Weekly Update
NORTH HIGH

PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

One man practicing sportsmanship is better than a hundred teaching it.
- Knute Rockne

Information on Williamsville's Test to Stay Program

Calling all senior parents!!!! Please sign up for our Senior Class Email to get all the updated information about Senior Activities!

willnorth2022@gmail.com
MID-WINTER RECESS

Winter Recess will begin, **Monday, February 21, 2022 through Sunday, February 27, 2022.** School will resume on Monday, February 28, 2022.

The **Guidance and Main Offices** will be open on the following dates:

**Guidance (7:30a – 2:30p)**
- Tuesday, February 22
- Wednesday, February 23
- Thursday, February 24
- Friday, February 25

**Main Office (7:00a – 2:00p)**
- Tuesday, February 22
- Wednesday, February 23
- Thursday, February 24
- Friday, February 25
ATTENTION SENIOR PARENTS

Join our Facebook page - 2022 Will North Senior Fan Club

We're officially in 2022 and getting closer to the end of year Senior activities. There are still senior class committees that have no chairs or could still use extra help. We are looking for a chair to organize collecting local business donations. This would entail sending letters and/or visiting local businesses and working to get $25 dollar gift cards donated. Great ideas are local pizza places, coffee shops, smoothie bars, gas, restaurants, convenience stores, etc. If you would be able to help with this committee or have a couple of friends that would like to do it together we could really use your help. The other committees we have, that could always use more help are:

"Super prize" donations
Senior and Guest registration
Decorations
Food and Beverage
Prize distribution
Fundraising

Also, if anyone is able to donate gift cards or items that the students would be excited about winning we would love your donations.

Other ways to help the senior class is to save your Dash's receipts and bring them to the main office and sign up on Amazon smile for Williamsville North HS and a % of all your purchases on Amazon will go to our PTSA.

Thank you and if you have any questions please contact Taunya Abaya (taunyaabaya@yahoo.com) or Andrea Weissenburg (ap1yz@aol.com)
You may recall that in the fall, four of our students were named National Merit Scholarship semifinalists, putting them in an elite group of the nation’s best and brightest students.

We are very proud to announce that the all four students have advanced to National Merit Scholarship finalists.

Congratulations to:

**Student Name**

Adam C. Hakansson

Inwoo Shin

David Su

Adam Zheng

The selection of National Merit Scholarship winners will be announced sometime this Spring.
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SPECIAL DASH'S
RECEIPT COLLECTION

to benefit
Spartan Class of 2022
celebration activities!

It's Easy!
Shop at any Dash's location. Collect your receipts.
Once you have a bunch, turn them in at North or to a North
senior parent volunteer.

Label the envelope "Spartan Class of 2022"

Dash's donates $2.50 per $100 spent.
For example $50,000 collected in receipts = $1,250!

Andrea Weissenburg
26 Shady Oaks Ct
East Amherst
716-553-6114

Taunya Abaya
480 Rambling Rd
East Amherst
716-535-9603
Williamsville SEPTSA Presents:

OT/PT : What can they help with in school?

Thursday, March 31
7 - 8 p.m.

Hybrid Presentation
Register Here to be sent the link for zoom and feel free to join us in person at Williamsville Schools District Office meeting room Casey Road, East Amherst NY

Presented by:
Jennifer Rosen PT, DPT
Doctor of Physical Therapy, Board Certified Pediatric Clinical Specialist, Adjunct Professor at Daemen College and Guest Lecturer

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williamsvilleseptsa@gmail.com

Become a member today!
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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**HARKNESS**

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

**Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen as students of the month in their programs at Harkness.**

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<td>Mrs. Lubs/ Early Childhood Education I</td>
<td>Kelsey Braunscheidel</td>
<td>Kelsey has made great strides since the beginning of the school year. Kelsey has great attendance and is very attentive to assignment and projects. Kelsey's work in the preschool with the young children has been impressive.</td>
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<td>Mrs. Ruh/ OE II Human Services</td>
<td>Kayla Gueli</td>
<td>Kayla always is positive and happy. She has worked very hard during the month of December, particularly with money skills. Kayla is proud of her accomplishments and continues to reach new goals. I am very proud of her.</td>
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<td>Mr. Merlino/ Electrical Systems II</td>
<td>Thomas Hnat</td>
<td>Thomas has the &quot;POWER&quot; to be successful!</td>
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<td>Ms. Bilotta/ Cosmetology I</td>
<td>Zada Washington</td>
<td>Zada is a very respectful young lady. She is very talented and will be very successful in the Cosmetology field.</td>
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Williamsville Education Foundation Scholarship

