



# News & Notes

A newsletter from Superintendent of Schools Dr. Charles Galluzzo

Following the Board of Education Meeting of May 25, 2021

## The Board of Education on May 25, 2021 ...

Accepted with regret,  
effective 04/30/21, the  
resignation of ...  
**JACYLN SPIEZIA**,  
Teaching Assistant.

Accepted with regret,  
effective 05/21/21, the  
resignation for retirement  
purposes of ...  
**DONNA SPRATZ**,  
Bus Driver.

Accepted with regret,  
effective 06/30/21, the  
resignation for retirement  
purposes of ... **KAREN  
DICHISTINA-OSUCH**,  
Special Education Teacher.

**PAUL HORNBERGER**,  
Elementary Teacher.

**LYNNE JAKIEL**,  
Elementary Teacher.

**JACQUELINE PREISCHEL**,  
Elementary Teacher.

**MARGARET SANNA**,  
Speech Therapist.

**CAREN SCHWEIKERT**,  
Elementary Teacher.

**MADONNA SCIARRINO**,  
Special Education Teacher.

**ERIN WODZINSKI**,  
Speech Therapist.

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Accepted with regret the



*It feels like back-to-school all over again! It's great to see our Middle School and High School students back this week for in-person instruction, four days a week.*

*The beautiful weather made for some nice outdoor time. Here are seniors Kaylee Conklin, left, and Jaelyn Seneca enjoying lunch under the tent at the High School.*

### Hello Everyone,

Yesterday was the first day since March 13, 2020 that we had all of our students, K-12, here for in-person instruction. It truly felt like the first day of school in September. I thank all of you for your hard work and dedication through these many months and these many changes in delivery of instruction as we pivoted to meet the requirements placed on schools.

Even as we enjoy this return, we must look to Fall's re-opening. The Erie-Niagara School Superintendents Association has written to Gov. Cuomo, urging him to direct state agencies to issue school opening guidance for the 2021-22 school year no later than June 4, with a clear and unequivocal commitment to full in-person teaching and learning.

On a related note, we're looking for stakeholder input on students' pandemic-related social, emotional, mental health and academic needs. [This SURVEY](#) remains open until 4 p.m., June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Vaccinations are credited for the declining cases of COVID-19 here and across the state. The ECDOH will host a Pfizer vaccination clinic from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup> here at the High School for ages 12 to 18 and adults, with the second dose 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on July 10. Details will be on our website when all information is available.

**Stay safe, and thank you for all you do,  
Dr. Charles Galluzzo, Superintendent**

**resignation of ...** LYNSEY NOLAN, monitor, **and appointment of ...** LYNSEY NOLAN, probationary Personal Care Aide.

**Approved the Tenure Appointment of ...** KATHRYN ANDERSON, Special Education Teacher.

KATHERINE CABOOT, Elementary Teacher.

KELLY CONRAD, Elementary Teacher.

AMANDA PANEK, Elementary Teacher.

LORI WUNDER, Elementary Teacher.

MAUREEN REICHERT, Special Education Teacher.

JESSICA DOSSER, Special Education Teacher.

DANIELLE ARNONE, Business Teacher.

MIKAYLA KOZLOWSKI, French Teacher.

KERI ARMBRUST, School Social Worker.

CHRISTIE WATERMAN, Library Media Specialist.

**Recall from layoff status ...** JULIE WILKINS, to full-time Speech Therapist.

**Appointment of ...** JENNIFER CICHUNIEC, probationary Teaching Assistant, effective 6/4/21.

JANICE ALGUIRE, Cafeteria Monitor, effective 5/10/21.

**Temporary Appointment of ...** SHAINA SAMPLES, Elementary Teacher, effective 5/7/21.

# Preparing for Success!

Danielle Arnone/Academy of Business & Finance Presentation

May 25, 2021 Board of Education Meeting

## BEEP interviews



Most of us are familiar with the unique partnership between Evans Bank and Lake Shore's Academy of Business and Finance. That's the one that gives students practical experience and insights into the world of banking and business professionals.

