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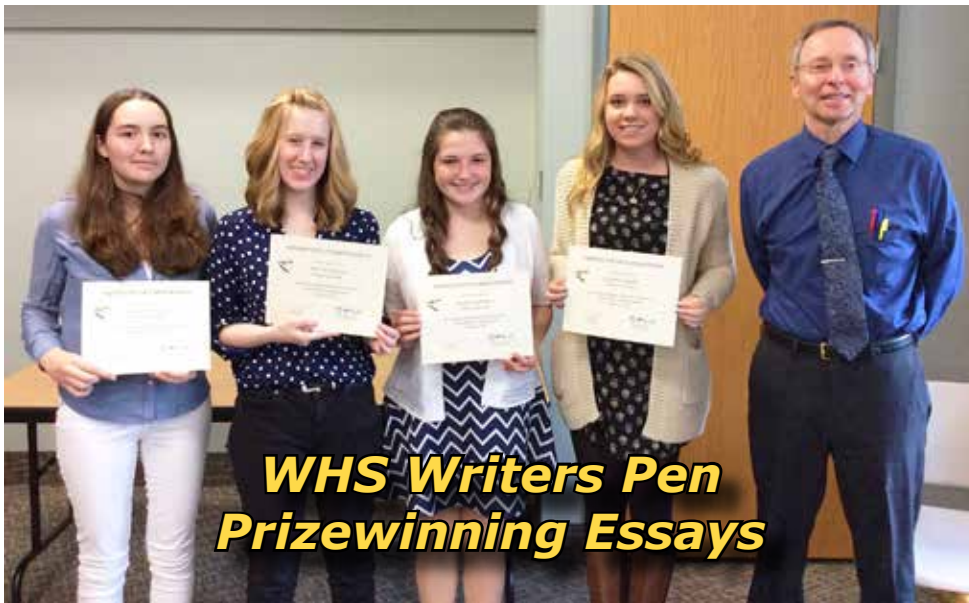
THE OVERVIEW

To prepare our students to be successful, contributing members of their communities, through excellence in education.

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WHS Writers Pen Prizewinning Essays

The WHS writing team displays certificates following the team's third place finish in the 2016 Angelo Melaro Writing Contest which was held in Olean in April. From left: Madison Ewing, Leah Christman, Skyler Schrlau, Jayden Hyslip, and English teacher Mr. Frank Prinzi.

A team of writers continued Wellsville High School's tradition of excellence this spring, becoming finalists and placing third in the Angelo Melaro Memorial Writing Contest. The 2016 competition included virtually all of the high schools in Cattaraugus and Allegany counties. This year's contest required students to write timed, expository essays.

Freshman Skyler Schrlau and sophomore Jayden Hyslip responded to the quote, "But you can't make people listen," developing their essays with examples from history and literature.

Junior Madison Ewing and senior Leah Christman wrote in response to Charles Dickens' famous line, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times," providing examples that prove life is full of contradictions.

Ewing and Christman have a history of success at the contest. Ewing was awarded first place in the Grade 11 individual competition. This was the second year in a row Madison placed first in her grade level. She also placed third in the competition during her freshman year. Christman placed fourth in the Grade 12 individual competition. She was a second-place finisher in last year's competition and won first prize as a sophomore.

Christman and Ewing each received cash awards and the WHS team received a certificate during the awards luncheon held at Cattaraugus-Allegany BOCES in Olean in April. The contest is sponsored by the Cattaraugus-Allegany Principals' Association.



Selected for Boys & Girls State

AT LEFT - (left to right) Nicholas Brown, Sydney Sisson, and Gabriel Raptis have been selected to attend Boys State and Girls State. Story on page 7.

From the Wellsville BOE and Administration

Dear Residents,

The Wellsville Central School District’s mission statement continues to guide our budget decisions, **“To prepare our students to be successful, contributing members of their communities through excellence in education.”**

For the third year in a row, the Wellsville CSD Board of Education has approved a budget that proposes a 0% (zero percent) tax levy increase. The 2016-2017 budget-to-budget increase is 2.6%. The budget increase is being covered by an increase in state aid.