The Williamsville Education Foundation is an independent, volunteer-led, 501(c)(3) non-profit that serves the students of the Williamsville Central School District.

A. Students wishing to apply for this scholarship must:
   - Be a high school senior, graduating in June 2022.
   - Plan to attend a post-secondary institution (2 or 4-year college/university, trade school, technical school, or specialized school).
   - Have worked to the best of your ability academically.
   - Take part in activities that benefit the school.
   - All else being equal, financial need may be considered.

B. Candidates who qualify must:
   - Complete the application and submit it with a copy of an official high school transcript and current report card no later than March 18, 2022, to the high school Guidance Office.
   - Write an essay of no more than 500 words (must be typed) on your future career choice. Be sure to include who or what influenced your decision and how this scholarship can help.
   - Provide 2 letters of recommendation, one from a school personnel (teacher, counselor, etc.) and one from someone outside of school (employer, coach, adviser, etc.)
   - Take part in an interview.

C. Scholarship funds in the amount of $500.00 will go directly to the student. The student will receive the one-time scholarship in June 2022 at each high school’s academic awards ceremony.

D. Each high school’s scholarship committee will have the responsibility of selecting 3 students whose application meets the criteria of the scholarship. The applications from the 3 students selected by each high school should be forwarded to the Williamsville Education Foundation scholarship committee by 4/8/22. Those students will take part in an interview and one student from each high school will be selected to receive the one-time scholarship. Each high school should send the selected applications to the attention of: Cheryl Goldstone, at the address provided in the email correspondence the application is attached to.
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.
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)

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.

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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
Congratulations to the following student-athletes/teams who have qualified for the State Championships in their sport!

- Cameron Catrabone (wrestling)
- Zachary Dellinger (wrestling)
- North Cheerleaders
- Megan Kelsch (Alpine Ski)

Congratulations to the following student/athletes on breaking a school record in the indoor track 4x400m relay!

- Noor Rasool
- Brock Young
- Patrick Ames
- Colin Maddigan
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

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

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.

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

TECHNOLOGY TIPS
Williamsville PTSA Council
Service to Youth Awards 2021-2022

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The Williamsville PTSA Council Service to Youth Awards have been presented annually since 1958 to a Professional, Support Staff and PTA/PTSA Volunteer for sustained and extraordinary service to the youth of the Williamsville Central School District. These awards recognize those who have given of their time and talents to their school, PTA/PTSA units and community based organizations that serve the youth of our district.

- **Professional Staff** - A certified and/or licensed employee of the WSCD

- **Support Staff** - All other employees of the WCSD, including but not limited to: aide/assistant, monitor, clerical, cafeteria, maintenance or transportation staff member. **These are examples, not an exclusive list**

- **PTA Volunteer** - A PTA member not employed by the nominating WCSD school.

The winners will be honored at a reception and recognition event on June 1, 2022 at Williamsville East High School.

For more information or for questions on nominations, contact Sue Van Sice @ svansiceboe@williamsvillek12.org

Visit Williamsville PTSA Council Webpage for a nomination form and more information!
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
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:**
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twitter.com/WSeptsa
North PTSA

Upcoming In-Person PTSA Meeting
Monday, March 7, 2022 @ 7pm
No RSVP required - join us in North’s Downstairs Cafe

The Snack Shack Needs YOU!
Please volunteer for a shift during the month of March 🍀!
The Snack Shack proceeds goes toward supporting Senior events and all student programming. Please sign up at
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084eada722a6fc1-march
*volunteers must show proof of Covid vaccination in main office*

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Shop Amazon Smile and support our North students!
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!

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$10 adults and $7 students
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