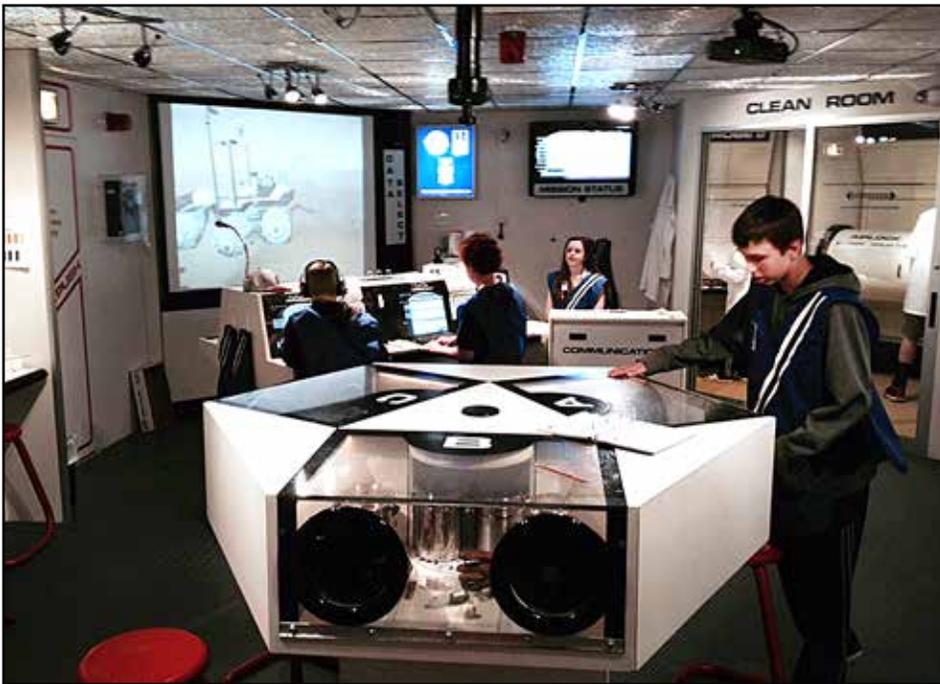
Well done and we will be looking forward to next year.

And the Egg Drop Winners Are ...

Students in the Earth Science classes competed at the Ellicottville Science and Technology Exposition. Students designed an egg drop device which could protect an egg from breaking at a height of 80 feet.

This year, the following students' egg drop containers survived the fall: Haylee Adams, Emma Chew, Tarah Scharf, Robert Spell, Lisa Krotz, Shelby Imhoff, and Noehah Knight.





Eighth Graders Visit NASA Challenger Center at St. Bona's

By Glenn Hall

On May 8th the eighth grade spent the day at St. Bonaventure University's Challenger Center involved with Space mission simulations and a rocket construction activity. The NASA Challenger center is one of the centers set up for educating students on the importance of technology and some of the components that are incorporated into the success of a mission into outer space.

The students spent one half of the day involved with a simulated mission to Mars and the other half was a Rocket Design Challenge.

The simulation activity saw the students divided into jobs that they had received previous to the trip. Included in these were positions covering the areas of Medical, Navigation, Life Support, Remote, Probe, Isolation, Communication and Data. Each student played an important role in the success of the simulated mission to Mars.

The rocket design challenge asked the students to prepare a rocket using a budget for materials that would produce a rocket that would fly the farthest distance using a compressed air launching device. Included were design, construction, testing and an actual launch. Just as in real life some were successes and others were used to analyze what might have been done better. We did have two groups that went distances in excess of 180 feet.

A truly engaging day for our Middle School Students thanks to ECS for providing this wonderful opportunity.



ECS Among Top W!SE Schools Teaching Personal Finance

By Jaclyn James

Working in Support of Education (W!SE), a New York City based, national educational not-for-profit, announced its third annual "100 Best W!SE High Schools Teaching Personal Finance" national ranking during a ceremony sponsored by Voya Financial® at the New York Stock Exchange.

The award-winning program provides teachers with a curriculum and instructional resources to teach personal finance and measure students' financial literacy through W!SE's Certification Test. Students who pass the test are designated Certified Financially Literate™. Since its introduction, the program has become an integral tool to teach personal finance in thousands of classrooms across the United States. Seniors taking Economics at Ellicottville have participated in this program for the last 4 years and have done extremely well on the financial literacy test they take at the end of the course.

