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Top Honors of the Class of 2017

Haley Saunders Earns Valedictorian; Hannah Chew, Salutatorian

Haley Saunders is the daughter of Bart and Lisa Saunders. She has earned the position of Valedictorian with a weighted average of 112.634 and will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors. She was selected into the New Visions Health Professions Program at the Olean BOCES Center for her senior year. Haley has served as the President of Student Council and Treasurer of the National Honor Society during her senior year. She is a member of the National Technical Honor Society.



Haley Saunders

Also, Haley has participated in Spanish Club, Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Track and Field, Varsity Golf, Quiz Bowl, and competitive freestyle skiing through the Holiday Valley Freestyle Team.

Haley works as a lifeguard at the Holiday Valley Public Pools during her summers. She has volunteered as a lifeguard for Disabled Adults' Week at Camp Onyahsa in Jamestown, New York. Haley has also been a member of the

Ellicottville Fire Department since the fall of 2015, and enjoys community service.

Haley has been the recipient of the Frederick Douglas and Susan B. Anthony Award, the Elmira College Key Award, and the National Honor Society Scholastic Excellence Award. Haley was named the 2017 "Big 30" All Academic Student from Ellicottville Central School. Haley will be attending the State University of New York at Geneseo, where she will be majoring in



Hannah Chew

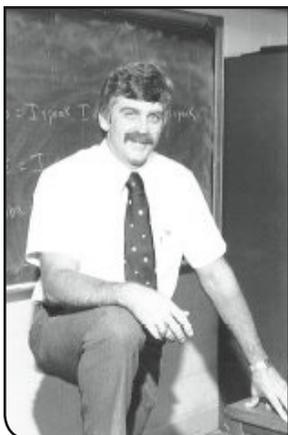
Biology, and plans to become an oral and maxillofacial surgeon.

Hannah Chew, the daughter of Jane Chew and Fred Hauri, is ranked second in her class with a weighted average of 109.64. During her high school career, she participated in multiple activities including Band, French Club, Drama Club, Peer Tutoring, Quiz Bowl, Bowling, Yearbook, Student Council, coached robotics, was the Vice President of ESPRA, and the President of the National Honor Society. She is a recipient of the RIT Computer Science Award and the National Honor

Society Distinguished Service Award.

While in school she has worked at Holiday Valley in the winter, and Pumpkinville in the fall. She will be attending college at Rochester Institute of Technology in the computer science field and honors program. She would like to thank her family and friends for all of the love and support she has had throughout the years.

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Mark J. Ward Retiring in June

By Carl Calarco, ECS Board of Education President

I believe four of my six years on the school board have included discussions about our superintendent, Mr. Mark Ward, retiring. Over those four years, we held numerous Board retreats about hiring new superintendents, and the best ways to make such a transition. However it seemed like another June would arrive, and we would be signing another contract extension with Mark. Talk of him retiring became a bit of a joke, and something it seemed would never happen.....not that we wanted him to. However, in January of this year, I received a formal notice from Mark of his intention to retire at the end of the school year, effective June 30th, 2017. It was no longer a joke, but rather a reality, a very big reality.



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Ward Retiring in June:

There was no panic, as we knew it was coming eventually, and we had been planning for it. At the time, it seemed like we had considerable time before June 30th would arrive. We had several items on our agenda that we wanted to address with Mark prior to his retirement, and it felt like we had a good deal of time to do it. We would joke that we would get these items addressed as soon as possible, and then Mark could go on the “Koby” good bye tour the rest of the year. February break came and went, and then the April break came and went, and now it is June, and another reality has set in. Mark will retire at the end of the month.

In considering that the end is near, I have been reflecting on Mark’s career with ECS. I believe that his retirement will be a defining moment in our schools history. Not because we will be experiencing any kind of great change, or downfall. Not because the District will all of a sudden be left without him. Our District strives not because of one person, but because of the collaborative effort of the entire ECS staff and community as a whole. That has always been our strength, and it will continue to be that way. I believe it will be defining because we will be losing one of the very best in our school’s history, a Hall of Famer! It will be the end of an era. As much as we may not want them to, and as much as they may not want to, even the great ones reach a time in their life when they must move on. It happens to great athletes all the time. However in this case, it will not be because of diminished health, or a lack of desire to continue to serve..... and maybe that is what makes it so hard. It will simply be because it is time to move on to something new. To start a new adventure.

With over 50 years at ECS, from student to superintendent, what more could we possibly hope to get from any one individual. To call it remarkable doesn’t do it justice. So many years of service to our District, to our children, and to our community. That doesn’t take skill, that is all about commitment and dedication, passion and pride, a true love and belief for what you’re doing. Those are traits that are hard to come by these days, and we have had the privilege of benefitting from them in Mark for many years. He has provided us with unprecedented service, the likes of which we may never receive again from any one individual.

I cannot find the words to truly describe the enormous amount of appreciation and gratitude I have for what Mark has given to us. I guess the only thing I can come up with is to simply say, thank you. Thank you for giving nearly your entire life to this District, and this community. Thank you for providing us with endless hours of service to make this school, and community, a better place. Thank you for never turning your back on us, even when it seemed we had you. Thank you for it all. Your name will not soon be forgotten in the halls of ECS.