As we have shared over the past several years, the Wellsville School District had been repeatedly identified as one of the top 50 most under-funded districts in the state. This year’s state budget included an additional \$900,000 of Foundation Aid for our district that will begin to close the funding gap. Foundation Aid is intended to be used to promote, support and sustain existing and new resources for our students and district. Our budget-to-budget increase of 2.6% is solely related to the increase in state aid; **there will be no increase to the tax levy.**

We continue to be proud of our staff members who are dedicated to educating our children and greatly appreciate our incredible facilities. We must continue to work together in order to prepare our students to be able to meet the educational challenges they face not only today, but also in their futures.

We are truly grateful to a community that is supportive of our school and students. We encourage you to be informed about the budget. Join us for our public budget hearing on May 3rd at 6 p.m. in our Middle School Room 212A, and then please exercise your right to vote on the budget in the Wellsville High School Lobby (Riverside Entrance) on May 17, 2016, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. We also encourage you to contact the district office (596-2170) with any questions you may have regarding the Wellsville Central School District.

2016-17 Budget At-A-Glance

Proposed Budget	\$29,039,629
Budget Increase	+2.6%
Proposed Tax Levy Increase	+0.0%

Budget Hearing -- Tuesday, May 3

6 p.m., Middle School Room 212A

Vote -- Tuesday, May 17

7 a.m. to 9 p.m., High School Lobby (Riverside)

12-Year Comparison of Tax Levy Increases

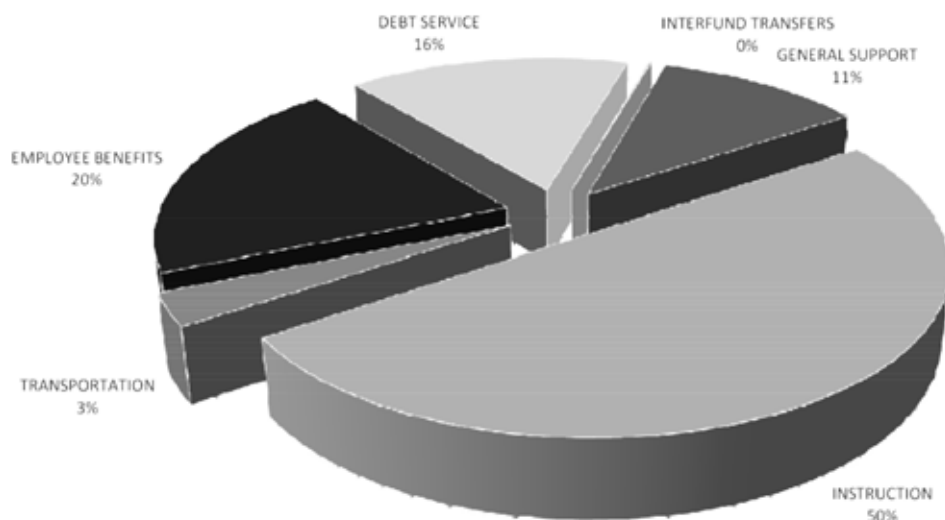
Year	Change in Levy
2005-2006	4.45%
2006-2007	3.25%
2007-2008	3.67%
2008-2009	3.76%
2009-2010	3.97%
2010-2011	4.00%
2011-2012	2.46%
2012-2013	1.50%
2013-2014	1.00%
2014-2015	0.00%
2015-2016	0.00%
2016-2017	0.00%

One Candidate Running for School Board

One district resident is running for election to the Wellsville Central School Board of Education. The Board has one (1) three-year term of office set to expire at the end of June. The following individual will appear on the ballot for the May 17, 2016, school board election:

1) *Steven Pettenati*

2016-2017 Proposed Expenditure Summary



Voting Qualifications

A person shall be entitled to vote at this meeting and election of School District Officers and upon other matters, which may be brought before such meeting, and election who is:

