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Top Students Named for 2016

Valedictorian Kaleigh Hunt

Kaleigh Hunt is the daughter of Thomas and Shawne Hunt. She has earned the position of Valedictorian with a weighted average of 115.5 and will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors. Kaleigh has been Class Treasurer for 6 years, is Secretary of the Music Dept, President of Foreign Language Club, member of Drama Club, Jazz Band, Jazz Chorus and Varsity Club. Outside the classroom she has been on the Varsity Soccer Team for 4 years, was Captain her senior year, selected as a League 1st Team All-Star and All-State 3rd Team All-Star and was named an ADPRO Sports All-WNY Scholar Athlete winner.

Kaleigh is the recipient of the following academic awards: Penn-York Chemical Society Award, Rensselaer PTI Medal Award, the Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award, National Honor Society Scholastic Excellence Award, Big 30 Academic Scholarship winner, NFHS Heart of the Arts Award winner for Section 1 and is a National Merit Finalist Scholarship winner. Kaleigh is also a NYSSMA Area All-State musician for flute, piano and piccolo; has accompanied the ECS school choruses since the age of 8; is an Olean Chamber of Music - Young Artist Judges Choice Award winner; CCMTA Music Scholarship winner and has performed at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC with the Houghton College National Christian Honors Band.



Outside of school, Kaleigh has volunteered her time playing for many local Pit Orchestras for Community plays, participated in Relay for Life, Ellicottville Town Clean-up and has performed for cancer patients at Roswell Park Cancer Institute. Kaleigh will be attending the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, MA in the Fall where she plans to dual major in Chemical Engineering and Music Performance on Piano.

Salutatorian Brenna Cole

Brenna Cole, the daughter of Wade and Dianne Cole, is ranked second in her class with a weighted average of 112.74, and will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors. Throughout high school, she has been on High Honor Roll and has been a member of National Honor Society, Band, Chorus, Jazz Chorus, Student Council, Drama Club, Spanish Club, and Varsity Club. She was also involved in Soccer, Softball, and Track.

Brenna is the recipient of the Clarkson University High School Leadership Award and the Elmira College Key Award. While in high school, she worked at Watson's Chocolates, Holimont as both a paid and volunteer ski instructor, and The Barn Restaurant as a busser/hostess. She has been a Relay for Life team member for 4 years, helped clean the town after Fall Fest, volunteered at the CABOCES Winter Carnival, collected and delivered goods for Project Christmas, and volunteered for various other school functions, such as Family Fun Night and the ECS Youth Soccer Camp.

Brenna is planning on attending West Virginia University where she will major in Mining Engineering.

Reflecting Back on 2015-16 .. What a Year!!

By Mark J. Ward, Superintendent

This time of the year we like to recap the events and highlight our students achieved throughout the year. Every year, it ceases to amaze me what our students accomplish and the special recognition they receive. As we look back, here are some special moments ...

- ◆ On September 20, 2015 the Band and chorus students performed for the first time on the new stage as they took part in the formal dedication of new facilities
- ◆ Four OM Teams won locally and went on to compete in the States at Binghamton, NY
- ◆ ECS High School musicians again dominate All County Band members securing 15 spots...the most of any high school in Cattaraugus County
- ◆ Two ECS golfers qualified to compete in the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) Championship in Cornell...**Congratulations to Cameron Eddy and Alex Fisher!! This is an unbelievable accomplishment to have two golfers qualify to represent Section VI at the State Championship**
- ◆ Twenty three seniors played in the band and /or sang in the chorus this year
- ◆ Girls Soccer team won the Section VI Class D Championship and lost to Wheatland-Chili in the West Regional
- ◆ The 7th grade Robotics team comprised of Bryce Butler, Orry Shattenburg, Jamison Caldwell, Sammi Lin, Adam Silvernail and Gabriel Snyder won the robot design award at the Regional qualified at Houghton College
- ◆ **6 students** were selected for **Buffalo State College Honor Band...Kourtney Robinson, Kaitlyn Smith, Meganne Chapman, Louisa Benatovich, Leah Westfall and Ginna Hensel**
- ◆ The **8th grade Robotics Teams** once again dominated local competition at Houghton College. The team went on to compete at the University of Rochester. Team members include: **Abigeal Donaghue, Victoria Provorse, Madisyn Kilby, Allison Calarco, Abbey DeChane and Cyrene Moore**
- ◆ **The 7th grade Robotics Team** finished in second place at Houghton College and also went on to compete in Rochester. Team members included: Alex Hunt, Sam Edwards, Caleb Jennings, Adam Delity, and Bryce Wood.
- ◆ **National Honor Society inducts 9 new members: Haley Saunders, Noah Knight, Hanah Chew, Emma Chew, Katherine Barry, Shelby Imhoff, Jenna Aldrich, Liam Watt and Robert Spell**
- ◆ **The football team won the Section VI Class D title** defeating Frewsburg at "The Ralph". The Titans went on to the West Regional in Rochester and lost a tough contest to Bishop Kearney 22-12.
- ◆ **ECS Drama Club performs "The Wizard of Oz"** starring Kaleigh Hunt, Andee Pierce, , Quinn O'Rourke, Ben Zoller, Nick Delity, Max Paddock, Shelby Toth, Leah Westfall and Kaitlyn Smith (Coreographer) all in lead roles
- ◆ **Austin Bishop was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society** (he is also President of the ECS NHS)
- ◆ **Boy's soccer team won the Section VI Class D title** and went on to be **named the West Regional Co-Champs**. They eventually lost in a 3-2 shootout to Alfred-Almond.
- ◆ Eleven ECS students traveled to France over the Easter break and created memories that will last a lifetime!
- ◆ **ECS Senior Quiz Bowl Team** (comprised of **Shelby Toth, Will Timkey, Victor Rieman and Robert Spell**) won the Scholastic Challenge competition...by defeating all schools in the Cattaraugus/Allegany BOCES area they earned the right to compete in the national event June 2-5 in Washington, DC. The team compiled a 3-3 record defeating teams from other states, falling just win short of the playoff round.
- ◆ **Student Gardening Program** will grow fresh vegetables for local food pantry this summer
- ◆ Madisyn Kilby, Heida Kongats, Ainsely Watt, Kayleigh Coolidge, Allyson Fisher, Devon Fish, Eli Little and Mitchell Gregory were all selected to perform at the Junior High Area All-State
- ◆ **Morgan Zlockie becomes schools first 100 goal scorer!** She finished her career with 121 goals!!
- ◆ **Alex Hunt wins local Spelling Bee** by nudging out Megan Hartsell and Jack Snyder
- ◆ Elementary Concerts were enjoyed by a "packed house" at both the Holiday Concert and Spring Concert!
- ◆ **The District's Strategic Plan** updated over the past year. This will continue to act as the District's roadmap and guide. We thank the many people who volunteered their time and were involved in this process.
- ◆ **Ginna Hensel and Louisa Benatovich** were named to participate in Junior High Area All State
- ◆ **The Boy's Basketball Team won the 2015-15 CCAC League title this year.** The team went on and eventually lost in the Section VI Class D finals.
- ◆ **Two ECS students excel in Principal's Writing Contest... Will Timkey placed second with seniors and Louisa Benatovich placed third among ninth graders.** With the help of Courtney Robinson and Shelby Imhoff the team placed 4th overall out of 21 teams in Cattaraugus and Allegany counties.
- ◆ Elementary student artwork was displayed both at our local Ellicottville Library as well as at St. Bonaventure exhibitions.
- ◆ Our guidance team continued to work with teachers to provide social skills training and education for our elementary students. Students are provided with opportunities to practice conflict resolution, anger management, and various positive social skills and behaviors.
- ◆ **7th graders attend Annual Middle School Leadership Conference...**Brianna Winship, Jamison Caldwell, Sydney Saunders and Coryn Yarnes
- ◆ Monthly Eagle Time assemblies provided regular opportunities to celebrate student success and positive character. It is great to shine a light on positive happenings vs. all the negative news that surrounds us in the world.
- ◆ PTO sponsors highly successful **Lip Sync & Talent Show** while continuing their **Box Top Contest**
- ◆ This year the ECS Ski Club had 178 students in grades K-12!!!!
- ◆ Five students (**Katie Barry, Max Paddock, Quinn**

