

October - November 2014

ELLICOTTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL



**Veteran's
Presentation**

Wednesday, Nov. 12

7 p.m., HS Library
(see page 2)

Issue 2

Please Join Us for a Strategic Planning Meeting Nov. 20th

**By Mark J. Ward,
Superintendent**

It is hard to believe that five years have passed since the District developed our Strategic Plan. This plan has served as the "blueprint" the District has focused on since it was adopted by the Board of Education on September 8, 2009. The original plan focused on: Academics, Systems and Structures, Fiscal/Facilities, and Community Partnerships.

The "process" involved over fifty parents, students, Board Members, community members, teachers, administrators and staff members. The broad base involvement allowed us to establish a District Vision, Mission, Beliefs, and Tagline, as well as, strategic intents and key initiatives. The process was a great opportunity to bring a large group of stakeholders together who represented different views of the school. We shared ideas, listened to each other and discussed what we thought we wanted our school to do for our children.

It is now time to "activate" the process and look toward developing a five year extension to our current plan. We are scheduling our first meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 7:00 PM in the cafeteria. The meeting will provide an orientation to the process we plan to use, and it will give people an opportunity to select areas they are interested in serving on. Your involvement is the key to the success of the plan. Please consider attending. If you would like more information or are unable to attend and would like to participate in the process, please contact Mr. Ward at 699-2368.



District Saves \$101,468 by Refinancing Capital Project

By Mark J. Ward, Superintendent

The District exercised an opportunity to refinance the remaining \$2,430,000 of debt on the Middle School rooms and High School Renovations. Like homeowners refinancing homes, the State has established parameters by which school districts can look into reducing their borrowing costs by refinancing debt. Much the same way you would refinance your home to secure a lower interest rate, the District did that with the bonds that we had for the remaining debt on the project listed above.

When the project was originally financed the bond rates were 3.92%, so with the help of our financial advisors (Bernard P. Donegan) the Board of Education decided to explore the market. On September 23, 2014, we secured pricing for refinancing the final six years (2015-2020) of debt at an unbelievable rate of 1.39%, which resulted in a savings of \$101,468 to the District over the final six years of payments! We had hoped to save around \$65,000, however, due to the fiscal strength of the district and the low interest rates the "final number" came in better than we could ever have expected!

MS/HS Fall Music Concert - Monday, Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m. Salamanca HS

Board Considering Small Capital Project

By Mark J. Ward, Superintendent

With the bids on the present project running higher than expected, primarily due to the boom in building in the Buffalo area, the Board is exploring the possibility of a small capital project to address several unmet needs. **These improvements will be at no additional costs to the STAR eligible taxpayers** due to the fact that the District has and will continue to budget under the Cap allowed by the State. The most recent example of this rebate was in the check that STAR taxpayers received at the end of October. Taxpayers were reimbursed for the entire increase they had in school taxes from 2013 to 2014. **With the recent rebate check, STAR taxpayers incurred no additional cost for the capital project that we are currently working on!**

The following list of items below is being considered:

- ✦ With the severity of last winter, the aging roofs of the building were exposed to multiple problems that saw us using buckets to catch dripping water in the halls and classrooms, and many ceilings sustained damage. We had to hire an outside firm to do further patching, and have since had the roof x-rayed in an effort to identify weak areas. It is in our best interest to address this now before further damage is incurred.
- ✦ The roof over the elementary wing is the original roof that was installed in 1988, so we have certainly got our money's worth out of the investment. While this was not part of the plan for the original capital project, it is increasingly clear that more and more areas of the roof have sustained not only wear and tear, but the winter has produced additional cracks that can no longer be ignored. The roof is a built up roof and we plan to re-saturate and stone the roof to secure an additional fifteen year warranty.
- ✦ The other portion of the roof that we propose to do would be the area covering the south entrance extending up the hallway around the main office (1960 portion of the building), and include the rooms that are being upgraded and improved next summer. Investing in the improvements without fixing this portion of the roof would make no sense. This was originally part of the project, but, due to high bids, we had to eliminate this from the original project. The winter damage and the age of the roof necessitate that we re-do the roof now. This roof has a rubber membrane that we would plan to recover (not replace).
- ✦ The original project called for a new glass enclosed south entrance that would allow students to gather and be able to see approaching vehicles. The area would provide double doors (rather than the single door entrance). The south entrance is really the main entrance to the school, and is where the majority of people enter the building daily whether it is for school or special events scheduled in the cafeteria or gym. The new entrance was designed to

address safety issues, control and provided a new camera system to monitor access to the building. The higher than expected prices on the project forced us to cut this from the current project.

- ✦ We are also considering new entrances to the elementary and high school that were originally designed in the project. These would also provide us with additional safety and a new security camera system.
- ✦ There may be one or two lesser items associated with the original project that the Board may also reconsider.

If the board decides to move forward, it would be necessary to seek voter approval in January so that the work could be completed during the summer of 2015. All of the work planned is eligible for State aid and we project no tax increase based on our commitment to stay under the tax cap.

Follow One Veteran's Journey During a Special Presentation on Nov. 12th

With November 11th marking the end of World War I, the school would like to honor all veterans with a special human interest story scheduled to be presented on November 12 at 7:00 PM in the high school library. Ellen Frank, whose father was the former long time ECS teacher and Superintendent Daniel Sirianni, is going to present, "My Father's Journey to the Past."

On October 14, 1943, during World War II, while on a raid to bomb ball bearing factories in Schweinfurt, Germany, Mr. Sirianni's plane was shot down. His story takes him from his unexpected landing, hiding out, his capture and the nearly two years he spent in a German prison. The story then fasts forward to 2006 where he visits and meets family members who helped him in Germany and reconnects with the living members of his plane. It is a fascinating story

In 2006, Mr. Sirianni returned to Germany, accompanied by Ellen, for the first time to meet people and visit places he had not seen in sixty three years! As Dan's daughter, Ellen traveled with him, she learned a great deal about the experiences he had during the war. This journey and her father's recollections have provided the backdrop for this very interesting presentation that the two of them put together. We are excited to have the opportunity to share this with the public, and we encourage you to take an hour out of your day to honor our veterans and find out what Mr. Sirianni's journey was all about. It will be well worth your time!



RENOVATIONS IN FULL SWING AT ECS



Looking into the old gym from the courtyard



The walls come tumbling down!



