



# THE OVERVIEW

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

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Lions!

Welcome back to another year of learning and growing. As fall begins to settle in upon us, I wanted to thank all our community members and families for your support of your students in their own learning journeys. It seems the summer, well, was indeed hot and summerish but wow, did it go by ever-so-quickly!

The leaves are changing, and we are settling in with the daily routines of school. As I walk the hallways, I hear students asking questions and teachers engaging them with exploration of answers. I see less wallboard and more tile every day. I am tracking less dust and seeing more glimmers on floors. I am seeing athletic spaces being enjoyed and used. We are off! It has been a long summer of capital improvements and planning for a new year, and we continue to chip away at those improvements as the year has begun. Our auditorium is the next area of focus for renovations and that work is underway. I would like to thank the community for your patience and investment in children and their experiences while they walk these same halls. It makes a difference in their learning experiences to have bright hallways, modern bathrooms, new learning spaces dedicated to project-based learning, and athletic updates to enjoy. Thank you. I understand that these changes and additions have been challenging. The good news is we have begun and it has gone well. Should you have questions or concerns, never hesitate to reach out. Enjoy your 2025-2026 school year!

Sincerely,

*Aaron W. Wolfe*

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## BOARD MEETINGS

10/07 | 11/04 | 12/02

BOE Meeting, 6:00 p.m.,  
Secondary School LGI Room 301

## Important Dates

OCTOBER	
10/03/25	Elementary School Picture Day
10/07/25	High School Picture Day
10/13/25	No School (Indigenous Peoples Day)
10/24/25	No School (Professional Development Day)
NOVEMBER	
11/05/25	Middle School Picture Retake Day
11/07/25	Secondary School 1st Semester Report Cards Available
11/11/25	No School (Veteran's Day)
11/12/25	High School Picture Retake Day
11/21/25	Elementary Picture Retake Day
11/26 – 11/28/25	No School (Thanksgiving Break)
DECEMBER	
12/1 – 12/5/25	Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences
12/5/25	Elementary Report Cards Mailed
12/22/25 – 1/2/26	No School (Holiday Break)

School Closed on Monday, October 13, for Indigenous Peoples Day

# Guidance News

## IMPORTANT CALENDAR DATES

<b>October 2</b>	Last day to drop/add classes
<b>October 2</b>	Grades 6-12 Progress Report Period 1 ends
<b>October 6</b>	Grades 6-12 Progress Report Period 1 grades available on the portal
<b>October 8</b>	PSAT/NMSQT Exam
<b>October 24</b>	Registration deadline for the 11/8/25 SAT Exam
<b>October 28</b>	Late registration deadline for the 11/8/25 SAT Exam
<b>November 8</b>	SAT College Entrance Exam
<b>November 5</b>	Grades 6-12 Marking Period 1 ends
<b>November 7</b>	Grades 6-12 Marking Period 1 grades available on the portal
<b>November 7</b>	Registration deadline for the 12/13/25 ACT Exam
<b>November 24</b>	Late registration deadline for the 12/13/25 ACT Exam
<b>December 11</b>	Grades 6-12 Progress Report Period 2 ends
<b>December 15</b>	Grades 6-12 Progress Report Period 2 grades available on the portal
<b>December 13</b>	ACT College Entrance Exam
<i>For ACT and SAT test takers: Be at the Secondary School front entrance no later than 7:45 a.m. with your registration ticket and proper identification.</i>	

## SAT & ACT Testing

The SAT College Entrance Examination will be given on Saturday, November 8, 2025, & Saturday, March 14, 2026, at the Wellsville Secondary School. You may apply online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).

The ACT College Entrance Examination will be given on Saturday, December 13, 2025. You may apply online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org).

See your counselor if you are unsure about college testing requirements for your post-high school plans.

### Juniors & Seniors

Many colleges and universities will be holding an “OPEN HOUSE” this fall. If you have not done so already, this is a perfect time to visit colleges and universities in which you may be interested. The following colleges and universities will have representatives at WSS on the dates listed below:

Thiel College	September 23 at 2:15 p.m.
SUNY Potsdam	September 29 at 9:00 a.m.
Alfred University	September 30 at 10:45 a.m.
St. Bonaventure University	October 6 at 8:30 a.m.
Houghton University	October 17 at 10:00 a.m.

### PSAT Testing

The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT/NMSQT) will be given on Wednesday, October 8, 2025, to juniors or sophomores who plan to attend college. Outstanding scores are considered for the NMSQT “Commended Scholars” program. Counselors will be meeting with juniors and sophomores interested in taking the PSAT Exam.



