

# AASP/JOM Newsletter



January 2014

Students have been plugging away working hard at school since September. By now students may be getting frustrated, 1<sup>st</sup> quarter grades have been submitted and some students may need a little extra help when it comes to certain subjects and the new common core models of instruction. The Education Department is available for these needs for your student.

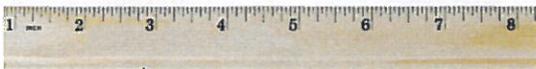
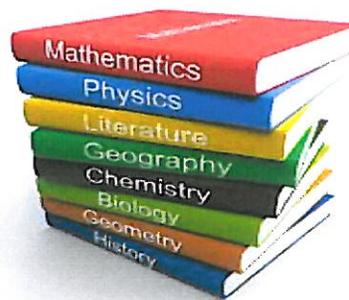
#### Special points of interest:

- Homework Help
- Late Night Tutoring
- Upcoming Events
- Special Recognition
- February Calendar
- Pillars of Character
- Study Environment

We are again offering Homework Help Services and Late Night Tutoring for students that might be struggling in certain subjects or need general assistance with homework completion. Our tutoring staff is all qualified to tutor students in grades K-12<sup>th</sup> grade. We even have a tutor that works as a college level tutor at ECC.

Please feel free to stop down at the Saylor to enroll your student in one or both of these programs. Applications are also available with your student's AASP/JOM teacher at the school.

Academic Subject  
Tutoring  
**One Hour**



**Late Night Tutoring 5:15-6:15pm**

# Upcoming Events

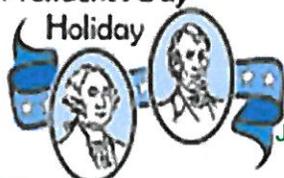
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 Blue= Gowanda Central  
 Green= Lake Shore Central  
 Gold= Silver Creek Central  
 Black= All schools

February 2014

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY



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	3	4	5	6	7	8
					High School Fun Night	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	LSMS/LSHS REACH Party	Silver Creek Elem./MS/HS REACH Party	Middle School Fun Night	Gowanda Elem. REACH Party	Valentine's Day	
					No School for SC Students	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Elem. Fun Day NO SCHOOL President's Day Holiday		All schools Mid-Winter Recess this week				
		IEP/504 Information Session Weds@4:30pm				
		Language Camp 18th-21st				
23	24	25	26	27		
School Resumes School Resumes No School		J.T. Waugh REACH Party School Resumes	A.J.Schmidt REACH Party	GMS/GHS REACH Party		



# Special Recognition

On Friday December 6th, students were honored for their art and poetry works by WNY United Against Drug & Alcohol Abuse at the Hamburg Fairgrounds. Pictured to the right is Caleb Kennedy, a 5th grade student from the AJ Schmidt School at Lake Shore Central. Caleb is pictured with his dad next to his poster designed with the message of "Dropping Drugs Before They Drop you". Caleb received an honorable mention in the 4th and 5th grade category. Students were bussed from various school districts to be presented with their certificates and enjoy cider and cookies afterward. AJ Schmidt also provided a special lunch, catered by Cala's Kitchen, the following week for their winners.



-Submitted by AASP/JOM  
Teacher Jill Utley

# Congratulations CALEB!

Submitted By: AASP/JOM  
teacher Stephanie Gernatt

# 6 Pillars of Character



According to the Josephson Institute Center for Youth Ethics, there are 6 Pillars of Character that are unbiased and ethical that everyone can agree on. These traits include: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. Silver Creek Elementary School celebrates students who exhibit the 6 Pillars of Character by recognizing them with an announcement, a picture hung on the wall in the school hallway, and a certificate with a wristband.

The following students have been nominated by their teachers to receive an award for demonstrating one or more of the following traits of the 6 Pillars of Character:

Congratulations to all of the students who exhibit these good character traits on a daily basis!

Nominees for the character traits of Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship have yet to be announced.

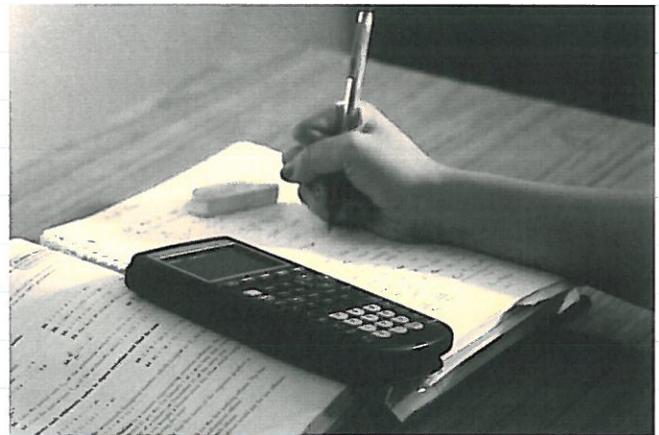
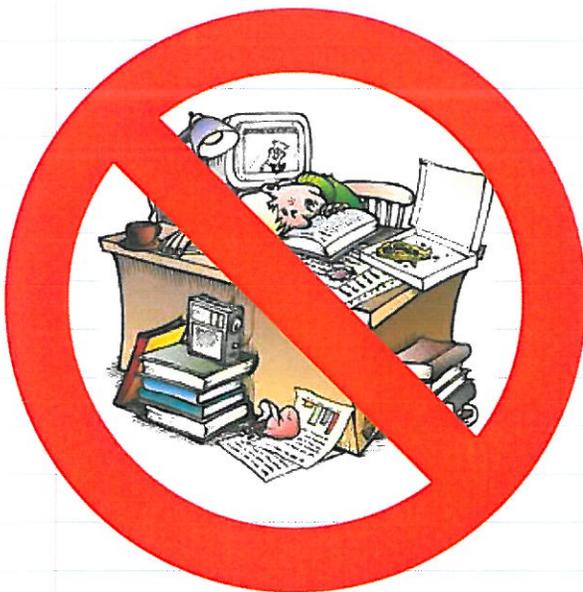
Trustworthiness	Respect	Responsibility
A person who lives with integrity, is honest, reliable and loyal.	A person who values all persons, lives by the Golden Rule, respects the dignity, privacy, and freedom of others, is courteous and polite to all and is tolerant and accepting of differences	A person who meets the demands of duty, is accountable, pursues excellence and exercises self-control.
Shandon Monroy Genevieve Balestrieri Sincere Becker Caleb Johns Tehya Marr Blayze Becker Ethan Nephew Jackson Williams Maya Monroy Simon White Hailie Rybij	Blayze Becker Maryah Jamison Ruth Keyes Katrina Kennedy Lesten White-Pigeon Gabriella Seneca Skyla Gates Maloree Geiogamah Macey Seneca	Tory Cook Blayze Becker Kayla Johns Noah Snyder Portia Snyder Ella Austin Courtney Wolff