Class of 2017 Future Plans

Haylee Adams, Trocaire College, Nursing

Jenna Aldrich, Daemen College, Physical Therapy

Aaron Blank, Army

Ethan Blank, Alfred State College, Heavy Equipment

Kelsey Bohn, Employment

Reed Carney, Employment

Robert Castillow, University of Toronto, Chemistry

Emma Chew, Rochester Institute of Technology, International Business

Hannah Chew, Rochester Institute of Technology, Computer Science

Brooke Coolidge, Jamestown Community College, Business

Nolan Dunkleman, Alfred State College, Drafting

Connor Fitzpatrick, Alfred State College, Electrical

Nicholas Foster, Alfred State College, Diesel Mechanic

Jerrett Gebauer, Employment

Alissa Gregory, Jamestown Business College, Cosmetology

Shauntay Hackett, Monroe Community College, Nursing

Marissa Hamilton, University at Buffalo, Undecided

Madison Harris, Baldwin Wallace University, Undecided

Preston Hutchinson, Alfred University, Mechanical Engineer

Shelby Imhoff, Trinity College, Biology

Summer Kelley, Trocaire College, Nursing

Noehah Knight, SUNY Fredonia, Communications

Jay Magara, Employment

Benjamin Marsh, Army

Jacob Marsh, Alfred State College, Diesel Mechanic

Heather Nicholson, Appalachian Bible College, Interior Design

Pranav Patel, Jamestown Community College, Computer Science

Kaili Perkins, Employment

Marquee Peters, Stony Brook University, Biology

Andee Pierce, SUNY Fredonia, Art & Business

William Quinn, Employment

Victor Rieman, Cornell University, Industrial Labor Relations

Aidan Rozler, Jamestown Business College, Marketing

Haley Saunders, SUNY Geneseo, Biology

Tarah Scharf, Genesee Community College, Nursing

Ryanna Scott, Employment

Dentyon Sherwood, Employment

Karly Siperek, Monroe Community College, Nursing

Jayden Slaughenaupt, Employment

Sydney Smith, Canisius College, Psychology

Robert Spell, Binghamton University, Psychology

Kayla Stoehr, Employment

Jordan Stone, Employment

Madison Swalcy, Lake Tahoe Community College, Undecided

Liam Watt, Middle Tennessee State University, Video Editing & Design

Austin Whitmer, Employment

Cody Will, Post Graduate Studies

Dylan Wilson, Navy

Continued Top Honors of 2017: Emma Chew, Shelby Imhoff and Victor Rieman

Emma Chew is graduating with a weighted average of 109.59 and is third in the Class of 2017. She participated in many activities such as Drama Club, French Club, Student Council, the Bowling Team, National Honor Society, Band, ESPRA, Yearbook, and Quiz Bowl throughout her high school career. While maintaining her grades, she also worked at Holiday Valley in the winter and Pumpkinville in the fall. Heading off to college, she will miss all the fun times she had at Ellicottville, but is looking forward to attending RIT for a degree in International Business with honors. With her high school life coming to an end, she would like to thank her friends and family for all of the support along the way.



Emma Chew



Shelby Imhoff



Victor Rieman

Shelby Imhoff is the daughter of Ed and Norene Imhoff. Shelby is ranked 4th in her class and has a weighted average of 108.66. Shelby is the Vice President of her class and National Honor Society. She is also involved in ESPRA, Yearbook, and is a certified Peer Tutor. Shelby has participated in Varsity Soccer for four years, Varsity Softball for two years, and Varsity Basketball her senior year. Shelby has been on High Honor Roll for all four years of high school. She also was

awarded the Youth Citizenship Award and recognized as a Western New York Scholar Athlete. Shelby has also been involved with various community service activities. She has volunteered at the CABOCES Winter Carnival, Project Christmas, the school's soccer camp, the Rotary Club Tuscan Moon Event, the Rotary Club Halloween Party, the Veterans Hospital blanket project, and cleaning up town after Fall Festival. Shelby has also received a Presidential Scholarship for \$15,000.

In the fall, Shelby will be attending Trinity College majoring in biology.

Victor Rieman is the son of Craig and Lori Rieman. He is ranked 5th in the class with a weighted average of 108.37, and

will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors. Victor was the captain of the Alpine Ski team and the Quiz Bowl team. Throughout high school he played Varsity Soccer, Skiing, Track, and Golf. He was also involved in French Club, ESPRA, Drama Club, and Band. Victor worked at the ticket booth and in the ski school at Holiday Valley, as well as being a reporter for The Villager, and a dishwasher for The Birdwalk.

In the fall he will be attending Cornell University and majoring in industrial labor relations, with a minor in law and society. After he completes his undergraduate degree he plans on attending law school.

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 2016-17 Highlights ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

★ Our **Girls Alpine Ski Team** comprised of **Hayly and Logan Frederickson** (coached by their dad Kelly), **won the school's first ever New York State Championship in Girls Alpine Skiing!** It is also a first for Section VI!!

★ ECS successfully performed the first ever Middle School Musical... **The Little Mermaid Jr.** featuring **Callie Rounds, Lindsay Swalcy, Gabriel Snyder, Saidy Bolya, Katie Krotz, Olivia Bacon and Josh Coolidge**

★ After an absence of over thirty years, the Performing Arts Department presented a series of **One-Act Plays** this past October. It gave students a chance to perform and "act" on stage without having to be able

to sing!! **Congrats to Victor Rieman, Mitchell Sexton, Emma and Hannah Chew**

★ Eagle's Nest... Congratulations to the following students on receiving their **CRLA tutoring certification this year: Madisyn Kilby, Sammi VanWicklin, Mitchell Sexton, Courtney Sexton, Marissa Hamilton, Sydney Smith and Kayla Krzanak.**

★ **Marissa Hamilton** signed a National Letter of Intent to play Division I Basketball at the University of Buffalo... she is the first ECS athlete to ever play Division I Girls Basketball!

★ **Lego Teams** once again dominated the local competition placing **first, third**

and fourth out of 18 teams! The following team members excelled at the Houghton Competition and qualified to go on to the University of Rochester: **Courtney Sexton, Nicholas LoGiudice, Bryce Butler, Adam Silvernail, Alex Hunt, Matthew Ives, Sam Edwards, Caleb Jennings, Aleah Arena, Sammi Lin, Justin Imhoff, JD Pfeffer, Adam Delity, Sam Schwartz, Issac Alexander, Aiden Harrington, Kyle Robinson, Brooke Butler, Logan Grinols, Benjamin Edwards, Ignacio deOrbe**

★ Congrats to **Louisa Benatovich**, a tenth grader, for her **second place** essay in the Annual Cattaraugus-Allegany Principal's Angelo Melaro Writing Contest.

