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ECS Class of 2022, Top Five!

Elsa Woodarek and Jocelyn Wyatt Earn Valedictorian, Salutatorian



Elsa Woodarek is the daughter of Kim and Christopher Woodarek. Elsa is graduating as the **Valedictorian** of her class with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and a weighted average of 118.80. She was selected into the New Visions: Health Professions Program at the Olean BOCES Center for her senior year. Elsa has served as the President of her class for six years, President and Founder of the ECS Caring Closet for two years, President of Varsity Club for two years, Treasurer of Student Council, and Founder of Spirit Squad. In addition, she is a member of National

Honor Society, Yearbook Club, Ecology Club, Peer Tutoring, Jazz Band, and Jazz Choir. This year, Elsa was a captain of the varsity soccer team as well as the basketball cheer squad, and the Student Director of the musical.

George Borrello awarded Elsa the NYS Senate Youth Leadership Award. She also received the Cattaraugus County Youth Citizenship Award, Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award, JCC Student of the Year Award, and was chosen to be an All-Western New York Scholar Athlete. Additionally, this winter Elsa was selected as a member of the Disney Dreamers Class of 2022.

Elsa has held many jobs and is currently working at Flowers off the Farm and the City Garage.

Elsa will be attending Elizabethtown College as a national Stamps Scholar where she will major in Public Health and Political Science.

Jocelyn Wyatt is the daughter of Angela and Preston Cochran. Jocelyn is graduating as the **Salutatorian** of her class with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors, with a weighted average of 111.24. She has been on high honor roll throughout her high school career. She was selected into the New Vision: Health Professions Program at the Olean

BOCES Center for her senior year.

Jocelyn is a member of National Honor Society, Yearbook Club, and Student Council. She was captain of the varsity soccer team and the varsity softball team. Jocelyn works at Dina's restaurant, and worked two ski seasons at Holiday Valley, and one year at Watson's Chocolates. She has volunteered for the Ellicottville Sports Boosters and enjoys community service.

Jocelyn will be attending St. Bonaventure University as a recipient of the Provost Scholarship, where she will major in Nursing.



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NO SCHOOL: Monday, June 20th, Juneteenth Holiday
Elementary School 1/2 Days: Noon Dismissal, June 21st & June 22nd
Last day of School: Elementary Noon Dismissal, Thursday, June 23rd

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Emma Steffenhagen is the daughter of Tim and Vicky Steffenhagen. She is graduating third in her class with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors. She has achieved high honor roll throughout her high school career and has attained a weighted average of 110.58. She was the 2021 recipient of the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal Award and the Rochester Institute of Technology Computing Medal Award. Emma is a certified CRLA Peer Tutor. Emma has held several leadership positions throughout her high school career; she is currently Vice President of the Class of 2022, President of ESPRA (Ellicottville Students Preserving the Reading of America), Secretary of National Honor Society, Vice President of Student Council, and first chair for French Horn. She has participated in Area All State Chorus and All County Band and Chorus. She also received the "Climb" award. She enjoys Drama Club, Quiz Bowl, Chess Club, Ecology Club, Jazz Band, and Jazz Choir and has been active in community service through ECS and in the Ellicottville community. In addition to a busy school schedule, Emma has studied Modern and Tap dance with Dance Arts for over 12 years. Emma will be attending SUNY Fredonia, where she earned the President's Award for Excellence. She plans to major in Liberal Arts, before choosing a concentrated field of study.

Antonia Epps is the daughter of Anthony and Sarah Epps. Antonia is graduating fourth in her class with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors, with a weighted average of 110.45. She will be graduating with excellence in



math and science. Antonia has received the Elmira College Key Award, the RIT Innovation and Creativity Award, and the Climb Award for gentleness. Throughout her high school career she has been on high honor roll. She enjoys participating in school clubs such as Peer Tutoring, ESPRA, Quiz Bowl, National Honor Society, Chess Club, Jazz Choir, Ecology Club, drama club and Student Council. Antonia is the President of National Honor Society and the Vice President of ESPRA. She has achieved becoming a certified tutor and has enjoyed participating in many community service activities including the senior citizen dinner, the winter carnival and family fun night. Antonia will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology where she will major in biochemistry.



Ignacio de Orbe is the son of Inigo de Orbe and Elisa Hughey. He is fifth in the class of 2022 and has a weighted average of 109.76 and is going to graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors. He has been a Scholar Athlete throughout high school and is the vice-president of National Honor Society.

Ignacio was a captain of the varsity soccer team and participated in Student Council. He has volunteered in sports booster programs, Rotary Club, and much more. Ignacio has worked four ski seasons at Holiday Valley teaching kids how to ski and worked one year at CupCaked.