Taking down the old locker rooms



Opening up the old gym



Laying out new building in the footprint of the old



Demolition of old gymnasium



Bird's eye view looking out old gym toward Holiday Valley



New Home Economics room takes shape



Important Guidance News

SAT TEST **REGISTRATION DUE**
December 6th November 6th
January 24th December 29th

ACT TEST **REGISTRATION DUE**
December 13th November 7th
April 18th March 13th

Registration materials are available in the Guidance Office or you can register on-line for the SAT at www.collegeboard.com and for the ACT at www.actstudent.org. The registration fees are \$52.50 for the SAT and \$38 for the ACT. I would recommend taking both tests as they test different material.

Seniors who plan to attend college need to take the SAT and/or the ACT in the fall of their senior year. Juniors should plan to take these tests in the spring of their Junior year.

FREE SAT HELP

There are two great websites that offers students free SAT help.
www.quickstart.collegeboard.org
www.march2success.com

COLLEGE APPLICATIONS

Seniors should be actively working on college applications. Be sure to check application deadlines for the colleges you are applying to! Stop in the Guidance Office if you need assistance with your applications. If you apply on-line be sure to inform Mrs. Eddy so that your transcripts can be sent.

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH

Check out these websites to find scholarships for free. These sites will require a short questionnaire to find out more about you, then they will provide you with a list of all of the scholarships that you qualify for. Beware of scholarship searches that require a fee!

- www.schoolsoup.com
- www.collegeboard.com
- www.fastweb.com

All new scholarship information that is provided to the guidance office will be shared with every senior via e-mail. Seniors are reminded to check their school e-mail on a weekly basis so that they do not miss out on a scholarship opportunity!!



Students Pitch in for National Parks Land Day

On Saturday September 27th, a group of ECS High School students participated in a volunteer day at Allegany State Park. The event is associated with National Parks Land Day activities. This is part of a National effort to help create a stewardship program with our National and State Parks. Volunteers participated in gardening, painting, litter pick up, and trail maintenance.

Our students worked on maintenance on the Bridle Falls Trail, which, over the past couple of years, had been opened up to erosion. Our students helped to mark the original trail, clear debris and clear overgrown brush to help make the trail easier to follow. This years volunteers were Dominick Campbell, Alex Paddock, Jocelyn Steffan, Hunter Steffenhagen, and Tyler Slaughenaupt.

Mrs. Wellman sent the following note for the students:

“I wanted to thank you for all the hard work the kids did on the trail. I hiked it near dark and was able to easily find my way down the trail; the rock bridge is awesome. Please thank them for me. We will put official hiking trail signs up in the next week and take the ribbon down. It is the newest trail in our park system. When we make the map for this trail, I will see that we give the Ellicottville team credit for it.”

Many thanks to Heidi Tschopp, Katie Vecellioan, and Adele Wellman, ASP Naturalists, for coordinating the day.

Emergency Go Home Early Drill Nov. 25th

In response to the requirements of the State Education Department, the Ellicottville Central School District will test the district's emergency early dismissal procedures on Tuesday, November 25, 2014. Students, teachers and staff will exit the building at 11:45 am and the building will remain closed until 12:45 p.m.



2014-2015 District Calendar

Independence Day
 NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
 Superintendent's Day (no school for students)
 First Day of School for Students
 Staff Development Day (no school for students)
 NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day
 End of 1st Marking Period
 NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day
 Parent/Teacher Conferences (1/2 day of school for students K-12)
 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Recess
 NO SCHOOL - Winter Recess
 NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
 Regents Exams
 End of 2nd Marking Period
 Staff Development Day (no school for students)
 NO SCHOOL - President's Day
 NO SCHOOL - WINTER RECESS
 1/2 Day Grades K-5 Parent/Teacher Conference Day
 NO SCHOOL - SPRING RECESS
 End of 3rd Marking Period
 *If no emergency days are used, school will be closed
 NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
 Regents Exams
 Last day of school for students

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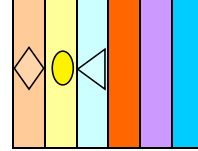
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STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS (no school for students)
 NO SCHOOL
 SCHOOL RECESS - School Closed
 END OF MARKING PERIOD
 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES (1/2 day of school for students grades K-12)
 PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES (1/2 day of school for students grades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

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS: 4 (9/2, 9/3, 10/6, 1/30)
 **If no emergency days are used, school will be closed on Friday, May 22, 2015

Approved by the ECS Board of Education - April 29, 2014



PTO in Action

Box Tops and Labels for Education

Please continue sending these items in to the school, the Great Valley Post Office, or TOPS in Ellicottville.

Family Fun Night

December 2nd, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Get ready for an exciting night! Family Fun Night is back, and it is sure to be a fun way to start the holidays. What you will find: Book BINGO, Letters to the Troops, Crafts, Stories with the Elf, Pictures with Santa, Popcorn, the Book Fair, and Santa's Secret Workshop.

Santa's Secret Workshop

The PTO will again offer this independent shopping experience for elementary students to allow them to experience the joy of giving. (This is not a fundraiser.) To keep budgeting easy, every gift is \$2. Gifts for Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, Man, Woman, Teacher, Brother, Sister, Girl, Boy, Kid, Adult, Pet (dog, cat) include some of the same favorites as last year, as well as new finds. Each gift will be wrapped and tagged in a colorful holiday bag. A list has been included to assist your child with planning and shopping for that night.

Your young student will be assisted by one of "Santa's Elves." We need volunteers to help bag/tag gifts, as this will alleviate long lines! Please consider donating a bit of your time, or invite someone who you know would like to help! Please email Diana Olson at dolson@eville.wnyric.org.

More information will be sent home before the Thanksgiving break about Santa's Secret Workshop. If you would like to volunteer for Family Fun Night please contact Diana Olson.

Letters to the Troops

If you have an address for a friend or family member that is currently serving overseas this holiday season and would like them to receive some extra cheer, please send their address in to the elementary office.

Winter Book Fair

The PTO Winter Book Fair will be open December 1st and 2nd from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the elementary. The Book Fair will also be open during Family Fun Night on Tuesday, December 2nd, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Diana Olson.

NHS/Ecology Club Poinsettia Sale

Please help the National Honor Society and Ecology Club raise money by buying a poinsettia. It's a fantastic way to decorate for the holidays! THANK YOU!

Please send in the order form below, including payment, with an NHS member or mail to:

Blair Wood
National Honor Society Advisor
Ellicottville Central School
5873 Rt. 219 South
Ellicottville, NY 14731

All orders are due by Monday, December 1st. Please make checks payable to Ellicottville Central School. Orders will be available to pick up at the high school on Friday, December 5th, after 12 p.m. Color choice will be subject to availability. Red may need to be substituted, depending upon demand.