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★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 2016-17 Highlights Continued ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

★ Our ladies soccer team featured **three all-league players: Shelby Imhoff, Madison Swaley and Evie Cortez** while Jenna Aldrich, Lauren Olejniczak and Kourtney Robinson were named to the second team

★ Our football team played for a Section VI Championship at New Era Stadium (the old Ralph!) for the third year in a row!

★ **First Team All League Football players included: Griffin Chudy, Preston Hutchinson and Austin Whitmer** with Walter Woodarek, Austin Grinols and Liam Watt being named to the second team.

★ **Big 30 Football All Stars: Griffin Chudy and Preston Hutchinson**

★ Congratulations to **Tarah Scharf** and **Haley Saunders** for being selected into the National Technical Honor Society

The following musicians were honored:

★ **All-State:** Kourtney Robinson - Alternate - Flute

★ **Junior High Area All-State:** Willow Comstock/Eastlick - SSA, Devon Fish - SATB, Madisyn Kilby - SSA, Heli Kongats - SSA, Cyrene Moore - SSA, Erin Quinn - SSA, Callie Rounds - SATB, Gabriel Snyder - SATB, Brianna Winship - SSA, Saily Boyla - Clarinet, Megan Hartsell - Trumpet

★ **Senior High Area All-State:** Kourtney Robinson - Flute, Madison Harris - Trumpet

★ **All-County Elementary Chorus:** Breana Andrews, Olivia Bacon, Jaxon Czapl, Emmett Gebauer, Katryna Jennings, Katie Krotz, Ryah Quinn, Leah Tupchik, Sarah Weber, and Bryce Wood.

★ **All-County Junior High Band:** Saily Boyla, Allison Calarco, Patrick Dineen, Abaigeal Donoghue, Jalee Evans, Julianna Giannicchi, Alex Hunt, Caleb Jennings, Jack Snyder, and Emma Steffenhagen.

★ **All-County Senior High Chorus:** Robert Castillow, Kayleigh Coolidge, Triston Georgianni, Elizabeth Jacobson/Coolidge, Lisa Krotz, and Evan Quinn.

★ **All-County Elementary Band:** Lita Conklin, Katrina DeChane, Mia Giannicchi, Katryna Jennings, Brad John, Katie Krotz, Errol Moore, Allison Rowland, Sarah Weber, Alysa Williams, Bryce Wood, Caedon Wyatt, and Ian Zeher.

★ **Jenna Aldrich** won the Big 30 Scholarship

★ **All-County Junior High Chorus:** Saily Boyla, Willow Comstock/Eastlick, Josh Coolidge, Dairinn Finn, Devon Fish, Gabe Hauri, Heli Kongats, Cyrene Moore, Callie Rounds, and Gabriel Snyder.

★ **All-County Senior High Band:** Rylie Aldrich, Louisa Benatovich, Allisyon Calarco, Meganne Chapman, Abaigeal Donoghue, Megan Hartsell, Ginna Hensel, Kirkland Kaleta, Madisyn Kilby, Lisa Krotz, Madison Harris, Kourtney Robinson, Mitchell Sexton, Robert Spell, and Walter Woodarek.

★ **Quiz Bowl Team** comprised of **Robert Spell, Victor Rieman, Louisa Benatovich, Heather Nicholson and Parker Rieman** placed second at the annual two-county competition and was invited to once again compete in the National Competition in Washington, D.C., advancing to the final day of competition.

★ **Griffin Chudy and Marissa Hamilton** were named **ECS Athlete's of the Year**

★ The ECS Drama Department members did an outstanding job performing this year's musical ...**Anything Goes starring....Andee Pierce, Robert Castillow, Evan Quinn, Heather Nicholson, Kayleigh Coolidge and Gabe Snyder.**

★ The **Girls Basketball team** made history by finishing the season with the **school's best all-time record of 19-2.** They compiled a 9-1 league record and were CCAC Division II East Co-Champs.

★ The **Boys Basketball Team** completed a 16-4 record and was **CCAC Co-Champs** with a league record of 9-1.

★ **Elliot Bowen** was named **Most Valuable Player of the CCAC Boys Basketball Division II East, Griffin Chudy** was named as a **first team all star** and Austin Grinols made second team

★ **Marissa Hamilton** piled up a bunch of basketball honors highlighted by being named by the NYS Sportswriters as a **First Team All New York State All Star** in Class D, she was also named all WNY by the Buffalo News, a Big 30 All Star by the Olean Times Herald and a Chautauqua/Cattaraugus Athletic Conference First Team All Star

★ **Emmalea Erlandson** was named as a **first team All-Star** and Linnea Jimmerson was named as a second team All Star for Basketball.

★ We once again had **two of our OM teams place first** in the local competition and go to compete in the State Competition in Binghamton. Division 1 Odd-A-Bot problem placed 5th out of 19 teams at the New York state competition at Binghamton University. **Team members include Mia Giannicchi, Allison Pfeffer, Katie Bless, Tea Fuller, Kara White and Emma Lafferty.**

The Division II Catch Us If You Can problem placed 6th out of 13 teams at the New York state competition at Binghamton University. **Team members include Jessi Rust, Katie Krotz, Olivia Bacon, Katrina DeChane, Alex Silvernail and Aidan Murray.**

★ **Robert Spell** and **Marissa Hamilton** were nominated as Davies-Foy selections as Outstanding Male and Female Athletes

