Seneca Nation of Indians

AASP/JOM Newsletter

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Introducing our new departmental AASP/JOM Monthly Newsletter

Q) Why do we need a newsletter?

A) Often people go unrecognized and unfortunately, we hear too much about what our students are not accomplishing. As the program assistant of K-12 Education I would personally like to shed some more light on those students, teachers, and staff members who in the SNI Education Department should be recognized. A lot of times our teachers and students make daily gains and successes that too often go unnoticed. The AASP/JOM department of the Seneca Nation of Indians Cattaraugus Education Department will now be on a monthly basis publishing a newsletter. We have missed a couple of months, so we would like to first retrace our steps and familiarize you with all of the AASP/JOM services we have to offer and also the wonderful staff we have on board with us. AASP/JOM stands for academic assistance services program /Johnson O' Malley. Our teaching staff conducts academic assistance services within the Tri-District Public Schools.

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Elem: Faith Stewart

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MS: Darlene Pfaffenbach

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HS: Charity Hill

Lake Shore Teachers

JT Waugh Bryon Bobseine

AJ Schmidt Jill Utley

MS: Jillian Schmitt

HS: Kimberly Tuzzolino

Silver Creek Teachers

Elem: Stephanie Gernatt

MS: Neil John Hilliker

HS: Aimee Sleeth

Native Studies Teacher

Jessica Huff (at LS & SC)

Special points of interest:

- ✓ AASP/JOM Staff
- ✓ Program Spotlight
- ✓ Special events
- ✓ Gowanda
- ✓ Lake Shore
- ✓ Silver Creek
- ✓ REACH 1st quarter
- ✓ New Incentives
- ✓ Student of the Quarter
- ✓ Varsity Scholar Athlete

Delivery of Services

Our teaching staff conducts academic assistance services within the Tri-District Public Schools. Our staff assists students with academic subjects, study skills, and organizational skills that promote successful transition and completion of public school education in grades K-12. Please identify your AASP/JOM teacher from above if you do not know your child's current AASP/JOM teacher. Our programs also include supplemental services in order to further assist our Native youth. Currently, we have programming, community and organizational supports put in place.

Upcoming Events

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

JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 New Years' Day SNI Closed All Schools Closed	2 SNI Closed No Homework help or Late night tutoring Schools Back In Session	3 SNI Closed	4
5	6	7	8 GHS– Financiall Aid Night 6pm	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 GHS: Local exams 17th—24th	18
19	20 Martin Luther King Day All Schools Closed	21 MS Mid-terms	22 MS Mid-terms	23 MS Mid-terms	24 Grades PreK-8 11:15 Release	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 LS– NO School GCS– No School	

GHS : Local Examinations until the 24th

All districts Regents Exams

SC HS– No School for Grades 9-12

What's new? New Incentives

Varsity Scholar Athlete

As part of a new incentive sponsored by the Cattaraugus Education Department we will be awarding gift cards to Lasertron to one selected male and female varsity scholar athlete from each of the tri-district schools. The scholar athlete must be passing all classes with an average of 65%, with an overall GPA of 80% or above. The student must also have no disciplinary infractions for the sport season of nomination, be a varsity sports player, and have a coach reference letter if selected. All eligible will be nominated and completed applications will be sent to a committee for review. Please feel free to contact the Education Department 716.532.3341 and ask to speak with Joel Blasdell x5138 or Caitlin Snyder x5144 if you have any further questions or concerns.

Congratulations, we applaud your dedication and commitment to balancing both your academics while also being a team player!

