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# ELLCOTTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL

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## Grades 3-8 ELA and Math Results

# ECS Students and Teachers Excel!

By Mark J. Ward, Superintendent

As we share with you the 2013 results of the 3-8 ELA and math testing, we can once again be proud of what our students and teachers are accomplishing. The 2013 testing was our first introduction to the Common Core curriculum, so there was certainly apprehension and a feeling of the unknown going into the testing. The overall results speak for themselves! We topped all area schools in 6 of 12 tests and our school exceeded the State average in 9 of 12 tests.

Since receiving our scores we have re-evaluated our approach and made some instructional changes that should help us improve achievement in some of the places where we fell below the state average. It is really a “work in progress” as we fine tune our techniques and use the State modules and resources from EngageNY to supplement ELA and math instruction.

We want to emphasize to parents that, while the change to the Common Core curriculum was dramatic and the “roll-out” certainly had room for improvement, the results we are starting to see are great! The expectations for our students are higher and the students are proving they can do it! They are doing things that no one ever thought they could master at that age. Once this change is in place for several years our concerns and fears will disappear.

Instruction has changed, expectations have increased, parents are struggling at times to understand how to help their children

Test	C/A BOCES Avg.	State Avg.	ECS
Grade 3 ELA	23.6	31.1	30
Grade 3 Math	26.5	34.2	13.3
Grade 4 ELA	21.9	30.3	52.5
Grade 4 Math	25.4	36.4	68.8
Grade 5 ELA	22.8	30.2	40.9
Grade 5 Math	22.2	29.9	40.9
Grade 6 ELA	26.1	29.6	53.8
Grade 6 Math	23.4	30.6	46.2
Grade 7 ELA	27.6	31.3	34.2
Grade 7 Math	18.1	27.7	31.6
Grade 8 ELA	31.2	33.8	40
Grade 8 Math	15.2	27.5	17.5
# 1	<i>This chart represents the % of students achieving 3 &amp; 4 on 2012-13 ELA and Math Tests.</i>		
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with homework, but, in the end, our students are doing great things! We are seeing the shift take place and our students and staff are meeting the challenge. Be patient as we go through this transition ... it will be alright!



## Scanlan Sets Record as First ECS Bowler to Compete at State Level

By Coach Sandy Olson

At Sectional's, ECS Senior Courtney Scanlan took the 6<sup>th</sup> spot on the Section VI All-Section Team going to State Competition in West Babylon on March 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>. The Section had a few practice times for students before we loaded a bus to Long Island. We left on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, and returned on Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. There was practice at AMF Babylon Lanes on Friday where the competition was to take place. After practice, I think Courtney was a little more confident than she had been. Saturday was the team event. Sunday was the All-Section Team event, which is what Courtney participated in.

The All-Section Team bowled two sets.

Courtney had a high game of 234 and a total of 1150, which gave her an overall average for the day of a 191.6. This placed Courtney 11<sup>th</sup> overall in the State on the individual board. That's a great accomplishment coming from a Class D school and all the tough competition across the State. The Section VI All-Section team finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, taking home the Silver. Courtney also seized the Section VI Sportsmanship Award.

Congratulations, Courtney, on a job well done ... Taking home Silver, finishing 11<sup>th</sup> overall and the Section VI Sportsmanship award! What a great way to end her high school bowling career! It was a great experience for both of us!

# Proposed 2014-15 Budget: Technology Highlights

By Mark J. Ward,  
Superintendent

With five straight years of state aid reduction (Gap Elimination Adjustment) totaling nearly \$1.8 million; the District is struggling to maintain programs and opportunities for our students. As we continue to work on the development of the 2014-15 budget, each budget area is being reviewed to determine if savings are possible. While the cost of most things continues to rise we are struggling to find ways to limit and control expenses.

While our revenues have become increasingly limited, we are doing everything we can to maintain the programs we have and offer all our students a quality educational experience.

## Some Budget Highlights:

- We are planning to purchase at least 80 laptop/tablet computers for student use at home and in school.
- We are also exploring the possibility of providing computers for an entire grade level.
- During the present school year we started to allow students to take home computers after school (checked out through the library).
- We hope to expand this program and encourage students to take advantage of the opportunity.
- With the expansion of the number of computers additional technical support is needed. Over the past four years we have reduced this support from .6 FTE to 0. We plan to contract with Erie #1 BOCES for a .2FTE position.
- The purchase of On-line textbooks next year for at least one grade level is being explored. They are far more cost effective and help prepare students for college learning.
- Currently, we are considering the elimination of Distance Learning based on the lack of use by our students. A final decision has not been made at this time.
- Our Libraries are receiving software and computer upgrades that track inventory and circulation.

The budget we are going to put before the public will preserve all of the programs and opportunities that we have been providing our students. There are some belt tightening moves we are making while we plan to expand the number of computers and technical support. The

2014-15 spending plan has not been finalized, but the overall budget at this time is showing a very small increase (under 2%).

The May newsletter will feature the finalized budget, with details and explanations plus additional information about other highlights for 2014-2015.

## Football and Volleyball Will Sport a New Look Next Fall

The Eagles football team will merge with Franklinville in the fall to field combined Varsity and JV teams. Over the past months we have explored several possibilities and had a number of discussions as we developed a plan for the future of football at both schools. The NYSPHSAA classifies D schools with a range of 0-239 students in grades 9-11. In sports such as soccer, basketball, baseball and softball the spread is 0-162. This has made it increasingly difficult for smaller D schools to compete with larger D schools who are actually C schools in all other sports.

