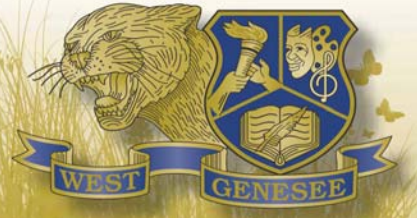


WEST GENESEE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMUNICATOR



Spring/Summer 2017

West Genesee Top Ten are Announced



Academic leaders of the Class of 2017 are in front, from left to right, Amelia Ryan, Mark Kopp (Valedictorian), Amanda Lowther (Salutatorian), and Luis (Manny) Castro. In back, from left to right, are Julia Musengo, Nicole Lattimore, Russell Graziano, William Cody, Jessica Bobbett, and Amber Oberlender.

Mark Kopp	American University
Amanda Lowther	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Nicole Lattimore.....	Boston College
Julia Musengo	Grove City College
Russell Graziano	Villanova University
Amelia Ryan	Binghamton University
William Cody.....	University at Buffalo/SUNY
Amber Oberlender.....	Nazareth College
Luis (Manny) Castro.....	Brown University
Jessica Bobbett	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Superintendent **Dr. Christopher Brown** and Board of Education President **Roberta Herron** presided over the graduation ceremony of the Class of 2017 at SRC Arena at Onondaga Community College held on Saturday, June 17, 2017.

WG Again Receives National Recognition *On List of Best Communities for Music Education*

The National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation has announced the results of its eighteenth annual "Best Communities for Music Education" survey, which acknowledges schools and districts across the U.S. for their commitment and support of music education in schools.



This is the ninth consecutive year, twelfth time overall, that West Genesee has been recognized for this honor.

This year, 2,076 West Genesee students, grades 3-12, chose to participate in one of the bands, choruses, orchestras. This represents 56.8% of our district is enrolled in just the performing ensembles. The total district wide enrollment in music classes and performing groups is 3,126. We are thrilled that it represents 68.2% of the entire school district population. Our middle school band, orchestra, choral and 6th grade general music programs have robust enrollments of 754 unduplicated students representing 71.4% of our entire middle level enrollment. In West Genesee High School, 440 non-duplicated students are enrolled in our performing ensembles.

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National Merit Finalists are Announced

West Genesee High School seniors **Amanda Lowther** and **Russell Graziano** who were named Semi-Finalists earlier this year, were named Finalists in the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Graziano was awarded a National Merit University Scholarship for Villanova University.

Congratulation to both students on this great accomplishment.



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Message from Dr. Brown

Reflecting back on the school year, we hit another home run thanks to great students, staff, and community members.



Your support was reflected in the budget vote results, 85% passing for a second year in a row. In speaking to local real estate agents, they cannot keep houses on the market for more than a day in many cases, another sure sign that we are hitting on all cylinders and are the "place to be".

I had many pride points this year and most of them centered around how well our students represented themselves, as well as the morale that we currently have in our buildings. In a challenging global atmosphere, it is always good to know that I am getting in the car each morning to head to a place that is consistent, unwavering, and always striving to be better. That just does not happen everywhere.

A state organization called the New York State Council of School Superintendents, creates a "snapshot" every two years regarding the superintendent position. In the most recent edition, in New York State, superintendents stay in one school district approximately two and half years, and they spend six years total on average, as a superintendent.

As I enter my tenth year at West Genesee and my seventeenth as a superintendent, I am excited for what is to come. At the same time, I feel that the worst thing a "long term" leader can do, is assume that there is no room for improvement. To that end and in the fall, we are going to be working with an organization called ThoughtExchange, and they are going to help us to get feedback from you about me, the District, and our vision. I will certainly communicate that more when the time comes, but I want you to know that we are all committed to moving forward in the positive direction we have been.

For now, enjoy the summer, and thank you again for your support!

-Chris

Dr. Brown Answers Your Questions...

What have we accomplished this year as a District?

- The highlights of our accomplishments include:
- our Academic Decathlon Team came in second in the New York State Championship,
 - ten athletes were named Academic All-Americans, and one All-American
 - named a "Best Music Communities for Music Education", again,
 - receiving 85% support for our 2017-2018 spending plan thanks to outstanding community support,
 - our Capital Project is finished,
 - navigating through challenging new NYS education policies, and
 - continuing to be a role model school for others to follow.