LSHS: Stone Garlow—Boys Volleyball

GHS: Marcella Torres—Fall Cross Country

Kenneth Brant Jr.—Football

SCHS: Darrien Spruce– Girls' Volleyball

Phil Jones– Football

REACH Program Spotlight

The REACH program was created to increase student attendance and promote academic excellence. Student attendance is imperative to their overall success. If the student misses class, it is much harder for them to learn what they missed and also catch up. So, getting our Native populace to school is extremely important to the entire Education Department. Please join us in making student attendance a main priority. Any Native American student eligible for Title VII services that attends one of the tri-district schools is eligible to participant in REACH. REACH students can have Quarterly recognition, and pizza parties! This is to celebrate that our children are a priority and we applaud those that take the time to ensure student attendance in school is reached. Unfortunately, a lot of students who are eligible and would get the incentive award sadly miss out because they are not signed up. Please contact the Education Department or your child's AASP/JOM teacher if you wish to enroll your child in REACH. Please note: that students must have 3 or less absences to qualify quarterly and also, just like student attendance, being on time to school is also a priority. A lot of core subject areas are taught first thing in the morning. Three tardies is equivalent to one absence in this incentive. Congratulations to all students, parents/guardians, teachers, and other support systems that assisted those students in REACHing the 1st Quarter incentive.

CONGRATULATIONS to ALL 1st Quarter REACH students!!!!

Lake Shore: **Elementary at AJ:** **Lucas Clear, Angela Edmond, Marissa Gates, and Ava Williams.** **Elementary at JTW:** **Lili Bailey, Stanley Francis, Shanyce Gonzales, Slade Gonzales, Mauricio Gurule, Hayden Haynes, Layla Jimerson, Joshua John. Jr., Canaan John, Alexandria Kennedy, Kate Kennedy, Troy Kennedy, Dhani Lovas, Aquinnah Maybee, Madeline Maybee, Kayleigh McComber, Malorie McComber, Brian Nephew, Kade Nephew, Miya Scanlan, Layla Seneca, Stevieana Seneca, Cora Tallchief, Mahlik Thompson, Loyce Thompson-Jones, Matthew Vargas, Vivian Williams.**

Middle School: **Amaya Tallchief, Riley John, Baylee M. Locke, Savanah Clear, Tylanie Benton, McKenzy Gonzales, Yanenowi Logan, Madison Williams, Hayleih Kennedy, Eliese Maybee, Alexus Thompson, Trinity DelValle, Mitchell Stevens, Asah White, Thunderhawk Parker, Wesley Jackson, Brett Logan.**

High School: **Madison Stevens, Ashlee-Marie Quinn, Melanie Gates, Courtlyn Jones, Sabrina Castillo**

Gowanda: Elementary: Keion Beaver, Nolan Bogue, Emma Golden, Shia Lindgren, Jacob Parker, Hodoweo:je' Wisniewski, Kaylee Bouquin, Logan Cooper, Cole Gabel, Alyssa, Golden, Todd James Green Jr., Zander Gurule, Aylin Jimerson-Donnelly, Keaton Seneca, Kaiden Spruce, Marchall Shuart, Laiken Stafford, Ha'tsihgahdo:d Stevens, Damien Warrior, Lawrence Ezra Wheeler, Landon White, Tyler Bouquin, Gracie Carpenter, Alhanna Gabel, Sierra General, Mya Halftown, Elston John, Acey Stevens, Jayson Twoguns, Sierra Twoguns, Troy Williams, Korbin Bonafede, Johnson Carry-Moccasin, Joseph Cooper, Aurora Jimerson, Mikai Jimerson-Ocasio, Neh-ah-lah-nee Keyes, Gao:wisa:s Stevens, Ke'ya Stevens, Shelby Weston, Austyn Bogue, Adam Golden, Violet Haring, Ellaray Jimerson, Elle Lone, Keegan Nephew, Ethan Pierce, Aailyah Stevens, Matthew Waterman, Meredith R. Wheeler, and Brayden Williams.

Middle School: Jasmine Halftown, Bryson Jones, CeCe Young, Ariel Stevens, Ariya Jimerson-Ocasio, Leland Parker, Olivia John, Holly Weston, Marleah Stevens, Autumn-Rainie Pierce, Lily Redeye, Nick Weston, Delora Jones, Brianna Gonzalez, Kristine Twoguns, Lillian Shuart, Carrah Stevens, Langston Seneca, and Lyle Warrior.

