

JOM NEWSLETTER

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DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 SC Early Release PreK-Gr.8 LS Half Day Gr.K-8	3 ECLC Bazaar at the CCC
4 Seneca Nation's 174th Birthday	5 SNI CLOSED LS Half Day Gr.K-8	6	7	8	9 SC Early Release PreK-Gr.8	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Community Ed. Class at Edu. Dept.	21 Community Culture Class at Edu. Dept.	22	23 All Districts No School/ Winter Recess	24
25 Merry Christmas!	26 SNI CLOSED	27	28	29	30	31 HEP Spring Semester Deadline
All Districts No School/ Winter Recess						

JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 All Districts No School/ Winter Recess Happy New Year!	2	3	4 HEP NYS Indian Aid Spring Deadline	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 All Districts No School-MLK Day	17 Edu. Family Night Dinner & Ice Skating at CCC	18 Community Culture Class @ Edu. Dept.	19	20	21
22	23	24 Community Ed. Class "Ribbon Skirts" @ Edu. Dept.	25	26	27 LS No Students SC Early Release PreK-Gr. 5	28
All School Districts Regent Exam Week/ No High School Classes						
29	30	31				

Gowanda Central School Updates

Submitted by: Ivey Adams, Elementary School JOM Teacher Assistant

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We have kicked off a great school year!!! I can't believe how fast the last three months have flown by. It's great having so many of our students stop by and say hello. We also love all the morning hugs we receive!

I'm proud to see Gowanda Elementary representing culture and showing awareness to our Native American families. We've had great events planned that have brought more awareness to all of our students here at Gowanda Elementary.

The Back to School Bash was a great success, we really enjoyed seeing all of our families come out and participate in an evening of fun.

We celebrated orange shirt day in October our students made bracelets and handed out stickers to honor the victims of residential schools. Mrs. Young had the students color small orange shirts and hang them up in the hallway. The students also watched a video on the story behind the orange shirt. The entire school showed support and wore an orange shirt to honor all children.



Gowanda Elementary School Update Continued

Students of the First Quarter



Grade K: Vincent Rivera

Vincent is a very kind and friendly student to everyone in the classroom. He has a positive attitude and is eager to learn. He had a fantastic first quarter. You make us all proud Vincent!

Steven works hard when it comes to learning new math skills and reading. He had a fabulous first quarter grades and all his teachers are very proud of him. You Rock Steven!



Grade 1: Steven Grundhoefer



Grade 2: Sophia Dolina

Sophia shows compassion to everyone she encounters. She never gives up and is always willing to learn something new even if it's tough. Sophia you have impressed us with your first quarter grades. That's fantastic!!

Kiera is a sweet student with a big heart. She's always willing to help others and comes to school prepared and ready to learn. We are very impressed with Kiera's success on her first quarter. Fabulous job Kiera!



Grade 3: Kiera LeBeau



Grade 4: Jag Gill

Jag is respectful, kind and always has a positive outlook on things. He puts forth his best efforts on working on new math skills and solves them. Jag sets a great example for his peers. We are proud to recognize him for a superb first quarter. You Rock Jag!

Gowanda Central School Updates

Submitted by: Tristin Hageman, Middle School JOM Teacher

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year at Gowanda Middle School!! We are so glad to be back to a “normal” year since 2020. We are offering after-school help Monday through Thursday most weeks at school in room 219. Students are encouraged to sign up daily by 10:30am to be put on the after-school list. We help with homework, studying, organization, and owed work. Parents are also encouraged to check Schoology for grades, updates, and important information. There is a group on Schoology called ‘JOM 2022-2023’ where we let students know what is happening in JOM. Please feel free to join that group as well. The access code is: **9MBZ-DTHZ-4V2KH.**

Important Dates:

- *December 5- JOM closed**
- *December 8- Band & Chorus Concert for grades 5-6**
- *December 13- Progress Reports**
- *December 23-January 2 Winter Recess**

Gowanda Middle School Update Continued...

Students of the First Quarter

Grade 6: Korynn Steeprock



Korynn has made our most improved list!! After a rocky start to the quarter, she definitely turned it around for the 2nd half of the quarter. She has stayed after school to keep up on her owed work and I-Ready lessons. She has learned to come in to school prepared with her chromebook charged and ready to go for the day. Keep up the great work Korynn!!!!

Gabriel has adjusted quite well to middle school life. He has stayed on top of his work and has a super positive attitude. If he has something that he has to work on during JOM, he gets right to work. All of his hard work has paid off for the 1st quarter because Gabriel made the Merit roll!! Keep up the great work Gabriel!!