Customer Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Cost of poinsettias are \$12.00 each. **Please indicate quantity and total cost below.**

Red (6.5" pot): _____ x \$12.00 = _____

White (6.5" pot): _____ x \$12.00 = _____

Pink (6.5" pot): _____ x \$12.00 = _____

Marble (6.5" pot): _____ x \$12.00 = _____

_____ Total Amount Enclosed



Tablets Expanding District's Use of Technology in the Classroom

The District is embarking on a new adventure to expand the use of technology in the classroom and better prepare our students for college and the work world. All juniors and advanced sophomores received a Dell Tablet Venue 11 equipped with Windows 8.1, 2G, Wireless ability, an Intel processor and a 10.8" screen. The detachable screen allows it to perform as a laptop and as a tablet. The value of the computer with a charger and case is over \$600.



The same software, rules and policies that students are subjected to on school computers will apply to the ones that are distributed for home use.

In order for a student to take the computer home, parents were required to purchase insurance. The District has contracted with the Worth Ave. Group to provide Electronic Device Insurance. For \$48 a year, it covers accidental damage, liquid submersion, theft, fire/flood damage, vandalism, natural disasters and power surge due to lightning.

We believe this is a very reasonable cost given the fact the student is receiving a tablet computer worth in excess of \$600. If insurance was not purchased, the student was not allowed to take the computer home.

Our vision is to expand the daily use of computers in the classroom as a tool for learning and vehicle to transmit information and assignments between teachers and students. We also plan to provide some online textbooks, where possible, as we look to eliminate the purchase of textbooks.



Exciting Music News & Upcoming Concerts



UPPER PHOTO - The following band students were accepted into the **Buffalo State's Honor Band** on October 18th & 19th: Alessia Filutze – flute; Kaleigh Hunt – flute; Courtney Charlesworth – clarinet; Katie Barry – clarinet; Kaitlyn Smith – alto saxophone; Leah Westfall – baritone horn.

MIDDLE PHOTO - Congrats to our ECS Students for being accepted into **Junior High Area All-State** on November 7th & 8th in Akron, NY. This is a wonderful honor for these students. They are: Kayleigh Coolidge – Soprano 2 – Women's Chorus; Hannah DeChane – Soprano 2 – Women's Chorus; Lisa Krotz – Soprano 2 – Women's Chorus; Kourtney Robinson – Flute; Rylie Aldrich – Clarinet; Louisa Benatovich – French Horn.

LOWER PHOTO - Congrats to our ECS Students for being accepted into **Senior High Area All-State** on November 21st & 22nd at SUNY Fredonia. This is a wonderful honor for these students. They are: Alessia Filutze - Flute; Kaleigh Hunt – Flute; Katie Barry – Clarinet; Quinn O'Rourke – Bass – Mixed Chorus.

The High School **Jazz Chorus** has been invited to perform with the Keynote Chorus on Sunday, December 14th, at Portville Central School for their annual Holiday concert. They will be singing a selection of their own, and then joining this talented adult chorus for two additional songs. This is indeed an honor to be invited to participate!

Additional congrats to Kaleigh Hunt for being accepted as an alternate for **All-State band** and an alternate for **Piano Showcase**. In addition she is being considered for **All-Eastern Honors Ensemble**.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS ... All concerts this year will be in the **Salamanca High School Auditorium**.

- **Fall Concert** – MS/HS only.
Monday, November 10th @ 7:30 pm
- **Holiday Concert** – Elem., MS/HS
Tuesday, December 16th
Elementary will start @ 6 pm
MS/HS will start @ 7 pm
- **Pops Concert** – MS/HS only.
Tuesday, March 3rd @ 7 pm
- **Spring Concert** – Elem., MS/HS
Thursday, May 28th
Elementary will start @ 6 pm
MS/HS will start @ 7 pm
- **Club Jazz** - @ Ellicottville as usual.
Thursday, June 4th



Elementary Students Celebrate Reading

By Marie Kleiderlein, Reading Teacher

Students enjoyed a presentation by storyteller Lorna MacDonald Czarnota on Sept. 11, the kick-off for our annual reading celebration. Ms. Czarnota is a historian, author, and educator from Buffalo. She has delighted audiences in the United States, Canada, and Ireland with traditional and original stories for the past thirty years.

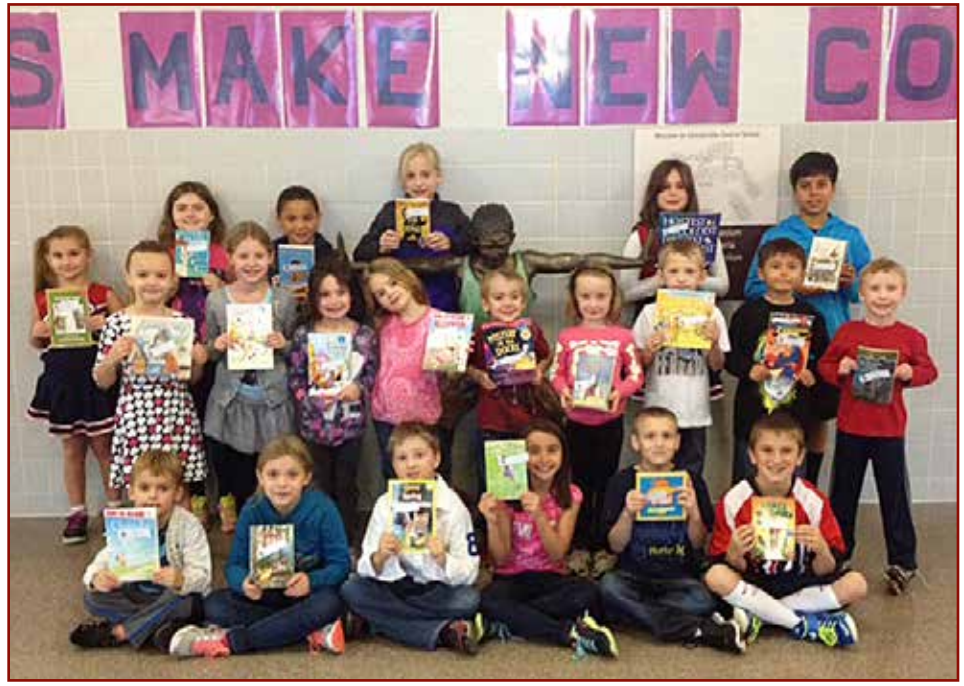
Students in grades 4-6 enjoyed stories about the history of New York State as well as stories from around the world. Younger students enjoyed animal stories and stories about the mysteries found in nature. Ms. Czarnota designed her presentation so that students could actively participate. Students and teachers were truly captivated by her tales. Our guest donated a book to our school library: *Legends, Lore and Secrets of Western New York*, which will be helpful to students when studying our state history. For more information on Ms. Czarnota, visit www.storyhavenstudio.com.