High School: Adam John, Abigail Kennedy, Kaelyn Miller, Lindsey Parker, Gavin Kennedy, Tangier Lisjak, Tahnee Stevens, and Leslie Young Jr.

Silver Creek: Elementary: Maloree Geiogamah, Meeya Geiogamah, Draven Renaldo, Aubrey Domres, Nina Thompson, Makayla Smith, Portia Snyder, Lucille Jimerson, Vayda Stevens, Tory Cook, Blayze Becker, Kayla Johns, Noah Snyder, Kaleb Johns, Hailey Raner, Arianna Smith, and Stevie Cook

Middle School: James Memmo, Haylee Mohawk-Paterson, Nia Nephew, Alexis Balestrieri, Zorya Geiogamah, Morningstar Halftown, Julia Kennedy, Haley Kennedy, Ryan Marr, Andrea Olsen, Sebrina Schenk, Dylan Snow , Joshua Williams, Phatima Akhdar, Trynitee Leroy-Parker, Olivia Longboat, Chase Scanlan, Chisten Schenk

High School: Kira Parker, Mary Williams, Austin Lamont, Macey VanEvery

Special Events

November

Native American Heritage Month

Social at Silver Creek

On November 13th, and in recognition of Native American Heritage Month, Silver Creek Central hosted a Social provided by the Seneca Nation Language Department. Middle and High School students, as well as district teachers, and administration were encouraged to actively participate. Several students from Ms. Tahamont's Seneca Language class helped to lead the participation.

Submitted by Aimee Sleeth and John Hilliker– Silver Creek AASP/JOM

New Incentives

The Student of the Quarter selection is designed to reward students for exhibiting consistent effort, good attendance, strong academics, good citizenship, school spirit, and community service. The AASP/JOM teachers select up to one student per grade level per building. Those selected students get to enjoy a movie on the SNI Education Department.

Lake Shore

A.J. Schmidt

Mason Santiago is a kindergarten student in Mrs. Dimmer's class at A.J. Schmidt. Mason has adjusted well to school this year and makes a good effort with his school work. He consistently attends school and is a good friend to his peers. Keep up the good work Mason!

Lucas Clear is a second grade student in Mrs. Prizel's class at A.J. Schmidt. Lucas has been putting forth a wonderful effort this year. He asks questions when he needs assistance and happily stays after school with Ms. Utley (JOM) each week. Lucas is a kind friend to his classmates and always helps when needed. Great job Lucas!

Riley Fleming is a third grade student in Mrs. Scholl's class at A.J. Schmidt. Riley puts forth awesome effort with both schoolwork and homework on a daily basis. He always has a smile on his face and willingly offers a lot to class discussions. Thank you Riley, for being a terrific kid!

Joiise John is a fourth grade student in Mrs. Smaldino's class at A. J. Schmidt. Joiise is a new student this year and has adjusted beautifully. In fact, he has been chosen to participate in the gifted and talented Alpha program. He is very helpful to his peers, as well as, adults. He also attends school regularly and strives to do the best that he can with his studies. Awesome job Joiise!

Angela Edmond is a fifth grade student in Mr. Adams class at A. J. Schmidt. Angela always goes above and beyond with anything that she is working on. She helps out Kindergarten students each morning and never hesitates to help out her teachers when needed. She attends school regularly and is shining academically! Awesome job Angela!

-All nominated by JOM Jill Utley

Lake Shore J.T. Waugh

I chose **Neveah Jimerson** as the Kindergarten Student of the Quarter for JT Waugh. Neveah always tries her best. She is always attentive and eager to learn new things. She is a good friend to all of her classmates.

