

ELLICOTTVILLE

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Introducing the Ellicottville Central School

CLASS OF 2023



ELLICOTTVILLE CLASS OF 2023 TOP 5 STUDENTS



Katie Krotz Valedictorian

Katie Krotz is the daughter of Sara and Randy Krotz. Katie is graduating as the Valedictorian of her class

with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and a weighted average of 119.88. She was selected into the New Visions: Health Professions Program at the Olean BOCES Center for her senior year. Katie has served as the President of the Student Council for two years, President of the National Honor Society for two years, Vice President of the Ecology Club for two years, and Vice President of Ellicottville Students Preserving the Reading of America Club. In addition, she is a member of the Drama Club, Jazz Choir, Jazz Band, and World Language Club, as well as the Quiz Bowl Team.

She is a College Reading and Learning Association Certified Peer Tutor. This year, as well as her freshmen year, Katie was selected to be a member of the Area-All State Choir. She has also participated in many All-County Music Festivals. Katie was also a member of the varsity soccer team and the varsity softball team.

Katie received the Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau Youth of the Week Award. In addition, Katie has worked for three years at Golden Stride Walker Ranch. She is a Level 1 Graduate of the Parelli Natural Horsemanship Program. She also lifeguarded at Holiday Valley, as well as working two ski seasons there. Katie has volunteered with many organizations such as the Ellicottville Parent-Teacher Association and the Rotary Club, and she enjoys giving back to her community.

Katie will be attending Cornell University in the fall, and she plans to major in Animal Sciences with a Pre-Veterinarian Concentration.



Katrina DeChane Salutatorian

Katrina DeChane is the daughter of Terra and Thomas DeChane. Katrina is

graduating as the Salutatorian of her class with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors and a weighted average of 113.15. She has been on high honor roll throughout her entire high school career. Katrina has served as the Treasurer of both her class and Student Council. She is also a member of National Honor Society. Katrina has held many different jobs, but currently works at Watson's Chocolates in Ellicottville. She is an outstanding member of Holy Name of Mary where she has been helping with church services and teaching religious

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education for many years. Katrina will be attending Jamestown Business College in the fall as a recipient of the JBC Scholar of Excellence Award, where she will major in Accounting.



**Bryce Wood
Third in Class**

Bryce Wood is the eldest child of Shannon and Blair Wood. They are graduating third in the class with an Advanced

Regents Diploma with Honors and a weighted GPA of 112.91. Bryce is the recipient of the Clarkson University High School Achievement and Presidential Awards, the RIT Computing Medal and Presidential Awards, the St. Bonaventure Bonnie Scholarship and President's Award, the Rensselaer Polytechnic Medal Award, and admission to the University at Buffalo University Honors College. Bryce is a certified CRLA Peer Tutor and is the current treasurer of the National Honor Society. Bryce loves music and has studied violin, trumpet, flute and has sung at Area All-State. They have participated in band, chorus, Quiz Bowl, Jazz Choir, soccer, robotics, ski club, and Drama Club as a sound technician. Bryce will be attending the Honors Program at SUNY Fredonia, where they received the Presidential Award for Excellence, the SUNY Honors Award, and plan to major in Computer Science and Sound Engineering.



**Lita Conklin
Fourth in Class**

Lita Conklin is the daughter of Christina and Dennis Conklin. She is graduating fourth in

her class with an Advanced Regents

Diploma with Honors. She has achieved high honor roll throughout her high school career and is graduating with a weighted average of 110.61. She has received multiple awards including the RIT Innovation and Creativity Award, JBC Scholar of Excellence and the JCC Excellent Student Award. In addition, she has been a scholar athlete throughout her high school career. She has enjoyed playing volleyball since 7th grade and was the varsity captain for her junior and senior year and played softball until her junior year. She also enjoys the community service opportunities such as helping out at E.A.R.S. that NHS has provided her. Outside of school, she works at Salamanca Save-A-Lot where she started out as a cashier and is now a front-end manager. After high school, she plans to attend the College of Saint Rose where she will study Forensic Psychology.