We believe that combing football offers us many advantages, including:

- More student-athletes will **increase competition** for positions
- A **JV football team** that is completely separate from varsity with its own coaches and practices
- **More opportunities for success** for our student-athletes
- **Increased competitiveness** with the larger schools we are playing against
- Ability to **field competitive teams** in several sports at the same time
- Allowing students to **play at a level that is age and ability driven** not based on filling out the roster

Like any change it will have challenges, but we are excited about this new “adventure,.” Mr. Chad Bartoszek will serve as Head Coach for the combined team and Mr. Chris Mendell will continue to serve as the Varsity Assistant Coach. We anticipate sharing practices, games and equipment. The two teams will have 3 coaches from each school. West Valley athletes will also have an opportunity to play on the combined team. The coaches are scheduling a variety of events designed to get the “team” together in the spring and over the summer.

Our volleyball team will be combining forces with Cattaraugus-Little Valley for both JV and Varsity. We do anticipate offering our own modified program based on the interest shown. After winning a State Championship in 2012 we had another successful year in 2013 winning the league and making it to the semi-finals. However, our numbers at both levels do not provide enough students to field competitive teams. Knowing this we had conversations with Catt-LV and they were very open to allowing our students to compete with their students on a combined team. The coaching duties will be handled by the Catt-LV staff headed up by Mr. Joe Crandall who is a former ECS teacher and coach! All games and practices will be held in Cattaraugus as we will not have a gym during the 2014 season.

This is a great opportunity for our students to maintain a sport that we would have had to drop based on “numbers.” It will also allow us to remain competitive and elevate the play of our own students, as Mr. Crandall runs a top-notch program with some excellent results over his long coaching career. Students will be bused each day to and from practice.

While both of these situations offer change from what we have known, they do maintain the opportunities we have for our students and actually expand both by providing a true JV football team and the ability to offer 3 levels of volleyball!



April 10<sup>th</sup>  
through  
April 21<sup>st</sup>





## ECS Talent on Display at Music Festivals

On February 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, the Elementary All-County Festival was held at Cattaraugus-Little Valley Central School. This concert consisted of the Elementary Chorus, directed by Mrs. Joy Burch (Franklinville), the Elementary Band, directed by Mr. Peter Dauphin (Randolph), and the Junior High Band, directed by Mr. Ken Crane (Portville). Participating were:

**Elementary Chorus** - (*upper left*) Jayden Curtis, Abbey DeChane, Zoie Georgianni, Evelyn Nuzzo, Megan Stuve, Devon Fish, Jordan Grinols, Liam Long and Jordan Peplinski

**Elementary Band** - (*middle left*) Heli Kongats, Samantha Van Wicklin, Allison Calarco, Savannah MacLean, Abaigeal Donoghue, Brooke Eddy, Julianna Giannicchi, Megan Hartsell, Cyrene Moore, Noah Greene, Simon Lin, Jack Snyder, Madisyn Kilby, and Ainsley Watt

**Junior High Band** - (*lower left*) Kourtney Robison, Rylie Aldrich, Andelain Wilson, Meganne Chapman, Noah Stuve, Madison Harris, Sierra Maybee, Emma Chew, Lucas Goodin, Louisa Benatovich, Mitchell Sexton, Robert Spell and Ginna Hensel

On March 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, the Senior High All-County Festival was held at Salamanca High School. This concert featured the Junior

High Chorus, directed by Mr. Mike Trenchard (Catt-LV), the Senior High Band, directed by Dr. Christian Bernhard (SUNY Fredonia), and the Senior High Chorus, directed by Dr. Barbara Brinson (SUNY Fredonia). Selected were:

**Junior High Chorus** - (*upper right*) Hannah DeChane, Lisa Krotz, Kayla Stoehr, Elissa Cole, Emilee Delity, Shauntay Hackett, Kobbie Decker, Randy Hutchison and Evan Palmatier

**Senior High Band** - (*middle right*) Ashley Charlesworth, Kaleigh Hunt, Alessia Filutze, Katie Barry, Courtney Charlesworth, McKenzie Robinson, Rebecca Hagon, Hunter Steffenhagen, Kaitlyn Smith, Jesse Pollock, Madison Harris, Sarah Wojtowicz, Courtney Antholzner, Christopher Wojtowicz, Megan Westfall, Leah Westfall, Robert Spell and Alijah Fox

**Senior High Chorus** - (*lower right*) Elizabeth Wendel, Caitlyn Golley, Tanner Gregory, Nick Delity, Max Paddock, Kevin Bower, Caleb Rinko, Liam O'Rourke, Quinn O'Rourke, Cory Tomblin and Alex Delity

It is so heartwarming to see all these young musicians representing ECS in such a fine manner! We are so very proud of all of them and their fine musical accomplishments!

# ECS Regents Results Compare Favorably

We have provided two comparisons of ECS with CA BOCES schools and WNY schools. The first charts (*upper right*) show the passing percentages of nine different Regents that were taken in June 2013. The numbers speak for themselves! ECS topped our neighboring schools in Catteraugus and Allegany county in 8/9 exams. The same was also true when compared with all schools in Western New York.

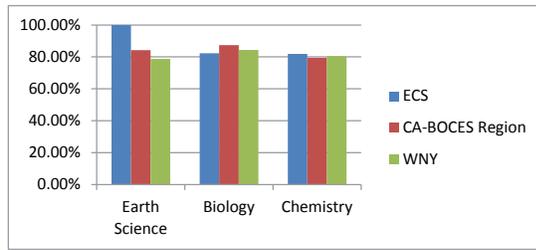
The second charts (*lower right*) compare ECS 2013 Regents results based on students who achieved Mastery (85% or higher). We were tied or better than other CA BOCES schools in 8/9 tests and topped all other WNY schools in 6/9 tests.