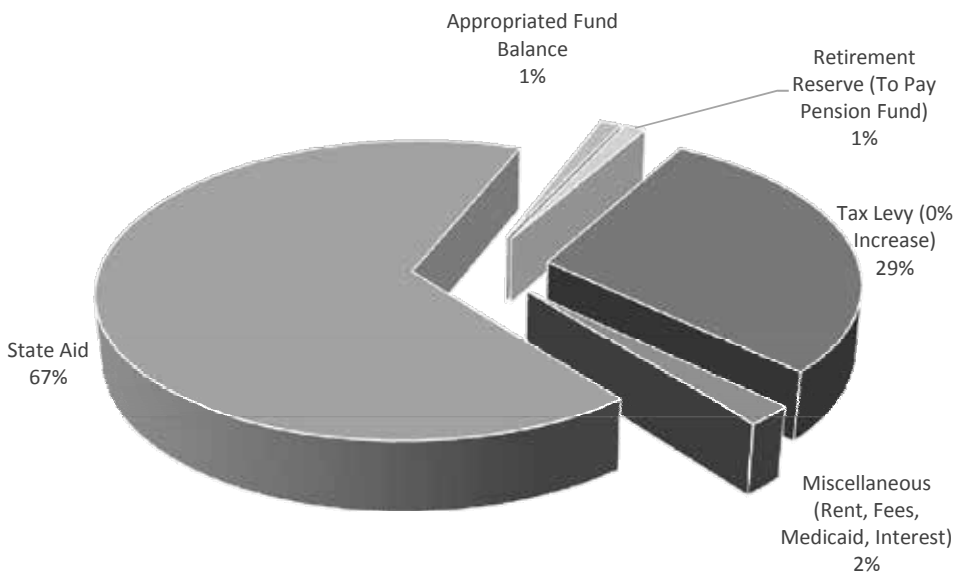
- a) A citizen of the United States;
- b) 18 years of age; and
- c) A resident within District for a period of 30 days preceding the election.

Board of Education, Wellsville Central School District No. 1 of towns of Wellsville, Willing, Scio, Alma, Andover, and Independence, Allegany County, New York.

CATEGORY	2015-16 BUDGET	2016-17 NEW BUDGET	\$ CHANGE
BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$23,525	\$23,525	0
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	\$218,067	\$221,000	2,933
FINANCE	\$274,395	\$290,117	15,722
STAFF (PERSONNEL, LEGAL)	\$403,478	\$445,620	42,142
CENTRAL SERVICES (Operations & Maintenance, Printing & Mail)	\$1,668,536	\$1,793,442	124,906
SPECIAL ITEMS (INSURANCE, BOCES ADMIN.)	\$505,000	\$507,700	2,700
TOTAL GENERAL SUPPORT	\$3,093,001	\$3,281,404	188,403
SUPERVISION	\$1,006,186	\$1,195,960	189,774
TEACHING	\$6,019,954	\$6,394,362	374,408
SPECIAL APPORTIONMENT PROGRAMS (SPECIAL & OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION)	\$4,906,328	\$4,855,783	-50,545
SPECIAL SCHOOLS	\$110,600	\$110,600	0
INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA	\$795,399	\$854,454	59,055
PUPIL SERVICES	\$963,095	\$1,085,640	122,545
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	\$13,801,562	\$14,496,799	695,237
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION	\$879,550	\$914,196	34,646
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$6,041,396	\$5,861,038	-180,358
DEBT SERVICE	\$4,448,672	\$4,456,192	7,520
TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS (CAFETERIA)	\$30,000	\$30,000	0
TOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED	\$10,520,068	\$10,347,230	-172,838
GRAND TOTALS	\$28,294,181	\$29,039,629	745,448
TOTAL BUDGET INCREASE			2.63%

**VOTE on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, 7 a.m - 9 p.m.,
at the High School Lobby [Riverside entrance].**

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2016-2017 Detailed Revenue Summary

	2016-2017 Estimated Revenue
Tax Levy (0% Increase)	\$ 8,388,802.00
Miscellaneous (Rent, Fees, Medicaid, Interest)	\$ 618,219.00
State Aid	\$ 19,312,108.00
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 350,000.00
Retirement Reserve (To Pay Pension Fund)	\$ 370,500.00
Total Revenue	\$ 29,039,629.00

LEGAL NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING

The Board of Education of the Wellsville Central School District, Wellsville, New York, hereby gives notice that an Annual District Meeting on the proposed 2016-17 budget (being Proposition No 1) and related propositions will be held at Wellsville Central School, Wellsville, New York, Middle School Room 212A, 126 West State St., on the 3rd day of May, 2016, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purpose, exclusive of public moneys, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the District during the fourteen (14) days preceding May 17, 2016, except Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday, at the following school house in which school is maintained during the hours designated: Wellsville Central School District Office, 126 West State Street, Wellsville, NY 14895 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office

of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the Clerk of the District, 126 West State St., Wellsville, NY not later than 5:00 p.m. on April 18, 2016. **The following vacancy is occurring:**