**Katryna Jennings
Fifth in Class**

Katryna Jennings is the daughter of Mike and Michelle Jennings. She is fifth in the class

of 2023 with a weighted GPA of 109.77, and is graduating with an Advanced Regents Diploma. She is a member of National Honor Society which has given her an opportunity to show leadership in her school. She has also been active in musicals throughout high school, helping out both on stage and behind the spotlight. She has played clarinet in band for 9 years and has enjoyed working to improve at it over the years. Outside of school Katryna has worked at Ellicottville Bike and Bean for 3 years. She has also been active in her community through the 4-H program where she has enjoyed learning new skills and gaining new interests. She has been accepted into the Jamestown Community College Nursing Program and is excited to begin in the fall.

ESPra visits the Palmer Opera House



On May 9, seven members of ESPRA (Ellicottville Students for the Preservation of Reading in America) traveled to the Palmer Opera House in Cuba, NY to participate in a multi-modal writing workshop presented by Angela Stockman and the Catt-Allegany Teacher Center. They joined approximately 80 other youth from the southern tier as they explored a tactile approach to storytelling.

Superintendent's Message

The end of the year is just around the corner.

As each school year passes, I feel they are passing faster and faster. This year has been no exception; it seems like just yesterday we were getting ready to open for the school year. And, now, here we are in June and the end of the year is just around the corner. Final exams are just a couple short days away for MS/HS students, elementary students are experiencing their end of the year field trips, teachers are signing up for summer professional development, and the District is starting to hire its summer help to clean the school and get ready for next year. Before we know it, the Class of 2023 will be walking across the graduation stage and become Eagle Alumni!

Over the past year, I have witnessed the students throughout the school putting forth their best efforts in all their endeavors. I have seen joy in the eyes of students in the elementary as they are sharing with me what they have learned. As I greet students in the MS/HS, you can hear excitement in their voices as they talk about moving on to the next grade. It is especially gratifying to talk

to seniors about which college they are planning on attending or the job they will be starting after school. Student athletes have enjoyed much success this year while representing ECS with pride. Musicians and actors have experienced the limelight of the stage while performing for the community. Success is on display everywhere I look.

This type of success does not just happen; it takes hard work and dedication. A student's desire to succeed is a character trait that is first instilled by parents and family. Encouraging a child to work hard, be kind, and chase dreams starts at home and requires support throughout their life. At the school, the entire staff strives to help these children to reach their full potential. Superior instruction, reliable transportation, nourishment, a safe and clean learning environment, etc. all contribute to education of each child. It is a team effort and, I may be biased, but I know that the ECS community is committed to student achievement and this commitment runs STRONG at the school!

As we head into the final weeks of the school year, I am confident that students will continue working hard, and that parents and teachers will provide encouragement to finish the year strong! Over the summer, my hope is that students and staff find the time to rest, recharge and return revitalized for the 2023-24 school year.

To the graduates of the class of 2023, I wish each of you the very best on next phase of your journey in life. No matter where your journey takes you (college, the military or the workforce), I am confident that your work and studies at ECS have prepared you for success in all of your endeavors!

Best Wishes for a Safe and Enjoyable Summer and Congratulations to the Class of 2023!



Robert Miller, Superintendent

Thank you to the ECS Community for coming out for the 2023/2024 school year budget vote and board member election.

**With your support, all three propositions passed.
Congratulations to Debra Golley & Jenna O'Connell
on being elected to five-year terms effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2028.**