Best Music Community

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That represents 27.1% of our entire high school population that choose to learn and perform with us. Even as our total district enrollment declines, our music enrollment numbers remain constant from past years in every area!

Additional extracurricular opportunities exist in jazz bands, band and string elementary honor groups, small ensembles, musical productions, community group performance opportunities, and our State and National champion "Wildcat" Marching Band.

Now in its 18th year, the BCME program evaluates schools and districts based on funding, staffing of highly qualified teachers, commitment to standards, and access to music instruction. The NAMM Foundation evaluates participants on these factors. Designations are made to districts and schools that demonstrate an exceptionally high commitment and greater access to music education.

The complete list and a press release can be read at the NAMM Foundation web site located below:

<https://www.nammfoundation.org/what-we-do/best-communities-music-education>

Thank you to the following music teachers responsible for this impressive program: **Anthony Alvaro, Christine Astafan, Tracy Berner, Gregory Borsz, Leah Causer, Tracy Cheney, Marcia DeMartini, Kevin Dimmel, Deanna Fitzpatrick, Martha Grener, Katie Hess, Christy Knowlton, Erin McConnell, William Mercer, Margaret Mercer, Andrew Perry, Andrea Scerbo,**

Donald Schuessler, Rosemarie Speich, and Michael Stachnik.

Director of Fine Arts **Bill Davern** noted, "I am so very proud of our West Genesee students and teachers being recognized for this honor. This competitive award is proof positive that outstanding instruction, in concert with positive administrative, community, and Board of Education support, produces recognized quality at a national level for all of our children. The documented proof that music education improves student performance in every area at every age is undeniable. We continue to push the envelope of excellence!"

Superintendent Brown stated, "We could not be more proud of our students and staff for working so hard to receive this accolade once again. Our Fine Arts program is the definition of sustained success. "

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Information about the
District, Check Out Our
Web Site Along with
the Following Social
Networking Sites:



Twitter



Facebook



Blogger

Administrator Update

New Administrators

Klefbeck Promoted to Principal

On May 3, 2017 **Tracy Klefbeck** was appointed by the Board of Education to the position of Principal at West Genesee High School starting July 1, 2017. She fills the position left vacant by Dr. Barry Copeland who retires on June 30, 2017.



On July 6, 2016 she was appointed by the Board of Education as an administrative intern at the high school assigned to work with 10th grade students.

Prior to that she was an administrative intern at Red Creek Central School District. She has taught at various levels in different elementary schools of the Oswego City School District.

Klefbeck earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and her Masters of Science in Education from SUNY Oswego. She holds certifications in New York State for Elementary Education 1-6. She received her Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Leadership at Le Moyne College in December 2016 along with her School Building Leadership Certification.

New Director of Staff Relations

On September 21, 2016 **David Cirillo, Esq.**, was appointed by the Board of Education to the position of Director of Staff Relations for the District starting June 1, 2017.



He was the Assistant Director of Personnel and Labor Relations for OCM BOCES for 12 years. Prior to that he was the Assistant Corporation Counsel and Deputy Commissioner of Aviation for the City of Syracuse. He is also a Lieutenant Colonel in the United States Army Reserves.

He is a member of the NYS Bar Association, American Bar Association, Onondaga County Bar Association, Management Advocates for School Labor Affairs, NYS Association of School Personnel Administrators, and the National Association of Educational Negotiators.

Cirillo earned a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science from Buffalo State College. He received his Juris Doctor Degree from Western Michigan University, Cooley Law School in International Law.

Promoted to New Administrative Positions

At the May 3, 2017 Board of Education meeting, the following employees were promoted to newly created administrative positions starting July 1, 2017.

West Genesee Middle School Custodian 2, Gene Bobey, Jr., will be the Assistant Director of Facilities III. Bobey has been with the District for 17 years.



West Genesee School District Maintenance Worker 2, Ken Coon, will be the Maintenance Supervisor. Coon has been with the District for 15 years.