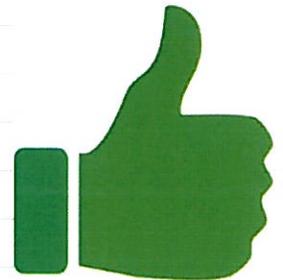
# Is your study environment...

## Effective or Ineffective

It is January and a lot of students are facing local examinations, regents examinations, and mid-terms. This month can be stressful for most students. Therefore study skills and knowledge integration and putting it all together becomes imperative. The AASP/JOM teaching staff has been re-teaching and going over core concepts for students daily, even providing regents review preparation. However, there are some things that you can do as well. In researching effective study tips, skills, and preparation the study environment was important to the overall process. Creating the perfect study environment is hard at times, with other siblings, sport practices, differing daily schedules, and at times the daily distractions, and procrastination we have. However, I would strongly encourage you to set aside quiet time for your child and make studying a priority. The best studying takes place when there are little to no distractions, limited noise, and when you have all your materials with you so you do not have to keep getting up. Good luck to all the students, and to the parents/guardians for helping us make education a priority for our community.



- ⇒ **All materials, needed**
- ⇒ **No distractions**
- ⇒ **Limited noise**
- ⇒ **Time to focus**





# IEP/504 Information Session

Looking ahead February is a busy month for the SNI Cattaraugus Education Department. We are hosting several events next month; students will be able to attend high school and middle school fun nights and an elementary fun day, also some will be attending language camp. For more information on the fun nights and elementary fun day look for our February Fun Month Brochure coming home with students. If you do not see a brochure coming home by the end of January feel free to contact your son or daughter's district AASP/JOM teacher or the Education Department at 532.3341 and ask to speak with Joel Blasdell or Caitlin Snyder. For parents/guardians and the general community we are inviting you all to attend an information session on IEP's and 504's. This meeting is informational for all and parents/guardians are encouraged to ask all questions they might have on the topic with experts, teachers, and Education Department staff readily available. We want parents/guardians to walk away knowing their rights, what they can do in the process and how to best help their child/children also that the Education department is here to advocate for our students in order to make sure they are receiving the services they need. The information session will be on Wednesday February, 19<sup>th</sup> 2014 at 4:30pm in the community Saylor Building. Listed below are some questions parents might have:

- What is an IEP or a 504?
- Who has to be at the meeting?
- What if I can't make the meeting?
- Will my child always receive services?
- How will services benefit my child?
- If my child is pulled out of class for services, won't s/he miss class instruction?
- Will be child be put in a room apart from his/her peers?
- Will my child be bullied/teased for being identified?
- How will an IEP help my child do better in school?
- Will my child be able to get into college if s/he is identified?
- I think my son/daughter might need an IEP/ or 504, where do I go from here?

All Welcome!  
Feb. 19th @ 4:30pm

 **Mark Your Calendar**  
*Don't sit on the sidelines...Get involved!*



# R.E.A.C.H.

## Pizza Party Dates

Lake Shore Middle & High School

Tuesday 2/11

Silver Creek Central School

Wednesday 2/12

Gowanda Elementary School

Friday 2/14

J.T. Waugh Elementary

Tuesday 2/25

A.J. Schmidt Elementary

Wednesday 2/26

Gowanda Middle & High School

Thursday 2/27



Upcoming  
Events!



MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD  
IS IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY.

*There is still time to  
register for the 3rd  
& 4th  
quarter!!!*

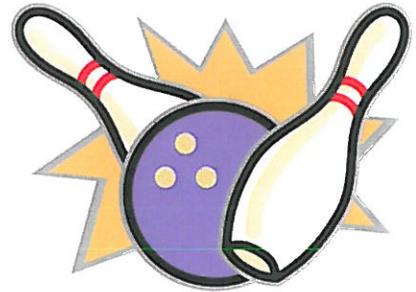
# dates to Remember



**Friday 2/7** High School Fun Night  
Skyzone & Pizza  
4:30pm - 10:00pm

**Thursday 2/13** Middle  
School Fun Night  
Bowling, Pizza &  
Valentine's

3:00pm - 8:00pm



**Monday 2/17** Elementary Fun Day  
Roller Skating, Movie &  
Pizza

9:00am - 3:00pm

**Tuesday 2/18** Language Camp  
- **Friday 2/21** 8:30am - 3:00pm

**Friday 2/14** No School SC

**Monday 2/17** No School All Districts

**Friday 2/21**

**Monday 2/24** No School SC

**Monday 2/17** USA President's Day

**Wednesday 2/19** IEP/504 Information  
Session open to ALL



# *Nya:wëh for Reading!*