CLASS OF 2023 - FUTURE PLANS



Breana Andrews	Niagara University	Biology
Jacob Ballard	SUNY Brockport	Physical Therapy
Tristin Bomberry	JCC	Studio Arts
Zachary Clark	Finger Lakes Community College	Fishing & Wildlife
Lita Conklin	The College of Saint Rose	Forensic Psychology
Koda Curtis	Employment	
Katrina DeChane	Jamestown Business College	Accounting
Gavin Dietrich	SUNY Canton	Sports Marketing
Hali Fish	Employment	
Emmett Gebauer	JCC	Animal Science
Bryan Grundy	Alfred State College	Architecture
Madeline Hawkins	Allegheny College	History
Charles Hensel	Travel	
Chloe Huffman	Jamestown Business College	Accounting
Katryna Jennings	JCC	Nursing
Liam Jimerson	JCC	Biology
Bradley John	St. Bonaventure	Business
Olivia Knab	SUNY Morrisville	Equine Science
Katie Krotz	Cornell University	Pre-Vet
Errol Moore	U.S. Coast Guard	
Aidan Murray	Alfred State College	Building Trades
Giancarlo Nuzzo	Saint Anselm College	Communications

Ryah Quinn	JCC	Business
Kayla Romero	Alfred University	Psychology
Allison Rowland	JCC	Psychology
Baylee Ruiz	JCC	Human Services
Alexander Silvernail	University at Buffalo	Electrical Engineering
Selena Smith	Finger Lakes Community College	Health Sciences
Samantha Stock	Alfred University	Art & Design
Christian Swalcy	Salt Lake Community College	Business
Leah Tupchik	Buffalo State College	Psychology
Natalie Vassar	Employment	
Yahir Velazquez-Garcia	SUNY Brockport	Psychology
Sarah Weber	Houghton University	Clinical Psychology
Cody Wickham	JCC	Digital Media
Alysa Williams	Alfred State College	Agri-Business Management
Aaliyah Winslow	D'Youville University	Exercise & Sports Studies
Bryce Wood	SUNY Fredonia	Computer Science
Braylon Wyatt	JCC	Early Childhood Education
Caedon Wyatt	St. Bonaventure	Business Administration
Ian Zeher	Alfred State College	Heavy Equipment Operation

Second Graders Visit Local Farms

In May, the 2nd Grade visited two local farms in our community. The goal of this trip was to learn more about the contribution farmers have to our rural community (our social studies standard). We visited the Williams Ranch and Cattle to learn about angus cows. While there, we learned how to measure a cow by weight and we were able to pet two twin calves. Next, we visited Telaak Farms to learn more about dairy farming. While there we toured the barns and learned more about the technology involved in 20th century dairy farming. The milk produced by the Telaak cows is sent to Upstate Farms. We enjoyed a delicious cheese stick and milk treat produced from the labor of this farm. A special thanks to all involved in making this such a fantastic day of local learning (especially the baby calves who tried to hitch a ride back to ECS). We are so thankful for our small community.



3RD QUARTER HIGH HONOR ROLL & HONOR ROLL

January 30 – April 21, 2023

5th Grade

Mrs. Frank's Class

Harley Andera
Myla Brennan
Harrison Cornelius
Liam Dahlman
Rowan Decker
Maggie Faulkner
Aidan Zeher

Mrs. Moore's Class

Allyana Andrews
Caelan Myers
Reagan Pawlowski
Aston Seeley

Mr. Smith's Class

Joseph Freaney
Layla Gearhart
Ty Howard
Charlie Norton
Clinton Northrup

B.U.G. (Bringing Up Grades)

Mrs. Frank's Class

Harley Andera
Trevor Beeson
Myla Brennan
Liam Dahlman
Maggie Faulkner
Aiden Schultz
Audri Scott
Jayda Wyatt
Aidan Zeher

Mrs. Moore's Class

Allyana Andrews
Alyvia Burlingame
Thomas Green
Leona Hill
Axel Moore
Paisley Nelson
Reagan Pawlowski
Broderick Riley
Aston Seeley
Teagan Siperek

Mr. Smith's Class

Kaiya Baker
Payton Butcher
Elijah Calkins
Oliver Daniels
Mason LaCroix
Dominic Mack
Emma Wallace
Bentley Ward
Jason Winship

6th Grade

High Honor Roll

Marjorie Brown
Gabriel DeChane
Marshall DeChane
Grace Griffith
Carsten Kosinski
Audrey Krause
Cayda Kruszynski
Marlee Maynard
Andrew Myers
Calvin Pearl
Lillian Pearl
Camerie Riley
Patricia Ross
Briyona Tarr
Stella Tupchik
Ella Weber
Nicholas Wedvik