# WCS New Employees



*Welcome to the Wellsville Family!*



**Bethany Bridge**  
Elementary Teacher Aide



**Darcy Brownell**  
Maintenance Supervisor



**Bethany Faulkner**  
Sixth Grade Special  
Education



**Logan Gough**  
Secondary Teacher Assistant



**Maci Hackett**  
Elementary Teacher Aide



**Makayla Hitchcock**  
Elementary Teacher Aide



**Hailey Keppner**  
Middle School Physical  
Education



**Tara Luthart**  
Elementary Music and Fifth-  
Grade Band



**Dawn Phillips**  
Athletic Director



**Holly Polselli**  
Elementary Teacher Assistant



**Michelle Rickicki**  
Pre-K Teacher



**Alexa Robbins**  
High School Math



**Sarah Rogers**  
Elementary Teacher Aide



**Ashley Schilke**  
Elementary Teacher Aide



**Tina Sears**  
Pre-K Teacher



**Samantha Shively**  
Secondary Spanish



**Patricia Silva**  
High School Spanish



**Brianna Simms**  
High School Counselor



**Olivia Tronetti**  
Elementary Teacher Aide



**David Volk**  
7-12 Technology

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# WCS New Employees



**Lydia Vossler**  
First Grade Teacher



**Dustin White**  
Second Grade Teacher



**Kelli Zenoski**  
Bus Monitor

## Thank you, School Board Members!



Oct. 13-17 is School Board Recognition Week in New York state, and we would like to give a huge Lion ROAR to our dedicated, volunteer school board members: President Jason Mattison, Vice President Trish Haggerty, Dr. Robert Gilfert, Joseph Hart, Kathleen McKinley Murphy, Alan Mosher, Steve Pettenati, and our student board representative, senior Nicolas Germain-Tardieu. Thank you for all you do for our district!



## From My Schools to LINQ CONNECT



### New in the cafeteria.

Welcome to LINQ Connect® New to LINQ Connect? We've got you covered! LINQ Connect is your go-to app for secure, simple school lunch payments and forms. Getting started is easy: 1. Download the app from your app store 2. Click "Register" and create your account 3. Add your student(s) and start paying Tip: Turn on Auto Pay so you never miss a payment! Questions? Reach out to LINQ Support at 844-467-4700 or use live chat at [linqconnect.com](http://linqconnect.com).

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT EVENTS

**11/07 & 11/08/25**

Junior High Area All State (@ Genesee Valley)

**11/21 & 11/22/25**

Senior High Area All State (@ Elmira)

**12/11/25**

9-12 Grade Concert, 6:30 p.m.  
Secondary School Auditorium

**12/15/25**

Grade 6 Concert, 6 p.m.  
7 & 8 Grade Concert, 7:30 p.m.  
Secondary School Auditorium

**\*PLEASE NOTE:** The date and times for the 12/15 concert are different than what is stated in the school district calendar sent to homes before the start of the school year.

# Elementary News



## Budding Musicians Get Instrumental Introduction



Elementary music teacher Mrs. Luthart and secondary chorus teacher Mr. Purks-Morris introduced fifth graders to various instruments ahead of the annual Instrument Petting Zoo in late September. Many of our fifth-grade Lions are preparing to enter band this year.

## NEW SPACES



After months of construction, we are thrilled to share that our Elementary School now has a newly renovated Maker Space, library, and pool! These updates have been in the works since last school year, and we are excited for students to see the finished results.

The new Maker Space will give students hands-on opportunities to explore science, technology, engineering, and math in creative and innovative ways. Our redesigned library is sure to spark a greater love of reading and discovery in our young Lions.

We are proud to invest in these learning spaces that will benefit our students for years to come.



First Day of school with Mr. White's 2nd grade class.

# HAPPY FIRST DAY OF school!

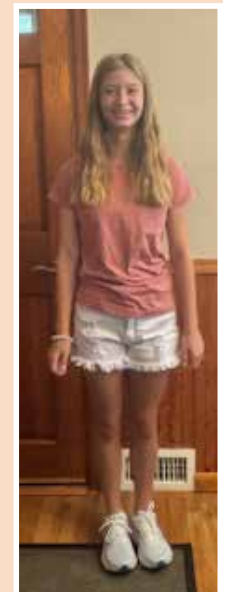


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 09/03/2025





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# Secondary News

## DRUMLINE ADDS FUN TO FOOTBALL GAMES

Wondering where all the extra energy is coming from during our home football games this season? Look no further than our drumline! The drumline features an enthusiastic group of 7-12 graders ensemble playing snare drums, quads, bass drums and cymbals. These musicians are members of the marching band who want to continue playing outside after their parade season is wrapped up.



