

# 2026 Spring JOM NEWSLETTER

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# March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6 Superintendent's Day– No School for Gowanda	7
8	9	10 Family Night hosted by EDU	11	12	13 Superintendent's Day– No School for Silver Creek	14
15	16	17 Community Education Class 	18 Community Cultural Class	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

# April

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 Unity Day; Nation and All Schools Closed	4
5  EASTER DAY 	6	7	8	9	10	11
Spring Break/Community Fair						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Community Education Class	22 Community Culture Class	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

# Gowanda Elementary School Updates

Nya:wëh Sgëno'! We have been busy here at GES with many activities even before the new year began. We had a wonderful Holiday Family Fun Night to start off our holiday season. This was a well-attended family event with holiday craft stations, goodies and more. A festive evening for all! December also brought in Storyteller Perry Ground, who engaged GES with his interactive presentation of the Haudenosaunee story of creation and the moose and the stone giant. Many of the students were asked to help with the stories by acting as props. What a wonderful way to learn about the history and culture of the Haudenosaunee. GES also was visited by Mr. Morton, the monthly animal presenter, who came with his Yule goat, Mischief. Students in Pre-K through 1st learned about these horned animals and the many products that can be made from goat milk. Mischief was a lot of fun to watch, especially when he would chew on anything that got in his way. January came in with a freeze, and a few snow days. Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate for our Education Department sponsored Family Fun Night, so it did have to be cancelled. Hopefully, we will see you at the next Family Fun Night and Ice-Skating event sponsored by the Education Department on March 10th. We concluded our January with the Empire State Winter Games assembly. We watched a video that showed us many of the sports involved. The Games take place in the Adirondacks every February (similar to the Winter Olympics, but for NYS). The Games support friendly competition, growth, and learning experiences for athletes of all ages and nationalities. Looking forward to a productive and fun second half of the year!!

Ėsgögë'ae' Mrs. Foit and Mrs. Gage



# Gowanda Elementary School

## Students of the Quarter

Everett John– Barker



Everett is a kind and respectful student. He is a hard worker and always participates in class, this shows in his work! Everett has had an awesome second quarter. Ja:goh Everett! We are proud of you!

*Kindergarten*

*1st Grade*

Dolan Brooks



Dolan has had a great second quarter. She is a very kind and respectful student. She is always striving to do her best which shows in her work. She always has a smile and positive attitude. Ja:goh Dolan!

Jude White



*2nd Grade*

Jude has had a great second quarter. He always has a smile and a positive attitude. Jude is a kind and respectful student. He is a good friend to all and will help out his peers when needed. Ja:goh Jude! We are proud of you!

*3rd Grade*

Harland Gabel



Harland has worked very hard this second quarter! He strives to do well and is a very respectful student. Harland is always focused on getting his work right and helping others when needed. He always has a smile and a positive attitude. Ja:goh

Iris Snyder



*4th Grade*

Iris has worked very hard this second quarter. She is always striving to do her best. Iris is always focused on getting her work done and helping others out if needed. She brings a smile and positive attitude to all she meets. Ja:goh Iris! We are proud of you!

# Gowanda Middle School Updates



Can you believe we are already in the 2026 school year!! The year is flying by and many exciting things are happening at the middle school. We are continuing to stay after school most weeks Monday through Thursday. Students are encouraged to sign up daily if extra help is needed to get caught up. Parents are also encouraged to sign up for Schoology updates as well. This is the easiest way for parents to stay up to date on their child's grades/assignments.

Winter Sports are wrapping up which include boys and girls basketball, wrestling, and bowling. In order to be eligible to play, students must be in good academic standing. Another after school option for students is the learning center. This is a quiet work space for students to do work and ask questions if needed. It is located in the middle school library and students are required to sign up daily.

On January 23, 2026 the school-wide incentive day was held at the Cattaraugus Community Center. In order for students to be eligible to participate, they must have met the following requirements:



**GOWANDA MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter INCENTIVE DAY**



*"You Can Do Hard Things"*

#### **Purpose**

Incentive Day celebrates students who consistently show up, demonstrate effort, responsibility, and Panther Pride. This special event recognizes those who make positive choices and stay focused on success.