I chose **Aquinnah Maybee** as the 1st grade Student of the Quarter for JT Waugh. Aquinnah always puts forth an amazing effort in the classroom. Whenever she finishes early, she is always willing to help her classmates with their work if they don't understand something. She has a infectious smile that brightens any room.

I chose **Ada Irizarry** as the 2nd grade Student of the Quarter for JT Waugh. Ada always puts forth an amazing effort in the classroom. She is not afraid to and is always willing to volunteer her answers in class. She has a infectious smile that brightens any room.

I chose **Malorie McComber** as the 3rd grade Student of the Quarter for JT Waugh. Malorie always puts forth her best effort in the classroom. She is an amazing reader. When her classmates get stuck on a word, she is always there to help them with it. You can tell that she loves school because she always has a huge smile on her face.

I chose **Lauren Hill** as the 4th grade Student of the Quarter for JT Waugh. Lauren always puts forth an amazing effort in the classroom. Her ability to do the new math is simply amazing. She helps her classmates when they don't quite understand the topic. Her teacher says that she is a true joy to have in the classroom.

I chose **Brian Nephew Jr.** as the 5th grade Student of the Quarter for JT Waugh. Brian is a hard working and bright student. In math class, he is always willing to help his classmates with their work if they don't understand something. He is a very polite and courteous young man.

— All Nominated by JOM Bryon Bobseine

Lake Shore Middle School

Jadyn Jones *has been selected as the 6th grade LSMS Student of the Quarter. Jadyn has started her middle school career off on a strong note. She has achieved honor roll for the first quarter through her hard work and dedication. Jadyn has also impressed her teachers with her work ethic, respectful attitude, and participation. Congratulations, Jadyn! Keep up the great work!*

Dalli Plain *has been selected as 7th grade Student of the Quarter at Lake Shore Middle School. Dalli is a wonderful addition to the Lake Shore community having transferred this year from Canada. She has impressed her teachers with her positive attitude, hard work, and willingness to help others. Dalli is a conscientious student always putting forth her best effort whether it is in the classroom or helping a peer. Congratulations, Dalli!!! Keep up the great work!*

Emily Nephew *was selected as the 8th Grade LSMS Student of the Quarter. Emily has had an outstanding quarter achieving honor roll. She is a respectful, hard-working student who always puts forth her best effort with a positive attitude. Emily was also a member of the girls modified volleyball team this fall. Congratulations, Emily! Keep up the great work!*

-All Nominated by JOM Jillian Schmitt

Lake Shore High School

9th grade- Skylar General

10th grade– Rylee Nephew

11th grade– Nicholas Emhof

12th grade– Shelby Stevens

Each of these students have had great attendance and are very hard workers which shows in their grades. Every individual is involved with the school either through athletics, music, and or the business academy. We are proud of our students here at Lake Shore. Congratulations.

-Nominated by JOM Kim Tuzzolino

Gowanda Elementary

Leila Thompson is a Student of the Quarter for Kindergarten in the AASP/JOM Program at Gowanda Elementary School. She is in Ms. Dolce's class. She is the daughter of Lily Pearl Gurule and Ronald Thompson. Leila is off to a great start in Kindergarten. She already knows many letters and sounds. She also had excellent attendance!

Wintersky Rivera is a Student of the Quarter for first grade in the AASP/JOM Program at Gowanda Elementary School. He is in Ms. Driscoll's class. He is the son of Corie Royce and Ruben Rivera. Wintersky is pleasant and friendly. He takes pride in work well done. He also had excellent attendance this quarter!

Breeze Henhawk is a Student of the Quarter for second grade in the AASP/JOM Program at Gowanda Elementary School. She is in Mrs. Bolen's class. She is the daughter of Sherri Henhawk and Gerald Tallchief. Breeze does excellent work in class. She is a polite, conscientious pupil. Breeze had excellent attendance this quarter!

