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**Winter Holiday Recess - No School**

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Hello, my name is Samantha D’Amaro and I am the new AASP/JOM teacher at Silver Creek Elementary School. While I did get the chance to end the Summer S.E.A.R.C.H. Program Season with the children, I wanted to give you all a little background on myself. I grew up in Collins, NY and currently still live there. I graduated in 2007 from Gowanda Central School District. Prior to that, I got the opportunity to earn two bachelor’s degrees from SUNY Fredonia in Childhood Education and English. I then received my master’s degree in Literacy K-12.

Since I was a child I had wanted to become a teacher. I have always wanted to be a positive role model in the lives of children. I can remember teachers from my childhood that I still look up to today. I want to have an impact on every child that I work with and assist them in reaching their goals.

Outside of work, I enjoy reading, spending time with my family, being outdoors, and doing Pinterest crafts. I look forward to having a wonderful school year and working with all of the students both inside and outside of Silver Creek Elementary School.
The AASP/JOM program at Gowanda Elementary School has a new location. We are in room 127 in the Kindergarten/first grade wing. We have an entire room this year and we are really enjoying all of the space! Miss Stewart's stuffed animal collection is on display.

In addition to helping students in reading and math during the school day, we have homework help after school for third and fourth graders. At homework help, students who finish their homework, read for 20 minutes and take an Accelerated Reader quiz. Then they may use iPad apps such as Reflex, Epic, and Door 24, or play educational board games. We also serve a snack and students may even earn a prize!

Look for more information about our upcoming events. The Education Department Open House is on Wednesday October 11th from 5:30-7:00. The Elementary Youth Summit for grades 3 and 4 is on November first. Students will be learning about financial literacy, career planning, self-esteem, culture and identity, and character education. Remember, to be invited to our first quarter REACH pizza party students must have 3 or fewer absences (3 tardies = 1 absence) for the quarter.

If you have any questions, we can be reached at 532-3325 ext. 4127 or by email at faith.stewart@sni.org or msstewart@gslearn.org. Judy is available at judy.driscoll@sni.org and msjdriscoll@gslearn.org

-Submitted by Faith Stewart and Judy Driscoll
Another wonderful school year has begun. It’s always an exciting time as one sees new and old faces alike. Making new friends and catching up with old ones.

We have already been busy with testing, projects, open houses and crayfish releases (see images).

The back to school bash was well attended by both members of the school and the community. It is such a blessing to see the two work together and support each other.

Here is too another wonderful learning centered and fun filled school year!
Gowanda Middle School

Nya:weh Sgeno’ from Gowanda Middle School. My name is Tristin Hageman and I am the JOM/AASP teacher here at Gowanda Middle School. Anne Foit also works alongside me. Together we work with students in grades 5-8.

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year!! We are excited to see all returning students and welcome to all 5th grade students. As 5th grade students make the transition into middle school, it is important to keep updated on homework assignments/tests/important dates. Parents of students in grades 5-8 are encouraged to sign up for a Schoology account so you can see what your child is working on in school.

We are offering homework help afterschool, Monday-Thursday, in the JOM classroom 219. They will ride the 3:00 bus home. Students are encouraged to stay if they need extra help with any of their work. We expect students to come in prepared, be respectful to others, and to work quietly.

Please contact me if you have any questions. I can be reached at 532-3325 ext. 5219.

Tristin Hageman
Things are off to an excellent start this year as we welcome the Class of 2021 at Lake Shore High School and welcome back the Class of 2018 for their senior year! This fall is an important time for seniors as they prepare for life after graduation; college, trade school, the military, the workforce, etc. Many opportunities exist for those that are ready!

**Something to think about: Success in school can be EASY!**
- On time, daily attendance is vital
- A good night of rest will keep you focused
- Breakfast will feed your brain
- Complete assignments on time
- Work at home in a quiet location with few distractions
- Stay after school and ask teachers for help when needed
- Get involved at school: clubs, sports, musical, etc. Being involved makes school fun

Starting in October Seniors should:
* Register for the SAT/ACT if you still need to take it.
* The next test will be November 4th with a registration deadline of October 5th.
* Go the collegeboard.org for more information.
* Double check with your school counselor that you have all the requirements for graduation!
* Narrow down your list of college choices and start visiting.
* On October 1st you are able to file FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
* Finalize your college essay, make sure you have someone else edit it.
* Request recommendations from counselors, teachers, coaches, or employers. (Sending a thank you note afterwards is a nice way to let the person know you appreciate their efforts on your behalf.)
* Start researching scholarships that you may be eligible for and watch for deadlines.
SUMMER PROGRAM 2017

7/8 Group

We recently wrapped our summer program. The 7/8 Grade students had a very fun and productive summer. Students learned about Haudenosaunee culture and history from the Creation Story to current issues affecting their communities today. The 7/8 summer program was project-based with many hands-on activities. They learned the arts from the Seneca Nation Museum, Health and Wellness from the BHU.

In addition to hands-on projects, our summer included guest speakers. We would like to thank Chris Tallchief and Marty Jimerson for teaching us social dancing and music, and to Hayden Haynes for teaching us Soap Carving. Many Nya:wehs.

Throughout the summer, we visited many exciting places such as SUNY Fredonia where students experienced a cultural exchange with students from China, Korea, and Japan. We then wrapped up our summer with an end of the year trip to Darien Lake and an ice cream social for our students’ families to come and see what we did all summer. We are looking forward to another great summer next year.
Senior Class Halloween 5K at Gowanda High School

To jump into the Halloween weekend, the Gowanda Senior Class of 2018 hosted a 5K race. The race was held Friday, October 27th and offered a variety of fun activities for all age groups. The race had about 40 participants and was a great success for the Senior Class! Aside from running the race, there was pumpkin painting, a coloring table, games, a Chinese auction, and a Cold Stone ice cream truck! Generous donations from local businesses and the Seneca Nation made the race a success for the class. The amazing weather did not hurt either! The Senior Class of 2018 would like to thank all of the race participants and everyone who came down to join in on the fun.