1. Three (3) year term to expire June 30, 2019.

Each petition must be directed to the Clerk of the District, must be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District, must be filed with the district at least thirty (30) days prior to the budget vote on May 17, 2016, and must state the name and residence of the candidate.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that voting will be held on May 17, 2016, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. in the High School Lobby (Riverside Entrance) for the voting upon the election of one (1) member of the Board of Education and to vote upon the acceptance of the proposed budget (being **PROPOSITION NO. 1**) for the school year 2016-17 and:

PROPOSITION NO. 2 RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Wellsville Central School District No. 1 of the County of Allegany, is hereby authorized and directed to purchase two (2) 65 passenger

conventional buses at a total maximum cost of \$240,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary to be raised by taxes on the taxable property of the said school district and to issue obligations of the school district, therefore, in accordance with the education law and local finance law:

PROPOSITION NO. 3 RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Wellsville Central School District No. 1 of the County of Allegany, is hereby authorized and directed to increase the annual tax levy to an additional \$11,355 and to pay over such funds to the trustees of the David A. Howe Public Library.

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots to vote on these propositions may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk, 126 West State St., Wellsville, NY at least seven days before the date of the aforesaid district meeting if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before such district meeting if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued shall be available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk during regular office hours on each of the five days prior to the day of the vote (excluding Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday) and such list shall also be posted conspicuously at the place of voting. An absentee ballot must reach the office of the District Clerk, 126 West State St., Wellsville, NY not later than 4:00 p.m. on the day of such district meeting.

Notice is also given that there will be no separate registration required to vote in the election of School Board members or for the budget or separate propositions.

A person shall be entitled to vote at this meeting and election of School District Officers and upon other matters, which may be brought before such meeting, and election who is:

a) A citizen of the United States, b) 18 years of age, c) A resident within the District for a period of 30 days prior to the meeting or election at which he or she offers to vote.

Board of Education, Wellsville Central School District No 1 of towns of Wellsville, Willing, Scio, Alma, Andover, and Independence, Allegany County, New York.

By: Dawn Youmans, District Clerk, Wellsville Central School.

School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2015-16 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2016-17 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2016- 17 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$28,294,181	\$29,039,629	\$28,909,529
Increase/Decrease for the 2016-17 School Year		\$745,448	\$615,348
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.63%	2.17%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		0.12%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$8,388,802	\$8,388,802	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$0	\$0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$0	\$0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$8,388,802	\$8,388,802	\$8,388,802
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$238,638	\$122,645	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$8,477,379	\$8,266,159	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, <u>Excluding</u> Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - B - F + D)	\$8,150,164	\$8,266,157	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$327,215	\$2	
Administrative Component	\$2,884,585	\$3,110,485	\$2,968,610
Program Component	\$19,053,958	\$19,587,723	\$19,599,498
Capital Component	\$6,355,638	\$6,341,421	\$6,341,421

* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2015-16 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)

Description	Amount
Prop. 2-Authorization to borrow for the purchase of 2 buses	\$240,000
Prop. 3-Authorization to increase the David A. Howe Library levy	\$11,355

NOTE: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to:
emscmgts@nysed.gov

Under the Budget Proposed
for the 2016-17 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹

\$676

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2016-2017 by the qualified voters of the Wellsville Central School District, Allegany County, New York, will be held at the Wellsville High School (Riverside Entrance) in said district on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the Wellsville High School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

¹ The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Medal and Scholarship Program Winner

For many years, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, in conjunction with high schools around the country, has awarded the Rensselaer Medal to high school juniors who have distinguished themselves in mathematics and science. The RPI Medal in Science and Math has been awarded to **Gwendolyn Middaugh (at right)**, a member of the Class of 2017.

The Medal was first presented in 1916 with two purposes: to recognize the superlative academic achievement of young men and women, and to motivate students toward careers in science, engineering, and technology.

This \$25,000 per year merit scholarship is guaranteed for four years for each medalist who applies, is accepted, and chooses to enroll at Rensselaer. Rensselaer will be hosting an open house for all medalists in the fall of 2016.



Rochester Institute of Technology H. S. Awards Program

Wellsville High School will again be participating in RIT's High School Junior Awards Program. The Computing Medal and Scholarship Program and the Award for Creativity and Innovation not only recognize outstanding high school juniors, but also highlight RIT's leadership in computing education as well as its creative and innovative programs in many other disciplines ranging from engineering, sciences, and business to design, photography, film and crafts.