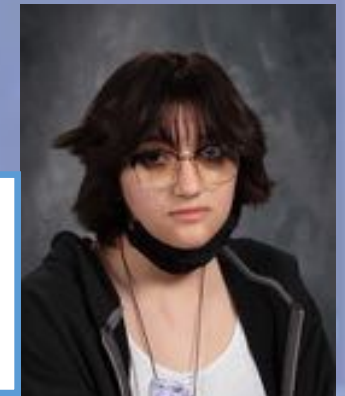
Grade 5: Gabriel Cortes

Grade 8: Brodie Jackson



Brodie continues to be a hard worker and has started 8th grade with a positive attitude. He knows what needs to be done and always asks for help when needed!! If he has a missing assignment or needs to do corrections, he'll get right on it. He definitely is a positive influence on his classmates. Keep up the hard work Brodie!!

Leona has had a GREAT start to 7th grade!! She has stayed on top of her work in all of her classes which includes advanced math and then in the middle of the quarter, she was placed in advanced science as well!! What a great accomplishment!! All of her hard work has paid off because she made the high honor roll for the 1st quarter! Keep up the GREAT work Leona!!



Grade 7: Leona Henhawk

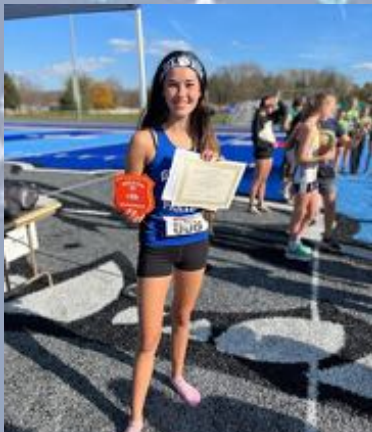
Gowanda Central School Updates

Submitted by: Melanie Kessler, High School JOM Teacher

At the end of the first quarter at Gowanda High School, I am so impressed with the work these students are putting in and the grades they are getting! With 11 Native American students on the high honor roll, it is no secret that academics are a top priority this year at GHS. The JOM room has been busy with classes working diligently on work in between several extracurricular programs, college trips, and other activities the students are involved in.

There were two college trips for Native American Outreach day – one on Sunday October 23 to Syracuse University and another on Friday November 4 to the University at Buffalo. Both trips focused on Native American-targeted programs within the facilities and the students who attended were able to tour the campuses and ask questions regarding acceptance into the institutions.

November proved to be a busy athletic month too – with several female athletes stepping up and representing Gowanda with pride and success! Aurora Stevens committed to Jefferson Community College (New York) to play basketball while Ke'ya Stevens committed to Davis & Elkins (West Virginia). Junior Calie Hudson also made some noise in the Cross Country scene by qualifying for States for the second year in a row. She competed in Verona, New York on November 12 where she placed 51st! JagöH ladies – keep up the great work!



Calia Hudson @ States for Cross Country



Students at the Syracuse University college tour.

Gowanda High School Update Continued

Students of the First Quarter

Grade 9: Jules Hageman
Most Hard-Working



Even if a student is not scheduled into JOM for the day, does not mean they are not welcome to the service! Although Jules does not have JOM during her school day, she comes to receive tutoring assistance regularly and stays after for homework help when necessary. Due to her hard work and persistence, she found herself on the Merit roll for the first quarter. Proud of you, Jules – keep it up!

Grade 10: Jack Warrior III
High Honor Student

It does not happen often, but sometimes these students can really surprise me. When I was completing my report and realized that Jack received High Honor status, I cannot describe my delighted shock and pride!! Heavily involved in music during his school day, Jack has really stepped up academically this year and I know he will keep it up. Awesome job and congratulations, Jack!



Grade 11: Alhanna Gable
Advanced Placement



A junior at Gowanda now, it is no longer a secret how intelligent Alhanna is and how hard she works in the classroom. However, it does not come easy! One look at Alhanna's schedule, anyone would be shocked at her work load! Some of her classes include JCC Pre-Calculus, AP History, Physics, JCC English Composition, and an advanced language class. Wow! Even with this workload, Alhanna found herself on the High Honor roll with a 101 overall average. Watch out, world – this girl is going to do big things. Awesome job, Alhanna – so proud of you!

Grade 12: Kallan John
Most Pro-Active

Most seniors suffer from a little thing people like to call “senioritis.” However, there are a small few who just like to get things done. Being in 2 classes with Kal this first quarter, I have noticed that he is definitely the latter! He is always the first student to be done with assignments, uses his time wisely, and refuses to fall behind. All of these characteristics seem to be working together for him – as he found himself on the High Honor roll for the first quarter! Keep up the incredible work, Kal – you’re awesome!