These positions replace the Director of Facilities III position left vacant by Joseph Pulaski who retires on June 30, 2017.

Leo Returns as Coordinator of Instructional Technology Training

On February 15, 2017, **Robert (Rob) Leo** was appointed by the Board of Education to the new position of Coordinator of Instructional Technology starting July 1, 2017.

He comes to us from OCM BOCES where he was the Model Schools Coordinator. There he coordinated Instructional Technology Professional Development for 50 school districts in the CNY region. He also supervised a staff of NYS certified administrators in the capacity of Instructional Technology Integration Specialists.

Leo was a Social Studies teacher at our high school for 13 years prior to working at BOCES. He also has experience

as a teacher in the Syracuse and Baldwinsville school districts. Leo also taught English as a Second Language in Seoul, South Korea.



He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Binghamton University and his Masters of Science in Education, for School District Leader/School Building Leader from Le Moyne College. He also holds permanent certifications for NYS Secondary Social Studies Education and NYS School District Leader.



Congratulations and Best Wishes to the Graduates of the Class of 2017

Our Vision:

West Genesee continues to focus on improving, every day, the educational opportunities and academic performance of each student.

You can access our social networking links directly from westgenesee.org or our Mobile Phone App.



Kathryn Annan

- Will retire on June 30, 2017 after 22 years with West Genesee teaching high school biology, chemistry, and forensic science.
- Her favorite memories include, "Students coming back from their first year at college thanking me for making the honors course so difficult, since they were well prepared to succeed."

Emily Buchanan

- Will retire on June 24, 2017 after 18 years at Camillus Middle School as a teacher in the Learning Center and Instructional Support Reading.
- When asked about what she will remember, she shared, "I have great memories of my time at West Genesee. Memorable experiences include collaborating with my colleagues, chaperoning trips to Darien Lake, and performing with the CMS Dance Team. Certain students will always stand out in my mind because of the qualities they brought to the classroom: eagerness to learn English, persistence in the face of odds, and eternal optimism. I learned something from my students every day."
- In retirement she is excited to get started on her bucket list. She and her husband are heading to Italy in September. They also hope to hike, kayak and play with their grandchildren. She would like to remain active in literacy, perhaps with part-time or volunteer work.

Janet Cole

- Retired on August 31, 2016, after 19 years at West Genesee, most recently as the registrar at the high school.

Catherine Dankiw

- Will retire on June 24, 2017 after 23 years as a bus attendant in the District.

The mission of the West Genesee Central School District, in partnership with the community, is to ensure that each student attains the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary, not only for lifelong learning, but also for becoming a cooperative, self-directed, productive, caring citizen.

Jennifer Dee

- After 30 years with the District, she will retire on June 24, 2016 having taught English, reading, and writing at WGMS and the high school as well.
- She will remember how, "I was leaving my house to wait on tables at Bennigan's, when I received a phone call from Kirk Bristol about a position at West Genesee High School. I was unable to pick up curriculum and meet with anyone about the materials covered because it was Labor Day weekend. Here I am 30 years later. I remember taking the 11th graders to the play Of Mice and Men the day before February vacation. On the way home, the bus driver decided to race with another bus. Unfortunately, we missed a turn and were forced to travel through Baldwinsville, adding at least 30 minutes to the trip. We barely made it back in time for the bus to take students home. This was before many of the students drove to school. I visualized driving all of them home."
- In retirement she plans to learn about holistic healing including: Reiki, aromatherapy, yoga, and meditation. She will also be frequenting Naples, Florida; relaxing, reading, and enjoying life.

Robert Deegan

- Will retire on June 30, 2017 after 39 years with the District as a teacher at CMS where he taught 8th grade science and at the high school teaching earth science
- He stated that he will remember, "probably being lucky enough to have a job working at what you love."
- In his retirement he plans to spend more time with his grandkids, working around his camp on Lake Ontario, taking his motorcycle through Canada working for Bill Patterson, painting houses with his partner Jim St. Croix and coaching next year. He'll figure the rest out as things play out.