The 100 Best W!SE High Schools Teaching Personal Finance ranking seeks to shine the spotlight on the importance of personal finance education. Only 17 states require personal finance instruction in high school.

"It is in our national interest to address the chronic lack of financial literacy among young people," said Phyllis Frankfort Perillo, Founding President & CEO of W!SE. "The schools – and their students – on our 100 Best ranking are examples for their peers and the country. These students are now empowered with skills, knowledge and behaviors critical for a life of financial wellbeing."

"We believe that individuals need to be empowered to better understand and take control of their finances, so we're proud to support w!se in its mission to advance financial literacy in high schools across the country," said Amy Springsteel, Director of Corporate Responsibility for Voya Financial, sponsor of this year's ranking and ceremony.

As the teacher who has incorporated personal finance into Economics, I am quite confident that my students have a strong basic foundation in this all too important area in their life. Congratulations to the seniors that helped Ellicottville get into the top 100 high schools!

Reading Program Abloom in the Elementary

Marie Kleiderlein Davis,
Reading Teacher

Wonderful things are blooming in the reading program at Ellicottville Elementary! Our first graders have *become* readers; our second graders are demonstrating their strong literacy skills; and our third graders are writing complete paragraphs and essays! The 3rd grade ELA assessment is behind us, and the year is quickly winding down. I will be assessing students for the final time this year in the month of May: kindergarten students for number recognition and letter sounds and grades 1-3 for fluency/words per minute. All of our students demonstrate great confidence at this time of year. My, how they have grown!

As your children finish the school year, they are reading at the highest level they have achieved thus far in their young lives. We want them to hold on to the skills they worked so hard to gain this year. If students do not read over the summer, they will lose some of their fluency skill and start the next school year at a disadvantage. The only way for fluency and comprehension skills to stay strong over the summer is by reading daily.

Please make sure that your children take time to read each day. As you know, reading to your children and with them is important, as is independent reading. Additionally, ask your children to *read aloud*



Above, 1st and 3rd grade students reading together in Room 155.

to you each day—whatever text they like, even books they have read many times already.

If our students read aloud for fifteen or more minutes per day, we should be able to avoid the summer setbacks we have seen in years past. Let us know if your children do not have enough books at home as they can borrow books from Room 155. Also, the public library is a great place to visit regularly with your children.

Encourage children to read only the books that they enjoy. It's fine to choose a book at the library and then decide not to read it once you get it home. Take

several books home in case your child loses interest in a book or two. The key is that children read the books they find interesting. Encourage your children to read anything they like! It doesn't have to be just books! We hope to hook them on reading this way!

Have a wonderful summer everyone! Thanks for all you have done this year to help build reading skills at home, and keep up the good work!



Reading another of the Magic Tree House series.



Reading "Myth Busters" in the reading classroom.



A student writes about dinosaurs.

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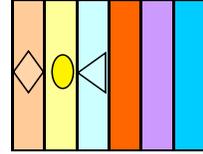
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7/3 SCHOOL CLOSED - Independence Day Holiday
 9/1 & 9/2 Superintendent's Days (no school for students)
 9/3 First Day of School for Students
 9/7 NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
 10/12 NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day
 10/13 Staff Development Day (no school for students)
 11/6 End of 1st Marking Period
 11/11 NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day
 11/10&25 Parent/Teacher Conferences (1/2 day of school for students K-12)
 11/26-11/27 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Recess
 12/23-1/1 NO SCHOOL - Winter Recess
 1/18 NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 1/25-1/28 Regents Exams
 1/28 End of 2nd Marking Period
 1/29 Staff Development Day (no school for students)
 2/15 NO SCHOOL - President's Day
 2/16-2/19 NO SCHOOL - WINTER RECESS
 3/9 1/2 Day Grades K-5 Parent/Teacher Conference Day
 3/17-3/28 NO SCHOOL - SPRING RECESS
 4/15 End of 3rd Marking Period
 5/27 *If no emergency days are used, school will be closed
 5/30 NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
 6/14-6/23 Regents Exams
 6/23 Last day of school for students



STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS (no school for students)
 NO SCHOOL
 SCHOOL RECESS - School Closed
 END OF MARKING PERIOD
 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES (1/2 day of school for students grades K-12)
 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES (1/2 day of school for students grades K-5)

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS: 4 (9/1,9/2,10/13,1/29)
 **if no emergency days are used, school will be closed on Friday, May 27, 2016

Approved by the ECS Board of Education - April 28, 2015



Golf Team Concludes Successful Season

By Coach Dan LaCroix

The golf team has had a very successful season so far. Their current record is 9-1 in league play and 15-2 overall. They have one more match this season, followed by the 3-man tournament which concludes the season. The golf team will finish 2nd in league play. This year the team is led by three juniors... Cameron Eddy, Alex Fisher, and Jay Borowiak. Other top golfers include senior Kevin Bower, Sophomores Nolan Dunkleman and Liam Watt, and Freshman Mitchell Sexton.