Most of us are not so familiar with the other activities and opportunities that take place behind the scenes. Danielle Arnone, AOBF Director and Internship Coordinator, shared that information at Tuesday night's Board of Education Meeting. Mrs. Arnone noted that students complete a Business Education Employability Portfolio (BEEP) that helps them learn workplace skills and how to showcase them in a digital portfolio. BEEP interviews were conducted virtually in January, but the students came in dressed for the interviews, she said, which they completed over Google Meets with AOBF board members.

In lieu of the traditional networking breakfast there was a "meet and greet" where students could share their experiences and expectations, and meet board members. "It's about connections and relationship-building," said Mrs. Arnone.

There also are virtual job shadowing opportunities with more than 200 different careers where students can get a peek at "a day in the life of ..." various professions. The website also offers Q&A videos; information on skills, education and licensing requirements; earning scales across the country, and a college search.

The AOBF gives students a jump start on how to succeed in the business world ... and it can give a jump on college, too. This year, a group looked at the AOBF curriculum to see where improvements could be made. The AOBF Financial Planning class next year will allow students to earn three ECC credits under Consumer Finance. "Now, the AOBF students will be able to earn up to 13 college credits," said Mrs. Arnone. It's another way the AOBF helps prepare students for the business world.

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# National Honor & Junior Honor Society

## 86 Inducted!

**Congratulations to the 86 Lake Shore High School and Middle School students who have been inducted into the National Honor Society and National Junior Honor Society in recognition of their scholarship, service, character and leadership:**

### **High School National Honor Society Inductees**

Kelly Cian  
Sneha D'Andrea  
Elizabeth Degenaars  
Hannah Dunmire  
Angela Edmond, Class of 2021  
Brittney Freebern  
Lily Janik, Class of 2021  
Kathryn Justinger  
Hailey Kliszak  
Molly Majewski  
Peyton Maxon  
Bethany Montroy  
Amber O'Neil  
Amber Ode  
Taylor Sawyer  
Nicholas Sawynsky  
Tyler Schott  
Emma Scott, Class of 2021  
Anna Sheehan  
Lillianna Stender, Class of 2021  
Emily Stoll  
Nina Wholf  
Caitlin Zolnowski

### **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Junior Honor Society**

Savannah Borkowski  
Dominic Cadin  
Martin Castle, Jr.  
Alyse Coyle  
Brian Crupe,  
Makayla Dragowski  
Sara Ellis  
Sydney Eschberger  
Keegan Green  
Sophia Holland  
Anya Huber  
Brianna Huddy  
Autumn Jackson  
Jack Jarzynski  
Madison Kwilos  
Alex Lamoreaux  
Sophie Lehn  
Aiden Lyon  
Jenna Marinaro  
Brandon Martin  
Aquinnah Maybee  
David Orlowski  
Kaylee Ricotta  
Lucie Scarpine  
Emma Skibinski  
Amelia Smaldino  
Connor Smith  
Nathan Smith  
Sierra Steffan  
Madison Steinert  
Summer Szalay  
Camryn Szarowicz  
Alexiya Thuman  
Keely Trembath  
Emily Valentine  
Nicole Vaught

### **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Junior Honor Society**

Kylie Bonitati  
Elliott Catalano  
Christian Charlap  
McHale Connors  
Kaleb Corsi  
Hope Crusan  
Clara Deeds  
Angelina DeJoy  
Dominic DiOrio  
Kayla Friend  
Alyssa Gengler  
Cooper Hazard  
Caden Herc  
Lilly Kushner,  
Ashton Marsh  
Damien Mayer  
James Mecca  
Ryan Merritt  
Peyden Milks  
Mason Nurmi  
Brennen Rice  
Courtney Shappell  
Austin Solecki  
Tessa Spurrier  
Chesterfield Stresing  
Allison Strickler  
Kaitlyn Taberski



# Scholastic Achievement Recognition Dinner

## Honoring the Top 3



### Congratulations to Sierra, Abbey & Kaylee!

Every spring, the Erie-Niagara School Superintendents Association honors the top three students in every public and non-public school graduating class in Erie and Niagara counties.