**Criteria to Participate** - Effective November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 through January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

- ✓ **Attendance:** 3 absences or less (3 unexcused tardies = 1 absence)
- ✓ **Behavior:** 2 discipline referrals or less
  - ISS or OSS = automatic disqualification
- ✓ **Academics:** Not failing more than one class

The next incentive day will be held during the 3rd quarter (tentatively April 2). The same requirements will be adhered to. Please remind students of these requirements so they are able to participate.



GMS Photos  
Submitted by  
Mrs. Hageman



# Gowanda Middle School

## Students of the Quarter

Grade: 5



Emberly Abrams

Emberly continues to show leadership and responsibility skills that have definitely helped her transition into middle school. Not only has she been on top of her work, but the quality of her work is top notch. Keep up the good work, Em!!!

Oakley Snyder—Oakley is a polite young man who is always willing to help his classmates. His grades are a reflection of all of his hard work and effort. Keep it up, Oakley!!

Grade: 6



Oakley Snyder

Grade: 7



Loki Satterfield

Loki Satterfield- Loki has been working hard in 7th grade!! All of his efforts do not go unnoticed and earned him a spot on the honor roll list. We hope you have a great 2nd semester, Loki!!

Scarlett "Minnie" John - Minnie has been flourishing in 8th grade!! She is tackling her advanced work with much effort and her grades are proof of all the hard work she puts in. Yayyy, Minnie!!

Grade: 8



Scarlett John

# Gowanda High School Updates



On January 15th 2026, Dalen Stevens was chosen to represent Gowanda High School at Section VI Student SAAC Leadership Summit at the University of Buffalo. The Student Athlete Leadership Summit is designed to cultivate the leadership potential within student athletes across high schools in Western New York, providing them with the tools, strategies, and Inspiration needed to excel not only in their sport but also in life. By participating in this summit, student-athletes develop essential leadership skills, forge meaningful connections with peers and mentors, build career readiness, and emerge as empowered leaders ready to make a positive impact in their teams, schools, and communities.

Congrats on being selected Dalen, and setting a strong example for others to follow!

## R.E.A.C.H Incentive Program

A program created by the Seneca Nation Education Department to increase student attendance and promote academic excellence. The five characteristic elements include Responsibility, Excellence, Achievement, Community and Honor. Incentives are given twice a year to eligible students who meet the qualifications outlined by the Seneca Nation Education staff. The following students received the 1st semester Reach Incentive. To be eligible for this incentive, students must have 5 or fewer absences for the first semester, passing grades in every class, and have no discipline reports.

**9th grade:** Evalene "Biz" John, Carter Scott, Kenidee Seneca. Kenzee Seneca, Memphis Stevens

**10th grade:** Isabella Gill, Amber "Burt" Hale, Donald Stevens, Jr., Rylee Yasurek

**11th grade:** Maddox Hudson, Aliza Jimerson, Enette John. Maleina Moses, Liliana Pierce, Dalen Stevens, Octavia Williams

**12th grade:** Gohaodiyo Black, Nina Coulon, Marcus Gamble, Corrina John, Jaxstin Johns, Jayden John, Alanson Stafford, KaeVii Yasurek

# Gowanda High School

## Students of the Quarter

Memphis Stevens has had an amazing first half of the year. He has handled the transition to high school extremely well. Memphis was selected as student of the quarter because he demonstrates all of the positive traits in being a successful student, he is respectful to his classmates and teachers. Great job, Memphis! Keep it up!

Isabella Gill has had an excellent first semester and was selected for Student of the Quarter. She has achieved the high honor roll for the first two quarters! Isabella is a conscientious student with great moral character and has high expectations of herself! She is determined to have a great year. Nice job!

Dalen Stevens is the Student of the Quarter for 11th grade. His work ethic and dedication demonstrate his achievements not only in the classroom but on the field as well as he is able to maintain his grades, including achieving the honor roll both quarters. Dalen is a 3-sport athlete playing football, basketball, and lacrosse. Dalen's positive attitude, attendance, and grades reflect his strong work ethic.

