Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all others. - Cicero.

Happy Thanksgiving!
Weekly Update
NORTH HIGH

**Substitute Pay Rate Increase**

![Image of substitute pay rate increase]

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**Apply Online Today!**
Applications available on the District's Career Opportunities Page.
www.williamsvilleki2.org
The Williamsville Central School District is seeking nominations for its Wall of Fame honoring graduates for extraordinary achievements in career and public service. The deadline for nominations is April 15, 2022.

The nomination form can be accessed at the following link: [Wall of Fame Nomination Form](#)

To be eligible, candidates must have graduated at least ten years ago from Williamsville East, North, or South High Schools, or be a graduate of the original Williamsville High School. Their contributions to humanity, community service, and philanthropic endeavors are important considerations along with their professional achievements and leadership.

Established in 2000, the Wall of Fame has recognized more than 100 Williamsville alumni for their contributions and accomplishments. The next induction ceremony will take place on Thursday, November 10, 2022.

The Williamsville Education Foundation, Inc. sponsors the Wall of Fame in conjunction with the District’s three high schools. The selection committee includes members of the Foundation Board of Directors and representatives from each Williamsville high school.

Nomination forms are available on the District website, the Foundation website, [www.wedf.org](http://www.wedf.org), or by calling (716) 626-8005.
Signs and Symptoms of COVID-19

- Fever (100F or greater) or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

**REMINDER:** Any student, faculty, or staff member that exhibits signs and/or symptoms of COVID-19 must stay home regardless of vaccination status. At the onset of signs/symptoms do not report to the school building, immediately report signs/symptoms to your school of attendance so proper steps can be followed to return to school, and notify your direct supervisor. This also applies to any student, faculty, or staff member that receives a positive COVID-19 test result.
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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North is pleased to announce our 2022 Coca-Cola Scholar Semifinalist!

Yolanda is one of 1,617 students selected from over 68,000 applicants from across the country to continue through the selection process based on academic excellence, leadership, and service demonstrated in school and community activities.

A joint effort of Coca-Cola bottlers across the country and The Coca-Cola Company, the Coca-Cola Scholars Program is the largest corporate-sponsored, achievement-based scholarship program in the United States. With the addition of the 2022 class, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation will have provided more than 6,600 Coke Scholars nationwide with over $78 million in scholarships over the course of 34 years. Congratulations to Yolanda and best of luck as she moves through the next steps in the process!
North High School celebrates Karen Huang for earning a perfect score on the AP Computer Science A Exam in May 2021.

Karen was one of only 356 students in the world to receive every possible point on the exam.

“AP courses and exams are college-level, requiring great focus and persistence among participating students,” said Trevor Packer, head of the Advanced Placement Program. “We applaud the educators who encourage students to challenge themselves, who motivate and encourage diverse students to achieve their academic potential.”
Shared Decision Making (SDM)

See our mission statement below. We work collaboratively to help shape our students to become successful leaders.

What we’ve accomplished in the last two years:
1. Created our school’s motto- Spartans: Learning Today, ...Leading Tomorrow
2. Branded our school spartan head
3. Clubs/ Sports- Event of the Week
4. Created the Spartan of the Year Award

Current SDM Committee Members

Parent Representatives: Mrs. Karen Shiff, Ms. Jennifer Kerr, and Ms. Michelle McKinstry
Teacher Representatives: Mrs. Michelle Doviak (Chair) , Ms. Emily Cardullo, and Mrs. Jackie Goergen
Administrative Representative: Mr. Bob Coniglio, Principal
Support Staff Representatives: Mrs. Patricia Ryan
Community Member Representative: Mr. Tom Lucia
Student Representatives: Angela Seo (12) and Gavin Miller (11)

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GOALS FOR 2021-2022

Shared Decision Making (SDM Goals)

We continue to confront issues that are relevant and that could make a positive impact on our school community. We have some academic and social emotional learning goals, along with last year's goal dealing with school unity.

*Social Emotional Learning Goal: This is a continued goal from last year. We will be working toward encouraging teachers to do community circles in their classrooms to help with social / emotional issues. The pandemic is still a part of our community, and we need to help students who are struggling emotionally. Our plan is to speak at a faculty meeting, post community circle prompts, and follow up with teachers in the spring.

Academic and School Community Building/ Unity Goal #1: Spartan of the Year Endeavor. Since there is no class rank anymore, we would like to build a sense of community through nominating a Spartan who represents everything about North-leadership, teamwork, etc. This is a goal from last year as well, and it was pretty successful. We would like to continue this endeavor and focus on communication (with students, parents, teachers, etc.). This is an honored tradition, and our goal is to publicize and clarify this honor. This student will speak at graduation this year just like our recipient, Sarah Jiang, did last year.

Academic and School Community Building/ Unity Goal #2: Freshmen Connection: We are concerned that freshmen aren’t making enough connections with the school community. Working with the guidance department, support staff (cafeteria monitors), administration, and teachers, we will survey staff and students regarding: freshmen behavior, freshmen academic needs/ wants, freshmen supports, etc. Our goal is to compile resources for freshmen and also create a means of keeping them connected to school (i.e., via clubs, through Link Crew, etc.).