Gowanda Central School Credit Rolls

High Honor Roll (95.0-100)

Jag Gill-4
Averi Thompson-4
Daphne Twoguns-4
Liam VanAernam-4
Scarlett John-5
Anyiston Macleod-5
Isabella Gill-7
Leona Henhawk-7
Rylee Yasurek-7
Tayleigh Williams-8
Winter Rivera-10
Jack Warrior III-10
Alhanna Gabel-11
Layla Gamble-11
Aubrie Heron-11
Chloe Luther-11
Cianna Hidalgo-12
Kallan John-12
Lea Mohawk-12
Ke'ya Stevens-12
Shelby Weston-12

Honor Roll (90.0-94.9)

Elvera Golden-4
Payton Rindfleisch-4
Halia Rivera-4
Holden Steeprock-4
Madelyn Wurst-4
Clarae Beaver-5
Evelyn John-5
Zayley Nephew-5
Elise Stevens-5
Shaaylyn Williams-5
Clayburn Gates-6
Ella Jimerson-6
Carter Scott-6
Andrew Young Jr.-6
Raelin Smith-7
Maleina Moses-8
Marcus Gamble-9
Corrina John-9
Nathan Warrior-9
Alyssa Golden-10
Tyler Couquin-11
Mikai Jimerson-Ocasio-12
Crissa Scanlan-12
Emma Schindler-12
Gao:wisa:s Stevens-12
Chloe White-12

Merit Roll (85.0-89.9)

Simon Huff-4
Loki Satterfield-4
JoRiah John-4
Emmett Schindler-4
Anna Schindler-4
Talon Bouquin-4
MaKenyan Brooks-5
Gabriel Cortes-5
Cora Scanlan-5
Sophee Seneca-5
Kayella Smoke-5
Gia Stafford-5
Karter White-5
Anna Loving-6
Mariah Mills-6
Draycelyn Smith-6
Memphis Stevens-6
Gadeo:nosta Wisniewski-6
Kyra-Mar Hurley-8
Brodie Jackson-8
Cadence Luther-8
Gohaodiyo Black-9
Nina Coulon-9
Emma Golden-9
Jules Hageman-9
Kiona Isaac-9
Jayden John-9
Jaxstin Johns-9
Dustin Mohawk-9
Alanson Stafford-9
KawVii Yasurek-9
Cole Gabel-10
Elizabeth Green-10
Ellarose LeBeau-10
Lily Scanlan-10
Landon White-10
Mya Halftown-11
Landon Young-11
Rosalee LeBeau-12
Ruben Rivera I-12

Lake Shore Credit Rolls

Merit Roll

Joshua Jamison-6	Gianna Waterman-8
Jace Jimerson-6	Mauricio Gurule-9
Jakob Kennedy-6	Brody Himelein-9
Cayden Kettle-6	Layla Jimerson-9
Olivia-Lin Maybee-6	Shawn LaSalle-9
Aleah Redeye-6	Asa Thompson-9
Tyonih White -6	Marcellus Plain-10
Zaia Charbonneau-7	Stevieana Seneca-10
Maddex Clarke-7	Maston Waterman-10
Myles Conant-7	Elizabeth Barnes-11
Zoey Fox-7	Lucas Clear-11
Amber Hale-7	Dakota Familo-11
Ajay Jimerson-Kenjockety-7	Morgan Gates-11
Uriah LeRoy-7	Morgan Huff-11
Wyatt Maybee-7	Eric Kushner-11
Macie Scanlan-7	Vayda Stevens-11
Lennox VanAernam-7	Ava Tallchief-11
Marty Wallace-7	Jessie White-11
Desiree Cruz-Gonzalez-8	Malaki Reveal-12
Maleah Jimerson -8	
Mason John-8	
Jayla Kennedy-8	
Ariza Leroy-8	
Saniya Seneca-8	
Mason Snyder-8	
Wyatt Thompson-8	

