Class of 2021 Graduation is now one ceremony! 11am on Saturday, June 26th on the North Turf Field. Seniors & senior parents continue to check WITS for updates.

SUMMER SCHOOL INFORMATION
The Williamsville North Alma Mater is played at the end of our Commencement Ceremony

**ALMA MATER**

This is the Spartan’s hour – time for green and gold.

With pride we give our victory cheer.

We sing it loud, we sing it clear!

For our alma mater, we have all come forth.

We hold our heads high for Williamsville North.

*Composer: Michelle Poppleton, ‘86*
Juneteenth is a holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States. It is also called Emancipation Day or Juneteenth Independence Day. The name “Juneteenth” references the date of the holiday, combining the words “June” and “nineteenth.”
Shared Decision Making Team Chair Mrs. Doviak (right) presents Minchae Kim (left) with a plaque thanking her for her service as a student representative on the Shared Decision Making Team. Minchae will be attending Brown University next year.
**Spartan of The Month**

The Spartan of the Month program is meant to promote success in and out of the classroom. For a student to be a well-respected citizen, they must be able to balance many different areas of life. They must exemplify outstanding characteristics both as a student and as a citizen of the community. The student must be able to handle many different aspects of student life while maintaining excellence in the classroom. This award is designed to nominate and select students who promote and take pride in Williamsville North High School and in themselves. Congratulations to this month's selections!

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Digital Learning Expectations

Lessons being delivered remotely should not be recorded by students and/or shared publicly. The online learning classroom is intended for Williamsville North students to participate in. Any parent questions should be directed to teachers outside of the online classroom time. We encourage parents to continue to support their children by allowing them to independently attend synchronous class periods and assisting with homework and assignments outside of class time.

We are all adjusting to new learning experiences and new types of interactions. We all benefit when everyone shares the same expectations. Everyone is expected to adhere to all District Acceptable Use policies, whether they are using a District-provided device or a personal device.

Students are expected to continue to give their best effort on assignments. They will submit their own work and use online tools appropriately. They will also keep their login information and passwords private, with the exception of sharing them with their parents, guardians, or teachers when necessary.

We will all respect the intellectual property of others. Work created by a student is his or her own intellectual property. Work created by an educator is his or her own intellectual property and/or the intellectual property of the Williamsville Central School District. No work, whether printed, audio, or video, should be shared, published, or duplicated without the author’s permission.

There are expectations when interacting in a digital environment that apply to everyone participating in the conference as well as those who may be in the vicinity during the conference. Participation in video conferencing experiences is contingent upon adhering to these expectations. Participants in video conferences and everyone in the vicinity of the video conference will:

- wear clothing that is appropriate for school.
- use language that would be appropriate in a school setting.
- be on time and ready to participate.
- be in an environment conducive for learning, such as at a desk or table or sitting on a couch or chair.
- keep themselves and their devices stationary during the conference.
- respect the direction of the organizer of the conference regarding whether video is on or off and whether mics are on or muted.
- use their own name when signing in to the conference.
- check that the background appearing on screen is free of any items that would not be appropriate in a school setting.
- ensure that a parent or guardian is aware they will be participating in a video conference.
- notify any household members in the vicinity that a video conference is occurring and that their image may be seen and their voices may be heard.
- be mindful that the chat feature may be visible by other participants.
- respect the privacy of others by not recording or taking pictures of any portion of the conference.
- be aware of background noise and use a headset when necessary to prevent disrupting the conference.
- make their teachers aware of any concerns they have about online interactions.
- be mindful of the attire of any small children who may be in the vicinity of a video conference.
Girls With Impact Leadership Program

NYS PTA has partnered with Girls with Impact, a leadership program that provides critical skills necessary for college and career success, and are offering a 5-week summer program for girls in middle and high school. **ALL NYS girls qualify for a scholarship (PTA has negotiated scholarships ranging from 70% to 100% off so the program can be totally free).**

**Girls interested must sign up by June 17.** Seats are limited to the first 5,000 girls. Find the sign up and scholarship codes at [https://www.girlswithimpact.org/nyspta](https://www.girlswithimpact.org/nyspta)

We need YOU!

The following committee positions are still open for the 2021-22 school year:
- Post Prom Committee, Spirit Wear, Reflections, Senior Spartan Day, Staff Appreciation,

**Joining a committee is a fun & easy way to get involved and impact student life at North!**

Please email [williamsvillenorthptsa@gmail.com](mailto:williamsvillenorthptsa@gmail.com) if you would like more information.

Shop Amazon Smile

[Smile.amazon.com](http://Smile.amazon.com)

Type in Williamsville North PTSA (listed as PTA New York Congress 19390 Williamsville North PTSA) as your charity. A portion of the price of eligible purchases is donated to help support our students!