Honor Roll

Kaegan Bauer
Cooper Coolidge
Brody Erlandson
Tareyn Foster
Ricky Howard II
Crew Koleta
Benjamin McCarthy
McKenna Mendell
Taylor Perks
Mario Polino
Whitney Powers
Lindsay Watson

7th Grade

High Honor Roll

Alison Antholzner
Zachary Brennan
Isabella Czamara
Rian Johnson
Daniel Kruszynski
Carson Mendell
Coleman Milks
Sawyer Miller
Nigel Poulin
Abigail Rust
Cooper Sciara
Collin Weber

Honor Roll

Kelsey Feldbauer
Audrianna Finch
Camden Howard
Keegan Kaleta
Karle Northrup
Riley Northrup
Meegan Olson
Trenton Pierce
Payton Quinn
Matthew Rzucek

8th Grade

High Honor Roll

Adalynn Andrews
Eli Atwater
Kristen Bless
Timothy DeChane III
Christopher Edwards
Ava Fuller
Kaiser Joesel
Tosh Klein
Jaxson LaCroix
Juliana O'Connell
Ava Pasinski
Yanieliz Velazquez-Garcia
Ava Weber
Benjamin Wedvik
Isabella Wilder

Honor Roll

Breanna Byroads
Malie Curtis
Ainsley Edwards
McKenzie Green
Jonah Mann
Eliza Murray
Nora Santiago
Blake Smith
Riley Whitmer

9th Grade

High Honor Roll

Patrick Andera
Grady Byroads
Isabelle Coburn
Kalyn Crowley
Drew Ficek
Teaghan Finn
Jordan Folts
Harper Klein
Jackson Kruszynski
Cameron Mendell
Delaney Myers
Anna Nazareth
Mackenzie Noga
Ande Northrup
Jordan O'Connell
Makayla Potter
Olivia Tighe
Oliver Wedvik
Skye Wood

Honor Roll

Faith Burlingame
Bianca Bush
Shyann Harber
Parker John
Lanie Wilson

10th Grade

High Honor Roll

Kathryn Bless
Jayden Doult
Benjamin Edwards
Sara Epps
Tea Fuller
Maddox Johnson
Courtney Marsh
Liam McGuire
Cheyenne Rust
Siying Sun
Sophia Sundeen
Adelaide Weber

Honor Roll

Hayden Andera
Michael Cleary
Tobias Coburn
Owen Doherty
Alivia Fisher
Addison John
Michael Kerns
Ryan Metzger
Ryan Norton
Christopher Polino
Grace Privitera

11th Grade

High Honor Roll

Dalayla Alexander
Evan Bauer
William Benatovich
Brooke Butler
Emmylu Carls
Abby Chudy
Jase Curtis
Adrynn Dederick
Edward Doherty
Samuel Edwards
Keelin Finn
Zoe Goode
Aiden Harrington
Cameron Kaleta
Layla Kerns
Morgan Krotz
Emma Lafferty
Bailey Lewis
Aaron LoGiudice
Isabelle Woodmancy

Honor Roll

Shelby Colburn
Gwendolyn DeChane
David Freunds Schuh
Audrey Hurlburt
Jaida Mendell
Cora Norton
Allison Pfeffer
Skylar Schroeder
Gabrielle Spross

12th Grade

High Honor Roll

Breana Andrews
Jacob Ballard
Lita Conklin
Katrina DeChane
Bryan Grundy
Madeline Hawkins
Katryna Jennings
Katie Krotz
Errol Moore
Giancarlo Nuzzo
Kayla Romero
Allison Rowland
Alexander Silvernail
Selena Smith
Samantha Stock
Leah Tupchik
Yahir Velazquez-Garcia
Sarah Weber
Alysa Williams
Aaliyah Winslow
Bryce Wood