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Rounding Out the Top 5 Seniors



Leah Westfall

Leah Westfall is the daughter of Dawn Westfall and Charles Westfall.

She has earned the honor of ranking third in the Class of 2016 with a weighted average of 112.48. She is a member of the National Honor Society and is the vice president of her class. She has been involved in peer tutoring, ESPRA, French club, band, chorus, jazz band and jazz chorus throughout high school. She has volunteered her time with the Ellicottville Historical Society in addition to being employed through Burger King.

She was awarded an academic scholarship through the R. Robert Dale Scholarship Program from the Moose International organization, in which both her grandfathers, Gerald Westfall and the late Kenneth Watts, have been actively involved in. Following graduation, Leah will attend Hamilton College.

Lindsey Robinson is the daughter of Ted and Tracy Robinson. Lindsey is ranked fourth in the Class of 2016 with a weighted average of 110.51 and will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors. Lindsey is President of her class and a member of National Honor Society. She is also involved in ESPRA, French Club, and peer tutoring. Lindsey has especially enjoyed spending time in



Lindsey Robinson

the Elementary classrooms.

Lindsey attended a leadership camp in Canada through the Rotary Club. She has been awarded the Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau Youth Citizenship Award and the Character Excellence Award of Western New York. She has also been awarded the \$16,500 Trustees Award to attend Heidelberg University.

Following graduation, Lindsey will dual-major in Early Childhood Education and Special Education at Heidelberg University. She has been accepted into the Honors program and plans to complete the Heidelberg +1 program. This program allows her to attend a fifth year at Heidelberg for free in order to obtain a Masters in Business Administration.

Caitlyn Golley is the daughter of John and Debbie Golley. She is ranked



Caitlyn Golley

5th in the class with a weighted average of 110.32 and will graduate with an Advanced Regents Diploma with Honors. Caitlyn is a member of French Club, Jazz Chorus, Jazz Band, ESPRA, and the National Honor Society. Throughout her high school career she played soccer, softball, basketball and volleyball.

Caitlyn has been on High Honor Roll all her years of high school and has participated in many volunteer activities. She volunteered at CABOCES Winter Carnival numerous years, Project Christmas, cleaning town after Fall Fast, was a co-captain for a Relay for Life team, and was a Summer Soccer coach. She worked at Holiday Valley as a ski instructor and as a desk staff. She has received the Dean's Scholar-in-Residence award for \$9,000.

She will be attending SUNY Brockport in the fall with a major in marketing.



Graduation will be held
Friday, June 24th, 2016
at 7 p.m.



Best Wishes ECS Class of 2016!



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| <i>Katherine Barry</i> | <i>Nicholas DiDonato</i> | <i>Kaleigh Hunt</i> | <i>AnnMarie Prentice</i> | <i>Jules Steckman</i> |
| <i>Austin Bishop</i> | <i>Lauren Dukes</i> | <i>Jonas Hurlburt</i> | <i>Andrew Quinn</i> | <i>William Timkey</i> |
| <i>Douglas Bliss Jr.</i> | <i>Thomas Easton</i> | <i>Jessica LaCroix</i> | <i>Caren Raahauge</i> | <i>Shelby Toth</i> |
| <i>Jay Borowiak</i> | <i>Cameron Eddy</i> | <i>Harley Lafferty</i> | <i>Caleb Rinko</i> | <i>Jasmine Valentine</i> |
| <i>Courtney Charlesworth</i> | <i>Paige Enderby</i> | <i>Cole Lapi</i> | <i>Lindsey Robinson</i> | <i>Leah Westfall</i> |
| <i>Brenna Cole</i> | <i>Alex Fisher</i> | <i>Jaelee Macomb</i> | <i>Jacob Rowland</i> | <i>Logan Whitmore</i> |
| <i>Hunter Cooper</i> | <i>Annie Fitzpatrick</i> | <i>Cheyenne Maybee</i> | <i>Robert Sawicki Jr.</i> | <i>Stone Wilson</i> |
| <i>Elijah DeChane</i> | <i>Katin Gage</i> | <i>Cameron Miller</i> | <i>Avery Seiflein</i> | <i>Kevin Woodin</i> |
| <i>Nicholas Delity</i> | <i>Joshua Garthwaite</i> | <i>Quinn O'Rourke</i> | <i>Dylan Sherman</i> | <i>Morgan Zlockie</i> |
| <i>Matthew DiDonato</i> | <i>Caitlyn Golley</i> | <i>Max Paddock</i> | <i>Kaitlyn Smith</i> | <i>Benedikt Zoller</i> |
| | <i>Jack Haley</i> | | <i>Shelby Spell</i> | |



Kaleigh Hunt: Creating a Legacy at ECS

Kaleigh Hunt, Class of 2016 Valedictorian, is creating an impressive legacy here at ECS.

