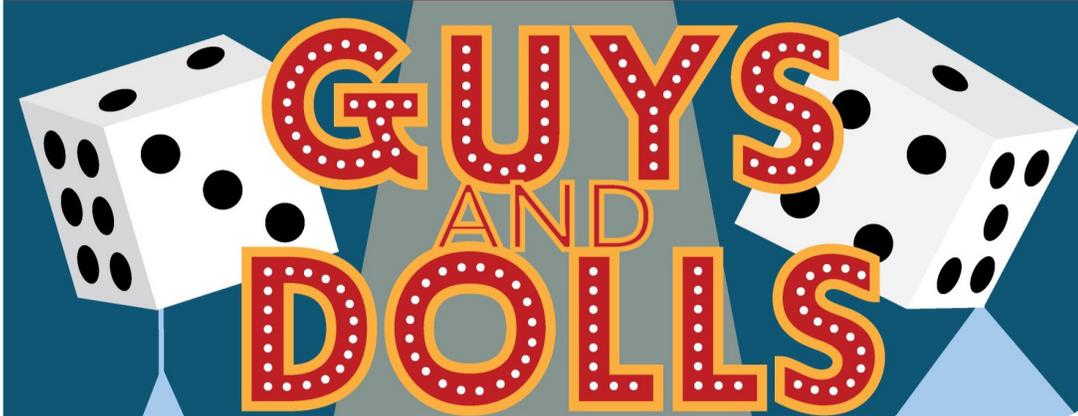


# ELLICOTTVILLE

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## ECS DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS:



The Ellicottville Central School Drama Club is pleased to announce their upcoming production, *Guys & Dolls*. This version is presented through special arrangement with Music Theater International (MTI). We hope you enjoy this classic musical comedy that bursts with charm, romance, and high-energy performances. Set in the bustling streets of 1940s New York City, the story follows two colorful pairs of characters.

Nathan Detroit, a small-time gambler, is desperately searching for a location to host his infamous floating craps game, while evading pressure from his fiancée of 14 years, Miss Adelaide, who dreams of finally getting married. Meanwhile, Nathan bets the suave high-roller Sky Masterson that he can't convince the virtuous Sarah Brown, a dedicated missionary, to go on a date with him. What starts as a wager quickly turns into a heartfelt romance that challenges both their worlds.

Packed with show-stopping numbers like "Luck Be a Lady," "Sit Down, You're Rockin' the Boat," and

"Adelaide's Lament," *Guys & Dolls* is a delightful mix of humor, love, and timeless melodies that is sure to captivate audiences of all ages.

*The cast members are:*

**Seniors:** **Ryan Metzger** – as Nicely-Nicely Johnson, **Adelaide Weber** – as Sarah Brown, **Mikey Kerns** – as Arvide Abernathy, **Liam McGuire** – as Harry the Horse, **Sophia Sundeen** – as Miss Adelaide (Saturday performance), **Siying Sun** – as Allison, **Elleanor Meacham-Williams** – as Mimi, **Alarice Krause** – projections, and Ben Edwards – sound board

**Juniors:** **Talyn Wyatt** – as Nathan Detroit, **Skye Wood** – as Sky Masterson, and **Grace Kwagalakwe** – as General Matilda B. Cartwright

**Sophomores:** **Dominic Tirado** – as Benny Southstreet, **Isabella Wilder** – as Miss Adelaide (Friday performance), **Ava Weber** – stage manager, **McKenzie Green** – mic mistress, **Ady Andrews** – stage crew, and **Ella Grundy** – stage crew

**Freshmen:** **Dan Kruszynski** – as Rusty Charlie, **Collin Weber** – as

Angie the Ox, **Abby Rust** – as Agatha, **Alison Antholzner** – as Martha, **Cooper Sciara** – as Calvin, **Carter Kaleta** – as Lt. Brannigan, **Eva LoGiudice** – as a hot box dancer, and **Keegan Kaleta** – stage crew

**8th Graders:** **Grace Griffith** – as a hot box dancer, **Cayda**

**Kruszynski** – as a hot box dancer, **Marshall DeChane** – as Society Max, and **Nicholas Wedvik** – as Liver Lips Louie

The production runs **Friday and Saturday, March 28th & 29th at 7:00 pm** in The Ward at the High School. The show is directed by Jon Wilder, vocal director Wendy Burch, choreographer Jenni Caruso, and producer Meghan Emborsky. Rehearsal accompanist is Jamie Edwards.