At this Scholastic Achievement Recognition Dinner (SARD), each honored student receives a commemorative crystal bison award. This year's SARD was held at Hamburg Middle School and featured Grand Island CSD graduate Dr. Anna Quider as the keynote speaker. Dr. Quider is an astrophysicist who leads federal policy strategy and advocacy at Northern Illinois University. The Lake Shore students honored were: Sierra Danieu, Valedictorian; Abbey Hanes, Salutatorian, and Kaylee Guzman.



**Above:** Sierra, Abbey and Kaylee pose with Christopher D'Anna, Interim High School Principal, at left, and Superintendent Dr. Charles Galluzzo, at right.

**Left:** Abbey, Sierra and Kaylee with the commemorative crystal bisons.

**Virtual  
Show Times  
June 4-6**

**7 pm,  
June 4 & 5  
(Friday &  
Saturday)**

**2 pm, June 6  
(Sunday  
matinee)**

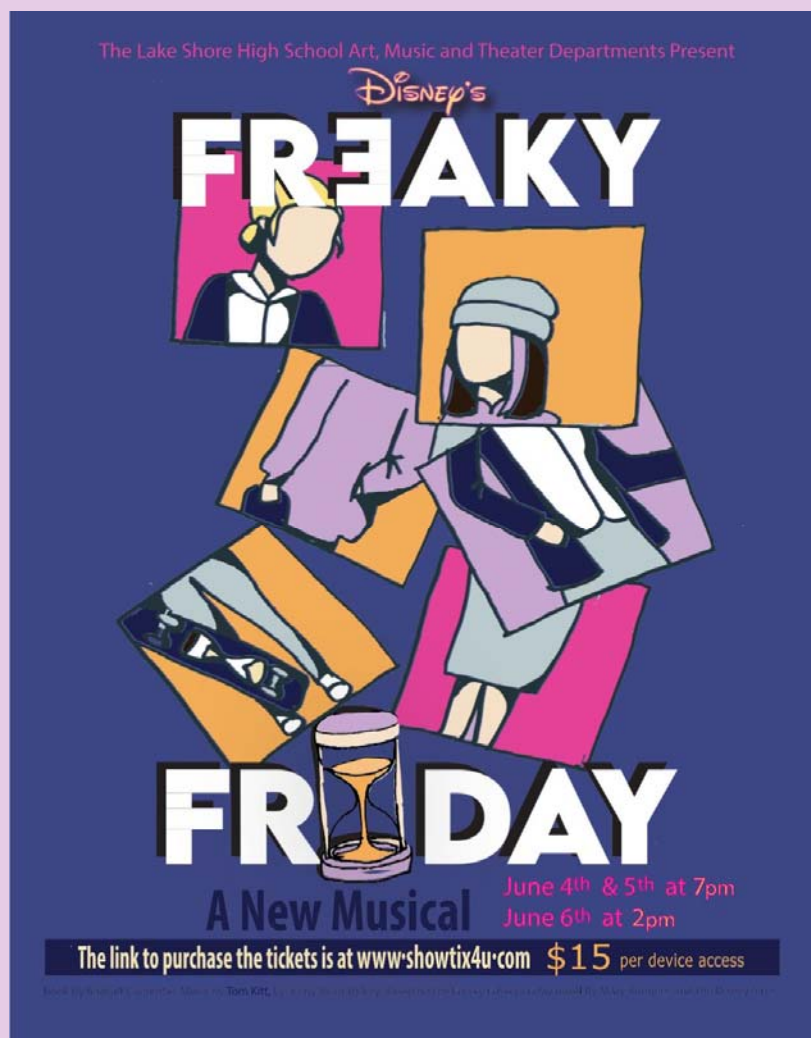
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one link will be  
sold (ONE link  
per device.)

# Got Your Popcorn? Got Your Tickets?



The winning poster design for the High School's production of 'Disney's Freaky Friday' was created by sophomores Teresa Smaldino and Randal Shank. "Each year, our in-house graphic design class takes part in designing the Lake Shore musical poster ad," says Art Teacher Megan Smaldino. "Putting Randy and Teresa's ideas together is what makes the poster pop!"