Our Reading Celebration this year focused on making connections through reading. We prompted students to consider how books remind them of their own experiences in life; people and places that are familiar or the things they have seen and heard. We created paper chains to represent those connections; a link in our chain was added for each book students read with grade levels competing for the most links.

Each book read earned students a chance to win one of 26 new books donated by the ECS Class of 2014! Books were displayed in the foyer of the school. Names will be drawn and prizes awarded at our October Eagle Time.

Students also visited our "For Keeps Books" cart, outside of the reading classroom. They chose books for keeps. All were gently used. Students were asked to bring in a used book to share with their peers to keep our For Keeps Books inventory stocked up, and they were invited to visit the cart more than once.

We are all connected through stories and books. We want to encourage students to recognize the connections between their own experiences and the books they read and enjoy. We want them to work hard, strive to find and enjoy new books, but also to share the joy they find in reading by swapping books and trading stories. Please join us in celebrating books and reading, as well as our wonderful readers at Ellicottville. Help us to keep the momentum going all year long!



Thank You! Thank You!

- ★ Thank you to the following organizations for their generous donations of school supplies to ECS students for the 2014-2015 school year: Family Support of Ellicottville, Great Valley Fireman's Women's Auxiliary and Community Glue.
- ★ A special *thank you* to last year's Class of 2014 for donating 300 books to ECS elementary grades! When deciding how these students could donate their unused money, they thought it would best be used in the younger grades. They thought, "These students are our future!" Many teachers updated the books in their classroom, while others chose some new and exciting titles for the students.

Q&A:

Property Tax Freeze

New York lawmakers enacted a temporary property tax “freeze” as part of the 2014-15 state budget. For the subsequent two years, the state will reimburse property tax increases paid by homeowners to school districts and municipalities that stay within their 2 percent tax levy growth caps. The New York State School Boards Association has provided answers to some frequently asked questions about the tax freeze.

Q:

How does the tax freeze work?

A:

In 2014-15 and 2015-16, property taxpayers will receive rebates from the state for any increases in their school property taxes – if the school districts in which they reside keep their tax levy increases from one year to the next within their state-mandated caps.

In the second year (2015-16), taxpayers will receive rebates for any increases in their property taxes if their school districts adopt state-approved government efficiency plans in addition to keeping their tax levy increases within the tax cap.

Q:

Who is eligible for the rebates under the tax freeze?

A:

Property taxpayers with combined incomes of \$500,000 or less may receive the tax rebates. The rebate will be applied to taxpayers’ primary residences.

Q:

How do the government efficiency plans work?

A:

Government efficiency plans must identify how school districts plan to achieve savings of at least 1 percent of their 2014-15 tax levies for three straight years – beginning with the 2016-17 school year – by sharing services, entering into cooperative agreements or merging with other districts. School districts may submit government

Q:

How will the tax freeze impact school districts?

A:

The tax freeze will likely make it more difficult for school districts to adopt tax levies that exceed the tax cap. Because residents of school districts with tax levy increases that exceed the property tax cap will not be eligible for the tax credits, there may be pressure from district residents to stay within the cap. This may mean some school districts will need to forgo extra local revenues to maintain programs in order to ensure their budgets will pass.

Q:

Does the tax freeze apply to residents of the Big 5 school districts?

A:

The credit does not apply to residents of New York City. In the Big 4 cities of Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse and Yonkers that have a unified tax levy for all city services, including their dependent school districts, the tax freeze calculation is essentially the same, except an assumption is made that 67 percent of the city’s tax levy is applicable to school tax purposes and 33 percent is applicable to municipal tax purposes.



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Eagles' Nest News

The Eagle's Nest is a certified program, through the CRLA organization. CRLA is the College Reading and Learning Association. We are the first high school in New York State to earn this certification. Any tutor who completes the training and tutors a minimum of twenty-five hours will be internationally certified. Many colleges are affiliated with the CRLA organization, so certified tutors will often be able to join the tutoring staff at their college without going through the training process.

Meganne Chapman has earned her CRLA tutoring certification. To earn certification, a student must complete one year of training, which is every Tuesday from 3-4 p.m. In addition, the student must complete twenty-five hours of tutoring. This is a lot of work on top of an already busy schedule of academics and sports. Congratulations Meganne!!

Need to be tutored? Are your classes more difficult than you thought they'd be? See Mrs. Bauer about getting a tutor.

Football Team Headed to 'The Ralph'

By Mark J. Ward, Superintendent

With 2014 the first year of combining football with Franklinville, no one knew what to expect. Would the teams jell together? How would practices be handled? What uniforms would we wear? Where will the games be played? Well after nine games and a sparkling 8-1 record the decision to combine has been a tremendous success. The coaches and players did not get caught up in the details; they concentrated on bringing everyone together for a common cause...to field a competitive football team!

Thanks to a coaching staff that blended perfectly from day #1, the players truly lived up to the motto that was established:

Coming together is the beginning
Keeping together is progress
Working together is SUCCESS

It has been exciting to witness two rivals forget about the past and forge a new future together. The friendships and relationships will be lasting. The players from both schools really made it happen and it started in the summer with captain's practice and alternating weight lifting at the two schools. Once the season was in full swing everyone gave a little to make it happen. The two schools alternated practice sites spending additional time on the bus to make this merger a reality.

The football coaching staff did a tremendous job working together and blending their strengths in developing a sound plan for the program. This allowed us for the first time to have a true JV team separate from the varsity. It allowed those players to get time with the coaches and work on skills and techniques that will make them better football players. It is exciting to announce that the JV Football team had an undefeated (8-0) season.

Whether they were wearing maroon and white, dark blue and maroon, blue and blue or blue and white the team performed as one. At times, announcers, parents, students and community members really did not know what to call us but right now that is not important. What is important is that the schools took a chance with each other and provided our students and theirs with a better chance for success. The students, together with the coaches and the support of the communities; made this work. It has been a great "run" and we hope to bring home a Section VI Championship and knock off the #1 ranked D team in New York State!

ECS Yearbook Notes

You may purchase old yearbooks while supplies last. The 2014 yearbook is \$30. Books from previous years are \$10 apiece, while supplies last.