While the results do provide a barometer of comparison with other districts across WNY, our focus remains on preparing ECS students to be successful on the various New York State Regents examinations. These high stakes tests do indicate the high quality of instruction our students are receiving and demonstrate that our students are "getting it done" in the classroom!

## June 2013 ECS Regents Results

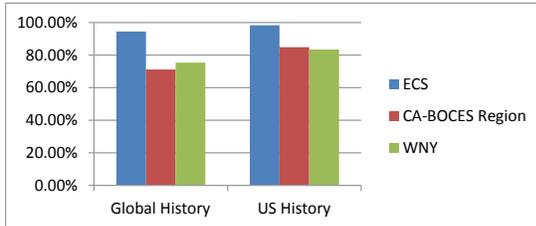
### SCIENCE

	ECS	CA-BOCES Region	WNY
Earth Science	100.00%	84.21%	78.74%
Biology	82.22%	87.37%	84.30%
Chemistry	81.82%	79.42%	80.38%



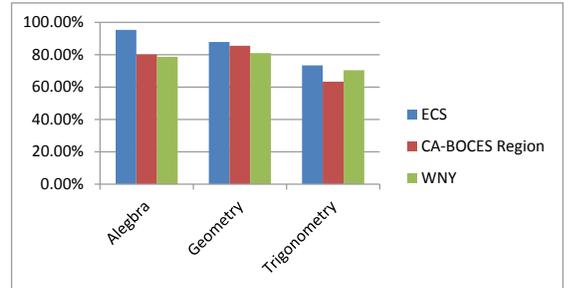
### SOCIAL STUDIES

	ECS	CA-BOCES Region	WNY
Global History	94.44%	71.10%	75.34%
US History	98.28%	84.84%	83.40%



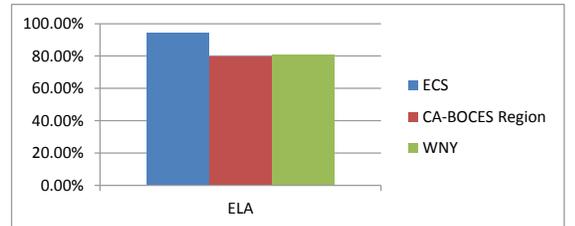
### MATHEMATICS

	ECS	CA-BOCES Region	WNY
Alegbra	95.24%	80.04%	78.70%
Geometry	87.88%	85.44%	81.00%
Trigonometry	73.33%	63.35%	70.38%



### ENGLISH

	ECS	CA-BOCES Region	WNY
ELA	94.64%	79.87%	80.72%

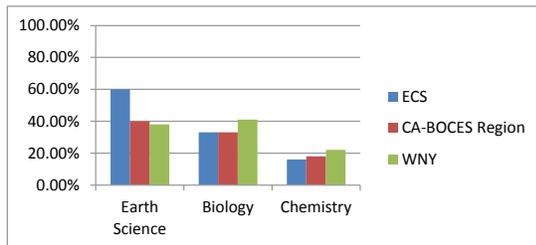


**\*\* PLEASE NOTE: The results for ECS reflect only students that took classes and tests here. It does not reflect ECS students in out-of-district placements that took the test. \*\***

## June 2013 ECS Regents Results - Mastery (85% or Higher)

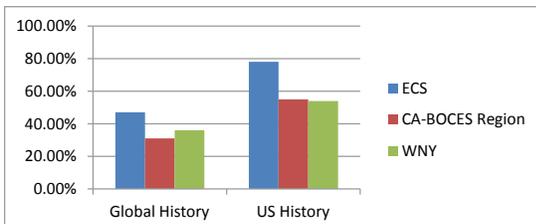
### SCIENCE

	ECS	CA-BOCES Region	WNY
Earth Science	60.00%	40.00%	38.00%
Biology	33.00%	33.00%	41.00%
Chemistry	16.00%	18.00%	22.00%



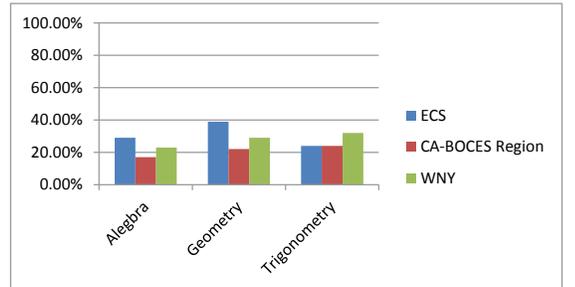
### SOCIAL STUDIES

	ECS	CA-BOCES Region	WNY
Global History	47.00%	31.00%	36.00%
US History	78.00%	55.00%	54.00%



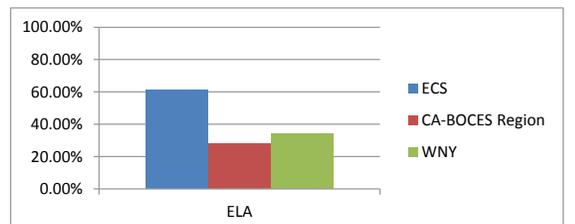
### MATHEMATICS

	ECS	CA-BOCES Region	WNY
Alegbra	29.00%	17.00%	23.00%
Geometry	39.00%	22.00%	29.00%
Trigonometry	24.00%	24.00%	32.00%



### ENGLISH

	ECS	CA-BOCES Region	WNY
ELA	61.00%	27.99%	34.00%





## PTO Thanks Dime Carnival Supporters

The Ellicottville Central School PTO would like to send a thank you out to everybody who helped make the 2014 Dime Carnival a huge success. We had volunteers from students, staff, parents, and other members of the community, who helped make the evening run smoothly. The evening was filled with games, food, fun, and laughter. It was a fun evening for all!