★ Congratulations to Track Athletes qualifying for the Section VI Girls Sectionals: **Nicole Wise & Logan Fredrickson** - Pentathlon, **Gabby Milligan, Haven Ford, Morganne Chapman & Hayly Fredrickson** - 4x400 Relay, **Hayly Fredrickson** - Pole Vault, **Kate Frascella** - 1500m run, 3000m run & 2000m Steeplechase, **Haven Ford** - 400IM Hurdles, **Rena Riley** - Shot Put

★ The following students were inducted into the prestigious National Honor Society: **Hannah DeChane, Marissa Hamilton, Kirkland Kaleta, Lisa Krotz, Kourtney Robinson, Madison Swaley, Daniel Tupchik and Andelain Wilson**

★ **Penn State-Sea, Air and Land Challenge..2nd and 3rd place finish!** **Adrian de Orbe, Gabriel Hauri, Simon Lin and Jacob Summers**

★ **Haley Saunders** was Ellicottville's Big 30 Principal's Nominee

★ **Lisa Krotz and Hannah DeChane** were sponsored by the Ellicottville Rotary to attend the leadership SLAPSHOT program. SLAPSHOT is an acronym for Student Leadership Award Program for Students High On Training. SLAPSHOT is for high school student leaders, 15 to 18 years. SLAPSHOT promotes, honors, celebrates and fosters youth leadership and is held annually in April in Ancaster, Ontario.



What Makes Ellicottville Such a Special Place?

By **Mark J. Ward, Superintendent**

The simple answer to the question is the people. It is the people who work with the students in the classrooms, serve food, clean the rooms, drive the buses, supervise staff, manage the resources, volunteer to serve as Board Members and maintain the district's systems and equipment. Oh yes, there are some other factors that play in, but the bottom line is that, over the years, it is the people who work here that make it what it is.

You see, schools are a "people business" and it is the people who are the most important part of why Ellicottville has not only had success for its students but is known and respected as a quality school system.

Having been a product of the system myself and involved in some capacity as a student, teacher, coach, administrator or parent for over fifty years, I feel that my experiences provide me insight into what makes ECS so special.

With classes ranging from 38 to 67 students, the school is small enough that the staff knows the students and the students know the staff! There is a "special warmth" that you see each day with adults speaking personally to students or welcoming parents into the school. No matter what role a staff member has in the school, they go out of their way to smile and speak to the students. This provides the students with a personal connection with the school and this is a quality that helps to define our school.

The PreK-12 atmosphere provides excellent opportunities for younger and older students to interact, and I see this as a real positive both educationally and socially. Younger students often have a chance to go to pep rallies, ride on the buses with older students, attend special programs and participate in the annual school-wide Christmas Program watching students from Kindergarten to twelfth grade perform their musical talents. Older students are very protective of younger children and they thoroughly enjoy assisting in elementary classrooms.

Many times, the school has been referred to as a "private public school" since nearly 200 out-of-district students attend classes each day. This is really not a new phenomenon, ECS has been a school of choice since the late 1970's when parents decided to pay tuition to bring their children to Ellicottville. The connections were often former graduates with new families of their own, people who worked in Ellicottville but could not afford the housing and still others had relatives or friends who already attended school here.

Today, many families are very concerned about the quality of education their children are getting and they have come to us because of our reputation and success.

On opening day, while speaking to the students, I referred to our school as a "melting pot" of students from a number of area schools who now call ECS their school. It is simply part of our culture that our students and staff openly accept new students and help them to understand what makes Ellicottville so special.

Historically, the elementary ELA and math programs have distinguished themselves when compared to local and other WNY schools often ranking in the top ten! Our experienced and dedicated staff knows how to get the most out of our students! This strong foundation has allowed our students to excel. At the heart of this success, is good, solid communication with the family. The school knows how important it is to develop strong, positive relationships with the family; instilling trust and making sure everyone is working in the same direction.

That same high level of achievement also takes place in the middle school and high school. The district has sought to continuously improve academic programs by offering more college level courses. This provides those students, who want to challenge themselves, with an opportunity to pick up college credit in high school. The district offers college level courses in Earth Science, Spanish, Calculus, Physics, Environmental Science, Ceramics, French, Economics, Music Theory, English and a wide array of college level business courses. Our students are now participating in STEM programs like robotics and engineering starting as early as third grade.

Athletics has taken some rather dramatic twists and turns in the past few years as we have adjusted to meet the changing landscape of interscholastic sports. The combining of all sports with West Valley and some additional sports moves with Franklinville have strengthened our programs and allowed us to provide even more opportunities for our students. We are not necessarily a sports powerhouse, but we have a wide range of quality programs with superior coaches who teach our students as much about life as they do a specific sport.

Our music program has been greatly enhanced with the building of the new Multi-purpose Gym and Performing Arts facility. The school added a Middle School Musical and brought back single act plays. The full-size stage provides many

additional opportunities for student use. The instrumental music program is stronger now than it has ever been! We now feature five bands with over 220 students playing an instrument! The vocal program also continues to produce excellent results as individual soloists and choral groups.

Our school offers a lot of different activities and opportunities so students with different interests have a chance to excel. We participate in such things as: OM, Scholastic Challenge, Robotics Competition, Solo Festival, ESPRA, Academic Tutoring (nationally certified), Ecology, Envirothon, Trap Shooting, Weight Lifting, Yearbook and Student Council. Students are also encouraged to use international and domestic travel as a way to broaden their education.

The Board and administration have worked hard to keep tax increases minimal and the community in turn has shown great support over the years easily passing budgets with a 70-80% approval rate, and, most recently, evidenced by the 78% approval of next years budget that exceeded the tax cap! In 2015, the community overwhelmingly approved an \$11,000,000 capital project.

Over the years, there is another phrase I have coined when speaking about our school... "Mayberry." For those of you who are older, you may remember the TV sitcom back in the 1960's called The Andy Griffith Show. It was set in a fictitious community called Mayberry. It was a unique little community where everyone knew each other and the "characters" in the story (Opie, Andy, Aunt Bee, Deputy Barney, Otis and Floyd) were very down-to-earth regular people. Caring people who know each other and act more like a big family than individual community members. You see this at community events, games and special programs at the school. That picture and feeling has always stuck in my mind and that is why I believe our school is much like Mayberry!

