



2025 JOM SPRING NEWSLETTER

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March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 SAT Prep 4p-8p @ Edu Classroom	5	6	7	8
9 Daylight saving time begins	10	11 Edu Family Fun Night @ CCC	12	13	14	15
16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 Community Ed Class @ 6pm	19 HEP FAFSA Night Community Culture Class @ 6pm	20	21	22
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April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Spring Recess– NO SCHOOL						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Easter Day		Community Ed Class @ 6pm	HEP FAFSA Night Community Culture Class @ 6pm			
27	28	29	30			
Spring Recess– NO SCHOOL						

Gowanda Elementary School Updates

Nya:wëh Sgënö'! It's hard to believe we are already half way through the school year. There is always so much activity here at Gowanda Elementary School. In November we honored our local Veteran's with a well-attended school assembly. We had some of our students captivate us, with an impressive presentation on the code talkers. We also had our Native American Dance Assembly, with many of our students participating and amazing us all! What a great way to honor our Native American heritage. December came quickly, with a well-attended Holiday Family Fun Night. This is always a huge event, filled with so many holiday activities and fun for everyone!! January came in with a freeze, and a few snow days. Luckily, the weather cooperated for our Education Department sponsored Family Fun Night Ice Skating Party. It was great to see so many families out enjoying the evening with our JOM staff. A great time was had by all! Looking forward to a productive and fun second half of the year!!



Gowanda Elementary School

Students of the Quarter

Grade K: Amara Graham



Amara is a kind and respectful student. She is a hard worker and always participates in class, this shows in her work! She has had an awesome 2nd quarter. Ja:goh Amara! We're proud of you!

Grade 2: Tanner Lay



Tanner has had a great second quarter. He always has a smile and a positive attitude. He works very hard in class and is focused on getting his work right. He is a good friend to all and will help out his peers when needed. Ja:goh Tanner! We're proud of you!

Grade 1: Anna Racinowski



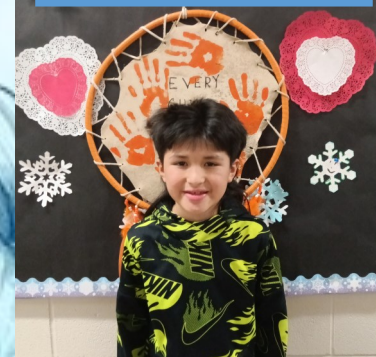
Anna has had a great second quarter. She is a very kind and respectful student. She is always striving to do her best which shows in her work. She always has a positive attitude and loves school. Keep up the great work!

Grade 3: Kali Lipinski



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

Grade 4: Grady Jimerson



Grady worked very hard the second quarter. He is always striving to do his best. Grady is always focused on getting his work done and helping others out if needed. Ja:goh Grady! We're proud of you!

Gowanda Middle School Updates



News from Mrs. Hageman & Ms. Thompson



We made it through the 1st semester already!! Students have been very busy in all grade levels. Parents/Guardians should have access to their students' grades through Schoology. If you have not signed up for a parent/guardian account, please contact the school for support. It's an easy application to use to monitor your child's grades and keep up to date on tests/quizzes, upcoming assignments, and owed assignments.

We stay after school Monday-Thursday during the week. Please encourage your child to stay if they need extra help getting caught up or simply need a workspace. Students can message us on Schoology or come see us in room 219 daily if they would like to sign up to stay.

In December there was a school wide incentive day that was held at the CCC. Students who did not receive any disciplinary write ups that resulted in ISS/OSS were able to attend. There were craft tables, ice skating, swimming, and open gym time. This is a field trip that many students look forward to each year!!

We held our annual 'REACH' pizza party on February 13, 2025. Students who participated met the following criteria:

- *A student who has 5 or less absences in the semester. (3 tardies=1 absence)
- *A Student must not be failing 2 or more classes.
- *A student must have a 70 or above average for the quarter.
- *A student must not have been in ISS or OSS during the semester

Students were invited to enjoy pizza and juice, watch a movie, work on puzzles, and make crafts. Congratulations to all that were invited to participate!!

Gowanda Middle School

Photos from GMS activities



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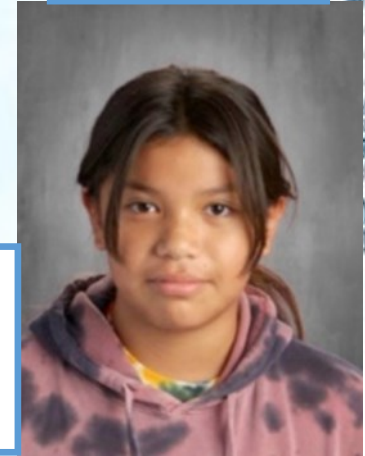
Students of the Quarter



Grade 5: Christine Lyons

Christine is having a great start to her middle school career!! She is a very responsible young lady when it comes to school work. She knows what needs to be done and is not afraid to ask for help when needed. She stays after school when she needs to get caught up with her work. Keep up the awesome job, Christine!!!

