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## Gowanda Elementary School Updates



Sge:no Gowanda Elementary Families! My name is Mrs. Foit, and I am the new JOM Teacher here at the Elementary School. I had previously worked for the past 8 years as the JOM Assistant at GMS. I just recently transferred over to GES. It has been quite the transition, but I'm enjoying getting to know my new students here. The best part is, I have many of my GMS students' siblings. I'm looking forward to getting to know all my new students and their families. I encourage parents/guardians to reach out to me directly either by phone or email anytime with questions, updates, or concerns.

## Gowanda Elementary School Updates



Aubrey is always kind and respectful to her peers. She is a hard worker and always participates in class, this shows in her work! She has had an awesome third quarter. Keep it up Aubrey!

Kay has had a great third quarter and excellent attendance. She is a very kind and respectful student. She is a delight to have in class and is always willing to participate. Keep up the great work Kay!

Liam has had a great second quarter and very good attendance. He participates in class and adds to class discussions. I've seen a vast improvement on his time recognition and am so proud of him. Keep up the great work Liam!

Oakley has had an amazing third quarter! He works hard and has impressed us with his good grades as well as attendance! He loves school, and always has a positive attitude. Ja:goh Oakley! We are proud of you!

Lorenzo has worked very hard for the third quarter. He has made vast improvements in all areas. He is a good friend to all! Keep up the great work Lorenzo! We are all so proud of you!

## Gowanda Middle School Updates

The end of the year is upon us already!! As we head into the 4th quarter it is important to keep track of grades and exam schedules. Remind students to take advantage of free time by checking grades, getting caught up with work/projects, studying for tests. I continue to stay after school Monday-Thursday.

I would like to let students and families know that Mrs. Foit has moved to the Gowanda Elementary School. She will be missed over here, but I'm sure we will all see her around. Good luck, Mrs. Foit!!!

During the 3rd quarter we had the opportunity to take some students to the AISES (American Indian Science and Engineering Society) conference, which was held at the University of Buffalo. Students were able to take part in workshops by the following departments:

UB School of Engineering-Students were given the opportunity to use a remote control to move a robot dog.
UB Department of Physics-Students participated in a science experiment using liquid nitrogen to make an object float.
UB Department of Indigenous Studies-Students wore virtual reality goggles for a 360 degree Indigenous cinematic experience called Ancestral Gratitude Bridge.
UB Jacobs School of Medicine-Students learned a little bit about taking vitals.
NASA Glenn Research Center-Students constructed small paper x-planes and flew them by producing their own thrust, by blowing air through a drinking straw, to examine Newton's Third Law of Motion. Students will design and build a second airplane attempting to improve the design of their plane in order to allow it to fly further.
It was an incredible experience with surrounding school districts.


## Gowanda Middle School Updates Continued

Also, during the 3rd quarter, students in 8th grade read To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee. Students were given roles of the characters to act out the trial of Tom Robinson. Pictured below are Brodie Jackson as Bob Ewell, Enette John as Atticus Finch, Delia Mohawk as Judge Taylor, and Randall John as Tom Robinson. This was an awesome way to interact with other students and get a better understanding of the book.


## Gowanda Middle School Updates

## Students of the 3rd Quarter

Grade 5: Samuel Loving

Grade 6: Colten Bennett
Sam has worked very hard this quarter! He always knows what he needs to be doing and makes up work after absences. He has a great attitude and puts forth tremendous effort. Keep up the great work Sam!!

Colten is a very hard worker. He stays on top of his work to get things done on time. He asks his teachers for help when needed and it shows. Keep up the hard work in 6th grade Colten!!!

Grade 8: Lilliana Pierce


## Gowanda High School Updates

The third quarter has flown by at Gowanda High School! Seniors are getting geared up for graduation, applying for scholarships, committing to colleges, and making memories in the meantime. Their underclassman peers continue to navigate the waters of the end of the school year, and are doing big things too! Spring sports are in full swing as well, rounding out an exciting MP3 for all students here at GHS.