At Sectional Qualifiers this year, Alex Fisher qualified for the fourth straight time, while Cameron Eddy qualified for his third straight time. Both boys showed a lot of improvement by finishing in the top 20 out of 68 of the top golfers from Western New York. Those 20 golfers then advance to play another 9 holes, where both boys finished tied for 10th place. The top 9 golfers move on to the State Tournament at Cortland, leaving them 1 shot from advancing. This was a great experience for both Cameron and Alex to build on for next season.

It has been another great season for the Ellicottville golf team. We have seen vast improvements from the experienced golfers, as well as the new ones. The future continues to look bright for ECS golf.



Four ECS Musicians Perform in National Christian Honor Band

The first ever National Christian Honor Band, a group comprised of select auditioned high school, college, and adult musicians from around the country, recently took part in the National Sousa Festival in Washington, D.C. They performed concerts at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial, a veteran's retirement home, and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. This 100-piece band came together for just three hours of combined rehearsal before putting on these performances for large audiences.

The ECS Music Department was well-represented in the NCHB – sophomore Katie Barry (Clarinet), senior Alessia Filutze (Flute), junior Kaleigh Hunt (Percussion), and teacher Kathy Weller (Bassoon) were all members of this group.

During the four day trip, these musicians toured the sights in our Nation's Capitol, attended a clinic with world-renowned conductor Anthony Maiello of George Mason University, and participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the gravesite of (The March King) John Philip Sousa. The grand finale of the trip was performing at the prestigious Kennedy Center in the heart of Washington, D.C.

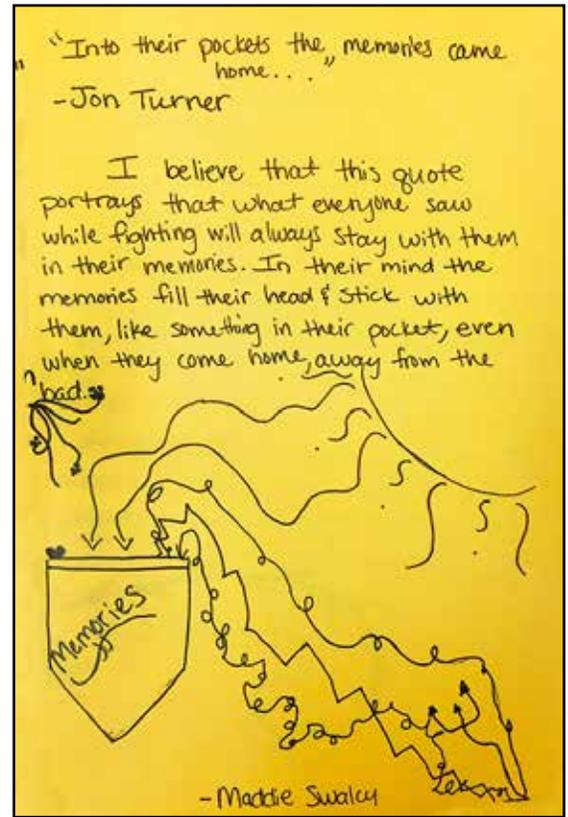


Trap Team Wraps Up Season and Recognizes High Scorers

This 2015 Ellicottville/West Valley High School Trap Team season concluded with 4 wins and 4 losses in their Eastern Conference league.

The High Female Score award went to Elizabeth Jacobson-Coolidge, the High Male Score award went to Walter Woodarek, and Most Improved was awarded to Nick Foster.

The Ellicottville/West Valley High School Trap Team has once again received a generous grant for ammunition from the National Rifle Association in the amount of \$3,000. Participation in the sport of Trap teaches firearm responsibility and safety and the skills needed to engage in this lifelong sport.