In April, Kaleigh was selected as a winner of a National Merit \$2500 Scholarship underwritten by The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. Kaleigh's journey to receive this scholarship started in October 2014 when she took the PSAT/NMSQT, along with 1.5 million students from 22,000 schools across the United States. Last fall, the highest-scoring participants in each state, representing less than one percent of the nation's high school seniors, were named Semifinalists on a state-representational basis. From the Semifinalist group, 15,000 students met the very high academic standards and other requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. Only 7,500 Finalists (or one half of one percent of all students) earn the honor of being a "Merit Scholar."

On May 9th, Kaleigh attended the Academic Big 30 Scholarship Banquet at the Old Library Restaurant in Olean. Other attendees at the banquet represented the best and brightest students from schools in the two state "Big 30" area. Competition for this scholarship is always "fierce" and in 27 years, ECS has never had a winner. Well



... that changed this year as Kaleigh won the female scholarship for the small school division.

Earlier this year, Mr. Ward submitted Kaleigh's name for the National High School Heart of the Arts Award which was created by the NFHS to recognize those individuals who exemplify the ideals of the positive heart of the arts that represent the core mission of education-based activities.

In addition to the selection of the national award recipients, the NFHS National High School Heart of the Arts Award Selection Committee chose eight individuals for section awards. Kaleigh was recognized as the 2016 Section 1 National High School Heart of the Arts winner. Section 1 is comprised of Connecticut, Maine,

Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island & Vermont.

She also was honored at the Section VI Athletic Council meeting on May 19th for this outstanding achievement. Mr. Karl Schwartz, ECS AD, presented the many personal, academic, athletic and musical accomplishments Kaleigh has amassed that contributed to her winning this very prestigious national recognition. She is the first Section VI student to ever win this award!

Reflecting Back on 2015-16 ... (continued)

O'Rourke, Kaleigh Hunt and Kourtney Robinson) were selected into Senior High Area All- State

◆ **4 ECS athletic Teams earn NYSPHSAA All-Academic Teams..Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Girls Volleyball and Girls Softball**

◆ **2015-16** was the first year of combining with West Valley for their athletes to play on our sports teams. Our coaching staff and administration were very pleased with the success and the relative "smooth sailing" the first year enjoyed. It was a great move for both schools!!

◆ Here is a list of field trip and learning opportunities enjoyed this year by our students: Fort Niagara (2nd Grade), The Buffalo Science Museum (3rd Grade), Lockport Locks Erie Canal, Seneca History Culture Museum, Ellicottville History and Industry, Crook Farm Colonial Experience (4th Grade), Niagara Falls Aquarium (Kindergarten), The Buffalo Zoo (1st Grade), Niagara Falls (6th Grade), NASA Montserrat Emergency Services and Disaster Planning Experience (Grade 5).

◆ 42 students in grades 4, 5, and 6 performed a solo, scales/rudiments, and sight-reading for an adjudicator at the NYSSMA festival at Pioneer HS.

4th Grade: *Emmylu Carls – Clarinet; Abby Chudy – Trombone & *Piano; *Shelby Colburn – Flute; Gwen DeChane – Clarinet; *Keelin Finn – Trumpet; Mia Giannicchi – Baritone; *Audrey Hurlburt – Flute; *Layla Kerns - Alto

Saxophone; *Morgan Krotz – Flute; *Aaron LoGiudice – Trumpet; *Cora Norton – Clarinet; *Sofia Royer – Trombone; *Anna Widger - Alto Saxophone

5th Grade: Zac Clark - Snare Drum; Lita Conklin - Alto Saxophone; Katrina DeChane - Trumpet; *Katryna Jennings - Clarinet; *Brad John - Snare Drum; Olivia Knab - Flute; Katie Krotz - French Horn; Errol Moore - Snare Drum & *Trumpet; Alex Silvermail - Snare Drum; Sarah Weber - Flute; Alysa Williams - Trombone; Bryce Wood - Flute; Caedon Wyatt - Trumpet

6th Grade: Andrew Bolya – Alto Saxophone; Maddox Bush - Trumpet; CeCe Carls – Flute; Marissa Clark - Snare Drum; Josh Coolidge - *Alto Saxophone; Ignacio de Orbe - Alto Saxophone; Leilani Foster – Clarinet; Mandy Hurlburt – Clarinet; Carly Neumann - Flute; Victoria Pearl - Snare Drum; *Aiden Privitera - Trumpet; Sam Schwartz - Clarinet; Emma Steffenhagen - French Horn; Erica Wilber - Baritone; Elsa Woodarek - Clarinet, Snare Drum, & *Clarinet Duet; Jocelyn Wyatt - Clarinet, Snare Drum, & *Clarinet Duet

What a year!!! Our students continue to make us proud with the variety of accomplishments and recognition that they achieve.

As we look ahead to 2016-17 ... it is bound to be an exciting one with the expansion of personal laptop computers to all students in grades 7-12!!!



Austin Bishop

Bishop Advances to National SkillsUSA Competition

In April, Austin Bishop, an ECS student in the Criminal Justice Program at the Ellicottville Career and Technical Education (CTE) Center, took first place in the SkillsUSA State Competition held in Syracuse.

The criminal justice competition included: making a felony stop and arrest; fingerprinting a suspect; interviewing a victim of a crime; handcuffing a suspect; searching for evidence; and taking a civil service-type exam. The exam dealt with questions relating to: search and seizure laws, case law, corrections, constitutional law, arrest procedures, and many other law enforcement questions. He competed against students from across the state, including NYC, and Long Island.

Austin will travel to Kentucky in June for Nationals, competing against one student from every state.

Mr. Tim Emely, CTE criminal justice teacher, said, "Austin is one of those students that comes around every so often; every day he strives to do the very best in class. He's a leader in the classroom and out. He has signed with the U.S. Army and deploys in July. He has definitely raised the bar in the Criminal Justice Program at the CTE Center."