Ignacio has received University of Rochester Xerox Award and will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology, where he will be studying computer programming and game design.

2022 Lego League Champions!

The Middle School Robotics Team competed in the Lego League Regional Event on Saturday, May 7th against 16 other teams from the Southern Tier. The team won best robot design, most points scored during the robot competition and the overall championship for the day.

The team of 7th graders were Tosh Klein, Christopher Edwards, Timmy Dechane, Nora Santiago, Jaxson LaCroix, Kaiser Joesel, and Justin Pearl.



Superintendent's Message:

Another Year Over...Already?

Wow. Where did the 2021-22 school year go? It seems like just yesterday we were working through revising our re-opening plans to address obstacles presented by the COVID-19 Pandemic. To be sure, we saw many changes throughout the school year. While we are still not completely back to "normal" (and the new "normal" will certainly look different than the old "normal"), we are getting closer every day.

And, once again, this year, I have been impressed with the resiliency of students, staff, parents and the community. Despite the curve balls that were thrown our way, we always managed to persevere. But, that's what we do... **WE ARE EAGLES!!!!**

How did we persevere? The answer is: working hard as a team. The students, staff, and parents never gave up when presented with a challenge. People asked one another for help, shared resources, celebrated success and maintained a positive vision. In the end, the students at ECS demonstrated they are going to succeed despite the odds. The students'

drive to succeed does not automatically happen in a vacuum; it is a character trait that is instilled by parents and family and further encouraged and enhanced by the staff at the school. It is a team effort and, I may be biased, but I know that ECS does this better than any other school when it comes to student achievement!

As we continue to move forward, we are now starting to see the return of so many events that have been missing the past two (2) years. Concerts, dances, the Dime Carnival, playoffs, musicals, banquets, etc. are all starting to become part of what we can do at the school again. I must say, we have already held a number of events and it sure is great to see everyone's smiles. It is also nice to see parents and the community back on campus at events. I have my fingers crossed that the worst of COVID is behind us, and we can continue to move forward.

On a different note, this summer will see work on the 2nd phase of our Capital Project. This work will include, among other things, flooring work in the



elementary, work on the gas tanks for our bus fleet, and a complete replacement of the playground wood chips.

As we head into the final weeks of the school year, I know that students will continue to put their best foot forward while parents and teachers provide encouragement to study hard and finish the year strong! Over the summer, my hope is that students and staff find the time to relax and recharge as they prepare for the 2022-23 school year at ECS. In the case of graduates, I wish each of you the very best on the next phase of your journey in life, whether it is college, the military or the workforce. I know I can say with confidence that your work and studies at ECS have prepared you for success!

Best Wishes for a Safe and Enjoyable Summer!

~Bob



First Graders Made the Trip to the Buffalo & Erie Co Botanical Gardens
A Beautiful Day to See Some Amazing Plants and Flowers!

YEARBOOK NEWS

ECS YEARBOOK NEWS

- Old yearbooks are available for purchase, as long as supplies last. The 2021 yearbook is \$40. Books from previous years are \$10. Contact Mrs. Bauer for more details.
- The 2022 Yearbooks are \$60. Contact Mrs. Bauer to see if there are any left.
- There is an elementary yearbook. It is a PreK-5 pull-out of the regular yearbook. They are \$20. Contact Mrs. Bauer to see if there are any left. Previous years will not be available for the elementary yearbook.

Class of 2022 Future Plans...

Isaac Alexander	Employment	
Andrew Bolya	Alfred State College	Sports Management
Maddox Bush	Rochester Institute of Technology	Electrical Engineering
Cecelia Carls	University of Colorado	Exploratory Studies
Shawn Clancy	Jamestown Business College	Accounting
Marissa Clark	Jamestown Business College	Medical Coding
Joshua Coolidge	St. Bonaventure University	Cybersecurity
Ignacio de Orbe	Rochester Institute of Technology	Computer Programming
Kyleigh Dimpfl	Jamestown Community College	Nursing
Antonia Epps	Rochester Institute of Technology	Biochemistry
Harley Ficek	University of Pittsburgh @ Bradford	Psychology
Ethan Frank	Jamestown Community College	Business
Joseph Freundschuh	Marines	
Dalton Gonzalez	Employment	
Logan Grinols	Jamestown Community College	Physical Education
Isabella Haskell	Jamestown Community College	Studio Art
Mandy Hurlburt	Monroe Community College	Early Childhood Education
Matthew Ives	Employment	
Hannah Jacobson-Coolidge	Employment	
Caleb Johnson	Full Sail University	Game Design
Kaleb Kilby	West Virginia University	Nursing
Nicholas LoGiudice	Jamestown Community College	Engineering Science
Lucas Marsh	Jamestown Community College	Physical Education
Carly Neumann	Fashion Institute of Technology	Fashion Business Management
Daniel Pfeffer	Finger Lakes Community College	Natural Resources
Caleb Ploetz	Jamestown Community College	Business
Aiden Privitera	Clarkson University	Literature
Alexis Redeye	Employment	
Emilee Ruiz	Jamestown Community College	Early Childhood
Samuel Schwartz	SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry	Conservation Biology
Emma Steffenhagen	SUNY Fredonia	Liberal Arts
Alexander Traina	Army	
Courtney Venturin	Jamestown Business College	Business
Kimberly Weaver	Employment	
Erica Wilber	CNA Certification	
Elsa Woodarek	Elizabethtown College	Public Health & Political Science
Jocelyn Wyatt	St. Bonaventure University	Nursing