## HIGHLIGHTS

Students from the tri-districts were invited on a tour of the Seneca Niagara Casino to explore career opportunities during February break. The SNI Education Department provided the plans for the trip as part of their "February Fun Days" offered to students in grades K-12 during the week of break. Three Gowanda students attended - Seniors Aurora Stevens and Lea Mohawk and Freshman Dustin Mohawk. The students attended a presentation outlining the several job opportunities the casino has to offer, received a full tour including a look at a penthouse suite in the hotel, and enjoyed lunch while having a discussion with several casino employees and representatives.


Seniors at Gowanda celebrated National Decision Day on Monday May $1^{\text {st }}$. Photo opportunities were provided in the lobby of the high school where students updated their post-graduate plans, filled out surveys, and received Class of 2023 yard signs provided by the Gowanda Boosters Club.

## Gowanda High School Updates

On Friday May 5, Gowanda High School honored Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Awareness Day. Students and staff were encouraged to wear red to show support and raise awareness to the cause. The Title VI staff at Gowanda organized a craft distribution as well. Students in JOM and Title VI worked on red tissue paper flowers throughout the week to give to Gowanda students the morning of the fifth.

Per Title VI:
"We will distribute red flowers made by Indigenous students that will signify the hope and healing we have for the future. We recognize that the awareness campaign identifies victims and our flower will serve to establish that they are gone but not forgotten."


Athletics were of course in full swing - with Senior Crissa Scanlan, who took a chance with Track and Field last year - shining through and commiting to Utica University for throwing! Crissa placed $3^{\text {rd }}$ at the Dunkirk Invitational on Friday April $28^{\text {th }}$ and $4^{\text {th }}$ at the Falconer Invitational on Friday May $5^{\text {th }}$ and still has several chances to showcase her skills this season. Several other athletes are keeping busy on the Gowanda sports fields through softball/ baseball and lacrosse as well.


## Gowanda High School Updates

## Students of the 3rd Quarter

## Grade 9: Nina Coulon

The Gowanda Girl's Lacrosse team is young this year, with several athletes who have never played the sport before. This can already be an intimidating feat, without the added stress of playing a highly needed position - the goalie. Freshman Nina Coulon stepped up to the plate and has served as the team's goalie for this season. On top of that, she has improved her grades and found herself on the Merit roll for the third marking period. Great job, Nina -keep putting in the work!

On and Off the Field

Grade 11: Layla Gamble

Grade 10: Alyssa Golden

Gaining and maintaining honor roll status can be a difficult task while navigating through the second half of the school year. However, Sophomore Alyssa Golden has done just that in the third marking period of the year. Bumping up her already proficient English grade, Alyssa found herself on Honor roll this quarter. A busy girl musically, she also maintains perfect scores in Band, Chamber Choir, and Chorus. Awesome job, Alyssa - keep up the good work!

Most Improved Honor Student
Layla has been an impressive student all school year at Gowanda. Bouncing back and forth from High Honor to Honor - she successfully maintains her grades and makes her teachers proud every single day. She just returned from a student trip to Washington D.C where she represented not only her school, but her Native American community. She is an influential and responsible student who I'm sure did everyone counting on her proud while she was on the trip. Keep doing big things, Layla - proud of you!

Student Representative

Grade 12: Lea Mohawk

Although many people think that Seniors have the easiest schedules - the truth is most of them actually stay very busy inside and out of school. Senior Lea Mohawk maintains Honor roll status along with participating in Track, Yearbook, and dancing regularly at Performing Arts Dance Academy. Through all of it, she remains a bubbly and personable student - one that everyone wants to be around. Lea also just committed to Daemen University to major in the Arts in Biology program. So proud of you Lea - great job!