School Community Building/ Unity Goal: Spartan Event of the Week. This was a goal we started two years ago, and we are tackling this again. This year, we will publicize an event each week and encourage students and community members to participate in the event. Club advisors will sign up for a designed slot in the weekly newsletter and using a slide template, will publicize their club. We’ve been working closely with administration to highlight all school events.

Communication Goal: We will communicate with community members via the weekly newsletter (who we are, parent/ student feedback and input). Our goal is to better educate the public about SDM’s work/ goals. *Mrs. Doviak will be speaking at PTSA on 11/1 re: our goals, past goals/ successes, etc.

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ATTN: HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

2021-2022 WILLIAMSVILLE PTSA DISTRICT COUNCIL STUDENT APPLICATION

Scan the QR code for more information and the student application.
Workplace Readiness Workshop

Aimed at students with a disability in Erie and Niagara County between the ages of 14-21 years old. Must complete application to register for the workshop

Click here for application

Or Contact
Michelle Zangerle
mzangerle@csevery1.com
716-566-2145 Ext. 753

The deadline to apply is November 24

2 Part Series
Thursday
December 2nd & 9th
6:00-7:30 pm
Via Zoom

Workshop includes:
- Soft Skills Training
- Understanding Employer Expectations
- Self Advocacy in the Workplace

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PARENT NETWORK OF WESTERN NEW YORK
Spartan Athletics Update

This Week In Sports

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*Reminder that masks are to be worn at all times while indoors.*
## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

### TECH TIPS

### HOW TO LOG IN

Parents will receive a list of zoom links that correspond to their virtual appointments. When they find their link, they should join by browser. (If in person, they will see the room #.)

**Click here for example after 11/6**

### CREATE CONFERENCE NAME

Parents will be instructed to enter their name in the ZOOM meeting in the following format:

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<<Parent Name>> Parent of <<Student Name>>
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**Click here for example**

### TEST ZOOM (IN ADVANCE)

Click: [https://zoom.us/test](https://zoom.us/test)

You can join a test meeting to practice joining a Zoom.

### TUTORIAL

Click Here: [Zoom Support Tutorial](https://zoom.us/tutorial)

To view a tutorial on the above steps and how to check other Zoom settings.
**GOOGLE CLASSROOM**

**GUARDIAN SUMMARIES**

Teachers can invite guardians to receive automatic emails from Google Classroom about missing work, upcoming work, and class activity.

*Example of guardian summary*

Contact your child's teacher and provide your email address to sign up for guardian summaries.

Guardian Summaries Support from Google

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**CONNECT TO WCSD WIFI W/ PERSONAL DEVICE**

**Chromebook, iPhone, Laptop**

Students can bring personal devices to school and connect to WCSD Wifi. [Click for Overview]

**Android Users**

Help for students having trouble connecting to Wifi: [Click Here]

Help for students having trouble accessing their WCSD profile for Google Workspace for Education [Click here for support from Google]

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**NEED A DEVICE?**

**TIPS FOR STUDENTS**

Sign out a device from the library

Chromebooks are available in the library for a 2-night loan. Stop by the library to sign out a Chromebook.

Google Access on iPhone

If you have an iPhone, you can download Google Apps and sign into your Williamsville account.

**More Tips**

- Go to library to borrow a device during a free mod.
- Talk to your study hall teacher about borrowing a Chromebook during the mod.

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**WITS & LANDING PAGES**

**WITS**

[WITS PARENT PORTAL TUTORIAL]

Accessing Grades and Progress Reports

View Missing Assignments

**LANDING PAGES**

North's Landing Page for Teacher Pages

How to access and navigate the site

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**TECHNOLOGY TIPS**
SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING: SELF CARE

When there is so much going wrong in the world, it can be hard to focus on what is going right. Imagine a race horse. Trainers and jockeys put blinders on their horses so their focus is straight ahead. The blinders prevent them from being distracted by other horses racing up behind them, fans cheering from the stands, and the mouse scurrying around on the infield. For race horses, blinders function well. Unfortunately, when humans go through difficult situations, we often wear metaphorical blinders ourselves. When we are anxious, depressed or overwhelmed, our minds naturally zero in on negativity. Unless we make an intentional effort to focus on positive things, all we see is the hardship right in front of us on the racetrack of life.

Practicing gratitude allows us to see the good in any given day. It helps us appreciate the things, people, and experiences in our life and the impact they have on us. Appreciating the big things in life, our family and health for example, are important. But noticing the little things can be just as powerful. The sound of a child laughing, the comfort of reading a good book by the fire, or the smell of a fresh baked apple pie. Those things bring us a moment of joy and help ground us in the present. Gratitude is one of the easiest and least expensive interventions for stress, depression and anxiety. It doesn’t make all of the world’s problems go away, but it reminds us of the good we have in our lives. As Aesop said, generations ago, “Gratitude turns what we have into enough.” I challenge you to choose a Growing Gratitude idea to try with your family! Stay grateful, Spartans!