Honor Roll

Gus Catalano-6	Kade Nephew-9
Elliott Cisneros-6	Ciara Thompson-9
Sofia Corsaro-6	Kiowa Haynes-10
Kaiyah Jones-6	Alexis Hummel-10
Amiya Nephew-6	Travis Jimerson-10
Colton Pinelli-6	Aquinnah Maybee-10
Ashton Sampson-6	Nina Thompson-10
Nuriya Tallchief-6	Aiden Button-11
Kamryn Bonafede-7	Troy Kennedy-11
Emmitt Francis-7	Jacella Nephew-11
Sara Himelein-7	Blayze Becker-12
Kaysen John-7	Giana Corsaro-12
Coltyn LeRoy-7	Riley Fleming-12
Vivian Maybee-7	Dallas Garlow-12
Arilyn Nephew-7	Alexandria Kennedy-12
Dotgahdoh Nephew-7	Ruth Keyes-12
Xavier White-7	Shatan Mohawk-12
Lily Zaprzal-7	Emilee Ramirez-12
Peyton Fox-8	Nyla Rivera-12
Ayla Jimerson-8	Tianna Thuman-12
Tyla Thompson-8	
Asa White-8	
Kyrie Buffalo-9	
Elliott Catalano-9	
Kate Kennedy-9	
James Mecca-9	

Silver Creek School Updates

Submitted by: Tammy Blair, Elementary JOM Teacher

The students at Silver Creek Elementary School have enjoyed many exciting activities this year. At our Youth Summit Field Trip to the Education Department, the students went on a tour of the SNI Fish Hatchery. They learned about trout and turtles with Mr. Sam Agnew. We also had fun social dancing with students from Gowanda and Lake Shore Schools, learned positive ways to help prevent bullying, and enjoyed a delicious lunch.

During Native American Heritage Month, the students enjoyed strawberry juice at lunch time. Marty Jimerson helped lead our socials in Elementary, Middle, and High School! For our Spirit week we wore red for MMIW, rocked our mocs, wore ribbon skirts/shirts, wore orange to honor residential school survivors and in memory of those who didn't, and wore purple for Haudenosaunee Day. It has been a great year filled with fun and learning!

Photos from the Elementary Youth Summit Activities



Silver Creek Elementary School Updates Continued

Students of the 1st Quarter

Grade K: Ceana



Ceana Conklin– Kindergarten Ceana was chosen to be recognized for doing a great job in centers!

Montana Jimerson – First Grade Montana is doing a fantastic job on her addition and subtraction Math facts!

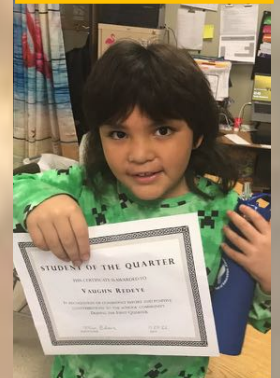
Zeddy Williams - Second Grade Zeddy is being recognized for working hard on his independent math work sheets, nice job!

Vaughn Redeye – Third Grade Vaughn has a good attitude and makes everyone around him smile!

Scarlet Nash - Fourth Grade Scarlet is a hard worker and always does her best in ELA and Math!

Adlai Williams – Fifth Grade Adlai is being recognized for working hard at ELA! Ja:goh!

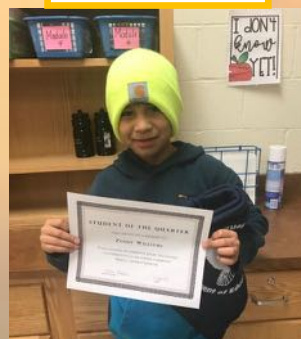
Grade 3: Vaughn



Grade 1: Montana



Grade 2: Zeddy



Grade 5: Adlai



Grade 4: Scarlet



Silver Creek School Updates

Submitted by: Elizabeth Best-Laurie, Middle School JOM Teacher

The beginning of the year is always a whirlwind of experiences. We start with nice weather and a new schedule. We met with old friends and make new ones. But we slowly settle into the new routine of a new grade level as the weather starts to cool down and the leaves change. This year is no different than others in that respect.

As we settled into the new school year, we had several students participate in fall sports, football, volleyball, and cross country are always big draws for students. Participating in sports also gives them an academic push each year since they have extra time between school and practice to complete work.

The Silver Creek Middle School performed "James and the Giant Peach" this November. I would like to give a shout out to Ben O'Dell for his performance as the Grasshopper and Molly Shaw as Aunt Spiker. Several other Native American students had supporting roles in the chorus for the musical.

November is also Native American history Month. We kicked off this year's celebration with Fry bread tacos and strawberry juice. The week of November 14 – 18 we celebrated spirit week where students and staff could "Rock their Mocs" and wear their ribbon skirts and shirts. The month ended with Social Dancing assemblies for all grade levels throughout the day and a traditional storyteller.



Ribbon Skirts & Shirts for Native American Heritage Spirit Week



Silver Creek Middle School Update Continued

Students of the 1st Quarter

I would like to congratulate Jaeton White as the 6th grade student of the quarter. Jaeton always has a smile on his face and is ready to help a friend in need. He's quick to participate in class and has great comments that help lead class discussions. Congratulations, Jaeton, I look forward to more great things from Jaeton as the year progresses.