Do you have a Senior?

Keep up to date with senior activities and fundraisers to make the rest of the year spectacular!

Join our email list [willnorth2021@gmail.com](mailto:willnorth2021@gmail.com) or The Will North 2021 Fan Club

Follow us on Social Media!

- [WillNorth PTSA](https://www.facebook.com/WillNorthPTSA)
- [willnorthptsa](https://www.instagram.com/willnorthptsa)
- [@ptsa_north](https://twitter.com/ptsa_north)
WNHS PTSA virtual meeting: June 14 @ 7pm

For One Day Only
JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON THAT WILL
and Dazzle
DELIGHT
spend a spectacular afternoon under the
BIG TOP
CELEBRATING THE ONE, THE ONLY
THE GREATEST CLASS EVER?
Williamsville North Class of 2021

Monday, June 21st 7-10 pm
Main & Transit Fire Hall
6777 Main Street
June 2021

Dear Class of 2021 Parents,

Our Seniors final days are quickly upon us! We are thrilled our children will have a prom and Senior Celebration to conclude their monumental time as a Williamsville North Spartan. Please see the information below to learn about the current events and ways that YOU can support the Will North 2021 senior class. Flyers including more detailed information are attached.

- **21 Day Countdown** - All set! Goodie bags for Seniors have been prepared and are being raffled off for 21 days as we countdown to graduation. (started Tuesday, May 25th)
- **Prom** - It’s happening! Tuesday, June 22nd, 6-10pm at Banchetti’s (school has sent out info)
- **Senior Celebration Event (formerly known as post prom)** - *The party our Seniors have been waiting for!* Seniors will meet at the Main & Transit Fire Hall on Monday, June 21st from 7:00-10:00pm. We will have lots of awesome activities and delicious food for the Seniors to partake in. Seniors do not need to attend prom to attend this event. Senior Celebration Invite
- **Volunteers needed for Senior Event Celebration** - please click on this link to sign up to volunteer or donate items. We really need your support this night! Senior Celebration Event Volunteer/Donation Sign Up
- **Senior Event Donations** - Know anyone who owns or works at a local business? Our goal is to collect donations from local businesses so that we can raffle off items to every Senior that attends this event. We need your help to collect donations! Please let us know what items you can collect. Donated items can be dropped off to the North main office.
North PTSA
Class of 2021 Updates

● **Amazon Wish List** - With a few clicks of a button, you can contribute! We have created an Amazon wish list of items to raffle off for students at the post prom. Please help us by purchasing any of these items or share the list with friends and family.
  ● Go to:
    ■ Amazon.com
    ■ Search “find a custom gift list”
    ■ Type in Jill Belote, custom list is WNHS Senior Celebration.

● **Senior Contact Information** - Join us! Please connect with us on our FB or email distribution list to hear about the latest Senior updates. [Senior Contact Info]:
  ● Facebook Group - The Will North 2021 Fan Club
  ● Email list - willnorth2021@gmail.com

Thank you so much for your support. We recognize this is a challenging year, however, we appreciate any support to encourage your Seniors to attend these events and participate in the fundraising activities.

Any questions, please email us at: willnorth2021@gmail.com

Thank you!

The Will North 2021 Fan Club
Williamsville North Freshman Cameron Catrabone recently competed and won a Freshman National Championship at the Virginia Beach Nationals. In route to his title, he beat competitors from all over the country including Pennsylvania, Indiana, Maryland, and California. Cameron is the first Spartan to ever win this honor. Above, he is presented with a senate resolution sponsored by Senator Ed Rath, from coach Mickey Moran.

Spartan Athletics

Spring Sports Update

Brock Young- Track
Undefeated in 100m in all dual meets; won overall ECIC title; personal best in 200m and finished 2nd overall at ECICS; anchored 4x100m relay to a ECIC Div. 1 victory to help boys track team finish as co-champions for ECIC Div 1 title

Brendan Morse- Baseball
Complete game no hitter @ Frontier; threw 2 consecutive no hitters; 11IP, 1H, 2BB, 18K's, back to back no hitters; pitched 17.2 no-hit innings
Social Emotional Strategy of the Week: Test Prep

A silver lining of COVID has been that students are able to avoid much of the test-related stress they typically face each June. However, most students will still take select Regents exams or classroom finals. Because of our unusual year, they may need to brush up on their study skills and test taking strategies. Here are some tips:

**Preparing For The Test:** Know your learning style and plan accordingly! Not all study styles are created equal. If you are dedicating time to studying, you should be investing that time wisely. We all learn, absorb, and retain information in unique ways so it is essential to match your studying to your personal learning style. Completing a learning style inventory is a great first step that will provide study tips that make the most sense for you.