Grade 6: Bella Young



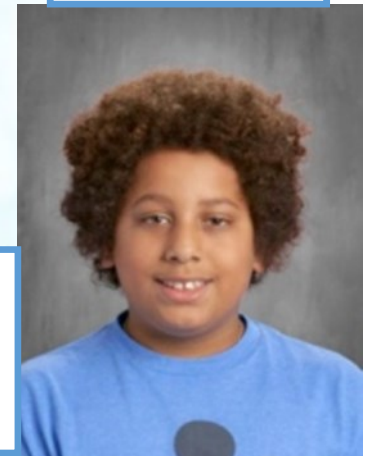
Bella has really stepped up her work ethic in 6th grade!! She keeps track of her assignments and finishes them in a timely manner. Her hard work is definitely paying off because her overall average went up 6 points from the last quarter!!! Keep up the good work, Bella!!



Grade 7: Gabriel Cortes

Gabe is having a fabulous start to 7th grade!! Not only does he keep up with his school work, but he also manages to keep up with his sport's schedule as well. He is a great role model when it comes to student-athletes. Keep working hard, Gabe!!

Grade 8: Carter Scott



Carter is finishing off his middle school career with great momentum that hopefully will carry over into high school!! He continues to have a great work ethic and is creating successful habits to finish 8th grade strong. Keep making everyone proud, Carter!!!

Gowanda Central School

Credit Rolls

Merit Roll

Lola Cook– 5	Jovin Jones– 10
LeRoy Henhawk II– 5	Maleina Moses– 10
Eleanor John– 5	Julia White-Pigeon– 10
Kiera LeBeau– 5	Octavia Williams– 10
Christine Lyons– 5	Marcus Gamble– 11
Xylinia Mitchell– 5	KaeVii Yasurek– 11
Henry Patterson– 5	Elizabeth Green– 12
Arraya Rice Renaldo– 5	Karice John– 12
Oakley Snyder– 5	Kierra Moses– 12
Lyla Stevens– 5	Lily Scanlan– 12
Simon Huff– 6	
Remy LeBeau– 6	
Kingsley Lone– 6	
Anna Schindler– 6	
Avvery Schmitz– 6	
Sadie Stevens– 6	
Clarae Beaver– 7	
Evelyn John– 7	
Jaeleigh Warrior– 7	
Cora Luther– 9	
Memphis Stevens– 9	
Ayla Sullivan– 9	

Honor Roll

Lacey Davis– 5	Kiona Isaac– 11
Kambria Kennedy– 5	Corrina John– 11
Anamaii Miller– 5	Alanson Stafford– 11
Aidrick Pagan– 5	Marissa Beaver– 12
Carter Reiller– 5	Cole Gabel– 12
Leilene Stevens– 5	Alyssa Golden– 12
Aaliyah Sundown– 5	Winter Rivera– 12
Milo Williams– 5	Landon White– 12
Jag Gill– 6	
JoRiah John– 6	
Halia Rivera– 6	
Loki Satterfield– 6	
Emmett Schindler– 6	
Daphne Twoguns– 6	
Liam VanAernam– 6	
Madelyn Wurst– 6	
MaKenyan Brooks– 7	
Gabriel Cortes– 7	
Kayella Smoke– 7	
Carter Scott– 8	
Rylee Yasurek– 9	
Tayleigh Williams– 10	

High Honor Roll

LilliAunna Reiller– 6
Raelynn Taber– 6
Averi Thompson– 6
Scarlett John– 7
Anyistin MacLeod– 7
Zayley Nephew– 7
Sophee Seneca– 7
Isabella Gill– 9