We have all been very fortunate to be part of a school that has such distinguishing qualities. It attracts teachers, employees, families and students for many of the same reasons. The school is far more than bricks and mortar... it is a place where all children have an opportunity to learn, and people feel safe, wanted and special. The qualities and characteristics that make ECS what it is today have evolved over the years. I encourage all of you to maintain the same high educational standards, and the thoughtful and caring environment that makes Ellicottville such a special place.



Par for the Course

For many years, girls at ECS have competed on the varsity boys golf team since the number of girls' golfers is normally very small. This season Ellicottville had over 10 girls sign up for the golf team, which is a much larger number than past years. These girls decided to take it upon themselves to talk to the golf coach and administration in heading the first all girls golf team at ECS. Through hard work and dedication, the girls showed a lot of improvement during the season while finishing with a 2-8 record.

Congratulations on your first year Lady Eagles!

The boys' team finished the season 4-8 in league play and 4-11 overall. We have a lot of new golfers this year who have been working very hard and made many improvements while learning a lifelong activity. With 10 boys, we currently have 20 students involved in the golf program here at ECS.

Great job this season to our boys and girls golf teams!



High Honors for Mr. Miller

SAANY's Region 12 Principal of the Year

We are indeed proud to announce that Mr. Robert Miller, ECS Middle School/High School Principal has been named as the prestigious SAANY's Region 12 High School Principal of the Year. This award represents all eight counties in Western New York.

Mr. Miller has served the Ellicottville Central School as MS/HS Principal for the past twelve years earning the respect of his colleagues through his involvement, participation and leadership within the administrative organizations he serves. He has been active within the SAANY's organization and currently serves as the Cattaraugus/Allegany Principal's Association's Vice President. He has also chaired the Principal's Angelo Melaro Writing Contest since 2010.



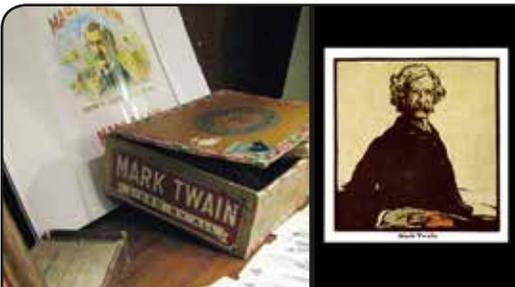
He has done an outstanding job providing the building level leadership as the MS/HS has continued to climb in the Business First rankings. He has also fostered an increase in college level course offerings and encouraged the Board to pay for all costs associated with college level courses (which they did starting this year!).

Mr. Miller's down-to-earth style has allowed him to develop an excellent personal relationship with the students, families and staff. These positive relationships have built the kind of trust that is needed so that families, students and the school can work together as a team.

As Principal, Mr. Miller has always been fair, giving students the benefit of the doubt yet holding all students to high standards. He will leave no stone unturned in his attempt to make sure that all students receive a quality education and get a diploma.

We are indeed proud that SAANY's has recognized Ellicottville's very own Mr. Miller with this very special honor. We cannot think of a person who is more deserving!

On top of this honor we are pleased to announce that Mr. Robert Miller has been named as the new ECS Superintendent effective July 1, 2017! Congratulations Mr. Miller!



Literary Club



ESPRA, ECS's literary club, recently toured the Central Library in downtown Buffalo. One of the many highlights of this trip was seeing the original manuscript of Mark Twain's Huckleberry Finn.

Eagle's Nest News

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

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.



OUR NEWEST TEAM MEMBERS

Three tutors have earned their CRLA tutoring certification, Kayla Krzanak, Sydney Smith, and Marissa Hamilton. To earn certification, a student must complete one year of training, which is every Tuesday from 3-4. 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 Kayla, Sydney, and Marissa!***

YEARBOOK NEWS

- 📖 Old yearbooks are available for purchase, as long as supplies last. The 2016 yearbook is \$30. Books from previous years are \$10. Contact Mrs. Bauer (cbauer@eville.wnyric.org) for more details.
- 📖 If you did not reserve a yearbook you will be able to purchase any unclaimed books, one week after they come in.

PTO News



SAVE YOUR BOX TOPS!

Please save your Box Tops over the summer, as the PTO will hold a contest when we return to school in the fall. Please be sure to watch for expiration dates, there will be some that expire at the end of June and August. You can always send your Box Tops in to the elementary office or drop them off at the Great Valley Post Office or TOPS in Ellicottville.

FIELD DAY

Field Day will be held on **Tuesday, June 20th at 8:30am**. Anyone who would like to volunteer for this event should contact Diana Olson at: dolson@eville.wnyric.org

TABS

Please continue to save your tabs from cans over the summer as well. Tabs can come from any aluminum cans such as pop, water, pet food, soup cans, etc. We will hold a contest next spring to donate the tabs to WPIG radio station. They donate the money from the tabs to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

OverDrive

You Have Devices. We Have eBooks!

Looking for a way to access books for summer reading? Overdrive, a service offered through the ECS library, may be able to help!

The OverDrive collection is an extension of the school's physical library. It is accessible online and provides 24/7 instant access to eBooks and digital audiobooks. Students can read or listen directly from their internet browser using most devices, including PCs, eReaders, tablets, and smartphones. Or, students can choose to install the free Overdrive app and read or listen from there. (Installing the app is necessary in order to access audiobooks offline).