Dominic Fruscello

- Will retire on June 27, 2017 after 21 years teaching U.S. History, Global History, and Participation in Government at the high school, and US History at CMS.
- He will remember, "Watching my daughter graduate from WG was the greatest experience I had working for the district. The opportunity to work with so many great kids in helping them achieve their dreams and goals and graduating from high school. Finally, being the Voice of the Wildcats for 16 years and announcing some of the greatest games in WG Sports History, especially the 2010 Hockey Season where we went undefeated to win the State Championship after our miracle win in overtime over Suffern in the semifinals."
- In retirement he is looking forward to teaching adult education classes, continuing to work for the SED Regents Test Development and Writing Office, volunteering, announce at WG sporting events, travel across the country to favorite college football towns for games, and to see as much of our country as possible.

Laurie Gallagher

- Will retire on June 24, 2017 after 29 years at WGMS as a resource teacher and ICT teacher in English and Math.
- When asked about her memories, she shared, "I have been blessed to have worked with the best teachers, teacher assistants, administrators and support staff. My schedule for the last few years included co-teaching in the resource class with Liz Beadnell, and co-teaching in the math class with Kathy Byrne. I have also been blessed with having Kathy Lykudis as 'my life partner'. Kathy and I have been partners the majority of my academic career. It's these partnerships along with all the other staff that I have had the pleasure to work with that makes my job so enjoyable. Having these partners has made me a better teacher and person. To be able to have someone to "create" with, to problem solve with and to laugh with, is the best. I think students enjoy our partnerships too. It adds to my teaching experiences and makes teaching/ learning more enjoyable. Everyday, I look forward to coming to WGMS because of the professionalism and kindness from each staff member."
- As she retires she plans to see more of her grandchildren, spend time making jewelry, taking classes of interest, caring for her family, and spending time with other West Genesee retirees.

Gail Glagola

- Retired on June 24, 2017 after 20 years having worked at the high school as an art teacher; after substitute teaching for many years.
- Her favorite memories include, "Coming to school after the Labor Day Storm without power "bring your own coffee, and a flashlight; teaching through the whole renovation-first out, last ones back in our art rooms; creating the Andrea Morelli art auction; creating the Cultural Fair Art experience; having several students return as fully licensed art teachers, and hosting over 12 student teacher/observers."
- In retirement she will be relocating to Ohio, will teach at the college level, assist new teachers and supervise student teachers, finish art projects, reunite with friends, and check out the art scene.

Diane Guglielmo

- Retires on June 24, 2017 after 30 years teaching at Onondaga Road Elementary School.
- When asked what she will remember she shared, "Working with the students! I have loved my "school family". I have watched many young, "first year teachers" develop into amazing "seasoned" teachers. I have worked with 3 different superintendents and 4 principals. I have seen Onondaga Road transform over the years. I survived 2 renovations-most recently our new library and the cafeteria! I will miss the students the most- everyday there was always something that they did or said that would make me smile!
- In retirement she is looking forward to spending time with her brand new grandson that she plans to spoil; sub teaching and volunteering in the community, travel to warm places in the cold weather, and just relaxing!

Deborah Joy

- She retired on December 30, 2016 after 25 years most recently at WGMS as the counseling secretary.

Karen Hennigan

- After 19 years with the District, she will retire on June 24, 2017 as a teaching assistant at Stonehedge Elementary on both the blue and gold teams.
- Her favorite memories include, "Helping our students achieve their goals, and observing the pride and self-esteem they felt in reaching those goals."
- As she retires she plans to travel with her husband, to spend more time with her family, and join her fellow retirees on trips as they check off their list of things to see and do here in New York State.

Helena Korrigan

- Will retire on June 24, 2017 after 26 years with the District as a teaching assistant. Ten years at WGMS and the remainder at the high school.
- Her most memorable experiences include, "Watching the students grow and mature into young adults."
- In her retirement she plans to take it easy and enjoy life!

Christopher Menges

- Will retire on June 30, 2016 after 20 years as a school psychologist having served at East Hill Elementary, Camillus Middle School, West Genesee High School, Bishop Ludden Jr./Sr. High School.
- His favorite memories include, "Having the privilege of working at each school level during my West Genesee career. Having the privilege of being split between CMS and WGHS for 16 years; this allowed me the opportunity to observe students with educational disabilities enter middle school, continue to grow, develop, achieve, overcome learning obstacles, and graduate. Being a colleague with many remarkable educators and school psychologists."
- He plans to spend time with family, travel, continue as an adjunct instructor at OCC and Bryant & Stratton College.