She explains that Teresa sketched out a fresh, yet mixed and matched, batch of figures to symbolize the mother and daughter characters in the show. "She wanted to capitalize on the theme related to the switching of very contrasting personalities," says Mrs. Smaldino. "Randy had an awesome poster design, as well, but what stood out the most was his clever play on letters in the title. He selected an eye-catching sans-serif font and switched the 'E.' Then he added the hourglass for the 'I.' Putting these two ideas together was gold!"



# Music in May

## At Lake Shore!



**Above:**

The beautiful grounds at Highland Elementary School provide the perfect venue for families and friends enjoying the students' spring concert.

- Photo by  
Dr. Charles Galluzzo

**Right:**

The William G. Houston Gazebo is the charming centerpiece of J.W. Waugh's May outdoor concert.

- Photo by  
Paula Eastman



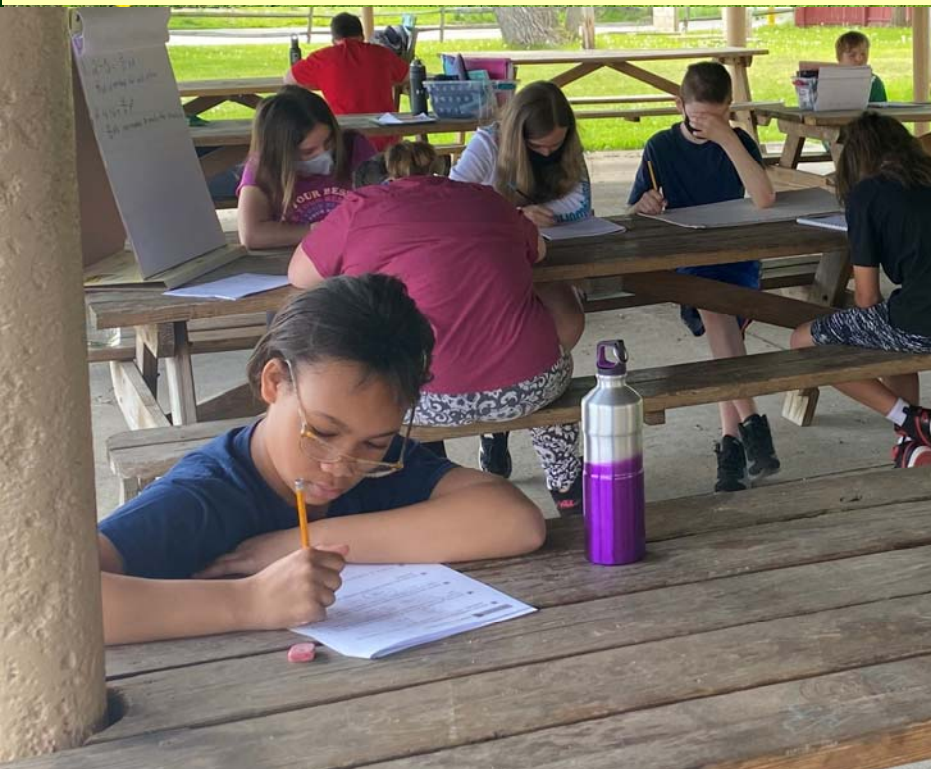


# Learning in May



A.J. Schmidt's Kristina Lewis realizes how hard it can be to focus on school work when all those sunny, warm spring days start unfolding outside the classroom.

Rather than fight the distraction, she simply embraces the beautiful days, bringing her 5th graders and their work outside to the Lake Erie Beach Fire Company Pavilion. There are plenty of picnic tables to spread out at and they can enjoy the weather and still get their work done. "They have taken many of their classes outside," says Principal Jill Clark. "They are happy, focused and getting the best of both worlds ... learning and the great outdoors."



**Top Photo:** Cerenity Meyer works on her assignment in the company of this venerable old willow tree.

**Lower photo:** Autumn Welsh, front, and classmates work at the Pavilion's picnic tables.

- Photos by Kristina Lewis



# Keeping Good Company!

Some Lake Shore students get to spend class time not just with their usual biped friends, but with some quadrupeds, as well. They learn everything from animal husbandry and animal care to clinical and nursing skills, as well as genetics and wound healing in the two-year Small Animal Science program offered through Erie 2 CC BOCES. Teacher Laura Valentic says the skills they learn prepare them for jobs ranging from groomer to veterinary assistant.