ECS Budget Vote and BOE Election Results

Thank you to the ECS Community for coming out for the 2022/2023 school year budget vote and board member election!

With your support, all three propositions passed: overall budget, school bus leases, and approval to use the transportation reserve to purchase one (1) or more additional buses (if needed).

Congratulations to Kristen Pearl on being elected to a five-year term effective July 1, 2022-June 30, 2027.

BASIC BUDGET - PROPOSITION #1

Resolved: That the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District in the County of Cattaraugus, State of New York, **BE AND IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND THE SUM OF \$14,325,144** for the 2022/2023 school year budget. *The Basic Budget will provide funds for all educationally related services and the maintenance of our school building.*

YES 140 NO 36

SCHOOL BUS LEASE - PROPOSITION #2

RESOLVED: This proposition will authorize the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District in the County of Cattaraugus, State of New York, to levy an additional (not to exceed) \$41,600 to lease 2 (two) 66 passenger IC school buses for each of the next five years (five annual payments) commencing with the 2022/2023 school year.

YES 150 NO 27

PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUSES AND RELATED EQUIPMENT FOR USE IN THE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (USING MONIES ALREADY ON HAND IN THE TRANSPORTATION RESERVE FUND) - PROPOSITION #3

RESOLVED: that the Board of Education of the Ellicottville Central School District, Cattaraugus County, New York (the "District") be, and it hereby is, authorized to purchase one or more school buses and related equipment at a maximum aggregate cost of \$70,000 (utilizing funds that are currently on hand in the District's Transportation Reserve Fund), with the understanding that (i) the exact number and configuration(s) and cost(s) of such bus(es) are to be determined in light of the District's final transportation program requirements for the coming school year (which will not be known until after the necessary arrangements for special education students have been finalized) and (ii) if less than \$70,000 proves to be necessary, then the remaining authorized amount shall not be expended, but instead shall remain in the Transportation Reserve Fund for future use.

YES 157 NO 22

BOE MEMBER ELECTION VOTING

The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will serve a five-year term, beginning on July 1, 2022 and expiring on June 30, 2027.

VOTE FOR ONE (1) (Please check):

108 Kristen Pearl

59 Mark Shaw

Ed Doherty 1 (Write-in candidate)

ECS ALUMNI REUNION: Saturday, July 16, 2022

The Ellicottville Central School Alumni Association will host their annual celebration for all classes who have graduated from ECS on Saturday, July 16th. A brunch will be hosted at the United Church of Ellicottville on Elizabeth St. on Sat. July 16 from 9-11 am. The reunion dinner will be held at the "The Lodge," lower Holiday Valley, with a happy hour starting at 5:30 followed by dinner at 7 pm.

Reservations for the dinner can be made on the Alumni Association website, filling out and returning the form in the newsletter on page 6, or by calling 716-699-2553.

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ECSALUMNI BANQUET - Saturday, July 16, 2022
Social Hour Beginning at 5:30pm, Dinner at 7pm
The Lodge, lower Holiday Valley, Ellicottville, NY

Please complete and return this form, along with your check made payable to the ECS Alumni Association at the address above, **no later than July 8, 2022.** Dinner is \$32.00 per person.

RESERVATIONS

Last Name First Name (Maiden Name) Graduation Year

Prime Rib Stuffed Chicken Salmon Vegetarian

Prime Rib Stuffed Chicken Salmon Vegetarian

Current Mailing Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Guests: _____

Prime Rib Stuffed Chicken Salmon Vegetarian

Brunch (free) for alumni and their families will be at the United Church of Ellicottville on Saturday July 16th from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. Please indicate number of attendees ____.