Edward Olszewski

- Retired on December 9, 2016 after 22 years as a bus driver.

Diane Perkins

- Retires on June 24, 2017 after 17 years as a teaching assistant at Stonehedge Elementary School.

Karen Piccioni

- Retired on December 30, 2016 after 30 years in the District as an administrative assistant at the high school and the District Office.
- Her fond memories include, "Working in the office of both the high school and District Office gave me my most memorable experiences because of the many interactions with students, staff, and community members. I was able to witness the patience and kindness of retired high school principal Helen White, high school principal Barry Copeland, and Assistant Superintendent Paul Pelton with their everyday interactions with people. West Genesee has been a great place for me to work and learn each day."
- In retirement she hopes to keep seeing many of the people she has worked with over the years and spending time with her family which includes two beautiful granddaughters. Whatever she does, it will be fun!

Debbie Quick

- Retires on June 24, 2017 after 18 years in the District as a teacher at Stonehedge Elementary School on both the Gold and Blue teams.
- When asked about her favorite moments she shared, "My memorable experiences are all related to the incredible colleagues I have worked with here at West Genesee. Faced with challenges, I have enjoyed the problem solving attitude, dedication, and sense of humor we have shared to help us create successful experiences for children. When I was ill, 13 years ago, with a poor survival prognosis, it was the love and support of my Stonehedge family that helped me through. The teachers, teaching assistants, support staff, therapists, administrators, students and families have made West Genesee a wonderful place to teach!"
- She plans to travel, spend time with family, work with people with disabilities, and any other life opportunities and adventures that come her way.

Madaline Skapars

- Retired on December 31, 2016 after 13 years in the District as a bus driver.

Sandra Smith-Caldwell

- Will retire on June 24, 2017 after 17 years in the District at WGMS as a Family and Consumer Science teacher, teaching Home and Career Skills to students in grades 6-8,
- She shared, "What I will remember most is the wonderful staff, especially the Special Area staff, that I had the privilege to work with."
- She has no plans for retirement as yet, "just taking it one day at a time and looking forward to new adventures and experiences".

Elizabeth Stewart

- Will retire on June 24, 2017 after 30 years as a teaching assistant at Split Rock, CMS, WGMS, and the high school.
- She shares that she will remember, "Being with the same group of students from 1st grade to 12th."
- In retirement she plans to go to breakfast/lunch with fellow retirees and also substitute.

Ronald Tarolli

- Retired on March 31, 2017 after being employed by the District for 6 years as a bus driver.

Marjorie Thiele

- Will retire on June 24, 2017 after 13 years as a teacher most recently at the high school.

Robert Tolone

- Retired on March 1, 2017 after being employed by the District for 11 years as a bus driver.

Johanna Wall

- Will retire on June 24, 2017 after 23 years teaching in the District at Onondaga Road, Stonehedge, and Split Rock Elementary Schools.
- Her most memorable experiences include, "Being awarded the Outstanding Teacher of the Year from the Syracuse Diocesan Catholic Schools and being featured on Channel 3 Educator of the Week for my work as a 1st grade teacher here at West Genesee. Probably one of my biggest contribution to the district was encouraging Dr. Rubeis to put Early Lit. TAs in the primary classrooms. It was a big shift in the way reading/writing was being taught at that time. And lastly, teaching children to not only read, but to love to read has been very rewarding.
- As she retires she plans to travel, visit family, promote her jewelry business, gardening, reading, and substitute teach when possible.

Daniel Wilson

- Retired on June 24, 2017 after being employed by the District for 20 years, most recently as a teacher at CMS.

Virginia Wolbert

- Will retire on June 24, 2017 after 17 years in the District as a teacher at East Hill Elementary School in 2nd grade.
- She fondly remembers, "Working at every East Hill Ice Cream Social in the fall (since 2000) and initiating and participating in East Hill's Annual Flag Day Parade and Celebration."
- In retirement she plans to spend time with her family (and spoiling my grandchildren), baking, traveling, daily flute practice, and continuing to volunteer.