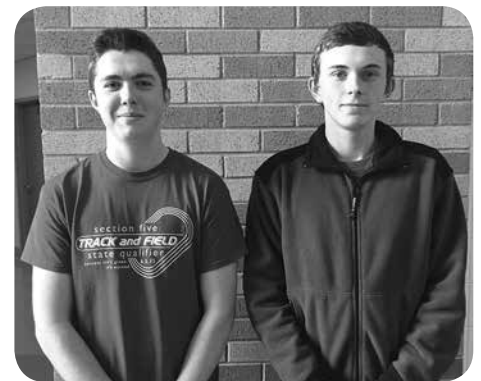


Matthew Sanders (at left in photo) and **Madison Ewing (middle)** -- of the Class of 2017 -- have been nominated for the Rochester Institute of Technology Computing Medal and Scholarship by Wellsville High School Guidance Counselors and Administration. They have also nominated **Rachael Ferraloro (at right in photo)** to receive the RIT Creativity and Innovation Award. Nominees for the awards program must rank in the top 10% of the junior class, demonstrate leadership in school and community, and be pursuing a rigorous college-preparatory curriculum. Students selected to receive these awards are eligible for a \$28,000 scholarship (\$7,000 per year) if accepted and enroll at RIT. Students may use

these scholarships to pursue any of the baccalaureate degree programs available at RIT.

Clarkson Leadership & Achievement Awardees

Clarkson University would once again like to recognize two top juniors. The juniors selected for the Clarkson Leadership and Clarkson Achievement Awards will qualify for a \$60,000 (\$15,000 per year) or \$48,000 (\$12,000 per year) tuition scholarship, respectively, over four years should the students apply, be accepted and choose to enroll at Clarkson University. To be eligible for the Clarkson Leadership Award or Clarkson Achievement Award the juniors must be recognized by students and faculty as having been a positive contributor to school and community, demonstrate leadership qualities, be enrolled in a college-bound program and achieve an academic class rank in the top 15%. The Clarkson University Achievement Award has been awarded to **Nicholas Brown (at left in photo)**. The Clarkson University Leadership Award has been awarded to **Ridge Mack (at right)**.



Sage Awards Announced

Juniors **Meredith Dunne (at left in photo)** and **Taylor Case (at right)** have been named the "Student Sage" from Wellsville High School. The award enables high schools to honor juniors from their school community with this nomination. Recipients of the award will receive a "Student Sage" pin, a certificate of nomination, and an invitation to the Russell Sage College Student Sage Scholars' Reception during their senior year. Upon admission, the student nominees will be eligible for a scholarship to Russell Sage College.

Qualifying nominees are guaranteed a minimum of \$5,000 per year toward tuition at Russell Sage College or Sage College of Albany. In addition, all Student Sage applicants will be automatically reviewed for additional merit aid, bringing their possible total scholarship to \$15,000 per year.

Congratulations to these fine young ladies on their nominations!

Juniors to Attend Boys State and Girls State

Juniors **Gabriel Raptis** and **Nicholas Brown** (*see photo on page 1*) have been selected by WHS teachers and administration to attend the American Legion Boys State Program. Boys State candidates must be potential leaders, display character, scholarship, loyalty and service to their school and community. Boys State is a unique summertime educational program for high school juniors that focuses on participation and personal experience in a model state, complete with government bodies and elected public officials. It is designed to mirror the structure and operation of its respective state government, providing training in practical citizenship, leadership and character development. The program will be held at Morrisville State College from June 26 through July 2.

Sydney Sisson (*see photo on page 1*) has been chosen by the teachers and administration at Wellsville High School to attend the American Legion Girls State program this year. High school girls, who have completed their junior year, spend an intensive week of study, working together as self-governing citizens at Auxiliary-sponsored Girls State programs in every state. The girls will come as strangers and leave as friends, confident of their role and duties as citizens in a democratic society.

Candidates for Girls State must possess outstanding qualities of leadership, character, honesty, scholarship, cooperation and maturity. The candidates must also be academically in the upper third of her class. Sydney will attend New York State Girls State at SUNY Brockport from Sunday, June 26, through Saturday, July 2.