Yearbooks are \$60 and you must reserve one by May 31st in order to guarantee you get one. Otherwise you'll only be able to get one if we have any left after all reserved ones have had a chance to be claimed. To reserve one you need to put at least \$10 down. See Mrs. Bauer for details.

We will be selling Easter candy for the fundraiser. If you sell 30 items you'll get a free yearbook. Otherwise, for each item you sell you get \$1 off the cost of the book. Plus, selling candy automatically reserves a book for you.

If you are an area business interested in doing a business ad, you can contact Mrs. Bauer for details. The yearbook is seen by a large portion of the community so it's a good opportunity to get your business noticed.



DRUG GUIDE FOR PARENTS: LEARN THE FACTS TO KEEP YOUR TEEN SAFE

	Alcohol	Cocaine/Crack	Cough Medicines/DXM	Ecstasy/MDMA	Heroin	Inhalants	Marijuana	Methamphetamine	Prescription Pain Relievers	Prescription Sedatives and/or Tranquilizers	Prescription Stimulants	Steroids	Tobacco
Street Names / Commercial	Booze	Big C, Blow, Bump, Coke, Nose Candy, Rock, Snow	Dex, Red Devils, Robo, Triple C, Tussin, Skitties, Syrup	Adam, Bean, E, Roll, X, XTC	Big H, Black Tar, Dope, Junk, Skunk, Smack	Whippets, Bagging, Huffing, Poppers, Snappers, Dusting	Blunt, Boom, Dope, Grass, Hash, Herb, Mary Jane, Pot, Reeder, Skunk, Weed	Ice, Chalk, Crank, Crystal, Fire, Glass, Meth, Speed	Codaine, OxyContin (Oxy, O.C.), Percocet (Percs), Vicodin (Vike, Vitamin V)	Mebaryl, Quaaludes, Xanax, Valium	Adderall, Dexedrine, Ritalin	Juice, Rhoids, Stackers, Pumpers, Gym Candy	Cancer Sticks, Chew, Cigarettes, Dip, Fags, Smokes
Looks Like	Liquid (types include beer, wine, liquor)	White crystalline powder, chips, chunks or white rocks	Liquid, pills, powder, gel caps	Branded tablets (Playboy bunnies, Nike swoosh)	White to dark brown powder or tar-like substance	Paint thinners, glues, nail polish remover, whipped cream aerosol, air conditioner fluid (Freon) and more	A green or gray mixture of dried, shredded flowers and leaves of the hemp plant	White or slightly yellow crystal-like powder, large rock-like chunks	Tablets and capsules	Multi-colored tablets and capsules, some can be in liquid form	Tablets, liquid or skin application	Tablet, liquid or skin application	Brown, cut up leaves
How It's Used/Abused	Alcohol is drunk	Cocaine can be snorted or injected; crack can be smoked	Swallowed	Swallowed	Injected, smoked, Freebased or snorted	Inhaled through nose or mouth	Smoked, brewed into tea or mixed into foods	Swallowed, injected, snorted or smoked	Swallowed or injected	Swallowed or injected	Swallowed, injected or snorted	Swallowed, applied to skin or injected	Smoked or chewed
What Teens Have Heard	Makes a boring night fun	Keeps you amped up; you'll be the life of the party	Enhances the senses, and you'll love everyone	Chronic exposure can produce significant damage to the heart, lungs, liver and kidneys. Can induce death	Chronic heroin users risk death by overdose and even death	Chronic exposure can produce significant damage to the heart, lungs, liver and kidneys. Can induce death	Relaxing, not dangerous, not often easier to get than alcohol	A free high, straight from the medicine cabinet	A great release of tension	Will guarantee a spot on the starting lineup	Keeps you attentive and focused	Will guarantee a spot on the starting lineup	An oral fixation and appetite suppressant
Dangerous Because	Impairs reasoning, clouds judgement. Long-term heavy drinking can lead to alcoholism and liver and heart disease	Can cause heart attacks, strokes and seizures. In rare cases, sudden death on the first use	Can cause severe dehydration, liver and heart failure and even death	Chronic heroin users risk death by overdose and even death	Chronic exposure can produce significant damage to the heart, lungs, liver and kidneys. Can induce death	Chronic exposure can produce significant damage to the heart, lungs, liver and kidneys. Can induce death	Can cause memory and learning problems, hallucinations, delusions and depersonalization	Chronic long-term use, or high doses, can cause psychotic behavior (including paranoia, delusions, hallucinations, violent behavior, insomnia and strokes)	A large single dose can cause severe respiratory depression that can lead to death	Slows down the brain's activity and when a user stops taking them, there can be a rebound effect, possibly leading to seizures and other harmful consequences	Taking high doses may result in dangerously high body temperatures and an irregular heartbeat. Potential for heart attacks or other harmful consequences	Boys can develop breasts, girls can develop facial hair and a deepened voice. Can cause heart attacks and strokes as well as many forms of cancer	Cigarette smoking harms every organ in the body and causes coronary heart disease, stroke, as well as many forms of cancer
Teen Usage (Grades 9-12)	1 in 2 teens drank alcohol in the last year	1 in 9 teens has abused cocaine or crack in their lifetime	1 in 8 teens has abused Ecstasy in their lifetime	1 in 20 teens has abused heroin in their lifetime	1 in 6 teens has abused inhalants in their lifetime	1 in 6 teens has abused inhalants in their lifetime	1 in 3 teens has abused marijuana in their lifetime	1 in 14 teens has abused methamphetamine in their lifetime	1 in 5 teens has abused prescription pain relievers in their lifetime	1 in 11 12th graders has abused sedatives and/or tranquilizers in their lifetime	1 in 10 teens has abused Ritalin or Adderall in their lifetime	1 in 20 teens has abused steroids in their lifetime	1 in 4 teens smoked cigarettes in the last 30 days
Signs of Abuse	Slurred speech, lack of coordination, nausea, vomiting, hangovers	Nervous behavior, restlessness, bloody noses, high energy	Teeth clenching, chills, sweating, dehydration, anxiety, unusual displays of affection	Track marks on arms, slowed speech, slurred speech, vomiting	Missing household products, a drunk, dazed or dizzy appearance	Missing household products, a drunk, dazed or dizzy appearance	Slowed thinking and reaction time, impaired coordination, paranoia	Nervous physical activity, scars and open sores, decreased appetite, inability to sleep	Medicine bottles present without illness, Rx bottles missing, disrupted eating and sleeping patterns	Slurred speech, shallow breathing, sluggishness, disorientation, lack of coordination	Lack of appetite, increased alertness, attention span and energy	Rapid growth of muscles, opposite sex characteristics and extreme irritability	Smell on clothes and hair, yellowing of teeth and fingers that hold cigarettes
Important to Know	Being a child of an alcoholic places children at greater risk for developing alcohol problems	Cocaine is one of the most powerful addictive drugs	Can be addictive. A popular club drug because of its stimulant properties which allow users to dance for long periods of time	Heroin overdose is a particular risk on the street, where the purity of the drug cannot be accurately known	More than 1000 products are potential inhalants that can kill on the first use or any time thereafter	More than 1000 products are potential inhalants that can kill on the first use or any time thereafter	Contrary to popular belief, marijuana can be addictive	Meth has a high potential for abuse and addiction, putting children at risk, increasing crime and causing environmental harm	Abusing prescription painkillers is just as dangerous, addictive and deadly as using heroin	Using prescription sedatives and tranquilizers with alcohol can slow both the heart and respiration and possibly lead to death	Many teens abuse this prescribed medication to help them cram for exams or suppress their appetite	Teens who abuse steroids before the typical adolescent growth spurt risk staying short and never reaching their full adult height	Secondhand smoke contributes to more than 35,000 deaths related to cardiovascular disease