Alanson Stafford was selected for the student of the quarter for 12th grade. His grades, attendance, and attitude reflect his strong work ethic. Alanson exemplifies respect and kindness towards fellow students, teachers, and staff. He is an excellent role model for younger students. Keep up the great work, Alanson!

**Grade 9: Memphis**



**Grade 10: Isabella**



**Grade 11: Dalen**



**Grade 12: Alanson**



# Gowanda Central School

## 2nd Quarter Credit Rolls

### Merit Roll

<b>Grade 5:</b> Korbin Alexander Opal Boos Liyanna Henhawk Grady Jimerson Bella Nephew-Morales	Emmett Schindler Sadie Stevens Raelynn Taber	<b>Grade 11:</b> Desiree Cruz Gonzales Enette John Cadence Luther Felicia Scanlan Dalen Stevens Julia White-Pigeon
<b>Grade 6:</b> Lacey Davis Lucas Hale Jr Ariah Isaac Kiera LeBeau Emma Mohawk Henry Patterson Carter Reiller Colt Scanlan	<b>Grade 8:</b> Gabriel Cortes Evelyn John Zayley Nephew Sophee Seneca Jaeleigh Warrior	<b>Grade 12:</b> Lili Bailey Gohaodiyo Black Kiona Isaac Hodaweo:je John
<b>Grade 7:</b> Anna Schindler	<b>Grade 10:</b> Amber Burt Hale Summer Satterfield Raelin Smith	

### Honor Roll

<b>Grade 5:</b> Emberly Abrams A'mora Brooks Shiloh Elliott Justine Printup Gaia Stafford Liam Tullos Lucia VanAernam	Oakley Snyder Leilene Stevens Lyla Stevens Aaliyah Sundown Isarae White Crane Milo Williams	Memphis Stevens
<b>Grade 6:</b> Lola Cook Ruslin Doxtator LeRoy Henhawk II Eleanor John Kambria Kennedy Christine Lyons Anamaii Miller Xylinia Mitchell Aidrick Pagan	<b>Grade 7:</b> Jag Gill Simon Huff LilliAunna Reiller Halia Rivera Loki Satterfield Averi Thompson Madelyn Wurst	<b>Grade 11:</b> Aliza Jimerson Maleina Moses Marcus Gamble Emma Golden Jaxton Johns Nathan Warrior Kaevii Yasurek
	<b>Grade 8:</b> Anyistin MacLeod	
	<b>Grade 9:</b>	

### High Honor Roll

<b>Grade 5:</b> Sofia Scott
<b>Grade 8:</b> Scarlett John
<b>Grade 10:</b> Isabella Gill Rylee Yasurek
<b>Grade 11:</b> Lilliana Pierce Taleigh Williams
<b>Grade 12:</b> Corrina John Alanson Stafford

# A.J. Schmidt Elementary School Updates

Native Storyteller Perry Ground visited AJS on Monday, November 24th to share several traditional stories with the students. With his expressive storytelling style and his engaging use of student volunteers as characters, he quickly captured the audience's attention. He told three stories—one about creation, another about the Peacemaker, and a third about the origins of maple syrup. Fourth Graders then had a follow up activity with him, where they learned what daily life looked like in a traditional Haudenosaunee community.

AJS also hosted their annual turkey trot and a visit from Santa Claus. Before winter break, fifth graders headed to the Evans town hall to sing Christmas carols to residents. Fourth graders got to go to the Angola Theatre for a special screening of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. In January, the whole school participated in a Read In event, where students stopped everything and got to read for 15 minutes!