**Pictured are Lake Shore juniors:**

**Top Right:** Amber Castellano, with Yoko, the bearded dragon.

**Middle, from Left:** Abigail Coventry, with dog model, demonstrates the proper form for CPR; Paige Silagyi pets the carapace of Apollo, a Sulcata Tortoise (the 3rd largest tortoise in the world!), and Lacie McMurray performs a health check on Stitch, a male rabbit.

**Bottom:** Caitlin Dils and Ava Jarmusz (an Eden student) bathe Boomer, the Best Dog in the World, according to his owner, Kristine DeMartino.







## Capital Project UPDATE

Phases 2 and 3 of the Capital Project are progressing. Completion of the new athletic addition is anticipated for this Fall. Other projects in these phases will continue into Fall of 2022. This work includes renovations to the school's art, life skills, music and science rooms, as well as a full auditorium renovation. Pending New York State's approval, Phase 4 work will begin this winter at the elementary schools, including site work, roof top units, internal mechanical and security work.

## Take A Look at Us Now!



Work is progressing at a fast clip on the High School's athletic addition. It will be open this Fall, complete with an impressive entry, large instructional and athletic spaces, and amenities such as a concession area and convenient restroom facilities for both indoor and outdoor events.





## In front:

A decorative wall will curve along the sidewalk leading up to the addition's entrance. The area between the wall and the building will be green space.



## In back:

Behind the addition, a stairway leads up to the athletic fields. It is flanked by a ramp for handicap accessibility.



# Step Inside!



## Lobby:

Here's the spacious lobby, with a concessions window, as you enter the new addition.



## Tech shops:

The addition houses the High School's new wood technology, left, and metal technology classrooms.

# Step Upstairs!



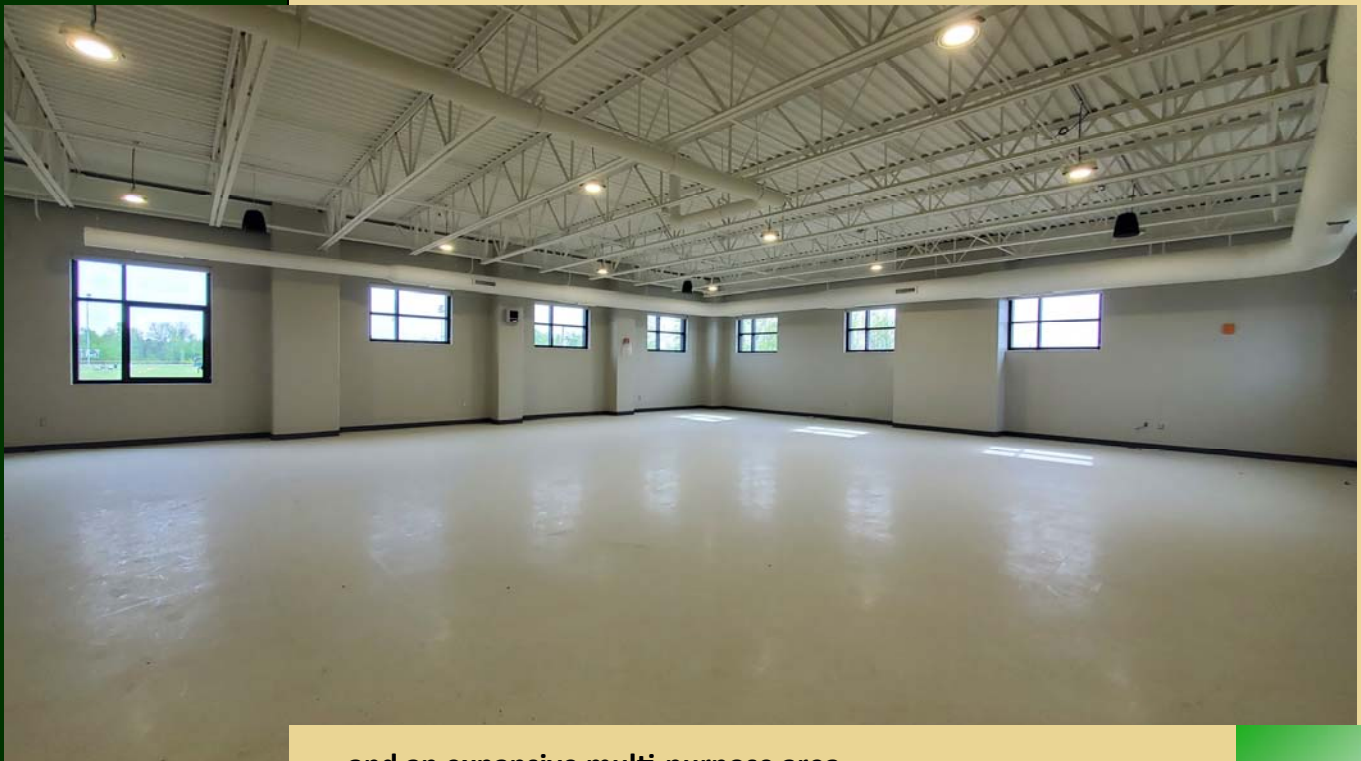
Upstairs, around the corner from the physics and chemistry labs, a set of doors opens into a long hallway connecting to the 2nd floor of the High School's new addition. Here's a look at what's down that hall.