## Gowanda Cenral School Credit Rolls

## High Honor Roll

Scarlett John-5th
Isabella Gill-7th
Rylee Yasurek-7th
Marcus Gamble- 9th
Winter Rivera- 10th
Alhanna Gabel- 11th
Mya Halftown-11th
Aubrie Heron- 11th
Chloe Luther- 11th
Cianna Hidalgo- 12th
Kallan John- 12th
Shelby Weston- 12th

Honor Roll
Gabriel Cortes-5th
Evelyn John-5th
Anyistin MacLeod-5th
Sophee Seneca-5th
Gia Stafford-5th
Elise Stevens- 5th
Clayburn Gates-6th
Carter Scott-6th
Claryce Stevens- 6th
Andrew Young. Jr.- 6th
Leona Henhawk- 7th
Tayleigh Williams- 8th
Alyssa Golden- 1oth
Layla Gamble- 11th
Roseall LeBeau- 12th Lea Mohawk- 12th Ruben Rivera IV- 12th Emma Schindler- 12th Star Stafford-12th Ke'ya Stevens- 12th Chloe White- 12th

## Merit Roll

Clarae Beaver-5th Nina Coulon- 9th
MaKenyan Brooks- 5th Corrina John-9th
Zayley Nephew- 5 th
Shaaylyn Williams- 5 th
Colten Bennett- 6th
Ella Jimerson-6th
Hayleigh Miller-6th
Gadeo:nosta Wisniewski- 6th
Raelin Smith - 7th
Kane Stafford- 7th
Donald Stevens Jr.- 7th
Mychal Williams- 7th
Maleina Moses- 8th

# A.J. Schmidt Elementary School Updates 

Kindergarten- Autumn Chilldres- "Autumn is a very hard worker and has learned so much in Kindergarten! She is reading and writing sentences which is great to see! Autumn enjoys math and works hard on her addition and subtraction word problems."-Mrs. Gizzi

Grade 1- Ashton Keyes- "Ashton has been a shining star this year, making progress in all areas including reading and math. He is a loving friend and student who always goes above and beyond to help someone in need! His smile is contagious and I am so lucky to have him in my class this year!"-Miss Samples

Grade 2- Evelyn Chilldres- "Evelyn Chilldres is a wonderful, kind member of our 2nd grade classroom community. She is gentle and friendly to everyone in the room. Evelyn has made AMAZING progress, academically this year! In fact, she's the current leader in Mrs. Koch's Lexia group and continues to excel! I am so proud of Evelyn's growth this year! She's fantastic!"-Mrs. Scholl

Grade 3- Carter Love- "Carter Love is one of the kindest kids I know! He is always willing to help me out when needed. He enjoys making air planes using his STEAM skills and loves science! This year he has done a wonderful job with asking for help when needed and taking his time with his work. We always talk about how important it is to take pride in what you accomplish. Carter Love is a good student and friend and his accomplishments are well deserved." -Miss Ventresca

Grade 4- Keagan Stevens- "Keagan is a kind and compassionate young man who is always willing to help out a friend. He works very hard and takes his education seriously. Keagan's favorite thing to do in school is reading. He appreciates silent reading time everyday after lunch where he gets to read whatever he wants. He also has enjoyed what I have chosen for him, especially Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume"-Mrs. Kauzala

Grade 5- Cordelia Maybee- "Cordelia is a kind and compassionate young lady who always perseveres. She is a role model and takes pride in our classroom and school."-Miss Salansky

## Lake Shore Middle School Updates

Hello everyone! It's hard to believe that we're completely done with the third quarter marking period of the 2022-23 school year.
This quarter, we focused on maintaining our overall averages, with special emphasis on keeping overall averages as passing or above for our special subjects too (art, music, foreign language and physical education, for example). The reason for focusing on special subjects is because so many students were excelling in math, Social Studies, English and science that some had fallen behind in these other classes.