Lake Shore Middle School Updates

Hello! Our second quarter was super busy and jam-packed with activity and news. Students experienced the first annual indigenous-themed, Friday Fun Night on November 15. There were stations in the gym and cafeteria for crafting bracelets and pins, a hoop and javelin game, lacrosse goal shootout and traditional fashion paper doll decoration. After the station segment, students were able to view a fashion show in the cafeteria, where their classmates modeled traditional indigenous clothing. Then they wrapped up the evening with a social, enjoying cultural music and dancing, sponsored by Heath Hill and his singers. The Fun Night coincided with Native American Heritage Month, which is November. We had a holiday party, where students exchanged gifts with each other during their lunch periods. We decorated the classroom and enjoyed a pizza party with a few games. It's always nice to gather for holiday treats and conversation! The seventh-grade girls participated in a talking circle, which is part of Restorative Practices, a program that supports fostering healthy relationships with their peers and school community. It's designed to encourage people to communicate better and work through any issues they may have, without judgment or punishment. There are consequences for certain actions, but the talking circles are designed to help students hold accountability for them. We survived several now days and inclement weather conditions. Hopefully, the bad weather is behind us now, for awhile. Looking forward into the third quarter, the Title VI program and I are planning a field trip. We're considering a visit to the Allegany Territory for a visit to the Seneca-Iroquois museum and a lunch buffet to the casino. We are working hard into our third quarter! Stay tuned for more updates.



Lake Shore Middle School

Students of the Quarter



Alex Williams, a sixth grader, has been selected for Student of the Quarter for the second quarter this school year. He has a great attitude, attendance and grades—all of which make him an excellent choice for the honor! If Lake Shore School District had a High Honor Roll, Alex's name would consistently make it to the top of the list. Alex "shows a genuine interest in the subject matter," and is "highly motivated and well-organized," according to his teachers. Alex is new to the Lake Shore district this year, and has made a smooth transition here. Great job, Alex!



Vincent Isaac is our 7th-grade student chosen for Student of the Quarter for the second quarter. Vincent has made consistent appearances on the Merit and Honor Rolls since he's been a student at the middle school. According to his teachers, he's "cooperative and conscientious," and is "a pleasure to have in class.". Keep up the great work, Vincent! You're doing great!



Tyonih White, eighth grader, has been selected for Student of the Quarter for the second quarter this year. Excellence in academics, attendance, attitude and sportsmanship are reasons why he's been chosen. He plays goalie for several different lacrosse teams outside of school. He always comes to JOM prepared to work and has a great attitude every time. Despite his busy sports schedule and course load, Tyonih balances it out, managing to succeed in and out of school. His teachers say he is "a pleasure to have in class," and that he "displays an extremely positive attitude." He's a role model for all those who strive to be successful student athletes. Keep up the great work, Tyonih!

Lake Shore High School Updates



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SAT PREP BOOT CAMP

Limited spaces
available!

March 4th

4pm-8pm

Please sign up with
Mrs. Pangborn in
JOM if your
interested by
February 28th.

Class will be at the
SNI Education
Department located in same
building as ECLC.

SAT Prep Class is instructed by All-Pro Tutoring
*****Pizza and refreshments will be provided*****

On March 4th- get a jump start of your SAT test preparation! The Seneca Nation Education department is sponsoring their annual SAT Prep Boot Camp. While many colleges have gone test optional, the early data has shown that students who submit SAT or ACT test scores have an admissions advantage. This comprehensive course introduces students to the SAT test with an emphasis on test -taking strategies, testing information, how to best prepare for the SAT test and practice questions in each subject. Course includes: workbook/study practice materials and a free simulated SAT test. Limited spaced available- please sign up with Mrs. Pangborn in room 117 if you would like to sign up!

The SAT dates this year are:

May 3rd (deadline to sign up is 4/18/25)

June 7th (deadline to sign up is 5/27/25)

Please see your guidance counselor at school for more information.

Lake Shore High School

Students of the Quarter



Emmitt Francis was selected as student of the quarter for 9th grade as been able to easily transition into the high school from middle school. He demonstrates all of the positive traits involved with being successful. Emmitt displays a strong work ethic and shows pride in getting good grades and keeping up with all of his assignments.

Tolli Parsons has been chosen for student of the quarter for 10th grade because he has been working hard the first two quarters. He is determined to have a great year! Keep up the good work- you're on the right track!



Ivory Stafford has been selected for student of the quarter for 11th grade. She finished the 2nd quarter strong displaying academic improvement and hard work. Ivory has really stepped up her effort this year and her effort shows! She is proof that hard work pays off!

Shilo Pierce has been selected for student of the quarter for 12th grade because he comes to school each day with a positive attitude, willingness to learn and is respectful to his peers and teachers. He keeps up with his grades while playing volleyball in the fall and lacrosse in the spring! Keep up the good work Shilo!