Marley Archer is a Student of the Quarter for third grade in the AASP/JOM Program at Gowanda Elementary School. She is in Mrs. Bower's class. She lives with her grandmother, Yvonne Mohawk. Marley has a friendly, cooperative attitude. She completes her work on time. Marley also had excellent attendance this quarter!

Chase Giofreda is a Student of the Quarter for fourth grade in the AASP/JOM Program at Gowanda Elementary School. He is in Mrs. Arrington's class. He is the son of Samantha Rose and Vincent Gioffreda. Chase shows interest and enthusiasm for the topics being studied. He also had excellent attendance for the quarter!

-Nominated all by JOM Faith Stewart

Gowanda Middle School

Ella Jimerson has been nominated Gowanda Middle School's 5th grade Student of the Quarter for the 1st marking period. Ella displays great citizenship in the classroom to her peers and teacher. She works hard academically which is reflected by her honor roll status. She is the daughter of Kevin Jimerson and Erin Tallchief of Lawtons, NY. Great Job Ella and keep up the good work.

Tyee Nagel has been nominated Gowanda Middle School's 6th grade Student of the Quarter for the 1st marking period. Tyee's placement on High Honor Roll shows that he puts forth great effort and takes pride in his work. The 6th grade

Delora Jones *has been nominated Gowanda Middle School's 7th grade Student of the Quarter for the 1st marking period. Delora works hard and takes the initiative to ask for help when needed. She had perfect attendance the first quarter. She is the daughter of Robert and Sheri Jones of Gowanda, NY. Great Job Delora and keep up the good work.*

Stephen John Jr. has been nominated Gowanda Middle School's 8th grade Student of the Quarter for the 1st marking period. Stephen's attendance was stellar for the first marking period! He works hard academically, making Merit Roll 1st quarter. He is the son of Shephen John Sr. and Kathryn Scott of Versailles, NY. Great Job Stephen and keep up the good work.

-Nominated by JOM Darlene Pfaffenbach

Gowanda High School

Reann White, a freshman at Gowanda High School, is hard working and respectful. She has excellent attendance and is not afraid of a challenge. Reann made the honor roll for the first quarter while juggling honors classes and volleyball. She also made the high school Varsity basketball team. Keep up the good work!

Kelsey Eddy is a hard working Sophomore at Gowanda High School. Not only does Kelsey have great attendance, she has excellent grades. She is an honor roll student and Varsity athlete. During the Fall sports season, Kelsey played Varsity Volleyball. Keep up the good work!

Tia Thompson, a Junior at Gowanda High School, is hard working and determined. She is an honor roll student and Varsity athlete. Tia excels in all of her classes and had excellent attendance. Keep up the good work!

Meaka Jimerson, a Senior at Gowanda High School is a hard-working, respectful young lady. She excels in all of her classes. Meaka is an honor roll student and has great attendance. Keep up the good work!

All Nominated by JOM Charity Hill

Silver Creek Elementary

Maloree Geiogamah *is the Student of the Quarter in Kindergarten at Silver Creek Elementary School. Maloree has earned the Seneca Nation of Indians REACH incentive for the quarter due to her excellent attendance. She also received the Good Character Award for always showing respect to her teachers and peers.*

Makayla Smith *is the recipient of the SNI Department of Education's Student of the Quarter Award for the 1st graders in Silver Creek Elementary School. MaKayla has earned the SNI REACH incentive award for the 1st quarter due to her excellent attendance. She stays after school and participates in the JOM After School program as well. She is a hard worker and kind to everyone she meets.*

Tehya Halftown is the recipient of the SNI Department of Education's Student of the Quarter Award for the 2nd graders in Silver Creek Elementary School. Tehya has earned the SNI REACH incentive award for the 1st quarter due to her excellent attendance. Tehya is an extremely hard worker and tries her best in everything she does. She is a good friend who is always looking to help out when needed.