**Tickets are \$7 at the door.**

*GUYS & DOLLS* is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. [www.MTIShows.com](http://www.MTIShows.com)

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Monday, February 17, 2025**

**SCHOOL CLOSED  
PRESIDENT'S DAY**

**Tuesday, February 18-  
Sunday, February 23, 2025**

**FEBRUARY BREAK**

# FORMER SUPERINTENDENT WARD RETURNS

Former Ellicottville Superintendent, Mr. Mark Ward, has returned to the district to serve as the Interim Superintendent until a full-time replacement is hired. Mr. Bob Miller, who served as the district's superintendent retired on January 1, 2025. Mr. Ward is no stranger to the district, having started at ECS in 1975 serving as a teacher, coach, AD, Principal and Superintendent.

In his role, Mr. Ward will continue to make sure the environment is safe, the district is moving forward, and we continue to meet the social, emotional and academic needs of the students. Maintaining sound fiscal management and responding to the day-to-day needs of students and staff is always an important part of the job. It will be important to work with all members of the teaching and support staff to maintain a positive working atmosphere.

With only a few days on the job, it is too early to highlight major insights or observations. I enjoyed walking the halls and talking with students and staff. Visiting classrooms,

observing teachers, developing a better understanding of our programs and learning more about ECS today will be a high priority.

ECS has always been a special place for me and clearly special for the students who attend school and the staff who work here. A caring, nurturing and loving environment is embodied in all of our employees and is almost a prerequisite for employment at the Ellicottville Central School. I can remember in the past saying that we often referred to working here not as a job, but "a way of life"!

As the district continues the search process, let me assure you nothing is going to stand still. We will continue to move the district forward, always seeking the very best for all of our students. Programs may be tweaked, adjustments made and if important decisions have to be made, we will make sure they are well researched and carefully thought through.

The district is very fortunate to have a student focused Board of Education willing to find the resources and make

the decisions that benefit students. We are definitely experiencing a time period where there is a shortage of teachers (certified or not). This complicates our ability to staff classrooms and programs, but this district has left no stone uncovered to bring in high quality teachers.

While the special education needs have expanded greatly since I retired, the district has put in place the necessary programs, classrooms and staffing to accommodate the needs of our students. Historically, the district has always tried to keep our students in Ellicottville, if possible, and I see no change in that philosophy today.

Ellicottville Central School continues to be a school the community can be proud of and one that continues to meet the changing landscape of education. Parents can be confident that our staff and administration will listen and work with you whenever possible to provide the best educational opportunities for your students.

*It is great to be back!*

# Yearbook News



- Old yearbooks are available for purchase, as long as supplies last. The 2024 yearbook is \$50. Books from previous years are \$20. Contact Mrs. Bauer for more details.
- There is an elementary yearbook. It is a PreK-5 pull-out of the regular yearbook. They are \$20. Contact Mrs. Bauer to reserve one. Previous years will not be available for the elementary yearbook.
- You need to put at least \$20 down to reserve a book. We are accepting deposits now.
- Do you have pictures you think would be great for the yearbook? Email them to [cbauer@ecsny.org](mailto:cbauer@ecsny.org)

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Classroom teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Elementary yearbook (\$20) \_\_\_\_\_ Full yearbook (\$60) \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Make check payable to ECS Yearbook\*\***

If you want more than one of either book please indicate number on the line  
TEACHERS PLEASE RETURN TO MRS. BAUER IN THE HIGH SCHOOL

## 1ST QUARTER

# HIGH HONOR ROLL & HONOR ROLL

September 5 – November 8, 2024



### 12th Grade

#### High Honor Roll

Aronson, Brianna  
Ball, Elizabeth  
Bless, Kathryn  
Doutt, Jayden  
Edwards, Benjamin  
Fisher, Alivia  
Fuller, Tea  
Hilliman, Kade  
John, Addison  
Johnson, Maddox  
Kerns, Michael  
Marsh, Courtney  
McGuire, Liam  
Niesyty, Eve  
Norton, Ryan  
Privitera, Grace  
Robinson, Kyle  
Rust, Cheyenne  
Smith, Carter  
Sun, Siying  
Sundeen, Sophia  
Thomas, Layla  
Tussel, Violet  
Vassar, Gracie  
Weber, Adelaide  
Woodarek, Ava

#### Honor Roll

Andera, Hayden  
Button, Lauren  
Doherty, Owen  
Leiper, Natalee  
Marek, Mackenzie  
Metzger, Ryan  
Peters, Merek