English Classes Take Part in Veteran's Book Project

The 10th grade students in Ms. Richardson's English classes had an opportunity to enjoy the Veterans Book Project, a literary art exhibit on loan to the school from Jamestown Community College.

"The Veterans Book Project is a library of books authored collaboratively by artist Monica Haller and dozens of people who have been affected by, and have archives of, the current American wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. In their printed format, the books provide a place or 'container' that slows down and materializes the great quantity of ephemeral image files that live on veterans'

hard drives and in their heads. Each book re-deploys volatile images with the aim of rearticulating and refashioning memories. It stands both independent of and in concert with the larger collection." --veteransbookproject.com

The books, often in photo essay form, are impressive collections of soldiers' memories from a number of different wars. Students were asked to reflect on and interpret some favorite quotes. At the end of the activity, each ECS student added their own page to a book that we put together in honor of The Veterans Book Project.

Finn Wilson Honored at Big 30 Academic Banquet

On Monday, May 11th, Finn Wilson represented Ellicottville Central School at the Big 30 Academic Banquet at the Old Library Restaurant in Olean, NY. The annual banquet honors one student per school in the New York and Pennsylvania Big 30 area. Attendees at the banquet represent a select and marquee population as most are their school's valedictorian, have high SAT scores, demonstrate leadership, and are involved members of their school community. It is without a doubt that Finn definitely exemplifies these qualities and represented ECS with honor at the banquet!





Art Students Participate in Roycroft Program

Artists are often inspired by the everyday objects of their lives. To an artist, a book is not merely a story filled with characters, but a historical presence, one in which we lose ourselves, but find our spirits. This often overlooked medium lets the artist foster the appreciation of the hand-made crafts of the past, but use them as inspiration in the present.

This year Ms. McGowan's Studio Art and JCC Drawing classes were able to participate in the Roycroft Campus: The

Book as a work of Art. This was made possible by receiving an Art Partners for Learning grant. Our students had the privilege of working with Roycroft artist Alan Nowicki. Visiting us on four different occasions, he inspired us to create handmade, leather-bound sketchbooks and a variety of accordion-style books.

In addition, the students were also given some history of Elbert Hubbard and the Roycroft Campus in East Aurora, New York. The campus is the best-preserved

and most complete complex of "guilds" remaining in the United States. These guilds evolved as centers of craftsmanship and philosophy during the late 19th century as a product to balance the effects of the Industrial Revolution. Designated a National Historic Landmark district (NHL) in 1986, the campus contains nine of the original 14 structures including the Inn, the Chapel, the Print Shop, the Furniture Shop, and the Copper Shop.

May 19th Budget & Board Member Election Results

Ellicottville Central School Basic Budget Vote - Proposition #1
Yes 153 No 46

Ellicottville Central School School Bus Lease - Proposition #2
Yes 158 No 39

Ellicottville Central School School Ellicottville Memorial Library
Yes 134 No 64

BOARD MEMBER ELECTION VOTING

The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will serve a five-year term, beginning on July 1, 2015 and expiring on June 30, 2020.

Vote for ONE (1) (Please check):

 174 **Connie Hellwig**

 -0- *(Write-in Candidate)*

Changes Made to NYS Junior Driver License Restrictions

Parents, we are bringing this information to your attention because the laws and regulations covering student drivers have changed "significantly" since you first started driving. The changes are based on the increased number of cars and research data that reflects that young inexperienced drivers have a far greater risk of being in an accident than older drivers.

Once you reach the age of 16 you are eligible to obtain a learning permit, however you must have it 6 months before you are eligible to take a road test.

There has always been confusion over just how school activities impacted a student who had a junior operator's license. The fact is there are basically **two exceptions that will allow a junior operator to drive between 9:00 PM and 5:00 AM**. The two exceptions are employment and taking a credit bearing school course that involves instruction or training. **Going to basketball practice, a dance or some other school event does not allow a junior driver to drive beyond 9:00 PM.**

The other major change is who or how many people are allowed in a car driven by a junior driver. **No more than ONE passenger under the age 21 is allowed in the car unless the passengers are members of the immediate family.** The only exception is if the supervising driver in the car is your parent, guardian or a person in a position of "in loco parentis" (like a driver education teacher). Then additional people under 21 may be in the car with the junior driver.

You may obtain a senior license at 17 if you have completed driver education and have completed fifty (50) hours of supervised driving.