A big thanks goes out to Becky and Dan Kruszynski of Great Valley for donating their time and for supplying cotton candy to all of the kids that attended the Dime Carnival. The kids loved it!

Another big thanks goes out to Priscilla Snyder of Great Valley for bringing her amazing bubble contraption. Kids were able to step into a hula-hoop and then a bubble was lifted up around them. The kids loved being inside of a bubble!

We also had a great amount of support in making the Chinese Auction baskets this year! Students and staff brought in many items to make the themed baskets possible, and our community helped us by donating a variety of other items. We would like to thank the following people and businesses for donating to the Auction- Kwik-Fill, Kazoo II, Ellicottville American Legion, Holimont, Holiday Valley, Tim & Bonnie's, Wingate Hotel, RMF Books, Jessica Maynard, ECS PTO, ECS Sports Boosters, Tina Barrett, and Jamie Edwards.

## BOCES Winter Carnival Volunteers

On March 4<sup>th</sup>, 18 of our ECS high school students had the opportunity to assist special education students from throughout the county at the annual BOCES winter carnival. The day consisted of snow tubing, broom hockey, hayrides, soccer, & an obstacle course. This was a great opportunity for our students to help students with disabilities enjoy the wonderful day that BOCES puts on for these students at the Holiday Valley Tubing Park. Many would not be able to fully enjoy all of the events offered if our students were not there to assist them with the activities. Thank you to the following students for donating your time: Becca Golley, Julia Schwartz, Jordan Curtis, Molly Woodarek, Marissa Hamilton, Tanner Gregory, Victor Riemen, Caitlyn Golley, Madison Harris, Annie Prentice, Madison Swalcy, Brenna Cole, Michaela Pierce, Chantel Perez, Hailey Musall, Alessia Filutze, Cole Lapi, and Amy Borowiak.

Thank you to Debbie Golley for allowing us to be a part of such a unique and educational experience!



## Artwork Displayed at Quick Center

Congratulations to Mason Perks, Keelin Finn, Emily Ginnitti, Jordan O'Connell, Drew Ficek, Justin Imhoff and Adam Delity. Your art work was chosen from over 250 entries from 16 area schools to be exhibited in the K-5 Juried Exhibition at The Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts at St. Bonaventure University.

The opening was held on Wednesday December 4, 2013 at 5:30 pm followed by a reception in the atrium of the Regina A. Quick Center for the Arts. The exhibit was up for the month of December.

# Parents: We Need Your Help, Please

It's hard to believe that spring is already upon us and that the end of the school year is in sight. With this in mind, it has been a long time since we started school ... a long time since we reviewed some important rules with students. Currently, we are running into a few areas where your assistance is greatly appreciated. These areas are cell phone use, driving and detentions. Here is how you can assist in each area.

## Cell Phones

Students are allowed to possess a cell phone while on school premises during school hours, BUT they MUST understand this is a privilege, and follow simple rules to maintain this privilege. Cell phones are to be turned off, and put away; their use will not be allowed during school hours. Examples of cell phone use include, but are not limited to, using the phone to make a phone call, texting, sending pictures, looking up information on the internet, and/or accessing social media.

The exceptions to these rules are:

- A student may use his/her cell phone during their lunch period.
- A student may use his/her phone to make an emergency call/text in either the school office or nurse's office provided he/she has obtained appropriate permission.
- In some rare cases, a teacher may be granted permission to use cell phones in a classroom for a specific lesson.

**Parents and students need to remember that when student's phones are confiscated for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> offenses, the phone MUST be picked up by a parent; it will not be returned directly to students.**

Parents also need to support the school and avoid the pitfalls of student excuses for cell phone use such as:

- I was using the calculator (if a calculator is needed, the school will provide one).
- I was sick and needed to go home (students that are sick will be released by the school nurse or office personnel subsequent to parental contact).

## Driving / Parking

Students are reminded that before they can drive to school, they must obtain a permit from the office. When parking at

school, student drivers may not park in the 3 sections (3 – double rows) closest to the bus garage, as they are reserved and needed for staff. Also, please keep in mind that, per the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles, there are restrictions on the number of passengers a license holder may have in a motor vehicle depending on the type of license he / she has, and that it is your responsibility to ensure such restrictions are followed.

## Detentions

Unfortunately, from time to time it is necessary to assign after school detentions to students who violate school rules. When a detention is assigned, it is to be served as assigned; not when it is convenient to the student, or, in some cases, when the student simply ignores their responsibility to serve their detention(s). Detentions are assigned as follows:

- If a student is notified that he / she has a detention before 1:00, he / she will serve it that afternoon. If the student is notified after 1:00, he / she will serve it the next afternoon.
- If there is a late bus available, the student may ride the late bus.
- **If a late bus is not available, parents will need to make ar-**

**rangements to pick their child up at 4:00.**

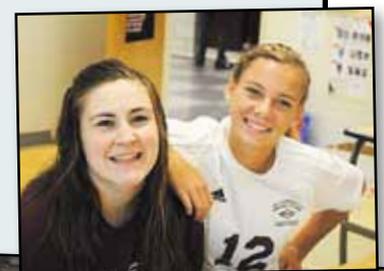
- Students receiving a detention will be responsible for notifying their parents as to why they have detention and that they need to be picked up at 4:00. Students may use the school phone to notify their parents.
- We will continue to send home a written referral detailing the event. Parents will need to sign this referral and have their child return it to the main office the next morning.
- If a student does not serve a detention / detentions as assigned, he / she will serve in-school suspension the next day for insubordination, **and** he / she will still owe the detention(s).