# A.J. Schmidt Elementary School

## Students of the Quarter



Leilena Conant

Kindergarten- Leilena is the sweetest little girl who works hard and pays attention to detail. She always loves to help her teacher and to tidy up!-Ms. Galenda

Bryson is a sweet boy with a fierce love of dinosaurs. He is a good friend to all of his classmates. Bryson is working hard to learn new skills this year and grows a little more each day. -Ms. Govenettio

Bryson Vaillere

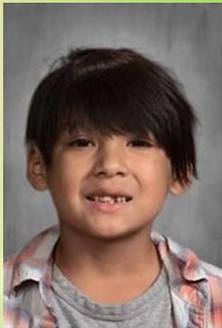


Layne Gates

Layne is a nice little boy who is doing well in all academic areas. He is kind and is a good friend to others. -Ms. Pinto

Autumn is doing exceptionally well in the classroom, consistently listening attentively and staying engaged in her learning. She is also a kind and supportive friend who gets along well with everyone. - Ms. Nelson

Autumn Childres



Kaedence John

Kaedence is kind and respectful to everyone, creating a welcoming classroom where everyone feels included. He is receptive to feedback and consistently works hard to master new skills, showing steady effort and a willingness to try again when tasks are challenging. His inclusive attitude helps peers feel supported and models positive behavior for the whole class.-Smaldino

Adalynn is a great addition to our AJS family. She is sweet, polite and a hard worker. Congratulations Adalynn! Keep up the hard work!-Ms Wunder

Adalynn Homer



# Highland Elementary School Updates

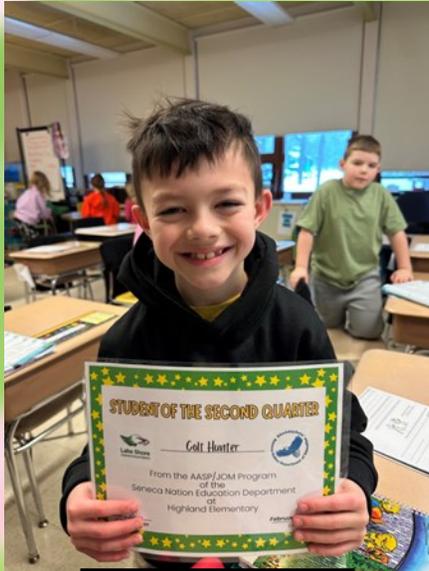
On Monday, November 24th Highland students had an unforgettable visit from the Haudenosaunee storyteller Perry Ground. His "Stories from the People of the Longhouse" assembly filled the room with laughter and powerful lessons about the people who have lived on this land for generations. Fourth graders has a break out session with him, where they learned what daily life looked like in a traditional Haudenosaunee community .

The school held a few holiday events, like the annual turkey trot and a visit from Santa Claus.



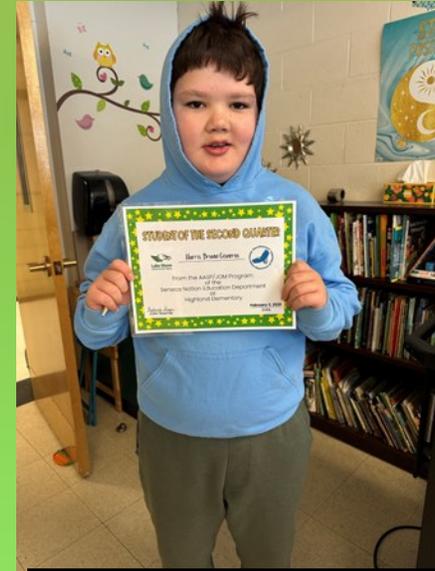
# Highland Elementary School

## Students of the Quarter



Colt Hunter

Colt is a fantastic 2nd grade student in my classroom here at Highland. Colt has so many wonderful qualities! He is kind, respectful, intelligent, and a hard worker. He shows compassion and care to his classmates and to the adults who work with him. I feel very lucky to count Colt as one of my students! ~ Ms. Scholl



Harris Brunn-Cisneros

Harris is a hardworking fifth grader who demonstrates strong knowledge and engagement. He actively participates in the classroom and is a member of the school chorus and band.