For more information on junior operator's licenses and penalties please go to the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles web site <http://dmv.ny.gov/>



Important Reminders from the School Health Office

End-of-Year Medication Pick-Up Information

All medications brought into school must be picked up at the end of the school year. Unless your child has current permission to self-carry their medication, the school is not able to allow your child to bring the medication home themselves. If you need to make special arrangements to pick up medication, please call to make arrangements. New York State regulations require that all medication left at school at the end of the school year be discarded. This includes inhalers and Epi-pens. Medications not picked up 2 weeks after the end of school will be discarded.

Notice for Fall 2015 Sports

The school nurse will be available August 3rd through August 7th, 2015 from 8am until 3pm for students to come in to have their Interim Health Histories signed. Please be sure to have all of the forms mentioned above filled out and bring them with you to meet with the nurse. The school doctor will be available for anyone who may need an updated physical on August 5th from 8am until 3pm. You can call Mrs. Watt, school nurse, at 699-2318 x604 with any questions. Our fax number is 699-5635 if you would like your physician to fax any forms to Mrs. Watt.

Important Sports Clearance Information

A complete physical exam which is signed by a licensed practitioner is required before any participation, including practices, are allowed. The results of the physical are valid for a period of 12 months through the last day of the month in which the physical was conducted, unless there is a change in the student's health status following the physical exam.

Other requirements are:

1. A new **"Interval Health History"** form must be completed and signed by a parent or guardian each time a student participates in any sport. All forms are available in the nurse's office or main office, as well as on the districts website under the school nurse and athletics. Concussion information will be on the back of all Interval Health History forms.
2. Students who have been injured or had an extended illness or absence since their last physical exam will need updated physician clearance for sports participation.
3. The school nurse must sign the Interval Health History forms before a student is allowed to practice or play. The school nurse will not sign the Interval Health History form unless all information is up to date and student is completely cleared by physician.
4. It is recommended that students use their own private health care provider for physicals. If you are unable to have a physical performed by your private provider, the school medical director can provide a physical for your child. Please alert the school nurse if your child needs a physical performed at school.
5. An **updated** action plan for students who have asthma or an emergency care plan for students who have life-threatening conditions must be filled out. You can find these plans on the school nurse website or the nurse's office.

Best Wishes to the Class of 2015!

*A*s we put the finishing touches on the "Special Senior Edition" of the ECS school newsletter we want to take this opportunity to congratulate the members of the senior class. It is hard to believe how fast your time with us has flown by.

Looking in the 2003 yearbook, the page reserved for Kindergarten was covered with the following words and phrases: **Dare to Dream, Play, We are the Future, Create, IMAGINE.** How true those words have been for this class as they have challenged themselves in the classroom, on the sports fields and on the stage. They have dared to dream and have expanded and developed the talents they have been given.

Like any class there is a great deal of diversity and varied interests, however, as classmates they have grown to accept each other for who they are; this is an important quality that will serve you well in life. As a school community, we encourage you to enjoy the success of hard work, celebrate your accomplishments and may you understand the value of lifetime learning.

Twenty one of the thirty three bright energetic faces that entered Kindergarten in 2003 will walk across the stage in a few short days. May each and every one of you continue to maintain those relationships and never forget the wonderful memories that you have created here at ECS. On behalf of the entire "ECS Family", I want to wish you good health, happiness, success and the best that life has to offer!



Mark J. Ward,
Superintendent



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The art department would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the following students (*pictured upper right*) whose work was accepted into the Saint Bonaventure University Regional Art Show: Aidan Harrington, Sam Edwards, Evan Bauer, Isabella Chavarria, Patrick Andera, Alexa Liskow, Madisyn Winship, Emilio Chavarria, Elsa Wood-arek, Nora Santiago, Jackson LaCroix, Audrey Meacham, Max Paddock, Aidan Wilson, Phalla Musall, Kaitlyn Smith, Rylie Aldrich, Aidan Rozler and Madison Swalcy.



Talented ECS Artists' Work Displayed

Congratulations to Aidan Wilson (shown at right), who was accepted into the WNY Regional Art Show at the University of Buffalo this past February. The show was in the Lower Gallery at the Center for the Arts throughout the month of February and featured high school work from all around Western New York. Congratulations!



Congratulations to Max Paddock! Max's painting (shown at right) was chosen as one of 5 runners-up out of hundreds of submissions from the 23rd District of New York in the 2015 Congressional Art Competition. His painting will hang in Congressman Reed's Washington office for one year!