Lake Shore Central School

Credit Rolls

Merit Roll

Karson Conant– 6	Ayla Jimerson– 10
Elvera Golden– 6	Maleah Jimerson– 10
Jovi Nephew– 6	Gianna Waterman– 10
Jessie Jr. Sampson– 6	Jairon Nephew– 11
Keagan Stevens– 6	Kade Nephew– 11
Lindy Jo Williams– 6	Payton Stevens– 11
Mara Cooke– 7	Asa Thompson– 11
Jacelyn John– 7	Leila Thompson– 11
Lillianna Rodriguez– 7	Keegun Belisle– 12
Raylan Sampson– 7	Stanley Francis– 12
Aleleia White– 7	Shaun Serio– 12
Louis Bonthron– 8	Lailee Snyder– 12
Cayden Kettle– 8	Damien Warrior– 12
Darius Snow– 8	
Myles Conant– 9	
Zoey Fox– 9	
Sara Himelein– 9	
Katsi Jackson– 9	
Kaysen John– 9	
Allisandra Smotherman– 9	
Brent Thompson– 9	
Marty Wallace Jr. –9	

Honor Roll

Roman Fleming– 6	Ashton Sampson– 8	Kate Kennedy– 11
Jackson Herc– 6	Braxton Sanchez– 8	James Mecca– 11
Lealyn Huff– 6	Nuriya Tallchief– 8	Ciara Thompson– 11
Robert Hummel III– 6	Eileen Thomas– 8	Kiowa Haynes– 12
Kaz Jimerson– 6	Livi Twoguns– 8	Alexis Hummel– 12
Rylin Jimerson– 6	Tyonih White– 8	Travis Jimerson– 12
Mayce Jones– 6	Kamryn Bonafede– 9	Aquinnah Maybee– 12
Levi Twoguns II– 6	Alison Boushie– 9	Stevieana Seneca– 12
Alexander Williams– 6	Emmitt Francis– 9	Maston Waterman– 12
Mila Fox– 7	Coltyn LeRoy– 9	
Vincent Isaac– 7	Vivian Maybee– 9	
Cordelia Maybee– 7	Arilyn Nephew– 9	
Emerie Sanchez– 7	Luis Soto Jr. – 9	
Zayden Becker– 8	Lily Zaprzal– 9	
Julie Bray– 8	Mason John– 10	
Elliot Brunn Cisneros– 8	Oliviagrace Pinelli– 10	
Gus Catalano– 8	Saniya Seneca– 10	
Bree Gates-Porter– 8	Wyatt Thompson– 10	
Emmi Jimerson– 8	Kyrie Buffalo– 11	
Jace Jimerson– 8	Elliott Catalano– 11	
Kaiyah Jones– 8	Salana Ferrigusquia– 11	
Jakob Kennedy– 8	Layla Jimerson– 11	
Amiya Nephew– 8	Nevaeh Jimerson– 11	

Silver Creek Elementary School Updates



This winter has been filled with many exciting activities! Our SNI Ed Dept. Family Skate Night was super cool! The children and their families enjoyed a chicken dinner, crafts, and ice skating under the disco lights! Thank you to all the families who joined us at the CCC for our fun night! At Silver Creek Elementary School students can earn gold tickets for being respectful, responsible, and safe. When they earn enough tickets they can have a special party – like a pj day, movie, or stuffed animal day. On pj day Hendrix wore his Star Wars robe! Nice work and keep earning those gold tickets! In art class Silas drew and painted a portrait of me (Mrs. Blair)! There are several portraits of teachers and staff that can be viewed on Silver Creek Central School's FB page. Great job artists! Sheridan, Quinn, and Zaya are my JOM Calendar helpers. Nice teamwork girls! Thank you for keeping us organized! In first grade students learned to add three numbers at a time on Mitten Math. Jagoh Legend, you got a 100! Scottlyn and Murrayah are helping put our Star Wars puzzle together. It has 2,000 pieces! AS you can see, we have been enjoying indoor activities during this cold snowy winter. Stay warm everyone, Spring is just around the corner!



Silver Creek Elementary School

Students of the Quarter



Grade K: Solomon Tarbell

Solomon was chosen to be recognized for learning ABC sounds with hand motions, nice job!



Grade 1: Mya Jones

Mya is being recognized for working hard on her math addition and subtraction work sheets, keep up the great work!



Grade 2: Silas Mohawk

Silas is doing a good job reading his stories in his book bin! Jagoh!

Sya is doing a great job taking notes in ELA! Well done!



Grade 3: Sya Kane

Zaya is being recognized for doing a great job on our JOM Calendar! Thank you!



Grade 4: Zaya Williams

Lyris is being recognized for doing a great job on researching invasive species! Nice work!



Grade 5: Lyris Jimerson

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 due to weather until late March this year. Don't worry, this beloved event will still be held at both the elementary and middle school levels on March 28; with an evening district wide event which includes a social, Native Makers Faire and food vendors on Thursday April 10th. Stay tuned to the district calendar and Facebook page for more information.