For this quarter, we were able to maintain our numbers for those who earned Honor and Merit Roll statuses. Over 90 percent of the same students earned their places back, with adding on a few new students to the Merit Roll. Our Honor and Merit Roll students will be taking a field trip to the CCC to celebrate their hard work on May 12.
We pushed through ELA state testing. As soon as scores come in, the results will be reported, along with the state Math test results. The math testing takes place during the fourth quarter marking period. Some students chose to opt out of the exam.

We introduced classroom "turtles," Scon-Scon, who was later joined by Selena and Ha'nowah Seh (Turtle Three). Since the introduction of Scon-Scon was so popular, he was soon joined by the other two turtles. Students voted on names for them. We had a slideshow demonstration to tell stories about Scon-Scon, and enjoyed donuts and hot chocolate while we presented.
Looking forward to upcoming events in the fourth quarter marking period, with some cultural lessons to include wild onion soup and water drum making, and a short Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women visual art project. Of note: each grade level has separate field trips they'll be attending. If an extra chaperon is needed, I'll be attending.
Looking forward to finishing the school year with these students! Thank you all for a great experience here at Lake Shore Middle School.

## Lake Shore Middle School Updates

## 6th Grade: Bree Gates

Students of the 3rd Quarter



Bree is funny, sweet and conscientious. She helps me in the classroom, whether it's making sure everything has been put back in its place, or saying something kind to put a smile on my face. She was the only girl who participated after school at My Brother's Keeper, a STEM-based academic program. She held her own, joking around with her peers as she designed and constructed her projects. She is an inspiration to other girls who are interested in STEM and would otherwise feel intimidated to try it. Keep it up, Bree!

8th Grade: Asa White
Vivian is both a stellar athlete and student. She excels, whether it's out on the field with her lacrosse stick, or at her desk in the classroom. Her classes are on an advanced track. She works through her courses flawlessly. In JOM, she settles in and gets straight to work, well prepared. She has a natural curiosity about the world. Vivian is positive energy. She is a great example for those who strive for excellence in athletics and academics. Great job, Vivian!


Asa is insightful and has a great sense of humor. He is both playful and fun, yet serious and a hard worker. Asa is on an accelerated academic track in math, showing great success. "Doing well," "Outstanding," and "Keep up the great work," are some things his teachers are saying about Asa. He enjoys a great chess battle with his classmates who join him here in JOM. He was recently invited to have lunch with our school's guest speaker from West Point, and it was an honor to choose him for inclusion. Asa is ready for greatness!

## Lake Shore High School Updates



On March 18 ${ }^{\text {th }}$, the Seneca Nation Education Department and The J acobs School of Medicine \& Biomedical Sciences presented the Seventh Generation Operation for our students at Lakeshore, Gowanda and SilverCreek. Lake Shore students that attended were Alexandria Kennedy, Tianna Thuman, Lilyanna Valadez and Aquinnah Maybee. Students spent the day touring the Jacobs School of Medic ine and leamed the ins and outs of what it would be like to be a med student at UB. Dean S. Seneca, was the keynote speakerand disc ussed the importance of promoting
 Indigenous Health. After lunch students were given an opportunity to participate in workshops that taught them how to do sutures, take vitals and how to stop the bleed.


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Lake Shore hosted Major Patrick Sorensen, Officer in Charge of the Native Americ an Hentage Forum at West Point Military Academy. Major Sorensen presented at the Middle School and hosted small talking circles with Indigienous students on Thursday. On Friday during the moming assembly at the high school Major Sorensen presented two awards. The Student Leadership Experience scholarship at West Point was presented to Mileah Pinelli. He also presented an eagle feather to SeniorTianna Thuman for her outstanding leadership and resilence.


Lake Shore Schools Native American Programs held a contest asking students in grades 6-12 to design a logo that we could use to honor MMIW Recognition Day. First place wascreated by Ada Inizary, whose design will appearon stickers. Second place went to Salana Fergusquia, and third place to Kyrie Buffalo, whose designs will be used on posters and other materials.