Katherine Barry	SUNY Geneseo - Psychology
Austin Bishop	Army
Douglas Bliss Jr.	Jamestown Community College - Undecided
Jay Borowiak	Jamestown Community College - Criminal Justice
Courtney Charlesworth	Alfred State College - Veterinary Technology
Brenna Cole	West Virginia University - Mining Engineering
Hunter Cooper	Jamestown Community College - Forestry
Elijah DeChane	Rochester Institute of Technology - Robotic Engineering
Nicholas Delity	Finger Lakes Community College - Criminal Justice
Matthew DiDonato	Westminster College - Business Management
Nicholas DiDonato	Westminster College - Business Marketing
Lauren Dukes	Augusta University - Business Management
Thomas Easton	University of Pittsburgh @ Bradford - Business
Cameron Eddy	Niagara County Community College - Physical Education
Paige Enderby	Jamestown Business College - Marketing & Management
Alex Fisher	SUNY Delhi, Golf Management
Annie Fitzpatrick	Mount Aloysius College - Nursing
Katlin Gage	Buffalo State College - Psychology
Joshua Garthwaite	Alfred State College - Building Trades
Caitlyn Golley	SUNY Brockport - Marketing
Jack Haley	University at Buffalo - Computer Science
Kaleigh Hunt	Massachusetts Institute of Technology - Chemical Engineering
Jonas Hurlburt	Jamestown Community College - Physical Education
Jessica LaCroix	Jamestown Community College - Social Work
Harley Lafferty	Employment
Cole Lapi	Alfred State College - Engineering Science
Jaelee Macomb	Jamestown Community College - Nursing
Cheyenne Maybee	Alfred State College - Nursing
Cameron Miller	St. Bonaventure University - Business Management
Quinn O'Rourke	D'Youville College - Physician Assistant
Max Paddock	College For Creative Studies - Animation
AnnMarie Prentice	University of Edinburgh - Writing
Andrew Quinn	Coast Guard
Caren Raahauge	Gannon University - Mortuary Science
Caleb Rinko	Alfred University - Environmental Studies
Lindsey Robinson	Heidelberg University - Early Childhood & Special Education
Jacob Rowland	University of Northwestern Ohio - Diesel Technology
Robert Sawicki Jr.	Clarion University - Business Management
Avery Seiflein	Ohio Technical College - Diesel Mechanic
Dylan Sherman	Employment
Kaitlyn Smith	SUNY Fredonia - Musical Theater
Shelby Spell	Niagara University - Computer and Information Science
Jules Steckman	SUNY Brockport - Sociology
William Timkey	University at Buffalo - Computer Engineering
Shelby Toth	SUNY Brockport - Journalism/Broadcasting
Jasmine Valentine	University of Pittsburgh @ Bradford, Criminal Justice
Leah Westfall	Hamilton College - Economics/Philosophy
Logan Whitmore	Edinboro University - Elementary Education
Stone Wilson	Jamestown Community College - Undecided
Kevin Woodin	Ohio Technical College - Diesel Technology
Morgan Zlockie	St. Bonaventure University - Sports Studies

Sports and Entertainment Marketing Students Tour Buffalo

By Cathie Nason

On Wednesday, May 18th, Mrs. Nason's Sports & Entertainment marketing class went on a field trip to downtown Buffalo. We met with the Executive Director of Buffalo Place, Michael Schmand. Mr. Schmand gave us a presentation of their non-profit organization which consisted of their mission statement, logo, and goals for the future of Main Street, Buffalo.



Mr. Schmand then took us on a walking tour of downtown Buffalo. We were able to see the projects that the Buffalo Place organization has completed to help bring people and businesses back. Things such as bringing traffic back to Main Street, changing one way streets to two way, updating the subway terminals so they aren't run down and blocking business fronts, and planting trees/flowers to enhance the visual appeal. He told us about all the various events that they plan such as: free skating in Rotary Rink at Fountain Plaza, Taste of Buffalo, Country Market, and much more!

Along with all the marketing and economic concepts, we also were able to learn about the history of the buildings, see the architecture, and hear about future plans all while seeing everything first-hand!

Students learned there is a large variety and quite a few job opportunities downtown, with more to come with future developments. The students walked away with a whole new perspective of downtown Buffalo, and were able to witness the marketing concepts we have been talking about in class.

Trap Team Wraps Up Season

By Coach Oliverio

The Ellicottville Trap Team finished their season with four wins and two losses which placed them in 5th out of ten teams in the Eastern Conference Southern Tier Trap League. The Ellicottville Team is co-ed with 20 participating members this season. The high male shooter award went to Jacob Marsh and the high female shooter award went to Elizabeth Jacobson-Coolidge. The Most Improved Award went to Nathan Ploetz.



Our Team captain, Stephen Martinkiewicz, used his extra Eagle Scout funds to supply the Team shirts. The team is hosted by the Ellicottville Sportsmen's Club and its volunteers who contribute their time and expertise to help the youth participants. The funding of ammunition by the National Rifle Association helps these young participants defer the cost from parents and schools.



Norita Wiechman

Congratulations Mrs. Wiechman!

Congratulations to Mrs. Norita Wiechman on her retirement. Mrs. Wiechman has worked in the ECS cafeteria for the past 10 years.

On behalf of the entire Ellicottville school community, thank you for your years of service and dedication to the young people of our district.

Travel to
SPAIN



Spend Spring Break 2017 in Spain

Are you looking for someplace to go for break in February, somewhere warm and exciting and new? Consider signing up for the trip to Spain with Mrs. Zelko. Information is available at www.Explorica.com/Zelko-8569 and sign ups are still possible. Check it out ... any students who will be in grades 9-12 in September 2016 are eligible to go. We are looking forward to seeing new places, meeting new people and having a great time. Consider joining us for a great vacation.



Music Festivals Spotlight Talent

On Friday and Saturday, February 26th & 27th, Ms. Waldron and Mrs. Wilder took twenty-nine students to the 1st All-County Music Festival held at Franklinville 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 West Valley choir director, Aron Cole; junior high band was directed by Ellicottville band director, Crystal Wilder, and the Senior High chorus was directed by Catherine Sutherland, retired Williamsville choir director.