While we understand that exceptions will occur, we need your support in making sure that students are held accountable for their actions and serve detentions in a timely manner. Hopefully, the inconvenience of detention will serve as a reminder so that students learn from the experience. While it may result in some extra burdens for parents, we hope it will be a learning experience that parents can use, while providing an opportunity for you to emphasize to your child that they need to follow the rules.

## Yearbook News

*Are these pictures in the yearbook? If you reserve one you'll get to find out.*

- To reserve a yearbook you must put at least \$10 down. Your book must be reserved by May 31<sup>st</sup>. If you don't reserve one you'll only be able to get one a week after they come in, after all reserved ones have had a chance to be claimed.
- You may purchase old yearbooks while supplies last. 2013's book is \$30. Books from previous years are \$10 apiece, while supplies last.
- If you sold candy in the yearbook fundraiser you automatically have a reserved book. You'll just need to pay the difference when the books come in. If you sold 30 items or more you'll be getting a free yearbook.



# Applications Due for Local Scholarships

Each year several local scholarships and awards are given at graduation. Ellicottville Central School is truly fortunate and grateful to have so many families, organizations, and businesses generously offer these funds to graduating students. Many of the scholarship / award recipients are chosen by the family, organization or business through a selection / application process that they have developed. At the same time, some of the families, organizations and businesses that offer scholarships and awards have elected to use an application process through ECS. Below is a list of the scholarships and awards that students need to apply for through the guidance office. Please carefully read the requirements for each award to be sure that you qualify based on the criteria listed.

**Please submit the necessary information to the Guidance Office by May 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**HOLIDAY VALLEY SCHOLARSHIP:** Seniors are asked to submit an essay on community service that they have been involved in and explain why community service is important. Three scholarships will be given: two at \$2,000 each and one for \$1,000.

**HUGHEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:** Seniors who plan to attend college and major in Science or Education are encouraged to apply for this \$1,000 scholarship. Please submit an essay with information about yourself and your future plans.

**DANIEL SIRIANNI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:** Seniors who plan to attend college and major in Business or Education are encouraged to apply for this \$1,000 scholarship. Please submit an essay with information about yourself and your future plans.

**JOSEPH F. WARD MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:** Seniors who plan to attend college and major in an Agricultural or Environmental related fields are encouraged to apply for this \$1,000 scholarship. Please submit an essay describing yourself, your intended major, and your future career plans.

**ELLICOTTVILLE ROTARY CLUB AWARD:** Seniors who plan to attend college and have a minimum of an 85% average are encouraged to apply for this \$500 award. Two scholarships will be awarded to ECS students based on academic performance, teacher evaluations, and a completed application that includes; school experiences that have contributed to your academic development, reasons for selecting a specific college and career area, and service to the school and community. **May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline**

**ELLICOTTVILLE TEACHER'S ASSOCIATION AWARD:** Seniors who plan to attend college and major in Education will be considered for this \$500 Award. An application is not required. The ETA will meet to determine the 4 award winners. Additional criteria may also be used in determining the selected candidates.

**LELAND ARTHUR EASTMAN MEMORIAL AWARD:** Seniors who plan to pursue a career in Photography, History or Journalism are encouraged to apply for this \$200 award. Please submit an essay with information about yourself and your future plans.

**KRISTEN HINTZ MEMORIAL AWARD:** In a one or two page essay, tell us about yourself. Describe and explain what characteristics and qualities you possess that makes you deserving of this scholarship. You should also include in your essay any situation where you have overcome an obstacle or met a challenge in your life. Please include a time when you made an impact on someone's life. **An additional application is required for this scholarship; please stop in the Guidance Office to pick one up.**

**ECS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD:** Seniors who are academically motivated and plan to attend college are invited to apply for this \$1,000 scholarship. Additional criteria are: Demonstrated Leadership, Community and School involvement and good character. Please submit an essay describing your qualifications for this scholarship. One male and one female will be selected for this award.

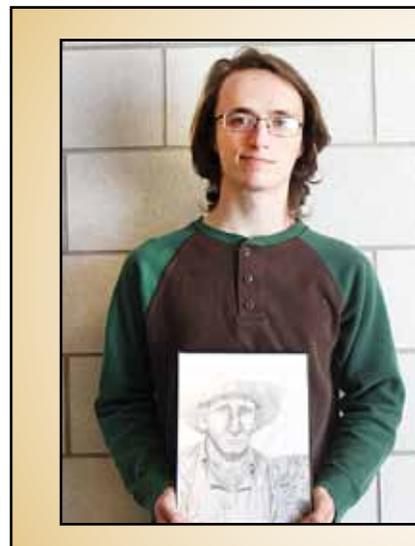
**ELLICOTTVILLE SPORTS BOOSTER AWARD:** Senior athletes

are invited to apply for this award. One female athlete and one male athlete will be awarded \$250. Student's must have participated in at least four seasons, including at least one season in your senior year. You must have a cumulative average of 80% or higher and plan to attend college in the fall. Please submit supporting information as well as a letter of recommendation from one of your senior year coaches.

**CATTARAUGUS COUNTY BANK AWARD:** Seniors who plan to attend college and major in business are eligible to apply for this \$200 award. Please submit an essay indicating your future plans in relation to business.

**SALAMANCA KIWANIS AWARD:** Seniors who have done extensive community service are eligible for this \$200 award. Please submit an essay and a resume outlining your community service.