# Lake Shore High School Updates 



Students of the 3rd Quarter

Kate Kennedy was selected asstudent of the quarter for gth $^{\text {th }}$ grade. She has had an a mazing start to high school maintaining an excellent average and making honor roll each quarter! Not only does Kate succeed in the classroom she also plays volleyball, basketball and la crosse as well partic ipates in other va rious activities! Her grades, attendance and attitude reflect her strong work ethic. Keep up the great work!

Quinn Maybee is the student of the quarter for $10^{\text {th }}$ grade. She continues to be an outstanding student. Quinn is a dedic ated and respectful student with strong leadership skills. She plays volleyball and lac rosse for Lakeshore. She has eamed Perfect Attendance so farthis yearas well as honor roll every quarter. Quinn is an excellent role model.

Tatia na J ohn is the student of the quarter for junior class. She finished the 3rd quarter strong, displaying academic improvement and hard work. Tatiana has really stepped up her effort the last two quarters and has mainta ined at least an $85 \%$ a verage while playing lac rosse this spring! Hergrades this year are proof that hard work pays off!!

Riley has had an amazing senioryear! He has maintained an incredible average all throughout high school and because of this he is \#3 in his class. Riley is willing to help classmates and underclassman who are struggling to understand an assignment or how to tackle a problem. He is a member of National Honor Society and Student Govemment. He was recently recognized for being inducted into the Lamda Sigma Honor Society for Math and Science. Riley plans on attending St. Bonaventure in the fall to pursue his dream of becoming a teacher. Great job, Riley!

## Lake Shore Central School Credit Rolls

|  | Honor Roll |  | Merit Roll |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Elliot Brunn-Cisneros- 6 | Xavier White-7 | Riley Fleming-12 | Zayden Becker-6 | Asa White-8 |
| Gus Catalano-6 | Lily Zaprzal- 7 | Alexandria Kennedy-12 | Louis Bonthron-6 | Salana Ferrgusquia-9 |
| Sofia Corsaro-6 | Peyton Fox-8 | Shatan Mohawk-12 | Bree Gates-Porter-6 | Layla Jimerson-9 |
| Jace Jimerson-6 | Mason Snyder-8 | Emilee Ramirez-12 | Cayden Kettle-6 | Leila Thompson-9 |
| Kaiyah Jones-6 | Tyla Thompson-8 | Nyla Rivera-12 | Christina LaSalle-6 | Jonah Gould-10 |
| Amiya Nephew-6 | Wyatt Thompson-8 |  | Darius Snow-6 | Travis Jimerson-10 |
| Colton Pinelli- 6 | Kyrie Buffalo-9 |  | Mathias Thompson-6 | Stevieana Seneca-10 |
| Ashton Sampson-6 | Elliott Catalano-9 |  | Zaia Charbonneau-7 | Morgan huff-11 |
| Braxton Sanchez-6 | Kate Kennedy-9 |  | Maddex Clarke-7 | Tatiana John-11 |
| Nuriya Tallchief-6 | James Mecca-9 |  | Zoey Fox-7 | Troy Kennedy-11 |
| Jason Thompson-6 | Kade Nephew-9 |  | Emmitt Francis-7 | Eric Kushner-11 |
| Myles Conant-7 | Ciara Thompson-9 |  | Sara Himelein-7 | Jacella Nephew-11 |
| Kaysen John-7 | Alexis Hummel-10 |  | Irelynn Garlow-7 | Isaac Clear-12 |
| Coltyn LeRoy-7 | Laelle Jimerson-10 |  | Uriah LeRoy- 7 | Dallas Garlow-12 |
| Vivian Maybee-7 | Aquinnah Maybee-10 |  | Wyatt Maybee-7 | Skilynn Halftown-12 |
| Arilyn Nephew-7 | Mileah Pinelli- 11 |  | Luis Soto Jr.- 7 | Canaan John-12 |
| Dotgahdoh Nephew-7 | Blayze Becker-12 |  | Marty Wallace Jr.-7 | Obrigh Tallchief-12 |
| Brent Thompson-7 | Giana Corsaro-12 |  | Maleah Jimerson-8 | Tianna Thuman-12 |