Jaeton White
6th grade

Congratulations to Gracelin Stevens on being nominated for the 7th grade student of the quarter. Gracelin's slow and steady approach to the school year allows her to do many great things and stay on top of her work. She's quick with a laugh and a joke and is always willing to help a friend. Congratulations, Gracelin on the great work this year.



Gracelin Stevens
7th grade

Congratulations to Rhyana Willis on being nominated for the 8th grade student of the quarter. School hasn't always been easy for this young woman, but her perseverance and great attitude toward school challenges makes it seem easy. Congratulations, Rhyana, I look forward to seeing more great things this year and in years to come.



Rhyana Willis
8th Grade

Silver Creek School Updates

Submitted by: Aimee Sleeth, High School JOM Teacher



2022 High School Youth Summit



College & Career Exploration

The beginning of the 2022-2023 academic year is in full swing at Silver Creek High School. Fall has been full of various activities, sports, cultural events, and opportunities for learning, including college and career exploration. Students attended campus visits to the University of Buffalo, Syracuse University, and Jamestown Community College. In November we celebrated Native American Heritage Month, and it was filled with cultural events including a Native American Spirit Week, social dancing, traditional foods, and art activities.



Student Contributions to Lobby Display



Social Dancing



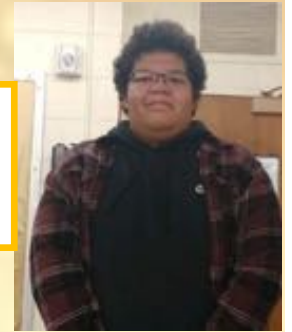
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Students of the First Quarter

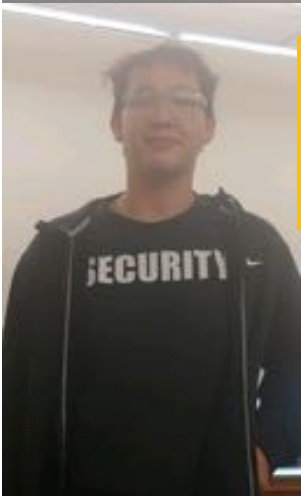


Freshman Shylor Maybe made the Honor Roll with an incredible average of more than 97%. He is a conscientious student who also enjoys participating in our cultural and after-school activities.

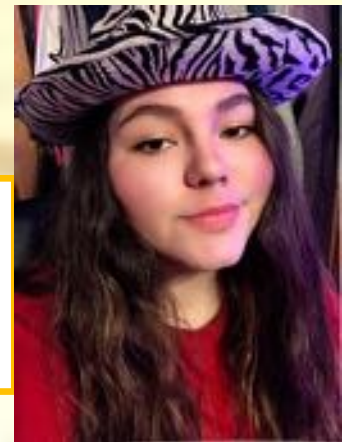
Sophomore Ryder Luke worked diligently to increase his grades in the last few weeks of Quarter 1. He put in extra effort and made a substantial improvement. Keep up the good work Ryder!



Junior Tim Williams is off to a fantastic start this year with an Honor roll average of more than 98%! Tim is active in cultural activities including A.I.Y.O. and was a volunteer at all the Native American Heritage Month activities at school in November.



Senior Kayla Johns has a bright future ahead of her. She is interested in pursuing a career in Criminal Justice or Forensics and has already taken steps towards achieving this goal by completing her Common Application for College and taking Criminal Justice classes at Vo-tech. She is also on the Honor roll for the 1st Quarter.



Silver Creek Central School Credit Rolls

Credit Roll

Andy Marx- 6
Jaelyn Nelms-6
Kyla Redeye-6
Sekera Snyder-6
Gracelin Stevens-7
Johnathon Seneca-8
Amirya Warrior-9
Jacob Jimerson-Kenjockety-11

Honor Roll

Jayden Balestrieri-6
Zuriah Cortes-6
Jaeton White-6
Jessie George Jr.-7
William Shuart-7
Molly Shaw-8
Jalyn Smith-8
Ella Austin-9
Skyla Gates-9
Shylor Maybee-9
Hallie Rybij-9
Mason Maybee-11
Laney Olsen-11
Timothy Williams-11
Tory Cook-12
Kayla Johns-12
Maya Monroy-12
Jakeb Millar-12
Dwayne White II-12
Jackson Williams-12

High Honor Roll

Ericka Austin-6
Katherine Jones-6
Logan Robbins-6
Lilly Shaw-6
Benjamin O'Dell-8

Keep Up The
Good Work!



Thank you for reading.