Thanks to Endo Pharmaceuticals, National Supporter, Parent Resources | Find more tools and tips at www.timetotalk.org.

Sources: Partnership Attitude Tracking Study 2009, National Institute on Drug Abuse, Monitoring the Future, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. © 2010 The Partnership at Drugfree.org





Sgt. Smead and Austin Bishop, ECS Criminal Justice student.

Career Tech Corner

On Tuesday, October 14th, the Criminal Justice Program at the Ellicottville Career and Technical Center invited the New York Army National Guard to perform their PT qualifying test on the junior and senior Criminal Justice students. The qualifying test consisted of push-ups, sit-ups and a 2 mile run, and each had to be performed within a specific time limit. The Criminal Justice program at Ellicottville is modeled after a Law Enforcement Academy. Students work out four times a week and study all aspects of law enforcement. Many of Mr. Emley's Criminal Justice students enter various branches of the Military after graduation before moving on to a Law Enforcement career.



Andrew Quinn, ECS Criminal Justice student, and Sgt. Lamb.

Soccer News from ECS

Girls' Varsity Soccer

By Coach Mary Neilon

This season ECS is a member of the Chautauqua Cattaraugus Athletic Association East Division. As one of only two Class D schools in this division it has been a season full of challenging matches. West Valley is the other Class D team. The Class C schools are Allegany-Limestone, Randolph, Portville, Salamanca and Franklinville.

It was a humbling beginning to the regular season at the Olean Tournament in early Sept. ECS lost to Jamestown 5-2 in the first round. In the consolation game Allegany-Limestone trounced ECS 8-0. Shelby Toth received All-Tournament Team honors.

League play opened on Sept. 8th with a rematch versus Allegany-Limestone. The team redeemed themselves with a stunning 2-0 victory. Since then the Lady Eagles have beaten Franklinville, Randolph, and West Valley twice, and lost to Portville and Allegany-Limestone. In non-league games we lost to Amherst and Williamsville East.

The team consists of seniors Hannah Doro, Alessia Filutze, Jocelyn Steffan, Alexis Saunders, Molly Woodarek and Alexis Woodin. Our juniors are Brenna Cole, Shelby Toth, Cheyenne Maybee, Lindsey Robinson, Courtney Charlesworth, Morgan Zlockie and Kaleigh Hunt. Sophomores are Shelby Imhoff, Tarah Scharf, Jenna Aldrich, Madison Harris, Haley Saunders and Madison Swalcy. Allison Raecher, Evie Cortez, Kirkland Kaleta and Kourtney Robinson are our freshmen. Our loyal managers are Courtney Sexton, Erin Cortez and Elsa Woodarek.

The girls' soccer website for section 6 is www.section6girlssoccer.com where team schedules, rosters, stats, and directions to game sites can be viewed.

Girls' Junior Varsity Soccer

By Coach Katie Taylor

The Girls' JV soccer team had a good year competing against a lot of larger schools. Although we didn't win many of our games, we showed that we could be competitive with those schools. This year's team consisted of: juniors Caitlyn Golley, Jasmine Valentine and Leah Westfall; sophomores Shauntay Hackett, Haley Saunders and Sydney Smith; and freshmen Ande Wilson, Kirkland Kaleta, Halie Mowery, Emily Delity, Joran Lyford, Rylie Aldrich, Kourtney Robinson and Lisa Krotz. Thank you for a great season girls!

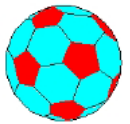
Girls' Modified Soccer

By Coach Tammy Eddy

The Girls' modified soccer team finished a tough season as we had a very small roster this year. We had one 9th grader, Elizabeth Jacobson-Coolidge, three 8th graders, Robin Freaney, Meganne Chapman, Kayleigh Coolidge, and nine 7th graders, Megan Stuve, Ainsley Watt, Madison Kilby, Megan Hartsell, Julianna Giannicchi, Brooke Eddy, Allison Calarco, McKenna Kaleta, and Abby Donoghue. We had a lot of help from Managers; Mandy Hurlburt, Morgan Chapman, Kelsey Tomczak, Kaley McCracken, and Brianna Freaney. Thank you to our parents for all your support and half-time snacks.

Soccer Teams Participate in "Pink the Field"

Through the month of October the JV and Varsity Girls Soccer Teams will be wearing pink pre-game warm-up t-shirts to help show their support for cancer research. This fundraising event which will benefit "Kevin's House" is called "Pink the Field." Girls' soccer teams, coaches, and fans from Sections 5 and 6 are participating.