Administrators Retire

Barry Copeland



Dr. Barry Copeland will retire from the West Genesee Central School District on June 30, 2017, after 15 years as Principal and 4 years as Assistant Principal at the high school.

Through the years, Barry has collected many memories and he shared, "Working closely for so long with the outstanding faculty, students, and families within the West Genesee

school community to accomplish multiple academic achievements, including 2 consecutive New York State Reward School awards, as well as serving as a model school for Advanced Designation Regents Diploma rate."

In his retirement, he plans to be involved in Public service, including volunteering with the Syracuse Veterans Administration Hospital and consulting.

Debra Miller



Debra Miller will retire from the West Genesee Central School District effective July 17, 2017 after 11 years of dedicated service to the District as the Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

When asked about her memories, she shared, "I will be forever grateful for the opportunity to serve with so many staff who place children first every day.

It has truly been an honor and a privilege to serve the West Genesee community. I am proud to be an alumni, a retiree, and forever a West Genesee Wildcat."

As she retires, she plans to spend time with family, including her grandchildren (future Wildcats), and having a "summer off". She also looks forward to working part-time and continuing to serve the Camillus community.

Joseph Pulaski



Joseph Pulaski will retire from the West Genesee Central School District on June 30, 2017 after 10 years of dedicated service to the District. He most recently served as the Director of Facilities III.

He shared that his most memorable experiences are, "The construction/renovation of the high school in the early/mid 2000's and all the hard work and cooperation that occurred between the staff/students/contractors etc. For a good part of this project, we actually built/renovated the high school while school was in session. I think it is something to be proud of leading us to the beautiful facility we have today."

In retirement he plans to spend time vacationing this summer with family. After that, he doesn't know yet.

Budget Vote and Board

Board of Education
and Adult
Education

West Genesee residents approved the 2017-2018 budget and bus propositions on May 16, 2017.

The \$85,216,870 budget received 1,073 favorable votes and 186 votes in opposition. A second proposition to purchase district vehicles was approved 1,014 to 247.

Another proposition that would provide funding for two area libraries (Maxwell and Fairmount) was put to a vote. The proposition for Maxwell and Fairmount Libraries was approved with 979 votes in favor and 280 votes opposed

Thank you to the community for your continued support!

Board of Education Update

How quickly time passes? Seems like yesterday these seniors (two in particular) were struggling to climb onto the bus for kindergarten, and now we applaud them as they cross the stage at graduation. It's been another wonderful school year.

It is bittersweet attending the many senior recognition events. Being witness to how these young people have cultivated their education and talents through the years, yet having to let go of them as they move on to their next chapters.

Our most recent retirees will also be sorely missed; you have been instrumental in shaping West Genesee into what it is today, and we are ever grateful that you've spent your years here. On behalf of the entire Board of Education we wish you all happiness and good health!

To our current teachers and staff; your efforts never cease to amaze us. You are the people that set us high above the rest of the pack and we thank you for it!

Congratulations to incumbents Shawn Mitchell, James Soper, and Neil Widrick on their recent re-election to the school board. Your commitment and dedication is very much appreciated.

Have a safe and happy summer!

- Roberta Herron, President
rherron@westgenesee.org

Adult Education Corner

As another school year comes to a close, I would like to thank all of our Adult Education instructors and participants for making this program a continued success. It is through the support of the West Genesee Board of Education and Administration that makes it possible to offer this program year after year.

I would also like to thank the building secretaries and custodial staffs who are essential in making this program run smoothly, and making my job much easier!

The fall brochure will be in mailboxes in early September. Driver's Education – Information for the September session will be available on the District website by July 15, 2017.

Enjoy the summer!

- Lynn Magoulas, Director
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Congratulations to Seniors for Scholarships and Awards!