Students who have a username and password for school computers also have access to OverDrive! They simply need to browse the website (<https://cabocesny.libraryreserve.com>) and sign in with their own school computer username

and password. From there, they can borrow eBooks and audiobooks to enjoy anytime, anywhere. Borrowed titles can be accessed through an internet browser or through the free OverDrive app. An internet connection is necessary to browse and borrow books, but once a title is borrowed, it can be downloaded so that it can be accessed offline from that point on. All titles return automatically at the end of the lending period.

The OverDrive collection contains many popular titles including *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs, *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them* by J.K. Rowling, *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* by Jeff Kinney, *We Were Liars* by E. Lockhart, *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green, *Unbroken* by Laura Hillenbrand.

Many classics are also available,

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OverDrive can be accessed at this link: <https://cabocesny.libraryreserve.com> as well as directly from the ECS home page under Shortcuts.

Happy Reading!

2nd Step Continues

For over 10 years, ECS has presented 2nd Step to students in grades K-8, and it continues to be a great program to help children with social situations. We all know about the academic and athletic skills that students need to be successful, but social skills also play an important role in the success of students in school. Research tells us that children who learn and use these skills are more likely to get along with others and do better in school. In Kindergarten and 1st grade, the presenter is accompanied by Puppy and Snail to help educate children on particular social situations they might encounter. In grades K-5 students will view pictures, listen to music, and occasionally watch videos. In grades 6-8, students are taught with a power point and videos for each lesson. This gives the guidance counselors and school psychologist valuable time to spend with kids in their classrooms, and will hopefully help them navigate through some difficult situations that might arise.

- **Unit I:** Empathy Training. Children learn about feelings and ways to show understanding and caring toward others.
- **Unit II:** Impulse Control and Problem Solving. Children learn new ways to solve problems and practice skills such as calming down, apologizing, interrupting politely, and making new friends.
- **Unit III:** Anger Management. Children learn to manage their anger in ways that do not hurt others.



Student Art Exhibition

Congratulations to Robert Spell, Robert Castillow and Marquee Peters! Their work has been selected to be showcased for the juried High School Exhibition at the University at Buffalo.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The Class of 2020 would like to say "Thank You!" to everyone who supported the Hot Dog fund-raiser on May 16, 2017.

Perfect Attendance

Elementary, 3rd Quarter

KINDERGARTEN

Miss Olson - Grace Griffith, Carsten Kosinski

Mr. Wilson - Brianna Bergeron, Marjorie Brown, Tareyn Foster, Cayda Kruszynski, A.J. Myers, Lindsay Watson, Nicholas Wedvik

Mrs. Woodarek - Whitney Powers, Bentley Ward, Ella Weber, Kodi Wilson

FIRST GRADE

Mrs. Bower - Gabriel Fusco, Justin Weaver

Mrs. Keller - Sawyer Miller, Abigail Rust, Cooper Sciara, Jennifer Sliviak

Mr. Smith - Kelsey Feldbauer, Collin Weber

SECOND GRADE

Miss Auge - Danielle Dunkleman, Ainsley Edwards, Ella Erlandson, Parker Gebauer, Mason LaCroix, Eliza Murray, Benjamin Wedvik

Miss Klahn - Malie Curtis, Ava Fuller, Jailah John, Yanielize Valazquez-Garcia, Raiddan Wickham

Mrs. Peters - Kristen Bless, Reed Nazareth

THIRD GRADE

Mrs. Donoghue - Isabelle Coburn, Drew Ficek, Aidan Gascon,

Emily Ginnitti, Brayden Wilson

Mrs. Norton - Kalyn Crowley, Brendon Higgins, Jackson Kruszynski, Alexa Liskow, Owen Quinn

Mr. Przybyla - Kaden Button, Jordan Folts, Mackenzie Noga, Adrian Taylor

FOURTH GRADE

Mr. Delity - Tobias Coburn, Tea Fuller, Addison John, Courtney Marsh, Kyle Robinson, Colton Taylor

Mrs. Tomblin - Katie Bless, Lauren Button, Michael Kerns, Natalee Leiper, Ryan Norton, Jayce Pearl, Carter Smith, Madisyn Winship

FIFTH GRADE

Miss Cole - Jacob Atwater, Sean Crowley, Keelin Finn, Emmett Jacobson-Coolidge, Morgan Krotz, Cora Norton, Mason Perks, Owen Pierce, Madison Potter

Mrs. Fitzpatrick - Jase Curtis, Adrynn Dederick, Aaron LoGiudice

Mrs. Moore - Dalayla Alexander, Nathan Andrews, Reese Benjamin, Abby Chudy, Marlee Konarski



Honoring Our Veterans

In December and January the Class of 2017 collected some new blankets to donate to our Veterans in recognition of their service for our country.



Elementary Chorus



Senior High Chorus



Junior High Band

Music Department News

ALL-COUNTY PARTICIPANTS

On Friday and Saturday, March 10th & 11th, Ms. Waldron, Ms. Weller and Mrs. Wilder took twenty-six students to the 1st All-County Music Festival held at Cattaraugus Little Valley Central School. Students from each of the ten schools in Cattaraugus County were chosen to come together to perform an exciting concert. At this festival, the Elementary Chorus, Junior High Band and Senior High Chorus performed. The Elementary Chorus was directed by Portville choir director, Katey Archer; Junior High Band was directed by Allegany Limestone band director, William Fancher, and the Senior High Chorus was directed by Dr. Vernon Huff, assistant Professor of Choral Music at SUNY Fredonia.

Elementary Chorus: Breana Andrews, Olivia Bacon, Jaxon Czapl, Emmett Gebauer, Katryna Jennings, Katie Krotz, Ryah Quinn, Leah Tupchik, Sarah Weber, and Bryce Wood.

Junior High Band: Saily Boyla, Allison Calarco, Patrick Dineen, Abaigeal Donoghue, Jalee Evans, Julianna Giannicchi, Alex Hunt, Caleb Jennings, Jack Snyder, and Emma Steffenhagen.