2014-15 Winter Sports Schedule

BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

12/1 @ Hinsdale 7:30 pm
 12/8 @ Springville 6:30 pm
 12/12 @ Fillmore 7:30 pm
 12/18 @ Franklinville Tourney 7:30 pm
 12/20 @ Franklinville Tourney TBA
 12/29 @ Frewsburg Tournament TBA
 12/30 @ Frewsburg Tournament TBA
 1/2 @ Hinsdale 7:30 pm
 1/6 @ Franklinville 7:30 pm
 1/9 @ Pine Valley 7:30 pm
 1/13 @ West Valley 7:00 pm
 1/16 @ Forestville 7:30 pm
 1/21 @ Franklinville (vs. Fillmore) 7:30 pm
 1/23 @ West Valley (vs. North Collins) 7:30 pm
 1/29 @ West Valley (vs. Franklinville) 7:30 pm
 2/2 @ West Valley (vs. Pine Valley) 7:30 pm
 2/5 @ West Valley 7:30 pm
 2/9 @ West Valley (vs. Forestville) 7:30 pm
 2/12 @ North Collins 7:30 pm

BOYS' JV BASKETBALL

12/1 @ Hinsdale 6:00 pm
 12/3 vs. Portville (Location: TBD) 5:00 pm
 12/8 @ Springville 5:00 pm
 12/12 @ Fillmore 6:00 pm
 12/29 @ Frewsburg Tournament TBA
 12/30 @ Frewsburg Tournament TBA
 1/2 @ Hinsdale 6:00 pm
 1/6 @ Franklinville 6:00 pm
 1/9 @ Pine Valley 6:00 pm
 1/16 @ Forestville 6:00 pm
 1/21 @ Franklinville (vs. Fillmore) 6:00 pm

1/23 @ West Valley (vs. North Collins) 6:00 pm
 1/29 @ West Valley (vs. Franklinville) 6:00 pm
 2/2 @ West Valley (vs. Pine Valley) 6:00 pm
 2/9 @ West Valley (vs. Forestville) 6:00 pm
 2/12 @ North Collins 6:00 pm

BOYS' MODIFIED BASKETBALL

1/21 @ Portville 5:00 pm
 1/23 @ Olean 5:00 pm
 1/26 @ West Valley 5:00 pm
 1/28 @ Catt/Little Valley 4:30 pm
 1/30 @ Franklinville 5:00 pm
 2/2 @ Salamanca 5:00 pm
 2/4 @ Alleg/Limestone 5:00 pm
 2/6 @ Portville 5:00 pm
 2/9 @ Olean 5:00 pm
 2/11 @ West Valley 5:00 pm

GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL

12/1 @ Salamanca 7:30 pm
 12/5 @ Salamanca 7:30 pm
 12/8 @ Hinsdale 7:30 pm
 12/19 @ Franklinville Tournament vs. Holland 6:00 pm
 12/20 @ Franklinville Tourney TBA
 1/2 @ JCC Holiday Tourney TBA
 1/3 @ JCC Holiday Tourney TBA
 1/5 @ West Valley (vs. Franklinville) 7:30 pm
 1/8 @ West Valley (vs. Pine Valley) 7:30 pm
 1/12 @ West Valley 7:30 pm
 1/15 @ West Valley (vs. Forestville) 7:30 pm
 1/22 @ North Collins 7:30 pm
 1/30 @ Franklinville 7:30 pm

2/3 @ Pine Valley 7:30 pm
 2/6 @ West Valley 7:30 pm
 2/9 @ Hinsdale 7:30 pm
 2/12 @ Forestville 7:30 pm
 2/13 @ West Valley (vs. North Collins) 7:30 pm

GIRLS' JV BASKETBALL

12/1 @ Salamanca 6:00 pm
 12/3 vs. Portville (Location: TBD) 5:00 pm
 12/5 @ Salamanca 6:00 pm
 12/8 @ Hinsdale 6:00 pm
 1/2 @ JCC Holiday Tourney TBA
 1/3 @ JCC Holiday Tourney TBA
 1/5 @ West Valley (vs. Franklinville) 6:00 pm
 1/8 @ West Valley (vs. Pine Valley) 6:00 pm
 1/12 @ West Valley 6:00 pm
 1/15 @ West Valley (vs. Forestville) 6:00 pm
 1/22 @ North Collins 6:00 pm
 1/30 @ Franklinville 6:00 pm
 2/3 @ Pine Valley 6:00 pm
 2/6 @ West Valley 6:00 pm
 2/9 @ Hinsdale 6:00 pm
 2/12 @ Forestville 6:00 pm
 2/13 @ West Valley (vs. North Collins) 6:00 pm

GIRLS' MODIFIED BASKETBALL

11/19 @ Portville 5:00 pm
 11/24 @ Olean 5:00 pm
 12/1 @ West Valley 5:00 pm
 12/3 @ Catt/Little Valley 4:30 pm
 12/5 @ Franklinville 5:00 pm
 12/8 @ Salamanca 5:00 pm
 12/10 @ Alleg/Limestone 5:00 pm
 12/12 @ Portville 5:00 pm
 12/15 @ Olean 5:00 pm
 12/17 @ West Valley 5:00 pm

School Calendar Reminders

Tuesday, November 11, 2014

- Veterans' Day - School Closed

Thursday, November 13, 2014

- Parent/Teacher Conferences - Noon dismissal
- 1/2 day of school for Grades K-12 (NO PM PreK)

Tuesday, November 25, 2014

- Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 1/2 day of school for Grades K-12 (NO PM PreK)
- Go Home Early Drill - 11:45 a.m.

November 26, 27 & 28, 2014

- Thanksgiving Break - School Closed



ECS Walking Program Begins December 1st

Ellicottville Central School will host a Walk Program for community members December 1st thru April 23rd. The building will be open Monday-Thursday from 6-9 pm (when school is in session). Community members are asked to check-in each time they walk at the High School back parking lot entrance.



November 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		- NHS Blood Drive - 7:30 pm Board of Education Meeting (HS Library) - Homework Club		- MS/HS Picture Re-Takes - Homework Club	- End of 1st Marking Period	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
- NHS Poinsettia Sale - 7:30 pm MS/HS Fall Concert (@ Salamanca HS)		- School Closed - Veteran's Day	- 7:00 pm Veteran's Presentation, High School Library	- K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences: Noon Dismissal Grades K-12, No PM PreK		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
- 7:00 pm Sports Boosters Meeting HS Cafeteria	- 7:30 pm Board of Education Meeting (HS Library) - Homework Club			- Eagle Time - Grade 4 "Citizenship" - Homework Club - Strategic Planning Meeting, 7 pm, Cafeteria		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
- Class of 2017 Cheese Sale - 5:30 pm Fall Sports Banquet		- K-12 Parent Teacher Conferences: Grades K-12, No PM PreK - 11:45 am Go Home Early Drill	- Thanksgiving Recess	- Thanksgiving Recess	- Thanksgiving Recess	
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 2014