Elementary Chorus: Aleah Arena, Joshua Coolidge, Harley Ficek, Leilani

Foster, Carly Neumann, Samuel Schwartz, Alex Traina, Elsa Woodarek, and Jocelyn Wyatt.

Junior High Band: Louisa Benatovich, Saily Boyla, Willow Comstock/ Eastlick, Abbey Donoghue, Jaylee Evans, Megan Hartsell, Madisyn Kilby, Simon Lin, Cyrene Moore, Courtney Sexton and Jack Snyder.

Senior High Chorus: Nick Delity, Elizabeth Jacobson/Coolidge, Shauntay Hackett, Kaleigh Hunt, Lisa Krotz, Max Paddock, Kaitlyn Smith, Leah Westfall, and Benedikt Zoeller.

On Friday and Saturday, April 1st & 2nd Ms. Waldron, Ms. Weller, and Mrs. Wilder took thirty-two students to the 2nd All-County Music Festival held at Cattaraugus 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 Franklinville band

director, Derek Ossont; Junior high band was directed by Allegany–Limestone choir director, Jessica Budzynski; and the Senior high band guest conductor was Jacob Swanson from Gowanda Central School.

Elementary Band: Maddox Bush, CeCe Carls, Marissa Clark, Ignacio de Orbe, Leilani Foster, Samuel Schwartz, Erica Wilber, and Jocelyn Wyatt.

Junior High Chorus: Kayleigh Coolidge, Allyson Fisher, Mitchell Gregory, Madisyn Kilby, Heli Kongats, Elijah Little, Cyrene Moore, Callie Rounds, Gabriel Snyder, and Ainsley Watt.

Senior High Band: Rylie Aldrich, Katie Barry, Louisa Benatovich, Meganne Chapman, Madison Harris, Ginna Hensel, Kaleigh Hunt, Lisa Krotz, Kourtney Robinson, Mitchell Sexton, Kaitlyn Smith, Leah Westfall, Walter Woodarek, and Benedikt Zoeller.

* Missing from the photo: Megan Hartsell and Elijah Little

Special congrats to all the students that attended NYSSMA solo festival on May 13th & 14th at Pioneer Central. ECS had 76 students participate.

**ECS Summer
Office Hours**
7:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Update on Ongoing Dialogue with West Valley

As we reflect on our first year of combining with West Valley Central School for their athletes to play on our sports teams our coaching staff and administration were very pleased with the success and the relative “smooth sailing” the first year enjoyed. From talking with parents, students and community members the consensus was overwhelming that the move was a good one!

No one knows what the future holds for either school but throughout this past school year there were a number of newspaper articles that addressed some conversations of potential actions that the Districts might consider “down the road”.

Middle School Supply List

GENERAL SUPPLIES

(items needed for all classes)

- Pens: Blue or Black Ink
- Filler Paper: College rule preferred—lots of it
- 4 (four) 1” binders: one for each class (except 7th grade US History and English)

SPECIAL SUPPLIES

(items for each individual class)

Math 7 and 8: Mr. Finn

- Scientific Calculator: TI 3011S or Casio or equivalent

7th US History: Ms. James

- 2 ½” binder
- Highlighter
- 100 index cards
- 1 pocket folder

Social Studies 8: Mr. McCann

- Nothing additional

Spanish 7 and 8: Mrs. Zelko

- Nothing additional

English 7 & 8: Mrs. Weber or Mrs. Bauer

- 1 Spiral Notebook
- 2 ½” binder
- 1 -2 pocket folder with prongs
- 5 dividers
- Highlighters (7th grade)

Science 7 and 8: Mr. Hall

- Nothing additional

French 7 and 8: Mrs. Whistler

- Index cards

The Ellicottville Board of Education initially invited the WV Board to visit our new facilities and used the opportunity to highlight some of the things going on at ECS as well as leaving the door open to more partnering given the fact we were in the beginning stages of the sports merger.

Later in the winter representatives of both Board and administration got together and talked more about the possibility of going through an annexation study. The ECS Board agreed to not only go through the study but share in the cost.

Ultimately the West Valley Board sent a letter asking ECS if it was interested in a Pre-Merger Study and if we would share the cost. The District did respond and notified WV that we remain very interested in participating in an annexation study but have no interest in funding or participating in a Pre-Merger Study.

The Board of Education believes that annexation rather than merger is in the best interest of our District and that is why they are willing to explore it as an option. Combining Districts is often a long and difficult process but we want to make sure our District residents are fully aware that there have been some limited discussions on the topic. We plan to use the September Newsletter to better explain the difference

between annexation and a merger as well as other key issues that will have to be discussed and resolved. While everyone will have an opinion, we want to encourage you to remain objective, listen and learn more about the various issues and factors before you make up your mind.

The two Districts did a study in 2006 but it is safe to say that neither district was really interested in making it work. The results of that study plus a variety of other factors since then make the situation today much different. That is why conducting an “annexation study” would really be the next step in an effort to dig deeper into “details” as well as the “facts” that would have to be considered.

As we approach the 2016-17, it is possible that the District will get involved with an annexation study that will carefully examine a variety of factors that will help to better determine whether an annexation is feasible. Any study would rely on the use of community committees to examine such topics as: curriculum, transportation, co-curricular activities, staffing, financial implications, food services, facilities and grounds. If and when more information becomes available, we will keep you informed via the web site and newsletter.



Congratulations to our ECS Artists!

The art department would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Joran Lyford, Rylie Aldrich, Max Paddock and Elizabeth Jacobson-Coolidge for being accepted into the WNY Regional Art Show at the University at Buffalo. The show was featured in the Lower Gallery at the Center for the Arts throughout the month of February and featured high school work from all around Western New York. Congratulations again on this honor!

Home & Careers: Gardening, Dining, Sewing



Through a Walmart Community Grant, the Home and Career's class was able to enhance their curriculum with meal preparation, gardening, and sewing. Mrs. Nason applied for and received a \$1,000 grant from Walmart earlier this year. Mrs. Nason, Mr. LaCroix, and Mrs. McNeil-Wedvik all worked together to give the students in the current Home and Careers 8 class an opportunity to plan and prepare two complete meals including shopping for the ingredients and supplies. There was also a group of students interested in landscaping and gardening who planned, prepared, and planted various items in the school's courtyard.