I am pleased and supportive of what our Association is doing to further the education and careers of ECS graduates. Please accept my contribution to support the on-going operation expenses of the Association \$10, \$20, \$50, Other Amount ____.

Ellicottville Central School

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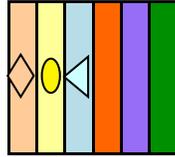
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2022-2023 District Calendar

- 7/4 SCHOOL CLOSED - Independence Day
- 9/1 & 9/2 Superintendent's Staff Development Days (no school for students)
- 9/5 SCHOOL CLOSED - Labor day
- 9/6 First Day of School for Students
- 10/10 SCHOOL CLOSED - Columbus Day
- 11/10 End of 1st Marking Period
- 11/11 SCHOOL CLOSED - Veteran's Day
- 11/17 Parent/Teacher Conference (1/2 day for students K-12)
- 11/22 Parent/Teacher Conference (1/2 day for students K-12)
- 11/23-11/27 SCHOOL CLOSED - Thanksgiving Recess
- 12/23-1/2 NO SCHOOL - Winter Recess
- 1/16 SCHOOL CLOSED - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 1/23-1/27 Regents Exams
- 1/26 End of 2nd Marking Period
- 1/27 Rating Day (no school for students)
- 2/20 SCHOOL CLOSED - President's Day
- 2/21-2/26 NO SCHOOL - February Break
- 3/16 Parent/Teacher Conference (1/2 day for students K-12)
- 3/17 Superintendent's Staff Development Day (no school for students)
- 4/1-4/10 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
- 4/21 End of 3rd Marking Period
- 5/29 SCHOOL CLOSED - Memorial Day
- 6/14-6/22 Regents Exams
- 6/19 SCHOOL CLOSED - Juneteenth
- 6/22 End of Marking Period
- 6/23 Superintendent's Staff Development Day (no school for students)



- SUPERINTENDENT'S STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS (no school for students)
- SCHOOL CLOSED
- SCHOOL RECESS
- END OF MARKING PERIOD
- PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES (1/2 day for students grades K-12)
- RATING DAY (no school for students)

SUPERINTENDENT'S DAYS: 4 (9/1, 9/2, 3/17, 6/23)
RATING DAY: 1 (1/27)

**If no emergency days are used, teachers will not report on Friday, June 23, 2023

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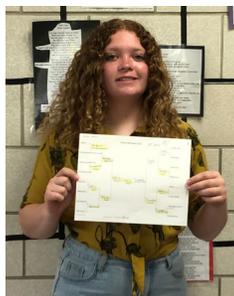
Poetry Madness Bracket

Each year in April, our country celebrates National Poetry Month, and ECS students fully participated in the excitement by filling out poetry brackets. For the first couple weeks of April, students were introduced to two poems each day. They rated each one's mood, word choice, theme, and structure. The winning poems moved to second and third rounds, until the final two remained. "Wild Geese" by Mary Oliver and "Still I Rise" by Maya Angelou faced off.

The winning poem: "STILL I RISE." Poetry Madness was a new way to get students excited about the genre.

Pictured above: Maddox Bush and Sam Schwartz created a large version of the poetry bracket in the hallway.

Emma Lafferty holds her winning bracket with a total of twelve correct guesses. Congratulations, Emma, on a job well done!



Fifth Grade Honor Roll

2021-2022 School Year, Third Quarter

<u>Mrs. Moore</u>	<u>Mrs. Peter</u>	<u>Mr. Smith</u>
Ricky Howard	Marjorie Brown	Brody Erlandson
Cayda Kruszynski	Gabriel DeChane	Grace Griffith
McKenna Mendell	Marshall DeChane	Carsten Kosinski
AJ Meyers		Marlee Maynard
Calvin Pearl		Camerie Riley
Emmalea Reuman		Patricia Ross
Stella Tupchik		Briyona Tarr
		Ella Weber
		Nicholas Wedvik

COOL!

B.U.G. Awards (Bringing Up Grades)

<u>Mrs. Moore'</u>	<u>Mrs. Peter</u>	<u>Mr. Smith</u>
Kaegan Bauer	Graceland Calkins	Christian Butcher
Tareyn Foster	Ayden Evans	Cooper Coolidge
Lilliana Horton	John Andrew	Kullan McGonnell
Ricky Howard	Freundsuh	Dontae Nelthrope
Cayda Kruszynski	Crew Koleta	Lillian Pearl
McKenna Mendell	Audrey Krause	Mario Polino
AJ Meyers	Deegan Newark	
Calvin Pearl	Rylynn Oakes	
Emmalea Reuman	Lindsay Watson	
Stella Tupchik		

Excellent WORK!