**EDDIE SZPAICHER ACADEMIC & ATHLETIC AWARD:** Seniors who have a strong spirit, good academic standing (90% GPA or higher), great leaders and play on at least two sports teams each year are encouraged to apply for this \$2,000 scholarship. Two awards will be given at graduation. **An additional application is required for this scholarship; please stop in the Guidance Office to pick one up. April 30<sup>th</sup> deadline**



## Wilson Selected for Regional Art Show

The art department would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Aidan Wilson for being accepted into the WNY Regional Art Show at the University at Buffalo this past month. The show was featured 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!

## Mother's Day Hanging Plant Sale

Buy a hanging plant or two, and **honor your mother, decorate your porch, and help the Class of 2016** raise money for their senior trip.

**Please mail (or drop off) the following order form with money to:** Sophomore Class advisors, Ellicottville Central School, 5873 Rt. 219, Ellicottville, NY 14731

**Please place all orders by Thursday, May 1. Make checks payable to ECS Class of 2016**

Customer Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost of Hanging Plants is \$17 each (indicate quantity and color):**

**Million Bells (Sun/Semi-shade)** – Pink \_\_\_\_\_, Purple \_\_\_\_\_, or Mixed \_\_\_\_\_

**Double Rosebud Impatiens (Partial Shade)** – Pink \_\_\_\_\_, Purple \_\_\_\_\_, Red \_\_\_\_\_, Orange \_\_\_\_\_

**Petunias (Sun)** – Pink \_\_\_\_\_, or Purple \_\_\_\_\_

**Ivy Geraniums (Partial Sun)** – Red \_\_\_\_\_, Pink \_\_\_\_\_, or Lavender \_\_\_\_\_

**Boston Fern (Partial Shade)** - \_\_\_\_\_



**Orders will be available to pick up at the high school on Thursday, May 8, perfect for celebrating Mother's Day on May 11. Thank you for your purchase!**

## Eagle's Nest Tutoring

The Eagle's Nest is a certified program, through the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA). ECS is the first high school in New York State to earn this certification. Any tutor who completes the training and tutors a minimum of 25 hours will be internationally certified. Many colleges are affiliated with CRLA, so certified tutors often are able to join the tutoring staff at college without going through the training process.

Sam Uhrinek and Gwen Brown (*below*) have earned their CRLA certification. This is a lot of work on top of an already busy schedule of academics and sports. Congratulations Sam and Gwen!!

Are you getting worried about your end of the year average and prepping for exams? See Mrs. Bauer about getting a tutor.



## ECS Video Production Class Takes First in Holiday Valley Safety Contest

Mr. Edwards' Video Production class won 1st place honors in a video safety contest in a competition with 105 other school groups at Holiday Valley.

The contest was one part of Safety Awareness Month promoted by NSAA (National Ski Areas Association). The groups were presented the challenge of producing a video that centered around their own group emphasizing the "Skier Responsibility Code" and "Smart Style" program. Groups were encouraged to produce videos which would include the safety aspects of skiing and snowboarding.

The Ellicottville class video is available for viewing on Holiday Valley's web site,

[www.holidayvalley.com](http://www.holidayvalley.com) under the video section.

The video has been presented to NSAA along with the other activities the Guest Services Department engaged in during the January Safety Awareness Month. Holiday Valley is in competition nationally with other ski areas and has won 1st Place in different categories in the past.

Mr. Edwards' class was presented with a light breakfast and gift cards valid for one hour at the Climbing Forest in the Sky High Adventure Park.

Hopefully the video will be an important part of Guest Services' submission in the national competition.



## Two Odyssey of the Mind Teams Advance to States

The Odyssey of the Mind regional competition was held at Wellsville High School on March 15, 2014. Three elementary teams, two middle school teams and one high school team represented Ellicottville Central at the competition. All the teams competed in a long-term problem and a spontaneous problem.

Two teams placed first in their divisions, giving them the opportunity to compete in the New York State competition at SUNY Binghamton. The teams representing Ellicottville at the state competition are the Division 1 Stackable Structure team coached by Caitlin Keller and assisted by Isabella Brown and McKenzie Robinson and the Division 2 Seeing Is Believing team coached by Aimee Kilby.

**Division 1 – Stackable Structure Team** coached by Caitlin Keller, Isabella Brown and McKenzie Robinson; Team Members - Courtney Sexton, Elsa Woodarek, Jamison Caldwell, Matthew Ives, Kolby Aldrich, Lucas Adams and Gabriel Snyder

**Division 1 - Seeing Is Believing Team** coached by Melissa Block; Team Members – Brett Kryniski, Adam Delity, Jalee

Evans, Lindsay Swalcy, Leilani Foster and Emma Steffenhagen  
**Division 1 - The Not-So-Haunted House Team** coached by Laurie Caldwell; Team members – Saily Bolya, Brianna Freany, Clayton Rowland, Braedyn Palmatier, Dairinn Finn, Coryn Yarnes, Andrew Bolya

**Division 2 – Seeing Is Believing Team** coached by Aimee Kilby; Team Members – Megan Stuve, Madisyn Kilby, Allison Calarco, Hannah DeChane, Samantha VanWicklin and Abbey DeChane

**Division 2 – The Not-So-Haunted House Team** coached by JoAnn Kurtis; Team Members – Christian Hutchinson, Brooke Eddy, Cyrene Moore, Robert Dungan, Ainsley Watt, and Noah Greene

**Division 3 - Driver's Test Team** – coached by Zachery DeChane; Team Members – Elizabeth Wellman, Patrick McMahon-Eagan, Elijah DeChane, Megan Westfall, Sierra DeChane, Liam Watt and coach Zachery DeChane