Jacob Aldinger	Syracuse University Dean's Scholarship Wegmans Scholarship	Tara Carr	Self-Motivated Study in English
Faris Amer	Le Moyne College Presidential Scholarship	Dylan Casolare	Clarkson University Leadership Award CTE Endorsement
Dylan Amodio	University of Rochester Dean's Scholarship Wegmans Scholarship Odyssey Program Recognition	Luis (Manny) Castro	West Genesee "Top 10" Brown University Scholar Arthur M. Lodes/East Hill PTA Scholarship Camillus Middle School PTO Scholarship Student Council Scholarship Excellence in Spanish V Odyssey Program Recognition
Isabella Atanasova	Scholarship for Academic Excellence Excellence in Written Expression Excellence in French V Odyssey Program Recognition	Sarah Channels	SUNY Geneseo Socrates Scholarship
Mackenzie Baker	Syracuse University Athletic Scholarship Southern Container Scholarship Excellence in Participation in Government	Sarah Church	SUNY Oswego Merit Award
Lonnie Bargabos	Oral Roberts University Academic Scholarship Room Scholarship Quest Whole Person Scholarship	Connor Clarke	Excellence in Business Studies Excellence in Health Education CTE Endorsement
Nicole Barrington	Siena College Presidential Scholarship John Briggs Memorial Scholarship Wegmans Scholarship Odyssey Program Recognition	William Cody	West Genesee "Top 10" University at Buffalo/ SUNY Provost Scholarship Scholarship for Academic Excellence Camillus Optimist Service Award CTE Endorsement
Catherine Barry	SUNY Oswego Merit Scholarship	Cody Collins	University at Buffalo/ SUNY Dean's Scholarship University at Buffalo/ SUNY Provost Scholarship
Samantha Bassett	SUNY Oswego Merit Scholarship MONEY Federal Credit Union Scholarship CTE Endorsement	Jay Considine	Clarkson University Scholarship Clarkson University Alumni Family Scholarship Clarkson University Dean's Appeal Scholarship Onondaga Road PTA Scholarship
Jack Birchler	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Dean's Scholarship Achievement Scholarship CTE Endorsement	Kelly Cooper	SUNY Oswego Presidential Scholarship Scholarship for Academic Excellence
Kaitlin Bivens	George Mason University Recognition Award	Patrick Copeland	Outstanding Student in Physical Education
Jessica Bobbett	West Genesee "Top 10" Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal Award West Genesee PTSO Scholarship Robin Pittard Women in Science Scholarship Odyssey Program Recognition CTE Endorsement	Matthew Corbett	Clarkson University Scholarship Clarkson University Alumni Family Scholarship CTE Endorsement
Michael Bonacci	Cazenovia College Achievement Award	Brennan Costello	University at Buffalo/ SUNY Provost Scholarship University at Buffalo/ SUNY Dean's Scholarship
Oleg Borisiuk	CTE Endorsement	Emily Cox	SUNY Potsdam Freshman Scholarship Leader Scholarship Eddie Future Greatness Scholarship Sandy Squires Rotary Scholarship Realty USA Scholarship West Genesee Teachers' Association Scholarship Camillus Youth Hockey Scholarship
Victoria Bove	CSEA Judiciary Local 334 Scholarship	Grace Craig	Crane School of Music/SUNY Potsdam Freshman Scholarship Alumni Promise Scholarship
Michaela Briggs	Keuka College Gold Scholars Award John Briggs Memorial Scholarship Craig Rienhardt Courage Memorial Scholarship	Carolina Creighton	Le Moyne College Provost Scholarship Donald A. Stebbins Memorial Scholarship
Jessica Brittain	Kevin Wells Scholarship Earl, Kay, and Gordon Hurd Memorial Scholarship	Nicholas Creno	St. Clare Scholarship CTE Endorsement
Lauren Cahalan	St. Lawrence University Momentum Scholarship Sarah Peek Memorial Scholarship West Genesee PTSO Scholarship Odyssey Program Recognition	Lynda Croft	SUNY Fredonia Dean's Scholar Award Honors Program
Bonnie Cahill	Le Moyne College Vice Presidential Scholarship Alumni Scholarship Odyssey Program Recognition	Lindsay Dantuono	Le Moyne College Magis Scholarship
Nicholas Cantello	Baldwin Wallace University/Conservatory of MusicTrustees Scholarship Griffiths Music Scholarship	Tre' Davis	University of the Arts Distinguished Scholar/Artist Scholarship