On Friday, December 6th, 2024, students from Silver Creek Central School District participated in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge. The team fundraised over \$13,500, making them the top fundraising school in Chautauqua County.

Throughout the months of November and December, Middle School students worked hard making diamond art ornaments and cards for our elders at AOA. With help from 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.

Winter is the time for basketball. Girls Modified played from November to early January, and then the boys pick up in late January. The girls finished the season 0-8, but the record was not a good representation of how much better they got from the beginning of the season to the end. They were able to increase our points per game from 14ppg to 19ppg on average while also decrease the amount of points given up each game from 38 to 23 per game. Our best games of the year were against Gowanda and both Forestville games. The team included 8th graders Jaylen Nelms, Gabby White-Pigeon, Kathrine Jones, Elianna Jimerson, and 7th grader Lexi Pagels. Although we did not win any games, the girls continued to set forth a positive attitude, a focus to get better each day, and the ability to laugh and enjoy playing the game of basketball!



Silver Creek Middle School

Students of the Quarter



Congratulations to **Eli Austin** as the 6th grade Silver Creek Middle School Student of the Quarter. Eli is always ready with a smile and eager to learn. He exemplifies hard work, determination and a kind heart. He notices his classmates throughout the day and is ready with a smile or a kind word when someone needs it. Congratulations to Eli Austin!

Congratulations to **Dominick Schunk** as the 7th grade Silver Creek Middle School Student of the Quarter. Dominick is a conscientious worker. He is determined to do well and rocks it in class. He is a solid student who isn't afraid to ask for help. He cares about his peers both on and off the field. Way to go Dominick!

Congratulations to **Zuriah Cortes** as the 8th grade Silver Creek Middle School Student of the Quarter. Zuriah is hard working both in his academics and on the JV boys' basketball team. He balances his school-work, basketball and outside pursuits well. He's eager to help a friend but also knows when to ask for help for himself. It's a pleasure to see him grow and develop into a wonderful young man. Ja'go:h Zuriah!

Silver Creek High School Updates

The months of November, December, and January were busy at Silver Creek with students getting ready for the upcoming Holidays, sharing gratitude and thankfulness, and displaying their awesome accomplishments.



*Freshman JaeLynn Whitepigeon is a member of the BRAVE program, a K-12, self-directed leadership program designed to connect middle and high school students with elementary students. BRAVE uses the power of human connection, acceptance and behavior modeling to teach upper-level students .

*In late November, Knight University held its Final Celebration for the fall session. Students showcased what they learned at interactive booths and during demonstrations, and the ribbon skirt-making course held a fashion show.

*Silver Creek students made ornaments and gift bags for the Elders and delivered them to AOA in time for Christmas.



Gracie Williams signed her letter of intent to play Lacrosse at St. Bonaventure University.

Simon White signed his letter of intent to play Lacrosse at Heidelberg University.



Silver Creek High School

Students of the Quarter



Freshman **Taydence Stevens** is new to the Silver Creek District this year. He is a hard worker who is friendly, respectful, and takes academics seriously. He is a member of the JV Basketball team and received a reward from the REACH Program for outstanding attendance and academics.

Sophomore **Rocco Buffalo** worked hard during the 2nd semester to improve his grades and was very successful. He is also a member of the JV Basketball team and is pictured with Taydence and their new blankets they received as an incentive for being named students of the quarter.

Junior **Arianna Jones** has shown great improvement this quarter and her hard work and dedication has been incredible. Arianna is enrolled in the Cosmetology Program at VOTECH and loves to paint and draw in her spare time. She is a polite and respectful student who has a positive attitude, and she is always willing to help her fellow students.



In late November, Senior **Jesse Bomberry** was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society for Culinary Arts. Jesse is a dedicated student who also received a reward from the REACH Program for outstanding attendance and academics.

Silver Creek Central School

Credit Rolls

Merit Roll

Troy Wronek-6
Logan Robbins-8
JaeLynn Whitepigeon-9
Jalyn Smith-10
Rhyana Willis-10
Skyla Gates-11

Honor Roll

Eli Austin-6
Thomas Shaw-6
Mekhi Snyder-6
Jorga Wronek-6
Emma Golembieski-7
Marty Jimerson-7
Lexi Pagels-7
Aubri Logan-7
Tyson VanAernam-7
Lily Shaw-8
Molly Shaw-10
Shylor Maybee-11
Alijah Williams-11
Ella Austin-12

Thank you for reading.