Senior High Chorus: Robert Castillow, Kayleigh Coolidge, Triston Georgianni, Elizabeth Jacobson/Coolidge, Lisa Krotz, and Evan Quinn.

On Friday and Saturday, March 17th and 18th, Ms. Waldron, Ms. Weller, and Mrs. Wilder took thirty-eight students to the 2nd All-County Music Festival held at Franklinville Central School. Students from each of the ten schools in Cattaraugus County were chosen to participate in this prestigious opportunity to share their talents with others in rehearsal and performance. At this festival, the Elementary Band, Junior High Chorus and Senior High Band performed. The Elementary Band was directed by Cattaraugus Little Valley band director, James Steever; Junior High Chorus,

was directed by Ellicottville chorus director, Pat Waldron; and Senior High Band, guest conductor Dr. Christopher Foster from Alfred University.

Elementary Band: Lita Conklin, Katrina DeChane, Mia Giannicchi, Katryna Jennings, Brad John, Katie Krotz, Errol Moore, Allison Rowland, Sarah Weber, Alysa Williams, Bryce Wood, Caedon Wyatt, and Ian Zeher.

Junior High Chorus: Saily Boyla, Willow Comstock/Eastlick, Josh Coolidge, Dairinn Finn, Devon Fish, Gabe Hauri, Heli Kongats, Cyrene Moore, Callie Rounds, and Gabriel Snyder.

Senior High Band: Rylie Aldrich, Louisa Benatovich, Allisyon Calarco, Meganne Chapman, Abaigeal Donoghue, Megan Hartsell, Ginna Hensel, Kirkland Kaleta, Madisyn Kilby, Lisa Krotz, Madison Harris, Kourtney Robinson, Mitchell Sexton, Robert Spell, and Walter Woodarek.

BUFFALO STATE HONOR BAND

Congrats to ECS band students for performing for the tenth Annual Buffalo State College High School Honor Bands. Students from twenty-six school districts came together for two days to prepare an amazing concert. Students didn't see any of their music until they arrived on Saturday morning when their conductor, Dr. Rodney C. Dorsey handed it out to them. Dr. Rodney C. Dorsey is from the University of Oregon. **Students that participated are:** Rylie Aldrich, Louisa Benatovich, Meganne Chapman, Madison Harris, Megan Hartsell, Ginna Hensel, and Kourtney Robinson.

SOLO FESTIVAL

Special congrats to all the students



Elementary Band



Junior High Chorus



Senior High Band



Buffalo State Honor Band

4th – 11th grade that attended NYSSMA solo festival on May 12th & 13th at Pioneer Central. ECS had 94 participate in an instrumental and/or a vocal solo.

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Music Con't...



VIBRAPHONE NOW AT ECS!

Pictured above is: Crystal Wilder, Jalee Evans, Ginna Hensel and Mr. Tony Cassetta.

We are very excited to announce that the Music Department now owns a Vibraphone! The **vibraphone** resembles the xylophone, marimba, and glockenspiel. Each bar is paired with a resonator tube that has a motor-driven butterfly valve at its upper end. We were able to use the Cassetta



Fund to provide us with this beautiful percussion addition.

The Cassetta Fund was started in the early 1990's to provide Ellicottville Central School students with a variety of educational experiences in the "arts." Tony Cassetta, founder of the fund, has always wanted us to reach as many students as possible and there is no question that this fund has and will continue to impact the lives of hundreds of ECS students! Thank

you Tony for your generosity!

People wishing to make donations to the fund should contact Aimee Kilby, Business Executive (699-2368).

DARIEN LAKE COMPETITION

Congrats to the High School Band who took 2nd place out of 8 at Darien Lake Competition on May 19th.

Environmental Science Trips

Fish Hatchery, Eagle Outing and Walleye Hatchery

The ECS Environmental Science Class recently had the opportunity to tour the NYS DEC Randolph Fish Hatchery and assist them with stocking of several local streams prior to the start of trout fishing season in NYS.

The students had the chance to see the process of harvesting of eggs, raising the young and the placement of appropriately aged trout into our local streams.

The students were also able to speak with some of the hatchery personnel about the structure of the hatcheries across the State, funding sources for this venture and the educational background that was best suited for this type of employment.

Thanks to the DEC for this opportunity.

This Spring the ECS Environmental Science Students were able to observe and participate in an outing to survey and band Bald Eagles with Will Miller from the SNI Fish & Wildlife Department on May 16th.

Pete Nye, the former DEC head of Endangered and Protected Species, and

Will Miller the Director of the SNI Fish & Wildlife Department included some ECS Students as they conducted a population survey and banding of new born Bald Eagle chicks.

The students were able to learn about the habitat and behaviors about the birds that reside in the Allegany Watershed. Mr. Nye provided a historical aspect of the recovery of the population of Bald Eagles in our country since the mid 1970's. After spotting a couple of nests we were able to find a nest with eagle chicks present. Mr. Nye climbed the tree and banded one chick and lowered one in a safety enclosure for Mr. Miller to band on the ground. Each eagle was outfitted with a band to identify and use with any further mapping or health monitoring needs.

Many thanks to Mr. Miller and Mr. Nye for this opportunity and sharing their knowledge of wildlife.

On April 8th students from the ECS Environmental Science Class attended an informational tour of the Seneca Nation Walleye Hatchery. The students



were presented with the process that is followed as the mature fish are harvested and used to procure eggs used in the hatchery to produce young that are then returned to the Allegany River and Kinzua Reservoir area.

Our students joined in to help harvest eggs and participated in the preparation of fertilized eggs used to raise the fry that will be eventually released when they reach the proper size for life in their natural habitat.

Thanks to Will Miller and Shane Titus for the time spent with our students.