# Lake Shore Middle School

## Student of the Quarter



Grade 6:  
Neveah Conant



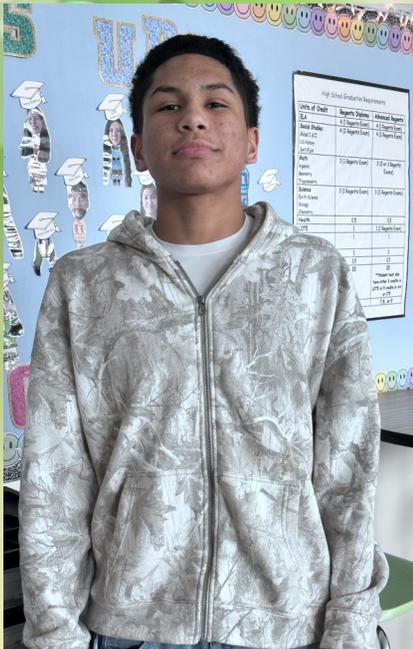
Grade 7:  
Oakley Kennedy



Grade 8:  
Mila Fox

# Lake Shore High School

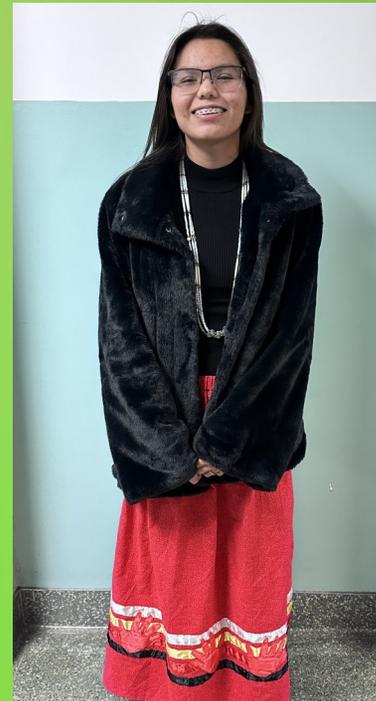
## Students of the Quarter



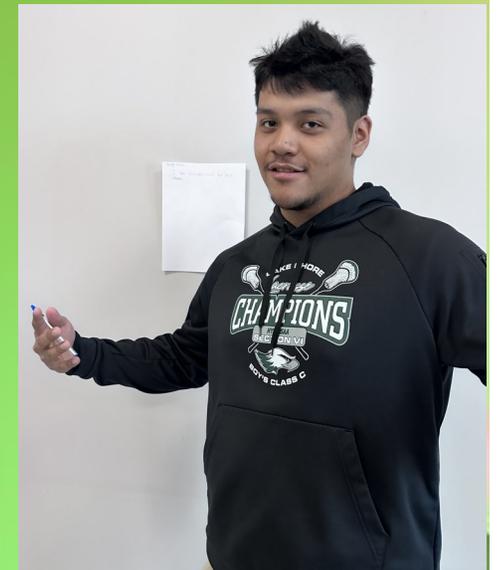
Grade 9:  
Braxton Sanchez



Grade 10:  
Jelissa Steeprock



Grade 11:  
Tyla Thompson



Grade 12:  
Caias John

# Lake Shore Central School

## Merit Roll

## 2nd Quarter Credit Rolls

## Honor Roll

### 6th Grade:

Marin Canonico

Darius Jacobs

Ayden Maybee-Twoguns

Bailey White

### 7th Grade:

Elvera Golden

Kaz Jimerson

Emery John

Oakley Kennedy

Keagan Stevens

### 8th Grade:

Mara Cooke

Mila Fox

Brett Gates

Franklin Thompson

John Williams III

### Grade 9

Zayden Becker

Julie Bray

Cayden Kettle

Amiya Nephew

Colton Pinelli

### Grade 10

Alison Boushie

Myles Conant

Emmitt Francis

Kaysen John

Coltyn LeRoy

Uriah LeRoy

Macie Scanlan

Jelissa Steeprook

Marty Wallace Jr

### Grade 11

Nivee Jean Bailey

Nanni Cooper

Jewel Pierce

Makala Reveal

Tyla Thompson

Gianna Waterman

Asa White

### Grade 12

Kalen Bennett Jr

Chasity LeRoy

Jairon Nephew

Asa Thompson

Leila Thompson

### Grade 6:

Nevaya Conant

August Jamieson-Wigard

Neela Thompson

Curtis Williams JR.