## 2nd Floor of the New Addition ...



There is a large weight room...



... and an expansive multi-purpose area.

## 2nd Floor of the New Addition ...



The 2nd floor also houses a fabrication lab ...



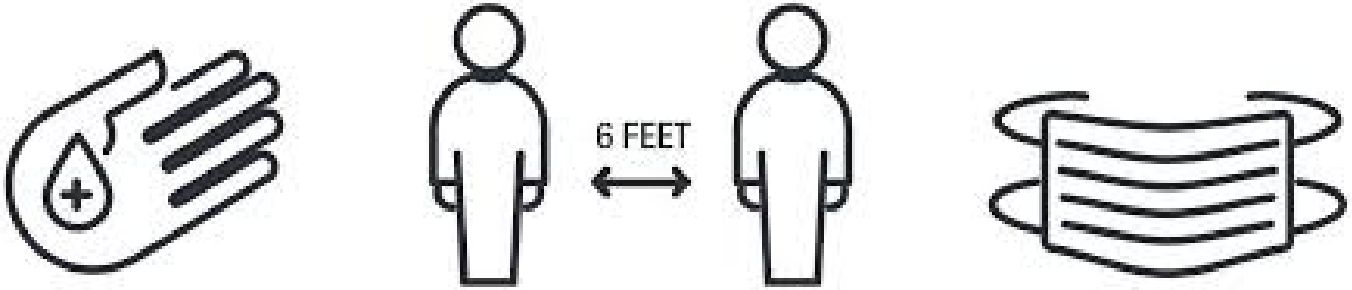
... and there is an elevator in progress.



# COVID-19 Protocols

# Reminders!

## Keeping Us Safe & Our Buildings Open



Although the positivity rate is dropping, to keep our buildings open and staff, students and colleagues safe from COVID-19, we must continue to follow all protocols:

- Masks should be worn at all times.
- Social Distancing for 6 feet or more at all times. (The ECDOH considers someone a "close contact" if they are less than 6 feet for 10 consecutive minutes or more.)
- Frequently wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and running water are not immediately available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer and rub hands together until they are dry.
- Stay home if sick.
- Faculty & Staff should take breaks in separate locations to help minimize the spread of any potential COVID-19 that may affect your building.
- Avoid gatherings with people you don't live with.

**If you are experiencing symptoms or have been advised by a healthcare provider to get tested, rapid testing is available.**  
Appointments are made at the county's COVID-19 hotline: 858-2929.

If you test positive  
OR are in contact with an individual who tested positive for COVID-19  
contact  
[kristine.demartino@lscsd.org](mailto:kristine.demartino@lscsd.org)  
or  
926-2202.

Please use 545-0626 after hours and weekends.

**Results and quarantine/isolation orders need to be provided to Kristine DeMartino upon receipt.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Superintendent's Office. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in keeping our District safe and our buildings open.