The Education Planner website provides a study habits self-assessment and a learning styles inventory: [http://www.educationplanner.org/students/self-assessments/index.shtml](http://www.educationplanner.org/students/self-assessments/index.shtml)

This inventory identifies three district learning styles and provides tips on how to study. [https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Special-Education-Services/Documents/IDEAS%202014%20Handouts/LearningStyleInventory.pdf](https://www.gadoe.org/Curriculum-Instruction-and-Assessment/Special-Education-Services/Documents/IDEAS%202014%20Handouts/LearningStyleInventory.pdf)

Check out Studyskills.com for learning style, concentration and procrastination assessments along with tips on how to improve in each of those areas. [https://www.how-to-study.com/assessments/](https://www.how-to-study.com/assessments/)

**Taking The Test:** Get your mind and body ready!
- Get 8-10 hours of sleep the night before - don’t stay up to cram!
- Have a hearty breakfast (good options are whole grains that gradually provide energy and eggs or yogurt to help you with concentration and memory).
- Drink water to ensure your blood and brain are oxygenated for full performance.
- Chew cinnamon or citrus flavored gum for enhanced concentration.
- Settle your nerves with eucalyptus or lavender lotion.
Would you like to help continue to grow the Williamsville North Community?

Help students by sharing your knowledge and expertise?

Please consider getting involved with the Williamsville North Career Exploration Internship Program. This program places students in a variety of career fields, providing them the opportunity to explore and shadow career options, speak with and learn from professionals, and make solid college and career decisions down the road. The program runs during three different school semesters (Fall, Spring, and Summer) and is dually supported by the NYS Department of Education and Department of Labor.

If you, your employer, or someone you know would like more information about serving as mentor or a sponsoring organization for this program, please contact me, Marlena Belsito, the Williamsville North CEIP coordinator. I am always looking for ways to expand the list of mentors and the program's reach into the community.

Thank you in advance for considering this worthwhile opportunity—both for you and for the students of North!

Marlena Belsito
mbelsito@williamsvillek12.org  716-626-8500 ext. 6545
Williamsville is working with UB to train our staff in trauma-informed practices. The videos below are great resources for parents too. These videos are also available under the Wellness Tab in WITS.

**Safety Video**

**Creating Safety for Students/Families:**

- View trauma-related symptoms/behaviors as attempts to cope
- Watch for and reduce triggers and trauma reactions
- Establish what physical/emotional safety mean to the student/family
- Sit down with students to ask, “what’s going on?” before consequences given
- Consequences given using supportive, non-confrontational language

**Empowerment Video**

**Fostering Empowerment for Students/Families:**

- Recognize and build upon student/family strengths
- Focus on skill development and enhancement
- Acknowledge the strength it takes to get where the student/family is
- Instill a realistic sense of hope and change
Congratulations to Sean Foley & Jacob Molnar for attaining Eagle Scout status for Troop #457

Inspirit is an interdisciplinary summer program that provides unique AI curriculum and mentorship for middle and high school students. I’m reaching out to share some info about our **upcoming summer sessions** and a new featured project track: **AI + Algorithmic Trading** that students might be interested in!

Inspirit proudly offers **program tracks** for a variety of disciplines, from healthcare to law. One of our new projects, titled **Algorithmic Trading + Finance**, teaches students how to use a variety of machine learning networks to analyze the sentiment of financial tweets and predict broad stock market trends. This project would be a perfect fit for anyone passionate about **finance** as a whole, or interested in exploring natural language processing’s capabilities!

The final application deadline for summer sessions is **June 20th**. Interested students can apply at [this application link](#). We emphasize that **no coding experience is needed**, so students of all skill levels are welcome to apply!
Celebrates

Anthony Clontz

Attending

Majoring in

Business Management
Celebrates

Elissa McCarley

Attending

Canisius College

Majoring in

Animal Behavior
Ecology
Conservation and Biology
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Sydney Olschewske

Attending

EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY

Majoring in
Global Conflict Studies
With a minor in
Homeland Security
Arabic Studies
and
Army ROTC
Hannah Mahoney

Attending

Majoring in

Accounting
Williamsville North High School

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DJai Pawlowski

Attending

UB

Majoring in

Undecided

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Lauren O’Connell

Attending

OSWEGO
STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK

Majoring in

Business
Administration

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Moaaz Bukhari

Attending

University at Buffalo
The State University of New York

Majoring in

Biomedical Science
Celebrates

Shana Hawramy

Attending

Maajoring in

[Biology / Pre Med]