### Grade 7:

Melody Bednarz

Roman Fleming

Lealyn Huff

Rylin Jimerson

Mayce Jones

Daphne Twoguns

Liam VanAernam

Alexander Williams

### Grade 8:

Dylan Delaney

Cordelia Maybee

Raylan Sampson

Iris Young

### Grade 9:

Elliot Brunn Cisneros

Jace Jimerson

Nuriya Tallchief

Livvi Twoguns

### Grade 10:

Kamryn Bonafede

Irelynn Garlow

Sara Himelein

Katsi Jackson

Vivian Maybee

Arilyn Nephew

### Grade 11:

Ayla Jimerson

Justice John

Mason John

Jayla Kennedy

Oliviagrace Pinelli

Saniya Seneca

Wyatt Thompson

### Grade 12:

Kyrie Buffalo

Elliott Catalano

Salana Ferrigusquia

Layla Jimerson

Caias John

Kate Kennedy

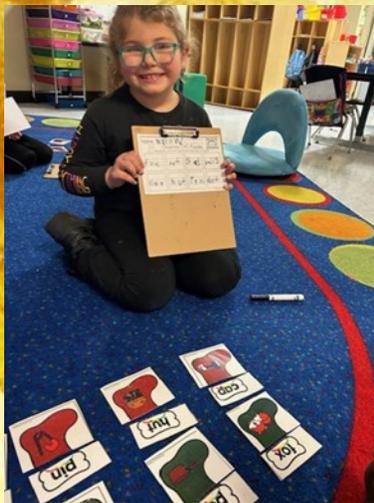
Ciara Thompson

# Silver Creek Elementary School Updates



This Winter has been a lot of fun at Silver Creek Elementary School. Celebrations, learning games, and cold weather activities are making the year fly by! Our JOM students enjoyed popcorn, cookies, and juice at our Holiday party. The kindergarteners did a great job learning to spell at the stocking writing center. They also enjoyed making Math heart gum ball machines. Well done! During gym classes, The Buffalo Bandits did Lacross Demonstrations and students had a chance to learn passing and catching skills. It was a really great experience for them to meet The Bandits and get tips from the pros! Our JOM Homework Help students had a "Snow Day" and played outside on the playground. It was nice to get outside for fresh cold air and exercise jumping around in the snow! For National School Counselor Spirit Week, we had Moody Monday Feeling Colors, Twin and Tweet Tuesday with a friend, Wellness Wednesday PJ Day, Black Knight Pride Thursday BKP Colors, and Future Friday Dress for your Dream Career.

Thank you for making this Winter fun Silver Creek Elementary students! Keep up the great job learning and warmer weather will be here before we know it!



# Silver Creek Elementary School

## Students of the Quarter



Denverlee



Tyson



Miranda

Denverlee Spruce – Kindergarten Denverlee was chosen to be recognized for doing a great job in math centers!

Tyson Mohawk – First Grade Tyson is being recognized for working hard on his writing journal, Ja:goh!

Miranda Williams - Second Grade Miranda is doing a nice job in reading centers learning new words!

Alexa Duchne – Third Grade Alexa has perfect attendance! That’s fantastic!

Sheridan Bull- Fourth Grade - Sheridan is being recognized for doing a great job creating our JOM Calendar!

Luna Hurley – Fifth Grade is being recognized for doing an excellent job reading chapter books in our JOM reading group!



Alexa



Sheridan



Luna

# Silver Creek Middle School Updates

The second quarter starts with a flurry of activity as we move into the holiday season. We celebrate Native American Heritage month with a series of spirit days and a Middle School wide social that, unfortunately, had to be postponed until later this year. Don't worry, this beloved event will still be held at both the elementary and middle school levels in March. Stay tuned to the district calendar and Facebook page for more information.

On Friday, December 5th, 2024, students from Silver Creek Central School District participated in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge. The team fundraised over \$10,000, making them the top fundraising school in Chautauqua County.