### 11th Grade

#### High Honor Roll

Burlingame, Faith  
Bush, Bianca  
Byroads, Grady  
Coburn, Isabelle  
Crowley, Kalyn  
Ficek, Drew  
Finn, Teaghan  
Folts, Jordan  
Harber, Shyann  
John, Parker  
Klein, Harper  
Kruszynski, Jackson  
Kwagalakwe, Grace  
Liskow, Alexa  
Mendell, Cameron  
Myers, Delaney  
Nazareth, Anna  
Noga, Mackenzie  
Northrup, Ande

O'Connell, Jordan  
Potter, Makayla  
Tighe, Olivia  
Wedvik, Oliver  
Wilson, Lanie  
Wood, Skye  
Wyatt, Talyn

#### Honor Roll

Adams, Dakari  
Andera, Patrick  
Baldwin, Keira  
Brown, Maitlin  
Curtis, Kristopher  
Robison, Curtis  
Vassar, Zachary

### 10th Grade

#### High Honor Roll

Andrews, Adalynn  
Atwater, Eli  
Bless, Kristen  
Byroads, Breanna  
Carls, Coleman  
Curtis, Malie  
DeChane III, Timothy  
DeChane, Trinity  
Edwards, Ainsley  
Edwards, Christopher  
Fuller, Ava  
Green, McKenzie  
Grundy, Ella  
Klein, Tosh  
LaCroix, Jaxson  
Mann, Jonah  
Murray, Eliza  
Nevins, Jady  
O'Connell, Juliana  
Quinn, Ellen  
Tirado Dominic  
Weber, Ava  
Wedvik, Benjamin  
Wilder, Isabella

#### Honor Roll

Benjamin, Rylan  
Joessel, Kaiser  
John, Jailah  
Nazareth, Reed  
Smith, Blake  
Whitmer, Riley

### 9th Grade

#### High Honor Roll

Antholzner, Alison  
Brennan, Zachary  
Johnson, Rian  
Kaleta, Keegan  
Kruszynski, Daniel  
Lafferty, Katie

Milks, Coleman  
Miller, Sawyer  
Sciara, Cooler  
Weber, Collin

#### Honor Roll

Basher, Holden  
Button, Rylie  
Czamara, Isabella  
Feldbauer, Kelsey  
Howard, Camden  
Kaleta, Carter  
Lyon, Juleana  
McGonnell, Grayson  
Northrup, Karle  
Northrup, Riley  
Pierce, Trenton  
Rust, Abigail

### 8th Grade

#### High Honor Roll

Coolidge, Cooper  
DeChane, Gabriel  
DeChane, Marshall  
Erlandson, Brody  
Griffith, Grace  
Horton, Lilliana  
Kosinski, Carsten  
Krause, Audrey  
Kruszynski, Cayda  
Maynard, Marlee  
Mendell, McKenna  
Myers, Andrew  
Pearl, Lillian  
Powers, Whitney  
Riley, Camerie  
Ross, Patricia  
Tarr, Briyona  
Tupchik, Stella  
Weber, Ella  
Wedvik, Nicholas

#### Honor Roll

Bauer, Kaegan  
Brown, Marjorie  
Butcher, Christian  
Evans, Ayden  
McCarthy, Benjamin  
Meyer, Rae Ann  
Pearl, Calvin  
Perks, Taylor  
Watson, Lindsay

### 7th Grade

#### High Honor Roll

Andera, Harley  
Andrews, Allyana  
Dahlman, Liam  
Decker, Rowan  
Faulker, Maggie

Gearhart, Layla  
Green, Thomas  
Howard, Ty  
LaCroix, Mason  
Myers, Caelan  
Niesyty, Hope  
Parmenter, Everett  
Pawlowski, Reagan  
Seeley, Aston  
Siperek, Teagan

#### Honor Roll

Baker, Kaiya  
Brennan, Myla  
Daniels, Oliver  
Freaney II, Joseph  
Norton, Charlie  
Sciara, Griffen  
Wallace, Emma

### 6th Grade

#### High Honor Roll

Bishop, Liberty  
Bly, Violet  
Bunk, Noah  
Burlingame, Jameson  
Earley, Evelyn  
Frank, Jacob  
Helie, James  
Joessel, Sophia  
Johnson, Oliver  
Kell, Quinn  
Kerns, Jack  
Klein, Joanna  
Miller, Shiloh  
Moss, Jase  
Sun, Caroline  
Travis, Vander

#### Honor Roll

Benjamin, Rose  
Blouvet, Robert  
Erlandson, Taylor  
Jensen, Hunter  
Kelley, Arianah  
Potter, Carter  
Rust, Theron  
Teeft, Amanda  
Tirado, Gunnar  
Van Buren, Braylon