HS Honor & High Honor Roll, 3rd Quarter

HONOR ROLL

12TH GRADE

Haylee Adams
Ethan Blank
Robert Castillow
Brooke Coolidge
Noehah Knight
Kaili Perkins
Robert Spell
Madison Swalcy
Cody Will

11TH GRADE

Tomara Bowen-
Collateta
Evelyn Cortez
Emilee Delity
Zachary Golley
Halie Mowery
Alex Pangborn
Allison Raecher
Samuel Riley
Mitchell Sexton
Janel Stuve
Noah Stuve
Walter Woodarek

10TH GRADE

Simon Ahumada
Malorie
Chamberlain
Brenden Chudy
Jaclyn Freundsuh
Griffin Haley

9TH GRADE

Kaitlyn McGuire
Cyrene Moore
Evelyn Nuzzo
Audra Perkins
Adam Shingler

8TH GRADE

Willow Comstock-
Eastlick
Madison Delity
Jianna Flora
Ashley Hall
Xander Ireland
Gavin Krist
Brett Krynski
Cameron Lendvay
Olivia Pitillo
Lindsay Swalcy

7TH GRADE

Andrew Bolya
Cecelia Carls
Harley Fieck
Leilani Foster
Joseph
Freundsuh
Hannah Jacobson-
Coolidge
Lucas Marsh
Victoria Pearl
Daniel Pfeffer
Aiden Privitera

6TH GRADE

Zachary Clark
Christopher Flagg
Charles Hensel

Chloe Huffman
Olivia Knab
Giancarlo Nuzzo
Ryah Quinn
Jessi Rust
Caedon Wyatt

HIGH HONOR ROLL

12TH GRADE

Jenna Aldrich
Aaron Blank
Emma Chew
Hannah Chew
Marissa Hamilton
Madison Harris
Shelby Imhoff
Benjamin Marsh
Jacob Marsh
Heather Nicholson
Pranav Patel
Andee Pierce
Victor Rieman
Aidan Rozler
Haley Saunders
Tarah Scharf
Sydney Smith

11TH GRADE

Kailin Auman
Griffin Chudy
Hannah DeChane
Emily Durandetto
Kirkland Kaleta
Lisa Krotz
Kourtney Robinson

Ashlee Ruiz
Daniel Tupchik
Andelain Wilson

10TH GRADE

Louisa Benatovich
Meganne Chapman
Kayleigh Coolidge
Brennan Finn
Allyson Fisher
Ned Hartsell
Ginna Hensel
Jessica Jimerson
Linnea Jimerson
Logan Knab
Zackary Krotz
Sierra Maybee
Abigail Siebert
Abigail Sonnenberg
Gabrielle Squires

9TH GRADE

Allison Calarco
Adrian de Orbe
Abbey DeChane
Abaigeal Donoghue
Brooke Eddy
Julianna Giannicchi
Megan Hartsel
McKenna Kaleta
Madisyn Kilby
Simon Lin
Gracie Rounds
John Snyder
Samantha Van
Wicklin

8TH GRADE

Colby Aldrich
Saidy Bolya
Bryce Butler
Jalee Evans
Dairinn Finn
Hayly Fredrickson
Logan Fredrickson
Jake Hadley
Jenna Hadley
Alexander Hunt
Caleb Jennings
Aidan Joyce
Kayla Krzanak
Sammi Lin
Erin Quinn
Calista Rounds
Clayton Rowland
Sydney Saunders
Courtney Sexton
Orry Shattenberg
Adam Silvernail
Gabriel Snyder
Noah Steinbronner
Kelsea Tomczak
Jillian Tomsick
Courtney Venturin
Macy White
Summer Wilson

7TH GRADE

Isabella Bacon
Maddox Bush
Marissa Clark
Ignacio de Orbe
Ethan Frank
Isabella Haskell
Kaleb Kilby

Nicholas
LoGiudice
Mikhayla Miller
Carly Neumann
Emilee Ruiz
Samuel Schwartz
Emma
Steffenhagen
Elsa Woodarek
Jocelyn Wyatt

6TH GRADE

Breana Andrews
Olivia Bacon
Lita Conklin
Jaxon Czapla
Katrina DeChane
Gavin Dietrich
Katryna Jennings
Bradley John
Katie Krotz
Errol Moore
Aidan Murray
Kayla Romero
Erik Shattenberg
Alexander
Silvernail
Selena Smith
Christian Swalcy
Leah Tupchik
Yahir Velazquez-
Garcia
Sarah Weber
Alysa Williams
Bryce Wood

Fifth Grade Honor Roll & BUG Awards, 3rd Qtr.

HONOR ROLL

Ms. Cole

William
Benatovich
Brooke Butler
Keelin Finn
Layla Kerns
Morgan Krotz
Hunter Smith
Gabby Spross

Mrs. Fitzpatrick

Owen Chudy
Shelby Colburn
Adrynn Dederick
Cameron Kaleta
Emma Lafferty
Aaron LoGiudice
David Thompson
Kara White

Mrs. Moore

Dalayla Alexander
Evan Bauer
Emmylu Carls

Abby Chudy
Gracie Conklin
Samuel Edwards
Mia Giannicchi
Aiden Harrington
Emma Krzanak
Allison Pfeffer

BUG AWARDS

Ms. Cole

Oakley Bradley
Cailin Brady

Brooke Butler
Madison Potter
Hunter Smith
Gabby Spross
Isabelle
Woodmancy

Mrs. Moore

Dalayla Alexander
Reese Benjamin
Christopher
Calarco
Emmylu Carls

Abby Chudy
Samuel Edwards
Mia Giannicchi
Aiden Harrington
Marley Konarski
Emma Krzanak
Lillian Maynard
Javier Montesinos
Allison Pfeffer

Mrs. Fitzpatrick

Jasmine Anderson
Joshua Auman

Owen Chudy
Shelby Colburn
Jase Curtis
Adrynn Dederick
Cameron Kaleta
Emma Lafferty
Aaron LoGiudice
Jaida Mendell
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David Thompson
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