The universal brotherhood of man is our most precious possession. - Mark Twain
SPARTAN SPECTRUM CONCERT

The Spartan Spectrum Concert is being performed on 12/15 & 12/16. You can access the Live Stream for either night at the link below. The concert starts at 7pm. The link works for both nights!!
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 (100°F 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.
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)
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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Mission Statement
We are a representative group of the Williamsville community who agree to convene in order to plan, problem-solve & set direction for the improvement of student achievement & character development at Williamsville North High School. We are committed to fostering a safe, respectful & nurturing learning climate that encourages students to achieve their fullest potential academically, emotionally, physically & creatively. Our purpose is to positively impact education & allow for the personal growth of all students at Williamsville North, so that they can become the leaders of tomorrow & shape the future.

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.
WNHS STUDENT COUNCIL'S
ANNUAL
FOOD DRIVE
DECEMBER 6TH-17TH

DROP OFF DONATIONS DURING SCHOOL IN THE BINS OUTSIDE THE 9/10 CAFETERIA OR ACROSS FROM THE MAIN OFFICE!

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:
peanut butter, jelly, cereal, canned fruit, salad dressing (ranch, Italian), packaged snacks for student lunches, paper towels, toilet paper (one ply), paper napkins, sandwich size plastic bags, saran wrap, small packets of condiments (ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard), regular coffee (1 or 2 lb bags), canned gravy, spaghetti sauce in plastic jars, canned vegetables (green beans, corn, mixed veggies), fruit cups, pudding cups, granola bars (Please no expired food!)

WILLIAMSVILLE FOOD PANTRY & LITTLE PORTION FRIARY

SATURDAY 12.11.2021
9-11:30AM
Contactless Donation drop off open to the community!
WHERE: Williamsville North High School's Horshoe Entrance (Facing Dodge Rd.)
ATTN: HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

2021-2022 WILLIAMSVILLE PTSA DISTRICT COUNCIL STUDENT APPLICATION

Scan the QR code for more information and the student application

Williamsville PTSA Council

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## Spartan Athletics Update

### Home Game Guidelines
- 4 spectators per home athlete will be admitted
- Spectators for JV game should leave following conclusion of JV game
- Student section will be limited to 105 students; first come basis
- Masks are to be properly worn indoors at all times
- $1 student/$3 adult admission for JV/Varsity boys basketball games

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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:

<<Parent Name>> Parent of <<Student Name>>

Click here for example

TEST ZOOM (IN ADVANCE)

Click: https://zoom.us/test
You can join a test meeting to practice joining a Zoom

TUTORIAL

Click Here: Zoom Support Tutorial
To view a tutorial on the above steps and how to check other Zoom settings.
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SOCIAL EMOTIONAL STRATEGY OF THE WEEK:
Creating New Traditions

Nothing is more comforting in times of stress and uncertainty than traditions. Traditions connect us to our loved ones, remind us of our past and ground us in practices that are predictable and reassuring. With the health and safety concerns surrounding us this year, many winter and holiday traditions have come to an abrupt end.

There are so many special holidays this time of year. Hindu families that look forward to celebrating Geeta Jayanti through dances and celebrations will be disappointed in the absence of fairs and festivals. Little ones who have been waiting all year to sit on Santa’s lap and whisper their wishes in his ear have lost out on that opportunity. Yezidi families can still observe the Three Day Fast of December, but it won’t be accompanied by the traditional merrymaking with friends and neighbors. These celebrations are so intertwined with our faith, culture and identity, it is hard to imagine a year without them.

When traditions such as these are absent, it creates a sense of loss and grief. Children, whose sense of normalcy has already been shattered due to changes with school, sports and other activities, take another hit when the things they most look forward to disappear. Anxiety feeds on uncertainty and the unknown. It is crucial that children know what to expect over the coming weeks. Many children (and adults) know that holidays won’t look the same year. However, it is important for children to have an understanding of what they will look like. While there isn’t a perfect solution for this loss, creating new traditions may be our best substitute. Having a plan and communicating that to children is extremely helpful, particularly when you can include them in the planning process. Ask them what the most important part of your winter traditions is and work together to create an alternate. Once children know what to expect, much of their anxiety diminishes.

This year’s multi generational cookie bake and exchange might have to be replaced with a virtual gingerbread house making competition. Perhaps Kwanzaa’s traditional harvest feast with extended family can be replaced with a private feast and donations to a soup kitchen in the spirit of Ujima. My children and their cousins will be putting on a virtual Christmas concert this year for relatives in New York, Florida, California and England. The plan itself is less important than having a plan. Be creative and see what you can come up with. Better yet, see what your kids can come up with!
Important Links:

Free & Reduced Lunch Application
Health/Wellness Tips & Information
Williamsville SEPTSA Information
Williamsville North Webpage
Williamsville North PTSA
Williamsville North Guidance Office
Williamsville North Library Webpage
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
**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
North PTSA

In-Person PTSA Meeting:
Monday, January 10, 2022 @ 7pm
*No RSVP required - Join Us in North’s Downstairs Cafe!

Spirit Wear Order Pick Up!
Please contact Michelle McKinstry at mlmckinstry2015@gmail.com to make arrangements to get your September order. Thank you for your support and patience!

Orders placed in November are being sent out this week.

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/

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

Need gifts for the holidays? Shop Amazon Smile!
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!

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

Follow us on Social Media
@ WillNorth PTSA
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@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!