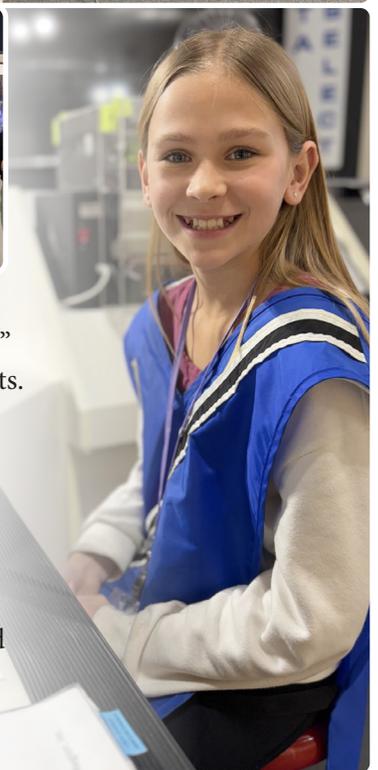
### 5th Grade

#### Mrs. Moore's Class

Caden Bishop  
Lauren Emborsky  
Matthew Myers  
Nicholas Rocco  
Paisley Rublee  
Grant Wallace  
Anna Zeher



# Sixth Graders Visit the Challenger Learning Center



On December 4th, the sixth-grade class visited the Challenger Learning Center at St. Bonaventure University. One task was designing a rocket that would hit target, while following a budget. In small groups they decided on a design and what materials they would use. After building their rocket, they launched them toward a target. After their “test launch”, they got to make final adjustments for their actual launch, with one group winning the award for closest to the target. In addition, the class got to fly on the space shuttle into Comet Halley’s tail.

In this simulation, part of the class was in Mission Control, while the other part “flew” on the space shuttle conducting experiments. They two groups had to talk to each other to problem solve and share information to successfully complete the experiments on board the space shuttle. The ultimate goal was to rendezvous with Comet Halley and launch a probe into its gaseous tail to collect data for analysis. Since the class had just finished their Science Unit about the Solar System, this trip was the perfect final learning experience.



Pre-K and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade classes enjoyed a fun-filled snowy day together out on the playground!

*Thank you community for your support!*

**Ellicottville Central School District  
December 10, 2024**

## **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT 2024**

### **PROPOSITION NO. 1—CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT 2024**

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:  
RESOLVED, that (a) the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the Ellicottville Central School District, Cattaraugus County, New York (the “District”) is hereby authorized to undertake a proposed Capital Improvements Project, 2024 (the “Project”) consisting of the partial reconstruction, renovation and the construction of improvements and upgrades to various District buildings and facilities and the sites thereof, to implement various health, safety, accessibility and Code compliance measures and various other measures that are included and generally described in (but are not to be limited by) the Project Plan that was referred to in the public notice of the vote on this Proposition, and to expend therefor an amount not to exceed \$4,530,000; (b) a tax is hereby voted in an amount not to exceed \$4,530,000 to finance the estimated maximum cost of the Project, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by the Board; (c) in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$4,530,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on such obligations as the same shall become due and payable; and (d) New York State Building Aid funds expected to be received by the District in connection with the Project are anticipated to offset a substantial part of such costs, and such funds, to the extent received, shall be applied to offset and reduce the amount of taxes herein authorized to be levied

### **VOTE RESULTS**

**YES 62 NO 1**

## **PROJECT CHRISTMAS**

The Project Christmas committee would like to thank the Ellicottville Central School community for their continued and very generous support. This past December, the program was able to help over 30 Ellicottville Central School District families. We are all so fortunate to live in a community where support is available when it is needed.

Best wishes to everyone, for a very Healthy and Happy 2025!





# Pre-Kindergarten Registration is Now Open!

If you are the parent/guardian of a child turning 4 years old by December 1, 2025 and have interest in enrolling your child in our Full-Day Pre-K Program, please contact Mrs. Kosinski in the Elementary Office at 716-699-2318 ext. 1600 or via email at [ckosinski@ecsny.org](mailto:ckosinski@ecsny.org).

Each year, New York State reviews the funding structure for the grant supported Pre-K programs. If our Pre-K program is again funded the district will notify you by mail.

The state considers a child pre-school age if their birth date is between December 1, 2020, and November 30, 2021. In order for your child to be considered for our program, a Pre-K application will need to be filled out and returned to the Elementary Office.

If you have any questions or need assistance with this application process, please feel free to call the Elementary Office.