The students were able to enjoy the meals they prepared during their regularly scheduled lunch time. They then evaluated all aspects of the meal including the planning, preparation, cooperation, safety and cleanup. There were

several things that came up during the first meal that the students worked to correct for the second one. We were also able to make homemade ice cream which we shared with the community at the Math, Science & Technology Exposition.

The courtyard has been enhanced with a shade garden, plant hangers, herbs, and more! The summer school class will be helping to keep the gardens looking beautiful and watered. Some of the vegetables/herbs will be used in preparing various items for the Home and Careers class in the Fall.

Students were able to choose a fur animal or project which we then hand stitched by following the directions on the kits and using basic sewing techniques.

We hope to continue sharing these Home and Career skills with future classes here at ECS!



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Please complete and return this form, along with your check made payable to the ECS Alumni Association at the above address, no later than June 30, 2015. Dinner is \$30.00 per person.

The "sit-down" dinner choices are:

() Beef () Chicken () Vegetarian

Saturday morning, July 16th, there will be a light brunch at the United Church meeting room on Elizabeth Street from 9 AM till ?

_____ **Check here if you plan to attend the brunch on Saturday**

_____ **Check here if you are interested in a tour of the School on Route 219 at 11:00 am after the brunch**

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Learning the Art of the Written Argument

The 6th graders in Mrs. Palmatier's and Mrs. Sexton's classes worked on composing strong arguments during Writers' Workshop this year. Are you thinking your teenager is already a natural-born master of debate? Well, the true form of argument writing might be more difficult than you think. Not only does the writer have to provide strong support for their own opinion, but also points that the other side might pose have to be addressed, along with a strong counter-argument to those points. Here are examples from our 6th grade writers. The students were responsible for making their own, peer-supported edits and revisions.

Why Kids Should Have School Uniforms

By CeCe Carls

Does anyone wake up in the morning and feel completely stumped about what to wear? Well I do, and I think I have found a solution. School uniforms. Even though MANY people disagree and think that students should not have school uniforms, I believe that they are a great idea and are helpful to schools.

From personal experience, I can say that school uniforms are a terrific idea. Families could save a huge amount of money while having school uniforms. Also there would be less bullying. Although some people think bullying doesn't happen, it definitely happens. I think it's extremely unfair to people that get teased because of their clothes, and school uniforms could be a great solution. Finally, I think school uniforms would be a good idea because it would be easier for people in the morning because they don't have to pick out an outfit.

On the other hand, many people say that school uniforms are a terrible idea. Many people believe that students can't express their style while having school uniforms. A solution to this would be dress-down days. Once in a while, the school would have a dress-down day where students could wear what they want, and they would be able to express their style that way. Some people also say that school uniforms could be very boring. To fix this problem, students could wear cool shoes or earrings to jazz up their uniforms. Lastly, some uniforms can be expensive. This is true, but it wouldn't be nearly as expensive as buying a bunch of different clothes for the school year.

In conclusion, I can say that school uniforms are a wonderful idea. They do nothing but help schools all around the world, and I believe they would be a great addition to our school.

Women in the Military

By Elsa Woodarek

"Get to your stations! Let's go! Let's go!" ordered the army general. "Yes ma'am!" Does that reply sound weird to you? Well it should. A current argument among some people is if women should be able to move up in combat positions or even be soldiers. But in my personal opinion, women should be able to be soldiers.

All people, no matter their gender, should be able to fight for the freedom of America. Women go through all the tests that men go through to be able to fight in combat and move up to higher authority. So, if they have the same qualifications as men, why are they being restricted from fighting in combat? Kristen Geist and Shaye Haver were the first women to graduate from the Army Ranger School. Even though they graduated with 94 other men with the same qualifications, authorities are still speculating if they should fight in combat. How unfair is that? Furthermore,



if women were able to fight in combat and move up in the ranks, things could possibly be better for the United States.

On the other hand, there are reasons why people think women should not be soldiers or move up in combat positions. For example, people think that women could get hurt more easily. But women are just as tough as men. Also, certain people believe that only men can be good leaders. But to be a leader, you must have combat experience. If people aren't letting women fight in combat, they will never even have the opportunity to be leaders.

As you can see, women should obviously be able to be soldiers and move up in armed force positions. I think women should have just as many rights as men.

The Best Pet is ... THE BLACK LAB!

By Sam Schwartz

Very often, people argue about the best furry, feathered, or scaly companion. Pets like snakes and lizards aren't warm and snuggly like others. Birds are colorful, but where is the fun in color? The real deal is in a big, warm, snuggly dog. Specifically, the very exciting black lab!

The black lab is a very friendly, wild dog. These dogs actually have more benefits than what's on the snuggly surface. The black lab can help you exercise! Black labs are very active and love snow, water, and anything that involves going outside. If you can take your lab for a walk, you would be hitting two birds with one stone. You can get some exercise while also keeping your dog healthy! Furthermore, black labs love water as well. You can enjoy a trip to the lake, dog and all! Another benefit to having a black lab is that they keep you company. If you are having a bad day, a black lab will plop right down next to you and cuddle. As well as company, they are family friendly too! They don't grow too big, and they aren't as crazy as other types of dogs and pets. They will happily play anything with anyone. These black furry friends are a perfect addition to your home.

Some people may argue the black lab is not a good dog for your home. Many people complain that they don't have enough time to walk the dog. My solution is that you could see if a good friend who lives nearby can walk it. Your friend will be able to walk your dog while you are busy or at work. Also, you may be able to do this for free! Many people who try to find a way NOT to own a dog argue about potty training. A simple way to solve this problem is to train it to go somewhere out of the way outside. At first, you could take it out in your yard until it is used to

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Grads: Live Well, Laugh Often, Love Much

Where has the time gone? This is a question that is often asked this time of the year. It seems like only yesterday that these darling little five year olds were entering school and now we are preparing to send them out into the world to make their mark

Looking in the 2004 yearbook, I found that the class at that time had 52 students the same as the senior class today. However, only 29 of the original class members are scheduled to graduate...which means only 56% of the original class members are still at ECS. This is an astounding "turnover" rate and is something that does not normally happen here.