Blayze Becker *is the recipient of the SNI Department of Education's Student of the Quarter Award for the 3rd graders in Silver Creek Elementary School. Blayze has earned the SNI REACH incentive award for the 1st quarter due to her excellent attendance. Blayze also earned an award for exhibiting characteristics of the 6 Good Character Traits. Blayze truly enjoys school and has a passion for learning.*

Caleb Johns is the recipient of the SNI Department of Education's Student of the Quarter Award for the 4th graders in Silver Creek Elementary School. Caleb has earned the SNI REACH incentive award for the 1st quarter due to her excellent attendance. He also earned an award for exhibiting characteristics of the 6 Good Character Traits. Caleb is an intelligent boy, who's dedication to school is apparent through his academic grades.

Shandon Monroy *is the recipient of the SNI Department of Education's Student of the Quarter Award for the 5th graders in Silver Creek Elementary School. Shandon participates in the before school JOM program. It takes a dedicated and focused student to wake up earlier than expected to come to school early to ensure his work is getting completed. His natural ability to learn is admirable.*

All nominated by JOM Stephanie Gernatt

Silver Creek Middle School

Nia Nephew is the 6th grade Student of the quarter for the first quarter in Silver Creek Middle School. Nia was chosen for the hard work she puts in everyday and the respectful way she treats everyone she comes in contact with. She has made the 1st quarter Credit list with an overall average of 88.7. She was involved in the Seneca Nation Summer Enrichment Program, were she excelled. She also enjoys the Seneca language nest and attends many cultural activities. Nia has delivered the traditional opening and closing for several events and clearly enjoys her involvement in the community. Nia is a hard worker and a pleasure to be around.

Sebrina Seneca is the 7th grade Student of the quarter for the first quarter in Silver Creek Middle School. Sebrina was chosen for her bubbling personality and the hard work she puts in everyday. She has made the 1st quarter Honor roll with an overall average of 95. Sebrina is also very involved in athletes, playing modified soccer and basketball. She was involved in the Seneca Nation Summer Enrichment Program, were she excelled. She also enjoys Seneca language classes and attends many cultural activities. Sebrina is a pleasure to be around and her pleasant personality is infectious.

Chase Scanlon is the 8th grade Student of the quarter for the first quarter in Silver Creek Middle School. Chase was chosen for his overall work ethic. He has made the 1st quarter credit list with an overall average of 87.8. Chase has a full schedule of classes including advanced biology and algebra. Along with a full schedule, Chase is also very involved in athletes, playing JV Football and Basketball, Varsity lacrosse and many other house teams. Chase is also involved in the community, he enjoys Seneca language classes and is a great dancer. Chase is a fun loving young man but knows when to get down to work. I enjoy the time I spend with Chase and know he will continue on a path of seeking knowledge.

- All Nominated by JOM Neil John Hilliker

Silver Creek High School

Mariam Akhdar *has been named student of the quarter for the 9th grade at Silver creek Central. Mariam always puts forth a consistent effort in academics and was named to the Merit roll. She also has excellent attendance and a positive attitude towards learning.*

Kira Parker *has been named student of the quarter for the 10th grade at Silver creek Central. Kira excels at academics and was named to the Honor Roll. She is very dedicated to her studies, has an excellent attendance record, and also takes time to volunteer in the Study Buddy Program at Silver Creek where she mentors elementary students.*

Darrien Spruce *has been named student of the quarter for the 11th grade at Silver Creek Central. Darrien excels at academics and was named to the Merit Roll. She is very dedicated to her studies, excels at athletics, and also takes time to volunteer in the Study Buddy Program at Silver Creek where she mentors elementary students.*

Mary Williams *has been named student of the quarter for the 12th grade at Silver Creek Central. Mary excels at academics and was named to the Merit Roll. She is very dedicated to her studies and takes several accelerated classes. Mary also volunteers in the Study Buddy Program at Silver Creek where she mentors elementary students.*

-All Nominated by JOM Aimee Sleeth

Nya:wëh for Reading!