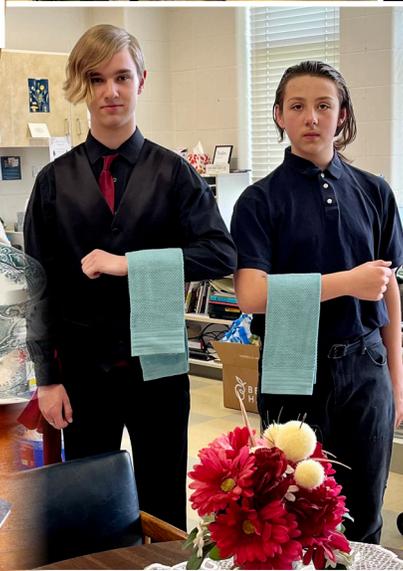
Honor Roll

Tristin Bomberry
Emmett Gebauer
Aidan Murray
Ryah Quinn
Christian Swalcy
Cody Wickham



TEA TIME IN TRUE VICTORIAN FASHION

On April 26th, students in the Short and Sweet Literature class hosted a traditional afternoon tea party in true Victorian fashion. After being enchanted by Oscar Wilde's play, "The Importance of Being Earnest," students used their best impressions of upper class society life as they re-created parts of the play—the parts centering around food! What a fabulous afternoon.



ELLCOTTVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL BANQUET

This year the Master of Ceremonies will be ECS Alumni and former American Idol co-host Brian Dunkleman! This event will be held on Saturday, July 15, 2023. We are looking forward to a fun and entertaining evening with fellow alumni!

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John Burrell, President
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ECS ALUMNI BANQUET - SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2023 SOCIAL HOUR BEGINNING AT 5:30PM, DINNER AT 7PM

Tannenbaum Lodge · Upper Holiday Valley · Ellicottville, New York

RESERVATION FORM

Please complete and return this form, along with your check made payable to the ECS Alumni Association at the above address, no later than July 7, 2023. Dinner is \$36.00 per person. If you would prefer to make your reservations and pay online you can go to <https://www.ellicottvillealumni.com/> and click on the "Annual Banquet" link.

RESERVATIONS

Last Name	First Name	(Maiden Name)	Graduation Year
<input type="checkbox"/> Filet Mignon	<input type="checkbox"/> Stuffed Chicken	<input type="checkbox"/> Salmon	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian

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Current Mailing Address: _____

E-mail address: _____

Guests: _____
 Filet Mignon Stuffed Chicken Salmon Vegetarian

There will be brunch at the United Church of Ellicottville on Saturday, July 15th from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. Please come and socialize with other alumni.

I am pleased and supportive of what our Association is doing to further the education and careers of ECS graduates.

Please accept my following contribution to support the on-going operation expenses of the Association \$10, \$20, \$50, Other Amount _____.

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Mr. Robert Miller, Superintendent
Mr. Erich Ploetz, 6-12 Principal
Mrs. Kathryn Mendell, Elementary Principal/Director of Curriculum



First Graders Enriched by Art



Using money from the Tony Casetta Fund, the First Grade was able to take an exciting arts-based field trip to the Burchfield Penney Art Center at Buffalo State University. Classes engaged in tours through galleries filled with work from Charles E. Burchfield as well as many local artists. Following the tour, classes were able to participate in an art activity where each student created his or her own clay sunflower sculpture inspired by Burchfield's watercolor painting 'Sunflowers'.



IMPORTANT DATES

- Thursday, June 15, 2023**
½ day for K - 6th Grade Students
(Noon Dismissal)
- Friday, June 16, 2023**
½ day for K - 6th Grade Students
(Noon Dismissal)
- Monday, June 19, 2023**
School Closed - Juneteenth Holiday
- Tuesday, June 20, 2023**
½ day for K - 6th Grade Students
(Noon Dismissal)
- Wednesday, June 21, 2023**
½ day for K - 6th Grade Students
(Noon Dismissal)
- Thursday, June 22, 2023**
LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
½ day for K - 6th Grade Students
(Noon Dismissal)