With most members of the class born in either 1997 or 1998 here is a "walk back in time" in the world you were born into: Princess Diana was killed in a car accident, a gallon of gas was \$1.15, Dow Jones just broke 7,000 in 1997 and on to 11,000 in '98 (today it is over 17,000!), Internet Explorer version 4 released, Average cost of a car was \$17,000...Bill Clinton was President, Titanic, Saving Private Ryan, and the Lost World: Jurassic Park were popular movies, snowboarding was introduced as a winter Olympic sport, first Harry Potter book was released, search engine Google is founded, Mother Theresa dies, Tiger Woods at 21 is the youngest ever to win the Masters, Apple unveils the iMac, Civil jury finds O.J. Simpson guilty, music charts were topped by Celine Dion-My Heart Will Go On, I'll Be Missing You-Puff Daddy & Faith Evans and Spice Up Your Life-Spice Girls. Popular TV shows included Friends, South Park and Ally McBeal

With life expectancy continuing to rise into the 80's, you have lived but a small portion of your life with certainly the best yet to come! The ECS staff has worked diligently to prepare all of you for the next step in your life. The lessons, knowledge and experiences you have gained here will help to shape who you are and what you do. However, you are still the main engineer of your future together with the love and support of your family and friends.

Your class has set high standards of excellence in the classroom, with record number of NHS members and students gaining college credits. You have won three sectional championships and played for another. Class members have excelled in sports, music, art and the performing arts. Perhaps your greatest legacy to ECS is the outstanding leadership you have provided our younger students by being great role models.

Later this month you will be honored by being the first class to graduate from our new facilities. It is a fitting honor for a class that has so much potential. As we put the finishing touches on the "Special Senior Edition" of the ECS school newsletter we want to take this opportunity to congratulate the members of the senior class. On behalf of the entire "ECS Family", may you "Live well, Laugh often and Love much."



Mark J. Ward,
Superintendent



Art of the Written Argument, *continued*

relieving itself. Fur on furniture is also a common problem many unhappy people face. You can just put an object on the couch, chair, or bed to show it is not allowed up there. Or, every time your dog looks at a piece of furniture, you can shoot it a stern look and say no. As you can see, there aren't very many disadvantages in this dog!

The black lab is perfect for all families, big or small. This dog is sure to tie a family together.

Cell Phones in School

By Jocelyn Wyatt

"Put that phone away, and the next time I see it, it belongs to me!" growled Mr. Miller. Multiple teachers would say the same or agree with him. Cell phones are a useful tool that people use in their daily lives. Teachers, parents, even the President! So why shouldn't students be able to use cell phones in school? Many people argue about whether students should or shouldn't carry around and use their phones. I am absolutely positive that students should have the ability to access cell phones during appropriate times in school.

One powerful argument for cell phones in school is that most schools don't have the money to buy separate computers for every student. Cell phones are a mini-computer that almost every student in middle/high school has. Cell phones are very convenient and don't take up a lot of space, therefore making them an all-in-one device. People also might not realize that some kids

get embarrassed by asking to use the school phone. Say a student in middle school forgot their lunch at home. He/she may be embarrassed going to the office to ask a parent to bring their lunch to school. Think about it, would you want to walk around all day without your phone?

Others might disagree and say students shouldn't be allowed to carry cell phones. Many teachers say that phones are a major distracting tool. Many kids have social media and games on their phones. I would argue that students can use their phones, but have to ask a teacher first. I'm definitely not saying that students can just pull out their phone in the middle of a lesson. Instead, during a study hall, lunch or whenever a lesson isn't taking place, a student can ask to access their phone. Teachers might also argue that students can just use the school phone when they need to make a call. What's the point of having a school phone if students don't use it? But many teachers don't realize that parents get worried when they get a call from the school. They may be thinking that their child got into trouble. After going through all that worry, they come to find that their child just forgot something at home. Isn't it easier just to pull out your phone and text somebody?

As you can tell, I believe pupils should have the ability to access cell phones during appropriate times in school. Cell phones are fast and easy to use by all people. Even though using phones during class time is unacceptable, why can't students use them outside of classes?



Students Impressed with Roycroft Artist & Campus

By Deborah McGowan

This year's 6th grade participants in the Art Partners for Learning Grant worked with a visiting Roycroft Artist, Alan Nowicki. Over a 5-week period they learned about the history of the Roycroft Campus and handmade book techniques. They were able to create several books using these techniques.



A special congratulations to Harley Ficek and Cece Carls for winning the Roycroft Campus Challenge!

In addition to the visiting artist, we were also able to incorporate a field trip to the Roycroft this year in East Aurora. Students were impressed with the castle like architecture, its history and the connection the campus had with people like Thomas Edison, Susan B. Anthony and Henry Ford.

The Roycroft Campus is the best-preserved and most complete complex of buildings remaining of the "guilds" that evolved in the United States at the turn of the 19th to 20th century.



June 2016

PLEASE NOTE:
June 6-13 are "regular" class days for all H.S. students.
Some final exams may be given this week during regularly scheduled classes.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 - NYS 8th Grade Science Performance Test - NYS Algebra II (Common Core) Regents - 7:00 pm Club Jazz	2	3 - 8:00 am HS Band / Darien Lake Competition - 6:00 pm Father & Daughter Dance	4
5	6 - NYS 4th & 8th Grades Written Science Assessment - 5:30 pm Spring Sports Banquet	7 - 7:30 pm Board of Education Meeting (HS Library)	8 - MS (grades 6-8) Final Exams	9 - MS (grades 6-8) Final Exams - 6:00 pm HS Awards Banquet	10 - MS (grades 6-8) Final Exams	11
12	13 - MS (grades 6-8) Final Exams - 5th Grade Play, 7 p.m.	14 - Regents & Final Exams	15 - Regents & Final Exams	16 - Regents & Final Exams	17 - Regents & Final Exams	18
19 - 8th Grade Washington DC Trip	20 - 8th Grade Washington DC Trip - Regents & Exams	21 - 8th Grade Washington DC Trip - Regents & Final Exams - Noon Dismissal - 7:30 pm Board of Education Meeting (HS Library)	22 - Regents & Final Exams - Noon Dismissal	23 - Last Day School - Noon Dismissal	24 - 8:30 am Baccalaureate Breakfast - 7:00 pm Graduation	25
26	27	28	29	30		



Golf Team Sends Two to States

The Ellicottville Varsity golf team had two players qualify for the State Tournament, which was held at Cornell University on June 5th and 6th. They were selected from a field of the top 69 golfers in Section 6, which includes all schools large and small.