## KINDERGARTEN

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD THAT WILL BE KINDERGARTEN AGE THIS FALL, BUT IS NOT CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN OUR PRE-K PROGRAM? PLEASE NOTIFY THE ELEMENTARY OFFICE AT 699-2318, EXT. 1600 SO WE MAY INCLUDE YOUR FAMILY IN ANY UPCOMING ACTIVITIES THIS SPRING SUCH AS KINDERGARTEN SCREENING. OUR KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM IS A FULL SCHOOL DAY. THE STATE CONSIDERS A CHILD KINDERGARTEN AGE IF THEY TURN 5 YEARS OLD BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2025.



# SHOP WITH A COP

On December 9, 2024, students from Mrs. Romance's and the 12:1:3:1 class participated in the annual Shop with a Cop event. Prior to the event, students created wish lists and traded names with their classmates for a gift exchange. Along with Officer Amber, the schools resource officer, students and staff traveled to Walmart to complete their shopping trip. The generosity of the organizations who sponsor this event allowed students to purchase supplies to wrap the gifts and have lunch at Tim and Bonnie's! Smiles were had by all as the afternoon also included a game of bowling and an impromptu dance party!

To culminate the event, students and staff from both classrooms came together on December 11th to share lunch and complete their gift exchange! Students were full of smiles and laughter and demonstrated appreciation for the gifts that were purchased for them by their classmates. There was no better way to end the festivities than with some Christmas karaoke lead by Officer Amber!

Thank you to the Bob McCarthy Foundation, the Ellicottville Police Officers Association, and Dina's for sponsoring this wonderful event for our students.



## NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION



Requests for transportation of non-public school children should be submitted to the Ellicottville Central School District Superintendent's Office by April 1, 2025. Regulations require that the district transport students to non-public schools when a student resides within 15 miles of the non-public school. The 15 miles is measured from the home of the student to the non-public school.

**Please send requests to:**  
 Ellicottville Central School  
 ATTN: Mr. Mark J. Ward, Interim Superintendent  
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 Ellicottville, New York 14731



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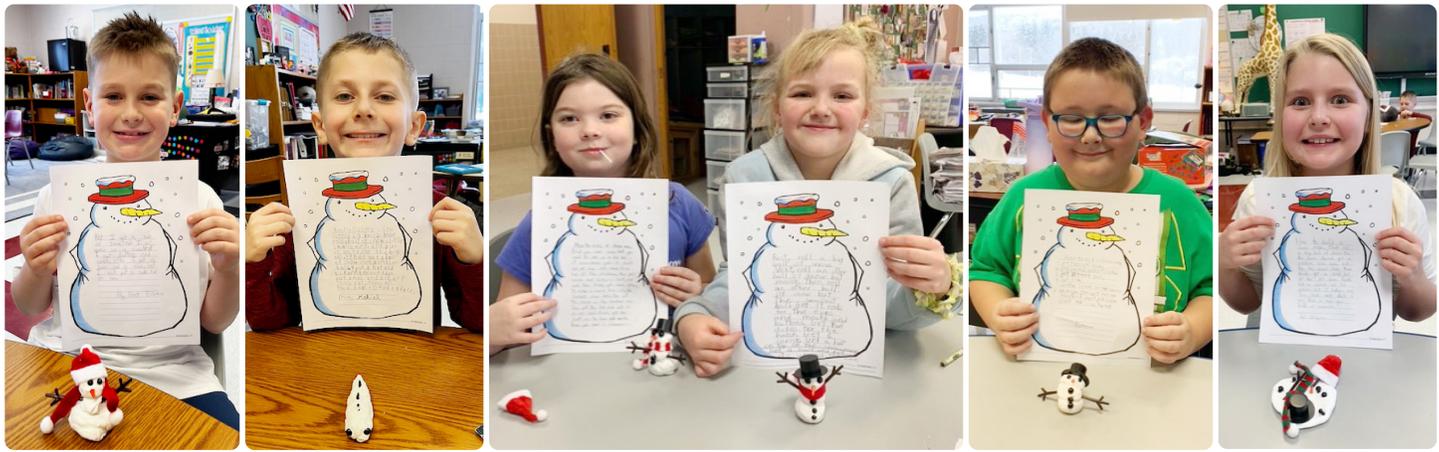
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*Elementary Principal/Director of Curriculum*  
Dr. Erich Ploetz,  
*6-12 Principal*



# How to Build a Snowman

Our little eagles worked with Ms. Michelle Conroy on writing “How to Build a Snowman” prior to the holiday break. They used their own directions to build their snowmen! There were a few non-traditional creations among them!



**ELLCOTTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL INCOME TAX CODE 181**