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	- PTO Book Fair	- PTO Book Fair - 5:30 pm PTO Family Fun Night - Homework Club	- 3:00 pm Winter Sports Pictures	- 12:45 pm Senior Citizen Holiday Dinner - Homework Club		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		- 7:30 pm Board of Education Meeting (HS Library) - Homework Club		- Homework Club		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
- Student Council Fruit Sale Delivery - 7:00 pm Sports Boosters Meeting HS Cafeteria		- 6:00 pm Elementary Holiday Concert (@ Salamanca HS) - 7:00 pm MS/HS Holiday Concert (@ Salamanca HS) - Homework Club		- Eagle Time - Grade 1 "Generosity" - Homework Club	- Project Christmas Deliveries	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
- Winter Recess		- Winter Recess	- Winter Recess	- Winter Recess	- Winter Recess	
28	29	30	31			
- Winter Recess	- Winter Recess	- Winter Recess	- Winter Recess			



STUDENT COUNCIL FRUIT SALE

Sign Up Today for ECS Ski Club

	PRICE	QUANTITY	TOTAL
NAVEL ORANGES			
4/5 Bushel (40 lbs) 40-80 Oranges per box 	\$32.00		
2/5 Bushel (20 lbs) 20-40 Oranges per box	\$20.00		
10 lb bag 8-14 Oranges per bag	\$18.00		
RED GRAPEFRUIT			
4/5 Bushel (40 lbs) 32-48 Grapefruit per box 	\$27.00		
2/5 Bushel (20 lbs) 16-24 Grapefruit per box	\$18.00		
10 lb bag 8-12 Grapefruit per bag	\$16.00		
MIXED CITRUS BOXES/SAMPLERS			
2/5 Bushel (20 lbs) Navel Oranges (18-20) & Grapefruit (8-12)	\$22.00		
2/5 Bushel (20 lbs) Navel Oranges (12-14) Grapefruit (6) Tangelos(12-14)	\$22.00		
Orange Sampler: 4 Navel, 4 Tangerines, 4 Tangelos, 4 Red Navel	\$25.00		
OTHER FRUIT/SAMPLERS			
Golden Pineapples (12 lb) 3 count	\$20.00		
2/5 Bushel (20 lbs) Mix of Navel (8-12), Apples (10-20) Pear (10-15)	\$28.00		
Fresh Fruit Sampler: 4 Navel, 4 Apples, 4 Pears, 4 Tangerines	\$25.00		
		TOTAL	

Forms are now available in the ECS High School Office and may be filled out and returned to the ECS High School Office with the full payment. All checks should be made out to Win-Sum Ski Corporation. Applications not turned in to ECS will not be available for ECS Club rates. Students applying for combo passes who are not in the lesson portion of the ski program must still go through the school in order to receive the ECS combo pass rate. All combo pass pictures must be paid for in advance with the receipt initialed by Mr. Robert Miller. Registration for any of the plans must take place at ECS first. Please fill out the paperwork in advance. Processing of applications will be handled in the ECS High School Office.

Plan I - \$67.50 - Thursday night lift and lesson with a bonus day in March!
(Student owned equipment)

Plan II (Ski) - \$127.50 - 8 weekly lessons and ski equipment rental package for Thursday Nights, with a bonus day in March!

Plan III (Board) - \$144.50 - 8 weekly lessons and snowboard equipment rental package for Thursday Nights, with a bonus day in March!

Plan IV - \$147.50 - Night Combo Pass (unlimited night skiing only.) Includes 8 Thursday Night Lessons. *(Student owned equipment)*

Plan V - \$197.50 - Combo Pass (unlimited day and night skiing) includes 8 Thursday Night Lessons. *(Student owned equipment)*

**** Unlimited Rentals are available at a cost of \$77.00 for skis and \$94.00 for Snowboards ****

Registration forms will be available in school at the Elementary and High School offices.

Stowe Ski Trip: If any students are interested in joining a mid week (February break) two day ski trip to Stowe, VT, contact Mr. Hall. (Preliminary cost estimate is \$350 which includes transportation, lodging, lift tickets, and meals.)

Regardless of the number in the box, the weight in the box is approximately the same for all the sizes of fruit. If you have any questions, please contact Student Council president, Connor Schmick at CSchmick@eville.wnyric.org. **To order, contact any student council member, or mail to:** Ellicottville Central School Student Council
5873 Rte 219
Ellicottville, NY 14731

Name: _____

Address: _____

Ph#: (home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____

Money must accompany order. Please make checks payable to ECS Student Council. Orders must be received by November 10th, 2014. Approximate delivery week of December 15th.

An Update from Student Council

The Student Council is having their annual senior citizen dinner on December 4th at 12:45pm at ECS. We will provide dinner and musical entertainment. If you would like to attend, please call 716-699-2316 with your reservation.

Our community service project this year is Wounded Warrior Project. We will be raising money to send each month to support this worthy cause. The elementary school is doing a coin collection. Each classroom has a container and the change will be counted monthly. The class that has collected the greatest amount of money at the end of the year will win a pizza party in June. The middle school/high school students will have the opportunity once a month (starting in October) to pay to wear hats to school. Each student will donate \$2.00 and then wear their hat all day.

Stay tuned for further updates on what we will be doing in future months.



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Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Senior Trip

The Class of 2015 is having a spaghetti dinner at "The Barn" on Monday, November 17th from 5 pm to 7:30 p.m. The tickets are \$10 per adult and \$5 per child 12 and under. Please see a member of the senior class for tickets. All proceeds will help defray costs of the senior trip to Boston in May.



Senior Citizens Dinner

December 4th
12:45 at ECS

Please call 716-699-2316
for reservations.



Your Help Needed to Make Project Christmas a Success

Project Christmas started back in the early 1960's, and through the combined efforts of Ellicottville Central School employees and community members, it continues to provide an "extra touch" at Christmas time for many of our local families.



This "partnership" between the school and community will provide food, gifts, necessities and support to more than 50 families and 65 senior citizens who live in our community. The program spends between \$5,000 to \$6,000 annually, and appreciates the generous support residents and seasonal visitors provide by taking "gift tags" from one of the gift trees located at Ellicottville Pharmacy, M & T Bank, Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and Five Star Bank. Students in grades K-12 also get involved by bringing in non-perishable food items, with 12th graders also involved in the deliveries.

With the difficult economic troubles we are facing and many families struggling to get by, the need for help throughout our community is even greater. Project Christmas is once again accepting donations; if you are able to contribute, please consider making a donation. Your support will directly help those in need in our own community. Monetary donations can be made out to "Project Christmas" and mailed to: Ellicottville Central School, ATTN: Kim Watt, School Nurse 5873 Route 219 Ellicottville, New York 14731. If you have any questions regarding the program please call Nurse Watt at 699-2318.

Your generous support in the past has helped to keep this program alive. Please help make the Christmas Season more special for members of our community. Thank you!