Congratulations to these outstanding students!

will be produced monthly as a service to district residents, taxpayers, students, parents, and employees. Staff members and others can submit information on significant events via e-mail to the designated reporter for their building by the following deadline(s):
June 2016 **May 13**

Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots may be applied for at the office of the School District Clerk, Dawn Youmans, at 126 West State St., Wellsville, NY at least seven days before the date of the budget vote (May 17, 2016) if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the budget vote if the ballot is to be issued to the voter in person.



Absentee ballots may not be mailed by the District Clerk earlier than 30 days before the vote. An absentee ballot must reach the office of the District Clerk, 126 West State St., Wellsville, NY not later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the budget vote.

WCS Mission Statement

"Our mission is to prepare our students to be successful, contributing members of their communities through excellence in education."

WCS Calendar of Events

- May 2-4 - AP Exams
- May 3 - Budget Hearing, MS Room 212, 6:00 p.m.
- May 3 - BOE Meeting, MS Room 212, 6:30 p.m.
- May 5 - **NO SCHOOL for Elementary School ONLY**; MS & HS in session
- May 5-7 - Senior Trip to Baltimore, Ocean City & Washington, DC
- May 6 - **NO SCHOOL**
- May 7 - SAT College Entrance Exam
- May 9-13 - AP Exams
- May 9 - Middle School Report Cards Mailed
- May 17 - **Budget Vote, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Riverside Lobby**
- May 17 - Middle School Spring Concert, H.S. Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- May 17 - Special BOE Meeting, 9:15 p.m., BOE Conference Room
- May 20-21 - Houghton Strings Festival, Houghton, NY
- May 24 - PTA Meeting, Elem. School Library, 6 p.m.
- May 25 - High School Spring Concert, H.S. Auditorium, 7 p.m.
- May 25-26 - NYS Science Performance Test
- May 26 - NYSSMA Choral Majors, Prattsburgh CSD
- May 27 - **NO SCHOOL**
- May 28 - Music Fest 2016 at Darien Lake, several WHS/WMS groups to perform
- May 30 - **NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day**
- June 2 - Middle School JUMP Day
- June 3 & 4 - NYSSMA Festival, Bolivar-Richburg
- June 3 - Middle School JUMP Day (Rain Date)
- June 4 - Prom at Wellsville Country Club, 9 p.m. - midnight
- June 4 - After Prom Party, TBA, 11:30 p.m. - 2:30 a.m.
- June 6 - Middle School NYS Science Written Test
- June 6 - BOE Meeting, Middle School Room 212, 6:30 p.m.
- June 7 - Senior Scholarship Night, HS Aud., 7 p.m.
- June 8 - Elementary Spring Concert, HS Aud., 7 p.m.
- June 9 - Encore Performance (a sampling) of H.S. groups, Public Library, 7 p.m.
- June 11 - ACT College Entrance Exam
- June 12 - Baccalaureate, Elementary School, 7 p.m.
- June 14-22 - Regents Exams
- June 14 - PTA Meeting, Elementary School Library, 6 p.m.
- June 18 - W.A.V.E. Camp, Elementary School
- June 21 - Last Student Day
- June 22 - Staff Development Day
- June 24 - HS Report Cards available on Student/Parent Portal
- June 24 - Report Cards Mailed for Elementary & Middle Schools
- June 24 - **GRADUATION** at High School, 7 p.m.



BUDGET VOTE & ELECTION -- Tuesday, May 17, 7 a.m. - 9 p.m., High School Lobby [Riverside entrance]. See pages 2-5 for information on budget vote.

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OM Team Raising \$ to Attend Worlds

Miss Ryan's Odyssey of the Mind team placed second at the New York State Odyssey of the Mind competition and will be traveling to Ames, Iowa to compete in the World Tournament on May 25-28.

The team is fundraising to be able to attend the competition. The team has set up an account at the Redemption Center to donate cans and bottles. In addition, there will be a basket raffle at the Elementary School on Wednesday, May 4, from 3:30-7:00 p.m. There is also a *GoFundMe* page set up <https://www.gofundme.com/yjx9svw4>



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ABOVE - The team is shown with its New York State title banner: (left to right) Elizabeth Tomak, Emma Dunaway, Kelsey Seely, Kaylie Fuller, Hayden Waldon, Maddy Parks and Coach Kristyn Ryan (back).

AT LEFT - Team members shown in costumes (L-R): Kaylie Fuller, Emma Dunaway, Kelsey Seely, Elizabeth Tomak, Maddy Parks and Hayden Waldon (front).