## Silver Creek Elementary School Updates



The Silver Creek Elementary School Students did a great job at their Spring Concert! They have been working hard practicing their instruments in band and learning their songs in chorus. All the elementary students listened to them play and sing at a practice concert the afternoon before the main event, Wednesday night. Well done everyone! In Mrs. Bray's Seneca Culture Class, the students learned about ga nöh se:s geh - longhouses. Each student constructed a longhouse using gingerbread and frosting. JOM Homework Club celebrated Star Wars Day! May The Fourth Be With You! We enjoyed delicious blue cookies and Kool-Aid, Cosmic Brownies, and Star Wars Crackers. The students had a pool noodle lightsaber duel and played Star Wars Musical Chairs! This Is The Way!


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As we enter the last quarter of the school year exciting things are happening at Silver Creek Middle School. Of course, spring sports are well underway with several students on the Silver Creek/Lake Shore Lacrosse team and the Silver Creek baseball and softball teams.

There are various field trips and activities coming up during the school year. On April $17^{\text {th }}$ the $6^{\text {th }}$ grade class attended a performance of "The Lightning Thief" in Jamestown. On May $19^{\text {th }}$ the $7^{\text {th }}$ grade will hold their annual Civil War encampment. On May $26^{\text {th }}$ the $8^{\text {th }}$ grade team will be heading to SUNY Fredonia to tour the campus and more specifically learning how to research at the college library. And finally, the $6^{\text {th }}$ grade team will head to Salen's Field for the Buffalo Bisons Kids Day baseball game.

With state testing wrapping up but final exams just around the corner be sure to talk to your students about what exams they will need to take, how to study for big tests and test taking strategies. Here are some other tips for test taking: get enough sleep the night before, take your time and read carefully, when in doubt use the rest of the test to help answer a question - you never know maybe the information you need to answer one question will be on the test in a different question.

## Students of the 3rd Quarter

In $6^{\text {th }}$ grade, Katherine Jones. Katherine not only demonstrates academic achievement but also is friendly, kindhearted, and always willing to help a friend. She always has a smile on her face and gets along with everyone. She has big dreams, and I can't wait to see her reach them

In $7^{\text {th }}$ grade, Daniel Thies. Danny demonstrates perseverance. He struggled at points during the $3^{\text {rd }}$ quarter but was able to pull through and earn each grade he received. Danny is insightful and thoughtful. He has great ideas and is able to articulate these thoughts and ideas.

In $8^{\text {th }}$ grade, Benjamin O'Dell. Ben is a great student, who demonstrates thoughtfulness in his interactions with teachers and his peers. Ben knows that his behavior will determine achievement and is focused on building on his knowledge to get where he wants to go.


## Silver Creek High School Updates

Spring has arrived at Silver Creek High School, and that means new sports seasons and getting ready for end of the year testing and upcoming graduation celebrations. March ended with an informative and educational trip to the Seneca Iroquois National Museum. In April students attended an in-house field trip and made Wild Onion


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Freshman Skyla Gates is consistently on the Credit Roll at Silver Creek and takes her classes and academics seriously.

Sophomore Gracie Williams works diligently at her academics and is also a stand-out on the LAX field.


Junior Ray Cotes not only excels academically but is an outstanding athlete. Ray scored his 100th goal during this current LAX season.

Senior Maya Monroy has been on the Honor Roll throughout her Senior year and has been accepted to Niagara University where she plans on pursuing a career in Nursing. Maya also serves as an officer in various school clubs and organizations.

## Silver Creek Central School Credit Rolls



## Thank you for reading.