Throughout the months of November and December, Middle School students worked hard making beaded ornaments and cards for our elders at AOA. With help from Middle and High school students, we provided over 50 gift bags for our elders. This is a wonderful way to connect our young people to our elders at a special time of year.

Upcoming events:

Community Skate Night March 10th

6th & 7th grade field trip to Theater of Youth

STEM Day at Silver Creek with Ronald Mt. St. Pleasant March 20th

Silver Creek Social Dancing presentation March TBA

# Silver Creek Middle School

## Students of the Quarter



Congratulations to Jorga Wronek as the seventh grade student of the quarter. Jorga is a conscientious worker. She is determined to do well and rocks it in class. She is a solid student who isn't afraid to ask for help. She cares about her peers.  
Congratulations Jorga!



Congratulations to Rayeden Cortes as the 8th grade student of the quarter. Rayeden is hard working in both his academics and on the boys' modified basketball team. He's eager to help a friend but also knows when to ask for help. It's a pleasure to see him grow and develop into a wonderful young man.  
Congratulations Rayeden!

Congratulations to Lyris Jimerson as the 6th grade student of the quarter. Lyris is always ready to learn. She exemplifies hard work, determination, and a kind heart. She notices her classmates throughout the day and is ready with a smile or a kind word when someone needs it.  
Congratulations Lyris!



# Silver Creek High School Updates

Students were busy getting ready for the Holidays and participating in several events this past quarter. The weather was not always cooperative, as some of our planned events had to be rescheduled, so check back next time for updates on our Seniors' Seal of Civics projects.

Alijah Williams and Hailie Rybij raised money for Polar Plunge, Johnny Seneca and Cash Leroy completed their ribbon shirt projects, and several students took a trip to the Buffalo Museum where they were given a tour and met with Evin Schwartz from Beluga to give their input for upcoming projects and exhibits. We got into the Holiday spirit in JOM and made ornaments and packed treats for Elders which we delivered to AOA just in time for Christmas.



# Silver Creek High School

## Students of the Quarter



**Freshman Ericka Austin is a member of Student Council, Knights Against Cancer, E-Sports, and dances competitively with Infinity Dance Academy. She also is active in Silver Creek plays and musicals and is an absolute pleasure to have in class!**



**Sophomore Aziyah Washburn made the Credit Roll this quarter and is a member of the Silver Creek Varsity Basketball Team. She works hard on her academics and is a confident student and a good friend to others.**



**Junior Molly Shaw is the first student representative of the Silver Creek Board of Education and has served as the co-president of the Silver Creek Youth Advisory Committee. She is consistently on the Honor Roll. Molly is an avid track athlete and spends time volunteering & planning community events.**



**Senior Shylor Maybee (Auto Tech @ LoGuidice Center) was recently inducted into the National Technical Honor Society! Shylor also excels academically, is courteous, and has a positive attitude!**

# Silver Creek Central School

## 2nd Quarter Credit Rolls

### Merit Roll

<b>Grade 6:</b>	Illianna Willis
Vincent Golembieski	<b>Grade 12:</b>
Remmie White	Bryce Balestrieri
<b>Grade 7:</b>	Molly Becker
Eli Austin	Skyla Gates
<b>Grade 8:</b>	Arianna Jones
Aubri Robbins	Hailie Rybij
Tyson VanAernam	
<b>Grade 9:</b>	
Ericka Austin	
<b>Grade 10:</b>	
Lucian Gunther	
Daniel Thies	
Aziyah Washburn	

### Honor Roll

<b>Grade 6:</b>	<b>Grade 12:</b>
Charlotte Carry-Moccasin	Takoda Marr
James Haring	Shylor Maybee
Lyriss Jimerson	Courtney Wolff
Nickolas Schunk	
<b>Grade 7:</b>	
Thomas Shaw	
Jorja Wronek	
<b>Grade 8:</b>	
Emma Golembieski	
Martin Jimerson	
<b>Grade 9:</b>	
Logan Robbins	
Lilly Shaw	
<b>Grade 11:</b>	
Molly Shaw	
Jalyn Smith	