# May 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> - Grades 3-8 NYS Mathematics Assessments - Homework Club	<b>2</b> - Grades 3-8 NYS Mathematics Assessments	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> - Class of 2015 Basket Sale	<b>6</b> - Homework Club	<b>7</b> - 6:00 pm NHS County Banquet	<b>8</b> - 6-7:00 pm MS Awards Ceremony - 7-8:00 pm Grades 5, 6 & 8 Moving Up Parent Info Night - Homework Club	<b>9</b> - NYSSMA Solo Festival	<b>10</b> - NYSSMA Solo Festival - 7-11:00 pm Jr/Sr Prom
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> - PTO Book Fair	<b>13</b> - PTO Book Fair - 7:30 pm Board of Education Budget Hearing HS Café - Homework Club	<b>14</b> - PTO Book Fair - 6:00 pm HS Academic Awards Banquet	<b>15</b> - PTO Book Fair - Senior Class Trip - Homework Club	<b>16</b> - PTO Book Fair - Senior Class Trip	<b>17</b> - Senior Class Trip
<b>18</b> - Senior Class Trip	<b>19</b> - ECS Sports Booster Meeting, 7:00 pm, HS Café	<b>20</b> - 1-8:00 pm Budget Vote & BOE Election - Elementary Foyer - 6:00 pm Science & Tech. Expo - 7:30 pm BOE Mtg. HS Library - Homework Club	<b>21</b> - Grade 8 NYS Science Performance Test	<b>22</b> - 7:00 pm Elementary Spring Concert - Homework Club	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> - Memorial Day - School Closed - MS/HS Memorial Day Performance at Gazebo	<b>27</b> - Homework Club	<b>28</b> - Grade 4 NYS Science Performance Test	<b>29</b> - 7:00 pm MS/HS Spring Concert - Homework Club	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# June 2014



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> - Grades 4 & 8 NYS Science Written Test	<b>3</b> - 8:15 am English Language Arts Regents (11th Grade) - 7:30 pm Board of Education Meeting HS Library	<b>4</b> - 8:15 am Integrated Algebra Regents	<b>5</b> - 7:00 pm Club Jazz	<b>6</b> - 6:00-8:00 pm Grades K-5 Daddy Daughter Dance	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> - 5:30 pm Spring Sports Banquet	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> - ECS Sports Booster Meeting, 7:00 pm, HS Café	<b>17</b> - NYS Regents Exams	<b>18</b> - NYS Regents Exams	<b>19</b> - NYS Regents Exams	<b>20</b> - NYS Regents Exams	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> - NYS Regents Exams - 6:00 pm PTO Lip Sync	<b>24</b> - NYS Regents Exams - PTO Field Day - 7:30 pm Board of Education Meeting HS Library	<b>25</b> - NYS Regents Exams	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> - 8:30 am Baccalaureate Breakfast - 7:00 pm Graduation	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>					

# SPRING 2014 SPORTS SCHEDULE

## VARSITY BASEBALL

3/25/14 4:30 pm @ Randolph (St. Bona's)  
 3/27/14 4:30 pm vs. Allegany-Limestone  
 3/29/14 12:00 pm vs. Randolph  
 4/2/14 4:30 pm vs. Catt/Little Valley  
 4/4/14 4:30 pm @ Pine Valley  
 4/5/14 11:00 am vs. West Valley  
 4/8/14 5:00 pm vs. Sherman  
 4/22/14 5:00 pm vs. Bolivar Richburg  
 4/23/14 4:30 pm @ North Collins  
 4/25/14 4:30 pm @ Franklinville  
 4/28/14 4:30 pm @ Catt/Little Valley  
 4/30/14 4:30 pm vs. Pine Valley  
 5/2/14 4:30 pm @ Archbishop Walsh  
 5/3/14 2:00 pm @ Allegany-Limestone  
 5/6/14 5:00 pm @ Sherman  
 5/8/14 4:30 pm @ West Valley  
 5/9/14 4:30 pm vs. North Collins  
 5/12/14 4:30 pm vs. Franklinville  
 5/13/14 4:30 pm vs. Archbishop Walsh

## MODIFIED BASEBALL

4/4/14 4:30 pm vs. Pine Valley  
 4/5/14 11:00 am @ West Valley  
 4/23/14 4:30 pm vs. North Collins  
 4/24/14 4:30 pm vs. Franklinville  
 4/28/14 4:30 pm vs. Catt/Little Valley  
 4/30/14 4:30 pm @ Pine Valley  
 5/8/14 4:30 pm vs. West Valley  
 5/9/14 4:30 pm @ North Collins  
 5/15/14 4:30 pm @ Catt/Little Valley  
 5/28/14 4:30 pm @ Franklinville

## VARSITY SOFTBALL

3/27/14 4:30 pm vs. Allegany-Limestone  
 4/2/14 4:30 pm @ Catt/Little Valley  
 4/4/14 4:30 pm @ Pine Valley  
 4/5/14 11:00 am vs. West Valley  
 4/7/14 4:30 pm vs. Forestville  
 4/8/14 5:00 pm vs. Sherman  
 4/23/14 4:30 pm @ North Collins  
 4/25/14 4:30 pm @ Franklinville  
 4/28/14 4:30 pm @ Catt/Little Valley  
 4/30/14 4:30 pm vs. Pine Valley  
 5/2/14 4:30 pm @ Forestville  
 5/3/14 2:00 pm @ Allegany-Limestone  
 5/6/14 5:00 pm @ Sherman  
 5/8/14 4:30 pm @ West Valley  
 5/9/14 4:30 pm vs. North Collins  
 5/12/14 4:30 pm vs. Franklinville  
 5/15/14 4:30 pm vs. Portville