Melanie Schott
GES is COOL about Fire Safety

October was a very busy month at Gowanda Elementary School. Students visited the smoke house to learn about fire safety. Then on October 13th all the local fire departments participated in our fire drill. The fire drill begins normally, but this time, trucks respond. Students had the opportunity to see various types of fire trucks, and an ambulance. They had a chance to speak with firefighters and learn about their gear.

faith stewart
The Sheriffs Dpt. came, in a very special way, and spoke about standing up to drugs. The faculty played the Evans Angola Police Department to build communit relations(the teachers won!). Our very own Chastity LeRoy was chosen to go out on the Bills field during the game as part of their Play 60 program to promote good grades and staying active.
“WE ARE CREW NOT PASSENGERS”

Samantha D’Amaro

The students are in full swing here at Silver Creek Elementary School! In the fourth and fifth grade all students are included in an activity every Monday for forty minutes called “Crew.” The purpose of Crew allows for “relationship building, academic progress monitoring, and character development.” The mindset all students and adults have when entering Crew is that we are all learners when we enter the circle.

Rule #1 is that all Crews must sit in a circle and be acknowledged. Before beginning any activity, we always say hello to everyone in the circle. Each Monday students complete different activities with their Crew members and one Crew leader. Thanks to Silver Creek Elementary, I have the chance to run one great group of fourth grade students for my Crew. Each Crew also got the chance to create their own name and chant. Our Crew name is “The Kid Knights.” Team building activities include things such as: creating chains one handed with stickers, making a poster board, and more!

This past Crew, “The Kid Knights” got the chance to “build the tallest free-standing structure using 100 tooth picks and 1 cup of candy corns.” Here are some great pictures of our poster, commitments, and our latest activity in action!
Lake Shore High School
Gearing up for the 2nd Quarter!

First quarter has come to an end....
NOW is the time to focus on your grades!

You have made it through the “back to school” period and are now well into the routine of school.

Ask yourself these questions when you go over your 1st quarter report card grades and comments:
* Am I satisfied with these grades?
* Is this really my BEST effort?
* What can I do to improve?
* I am happy with what I have, how can I maintain them throughout the year?

SET A NEW GOAL FOR THE 2ND QUARTER

SENIORS- REMEMBER Colleges Will Still Look at Your Mid-Year Grades!
NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO SLOW DOWN!

Juniors, Sophomores, Freshman – Work hard on making 2nd quarter “your” quarter! Try something new like staying after school with your teachers, go to a new club meeting, work out with a friend, set a goal to make merit/honor roll, drink more water....give yourself something to work on achieving and at the end of the day you will feel great!
As we near the end of the first Quarter, I’m impressed by the quality of work students are doing. Most students are working hard to complete their assignments to the best of their ability every day. I would like to remind students that attendance is super important. Make sure you are on the bus every day.

There are many important events and activities coming up in November:

Nov. 3 – end of the quarter
Nov. 8 – Middle School Youth Summit
Nov. 9 – Middle School Native American Heritage Day
Nov. 16 – 2nd Annual Glow Run
Nov. 17 – Middle School Movie Night
Nov. 20 – 21 – Merit and Honor Roll Breakfasts
Nov. 22 – 24 – No School – Thanksgiving

With the start of the Second Quarter, we are starting our 7th grade hockey league during lunch. Each 7th grade student will eligible to sign up to join a team. Teams will be picked based on the number of students that sign up. A schedule of games will be created. On a student’s game day he/she needs to be up to date with all of their classwork and homework. Students owing work will not be able to play.

So sign up and keep up on your work.
Silver Creek High School Update

Aimee Sleeth

We have had a busy October at Silver Creek High School. Students are finishing up projects for the 1st quarter and starting to plan for many upcoming cultural events in November. Our students have been busy with fall sports play-offs in Football, Volleyball, and Soccer, and the Seniors had their annual Halloween costume contest and parade through the elementary school.

Congratulations to Junior Andrea Olsen who was recently inducted in National Honor Society. Students are selected based on the four pillars of Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character and must have achieved high academic excellence.
SILVER CREEK MS/HS HONOR AND CREDIT ROLL
1ST QUARTER 2017-2018

GRADE 6 HONOR ROLL
Raymond Cortez
Lucille Jimerson
Chloe Luther
Mason Maybee
Laney Olsen
Timothy Williams

GRADE 6 CREDIT ROLL
Saige Holden
Avianna Jimerson
Vayda Stevens

GRADE 7 HONOR ROLL
Tory Cook
Lila Farrell
Ruth Keyes
Tehya Marr
Jakobe Millar
Maya Monroy
Arianna Pierce-Gunther
Jackson Williams

GRADE 7 CREDIT ROLL
Obrigh Tallchief

GRADE 8 HONOR ROLL
Genevieve Balestrieri
Gracie Hoelzle
Roger Williams

GRADE 8 CREDIT ROLL
Sincere Becker

GRADE 9 HONOR ROLL
Shandon Monroy

GRADE 9 CREDIT ROLL
Kiara Farrell
Danaceus Maybee
Kianna Warrior

GRADE 10 HONOR ROLL
Alexis Balestrieri
Morningstar Halftown
Julia Kennedy
Nia Nephew

GRADE 10 CREDIT ROLL
Mceenzi Henhawk

GRADE 11 HONOR ROLL
Ammon Jones
Andrea Olsen
Sabrina Seneca

GRADE 11 CREDIT ROLL
Andrew Hill
Haley Kennedy