- Gratitude Board - Hang a chalkboard where everyone can jot down what they’re grateful for.
- Gratitude Jar - Family members write their sources of gratitude on slips of paper and place them in the jar. Pick a day each week to read off what everyone entered.
- Gratitude Journal - Have a personal journal for keeping a running list of things you’re thankful for or keep a family journal and rotate it to a new person each day.
- Gratitude Scavenger Hunt - Each week choose a category (something blue, a piece of clothing, something in nature, etc.) and everyone finds something in that category they’re thankful for.
- Gratitude Chain - Write what you’re thankful for on a strip of paper each day then link with others.
- Gratitude Tablecloth - Use brown or white kraft paper as a tablecloth at family meals. See if you can cover it with lists or drawings of things you are grateful for.
- Gratitude Photo Hunt - Each day take a picture (or find an existing picture) of something that you are grateful for and share it with someone.
WNY Regional SEPTSA gathering

Hope you can come!!!!
Please join us at the first regional in-person SEPTSA meeting.

Thursday, December 9 from 7:30 - 9 p.m.
at the Lancaster Public Library conference room
5466 Broadway in Lancaster.
Parking available behind the building.

This is a great time to network and get to know each other,
especially our new groups!
Masks are required for everyone at the library.
No food or drinks allowed (water ok).

Everyone is welcome!!!

Zoom also available below.
Time: Dec 9, 2021 07:30 PM

Meeting ID: 502 870 3286
Passcode: 673624
Special Education PTSA
for exceptional students with special education or gifted programming needs

RSVP for our 2021-22 SEPTSA events here: bit.ly/SEPTSA21-22

**Williamsville Special Education PTSA Programs**
are open to the public & all are welcome!
In WCSD Office Conference Rooms,
105 Casey Rd, East Amherst, NY 14051
unless otherwise noted.

**Addressing Social-Emotional Needs in Students**
Thu Oct 28, 7pm - 8:45pm, Virtual event

**Technology for All & Assistive Technology for Students w/ Special Needs**
Thu Nov 18, 7pm - 8:45pm

**Regional SEPTSA Gathering,**
Thu Dec 9, Time & Location TBD

**Special Education: What's it all about?**
Thu Jan 27, 7pm - 8:45pm

**Is my Child Gifted?**
Thu Feb 17, 7pm - 8:45pm

**What are the acronyms OT & PT?**
Thu Mar 24, 7pm - 8:45pm
Learn more about occupational & physical therapy.

**Inclusive Programming for Children w/ Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD),**
Thu Apr 28, 7pm - 8:45pm
This seminar provides school personnel with practical & evidence-based intervention techniques to maximize the success of students with ASD within public education settings.
Presenter: The Summit Center.

**TBD, Thu May 26, 7pm - 8:45pm**

**Support & Networking for WCSD Special Education & Gifted Services**
Meet others supporting exceptional education & bring your questions, ideas, or concerns.
Please RSVP to receive confirmed location and/or virtual link the day before.
With so much changing we are trying to be flexible.

Sun Oct 10, 6:30 pm - 8 pm
Sun Nov 7, 6:30 pm - 8 pm
Sun Jan 9, 6:30 pm - 8 pm
Sun Feb 13, 6:30 pm - 8 pm
Sun Mar 13, 6:30 pm - 8 pm
Sun Apr 10, 6:30 pm - 8 pm
Sun May 8, 6:30 pm - 8 pm
Sun Jun 12, 6:30 pm - 8 pm

**Membership Meetings**
Become a member:
wseptsa.memberhub.com/store

Support exceptional education (prior to our programs) at 6:15pm on
Nov 18, Jan 27, Mar 24 & May 26

**Connect With Us:**
www.williamsvilleseptsa.org
williamsvilleseptsa@gmail.com
facebook.com/WSEPTSA
twitter.com/WSeptsa
In-Person PTSA Meeting:  
Monday, January 10, 2022 @ 7pm  
*No RSVP required - Join Us in North’s Downstairs Cafe!

Snack Shack November Schedule is Open!  
Volunteering at the Snack Shack is easy and fun! Please consider volunteering for a shift during the month of November. Please sign up at  
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084eada722a6fc1-november

Questions or Suggestions?  
Email WNHS PTSA at williamvillenorthptsa@gmail.com

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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!

Join WNHS PTSA and Support our Students!  
$10 adults and $7 students  
Join online today at https://willnorth.memberhub.com/store

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willnorthptsa  
@ptsa_north

Shop at Dash’s?  
Collect your receipts and support our students!  
Send all receipts in to WNHS.  
Attn: Jen Kerr 
PTSA Dash’s Receipt Chairperson  
Dash’s donates $2.50 for every $100 spent!

Senior Scholarship Opportunity *Deadline 12/15/21  
Jenkins Memorial Scholarship for Teacher Education  
Application available on the NYS PTA website:  
https://nyspta.org/home/pta-leaders/awards-and-recognitions/jenkins-scholarship/