## JUNIOR VARSITY SOFTBALL

4/1/14 4:30 pm vs. Olean  
 4/3/14 4:30 pm @ Cassadaga Valley  
 4/5/14 1:00 pm vs. Chautauqua Lake  
 4/8/14 4:30 pm @ Catt/Little Valley  
 4/10/14 4:30 pm vs. Allegany-Limestone

4/12/14 11:45 am @ North Collins  
 4/24/14 4:30 pm vs. Pine Valley  
 4/29/14 4:30 pm @ Olean  
 5/1/14 4:30 pm vs. Cassadaga Valley  
 5/3/14 11:00 am @ Chautauqua Lake  
 5/6/14 4:30 pm vs. Catt/Little Valley  
 5/8/14 4:30 pm @ Allegany-Limestone  
 5/15/14 4:30 pm @ Pine Valley

## MODIFIED SOFTBALL

4/4/14 4:30 pm vs. Pine Valley  
 4/5/14 11:00 am @ West Valley  
 4/23/14 4:30 pm vs. North Collins  
 4/24/14 4:30 pm vs. Franklinville  
 4/28/14 4:30 pm vs. Catt/Little Valley  
 4/30/14 4:30 pm @ Pine Valley  
 5/8/14 4:30 pm vs. West Valley  
 5/9/14 4:30 pm @ North Collins  
 5/15/14 4:30 pm @ Catt/Little Valley  
 5/28/14 4:30 pm @ Franklinville

## GOLF

4/24/14 3:30 pm Eville/Portville @ Walsh (St. Bonas CC)  
 4/29/14 3:30 pm Eville @ Salamanca/Catt-LV (Elkdale CC)  
 4/30/14 3:30 pm Alleg/Limestone/Eville @ Franklinville (Ischua Valley CC)  
 5/2/14 3:30 pm Southwester/Rand/Eville @ Olean (Bartlett CC)  
 5/5/14 Eville/Catt-LV @ Randolph (Double Black Diamond)  
 5/8/14 Portville/Catt-LV @ Eville (Double Black Diamond)  
 5/14/14 3:30 pm Eville/Catt-LV @ Randolph (Cardinal Hills CC)  
 5/16/14 Salamanca/Wellsville @ Eville (Double Black Diamond)  
 5/12/14 9:00 am Sectional Qualifier (Bartlett CC)  
 5/19/14 9:00 am Sectional Tournament  
 5/22/14 9:00 am 3-Man League Tournament

## TRACK (combined with Franklinville)

3/31/14 5:00 pm vs. Bolivar-Richburg  
 4/5/14 Frostbite Relays Tourn.  
 4/8/14 4:30 pm @ Salamanca  
 4/22/14 4:30 pm vs. Chautauqua Lake  
 4/24/14 5:00 pm @ Portville  
 4/28/14 5:00 pm vs. Portville  
 4/29/14 4:30 pm @ Randolph  
 5/5/14 5:00 pm @ Olean  
 5/6/14 4:30 pm vs. Maple Grove  
 5/12/14 5:00 pm @ Allegany-Limestone  
 5/13/14 4:30 pm @ West Valley  
 5/19/14 4:30 pm @ Catt/Little Valley  
 5/20/14 4:30 pm vs. Portville

## M.S. Student Leadership Team Plans Survey

A group of 11 student leaders from 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade recently met with their advisors, counselors and administration as a follow-up to the Student / Parent Meeting held January 15. On that evening, Dr. Amanda Nickerson, Director of the Alberti Center for Bullying Abuse Prevention at the UB Graduate School of Education, talked about ways to identify when someone is being bullied, teased, harassed, etc.; strategies to use to deal with these situations; and then led break-out sessions that allowed teams to work through scenarios.

Many positive improvements have been seen in the MS climate as a result of that evening, but efforts cannot stop; the Leadership Team is planning to ensure the continuation of this progress. Therefore, the students brainstormed on a series of questions that will be presented to all students in grades 7 and 8 in the form of an electronic survey, which will be given during the school day.

The results of this survey will then be analyzed by the Leadership Team, counselors, advisors and administrators to determine our "next steps." This survey is an important part of the process as it will allow for the collection of student concerns while hopefully answering questions such as (but not limited to):

- What forms of bullying / harassment do students see taking place?
- When do students see bullying / harassment taking place?
- What do students see by-standers doing?

Our hope is that this survey will allow us to more accurately pinpoint the areas of greatest concern / need so that we can more effectively and efficiently work towards solutions. Please watch for progress updates in future newsletters.

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## Harvard Professor Visits ECS Programming Class

The ECS Computer Programming class recently hosted Dr. Stephen Chong from Harvard University (*above right with William Timkey*). Stephen Chong is an Associate Professor of Computer Science at the Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. Chong's research aims to help programmers write trustworthy programs. He focuses on using programming language technologies (including type systems, dataflow analyses, and runtime mechanisms) to provide strong, practical information and security guarantees.

Chong received a Ph.D. in Computer Science from Cornell University; a B.S. in Computer Science and a B.A. in Math and Science from Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. Prior to his appointment at Harvard, Chong was a visiting scholar at Pomona College and a Research Associate at the University of New South Wales. He has also worked as an information technology consultant and contractor. He is the recipient of an NSF CAREER award, an AFOSR Young Investigator award, and a Sloan Research Fellowship.



## EC Science and Technology Exposition

**Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
**6 p.m., High School Cafeteria**

There will be a Kiddie Corner with hands-on activities for the little ones. Earth Science students will test the egg drop, and technology students will be creating a candy factory.