Alex Fisher and Cameron Eddy (*pictured at left*) were able to finish in the top 9 to qualify. State qualifier meet was held at River Oaks golf course in Grand Island, which is a difficult par 72 course (and included 20 mph winds). Golfers initially played 18 holes, then they take the top 20 golfers to play another 9 holes. Both boys shot a 120 for 27 holes, which put them in a 4 player playoff for the final 3 spots. On the first playoff hole, both paired to clinch a spot on the State team. This is very impressive for two golfers from a small “D” school to finish in the top 9 with players from much larger schools. Congratulations Cameron and Alex, and continue making Ellicottville proud!

As a team, the Eagles finished the season with a 16-0 overall record, and a 12-0 league record, taking the league title. This is the first league title since 2008. Cameron Eddy lead the team with a 37 average, followed by Alex Fisher (38), Jay Borowiak (41) and Mitchell Sexton (55). Congratulations to all members of the Eagles golf team on a great season!

Grades 9-12 to watch ‘Chasing the Dragon’ on Addiction Dangers

Students in grades 9-12 will be watching the video, *Chasing the Dragon: The Life of an Opiate Addict*. This powerful documentary was produced by the FBI and DEA to educate students and young adults about the dangers of addiction. It contains stories of several people who either abused opiates or had family members become addicts. **It profiles the cycle of addiction and looks at the tragic consequences associated with opioid abuse.** Students will watch the video in “small” groups so that meaningful interaction can take place between the students and the teacher watching the video with them.

The opioid and prescription drug abuse epidemic has swept through the country. Statistics show that overdose deaths from heroin abuse have more than doubled since 2010. **More people die each year from drug overdoses than die in car accidents.** Because an opioid addiction can take hold after the first use, it is hoped that this film will generate discussions that lead to a greater understanding of the dangers of addiction, its impact on both the victim and their loved ones, and the often deadly consequences of opioid abuse.

We also encourage parents to watch the video as well. Doing so will not only provide you with knowledge about this epidemic, but also allow you to have meaningful conversations with your daughter/son. The video can be found online at: www.fbi.gov/ChasingTheDragon and via a link on the ECS home page.

New for
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Parents:

All kids entering 7th and 12th grade must have the **meningococcal vaccine**.

Without it, they can’t start school.

About the Vaccine:

- It’s not a new vaccine. It’s been recommended for a decade.
- Most parents already choose to vaccinate their children.
- What’s new is that the vaccine will be **required** for school entry as of Sept. 1, 2016.

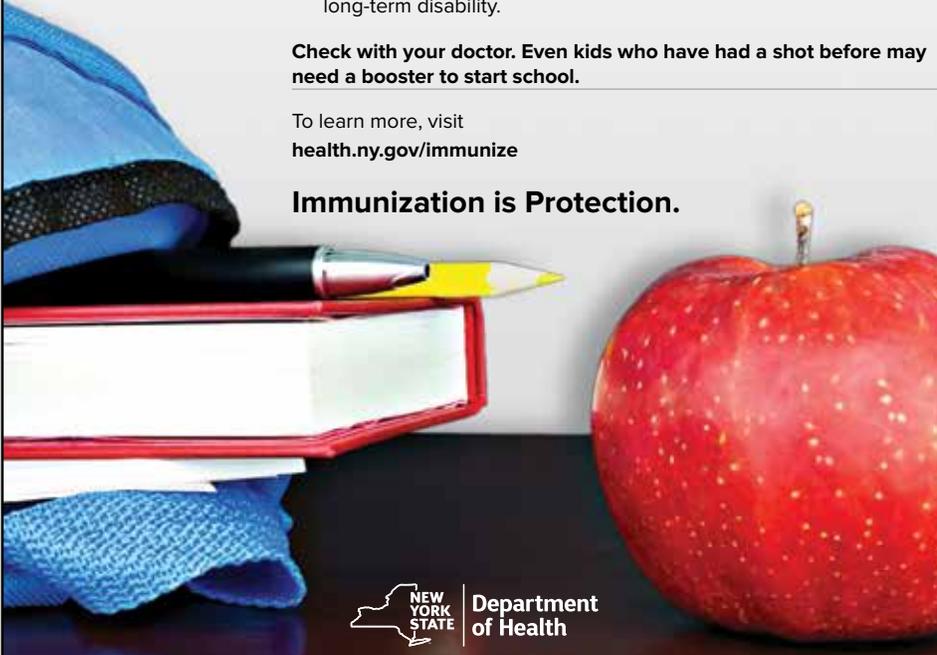
About Meningococcal Disease:

- It causes **bacterial meningitis** and other serious diseases.
- Teens and young adults are at greater risk.
- It comes on quickly and without warning.
- Its symptoms are similar to the flu.
- Every case of this disease can result in death or long-term disability.

Check with your doctor. Even kids who have had a shot before may need a booster to start school.

To learn more, visit health.ny.gov/immunize

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Teams Make the Perfect Pitch at JCC

By Cathie Nason

On Friday, April 22nd, eight students from Mrs. Nason's Sports & Entertainment Marketing class went to Jamestown Community College in Olean to compete in a "Pitch Perfect" competition with three area schools.

The competition was based on the television show "Shark Tank." Students were divided into groups of 3-4 with students from Salamanca, Friendship, and West Valley. Their goal was to "sell" an innovative product or service to a group of judges made up of business professionals and JCC faculty.

Max Paddock and Caitlyn Golley's teams made it to the top 3 with Max's team pulling out ahead to win the event. The winning team members each received a \$10 Amazon gift card. The team Max was on came up with a recipe/shopping app (Shop Hop) which would help you plan a meal, give recipes, item list, coupons, and where to find the product in the store. They did an awesome job working together to sell the app especially since they just met each other that morning.

Caitlyn's team came up with Jockets – larger pockets for girls'/womens' jeans. They also did a great job marketing their



new product, but unfortunately it was hard to beat the competitive team of Max Paddock (ECS), Sydney Ploetz (WVCS), Andie Hill (SCS), and Nathaniel Newman

(SCS).

This was a great opportunity for the students to display teamwork and leadership skills.