## Learning Lab Cooks up Business Skills for its Students

Did you know that we have a classroom full of budding entrepreneurs in room 109 at the Secondary School? Our 12:1:1 classroom – aka The Learning Lab – runs a homemade dog treat business and a car detailing business out of their classroom.



“These businesses are important to the students because not only do the students learn job skills, they also can use the money for class activities or for senior year expenses,” said their teacher, Carin Schultz. The money can be used to purchase meals and souvenirs on field trips and treats for celebrations or experiences away from the school building. Students have used the money for some of the senior year expenses such as their yearbook, cap and gown, and spending money for their senior trip.

Mrs. Schultz shared photos of her students making batches of dog treats in September. Around the same time, they were also booking appointments for car detailing.

Their homemade dog treats are popular with their customers. She said that they prepare homemade dog treats and sell district employees. Once orders are placed, the students must determine how large a batch of treats they should make to fill the orders. They spend a lot of time measuring and mixing the ingredients by hand then roll and cut out the treats and bake them. The

last step is to count out the correct number of treats for each order, pack the storage instructions, and deliver to the customers.

“Through our businesses, students learn how to follow directions on the job, the importance of details in jobs, the self-satisfaction that comes from completing a job and doing it well,” she said. They also discuss the finer points of running a business, such as how much the ingredients or supplies cost, how much time and energy we put into the task, and how much we should charge to make sure we are not losing money. “These are all skills that can help our students become productive members of any workforce they join in the future.”

With Mrs. Schultz in the classroom are teacher assistant Brittany Ervolino, and aides Polly Broughton, Dustin Hodgkins and Mindi Graham.





2025

Back-to-School

CARNIVAL



The school year came in like a LION with the annual Back-to-School Carnival at the secondary school. Families, students and staff came together to enjoy the games, a dunk tank, bounce houses, food, friends and tons of fun. With perfect September weather, it was the ideal night for families to connect, students to have fun, and our school community to kick off the year together!



## Wellness Day



Wellsville staff kicked off the new school year with a Wellness Day full of activities designed to recharge, reconnect, and prepare for the new school year. A huge thank you to Anne Campbell at CABOCES and to our admin team for organizing such a meaningful day of fun and connection. We are off to a great start!

## Senior Sunrise



This year's seniors carried on the tradition of gathering for a Senior Sunrise Celebration. They got up extra early to catch the 6:20 a.m. sunrise on the athletic field for their last first day of school on Sept. 3. We wish our seniors a year full of memories to last a lifetime!

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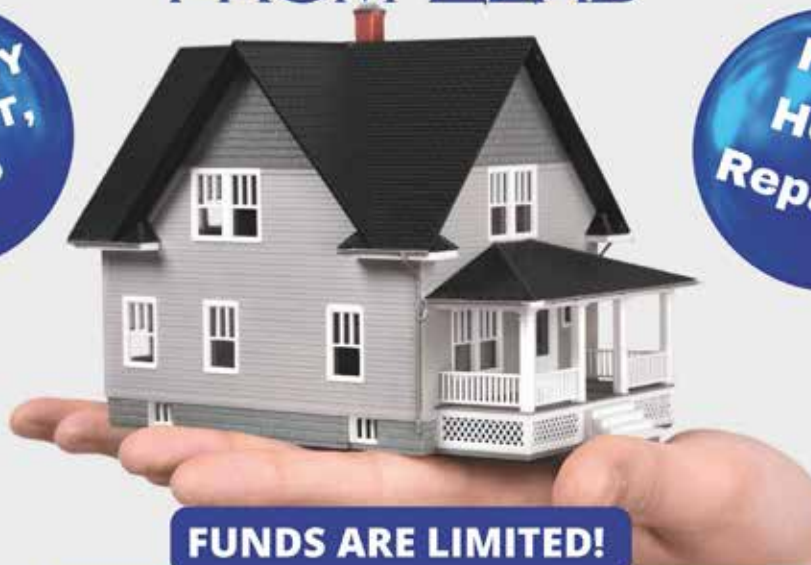
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