Olivia Davoli	NCAA Softball Scholarship
Joseph Davoli III	Excellence in Social Studies
Emily Dehart	Triple "C" Award
Ryan Desko	CTE Endorsement
Michael DiPaola	Clarkson University Scholarship Clarkson University Dean's Appeal Scholarship Alumni Legacy Scholarship CTE Endorsement
Tracy Dowler	Class of 1971 Scholarship Stonehedge Elementary PTA Scholarship Knifetown American Legion Scholarship Camillus Softball/Baseball Association
Connor Draveck	Canisius College Ignatian Scholarship
Amanda Drazek	Cazenovia College Trustees Scholarship Cazenovia College Legacy Scholarship
Michael Felicetti	CTE Endorsement
Chloe Feuer	West Genesee Senior Class Scholarship
Joseph Francisco	Niagara University Presidential Scholarship Niagara University Invitational Scholarship Tom Fox Memorial Scholarship West Genesee Senior Class Scholarship
Joseph Gauzza	Le Moyne College Trustee Scholarship Stonehedge PTA Scholarship Student Council Scholarship
Nathan Gdula	Le Moyne College Dean Scholarship Le Moyne College Athletic Award Camillus Swim Club Senior Scholarship
Julia Giacona	Nazareth College Presidential Scholarship
Gabriella Gongora	Hofstra University Presidential Scholarship Hofstra University Assistance Grant
Luke Graser	Wegmans Scholarship CTE Endorsement
Russell Graziano	West Genesee "Top 10" Tuition Exchange Scholarship Villanova University Scholarship National Merit University Scholarship West Genesee PTO Scholarship Scholarship for Academic Excellence Outstanding Skills in Science
Priscilla Grooms	Independent Insurance Agents of CNY Scholarship Missy Devaney Memorial Scholarship
Alexandra Guglielmi	SUNY Oswego Merit Award
Olivia Guinta	St. Lawrence University Presidential Achievement Award West Genesee Senior Class Scholarship
Aislinn Guy	Student Council Scholarship
Johna Halko	DeSales University Presidential Merit Scholarship Excellence in Ceramics
Katie Halko	Savannah College of Art & Design Academic Honors Scholarship
Adam Hardin	AXA Family Scholarship
James Harter	University at Buffalo/ SUNY Provost Scholarship NYS STEM Incentive Program CTE Endorsement

Rachel Hillery	University at Buffalo/ SUNY Provost Scholarship
Kenneth Holmes	CTE Endorsement
Matthew Hotaling	Camillus Swim Club Senior Scholarship CTE Endorsement
Deborah Huppman	Excellence in Engineering Technology CTE Endorsement
Elizabeth Jones	Daemen College President's Scholarship Comptroller's Student Achievement Award
Leah Jones	SUNY Oneonta Presidential Award for Diversity and Leadership
Sarah Jones	West Genesee Senior Class Scholarship
Kara Kallfelz	SUNY Brockport Dean's Scholar-in-Residence Realty USA Scholarship
Mikayla Kerr	CTE Endorsement
Stephen Kerr	Culinary Institute of America Merit Award Recognition Award WG Food Service Workers Scholarship
Kasey Knox	CTE Endorsement
Mark Kopp	Valedictorian West Genesee "Top 10" American University Dean's Scholarship Scholarship for Academic Excellence Outstanding Achievement in OCC Calculus
Savannah Kraus	Nazareth College Presidential Scholar Westar Federal Credit Union Scholarship West Genesee Senior Class Scholarship
Evan Kshyna	CTE Endorsement
Lily Kustyn	Class of 1971 Scholarship CTE Endorsement
Mikayla Langevin	St. John Fisher College Presidential Scholar Class of 1971 Scholarship
Nicole Lattimore	West Genesee "Top 10" Scholarship for Academic Excellence Student Council Scholarship
David Leff	Scholarship for Academic Excellence
Clare Leo	George Washington University Presidential Academic Scholarship University and Alumni Award Shirlee I. Gurney/Split Rock PTO Scholarship Odyssey Program Recognition
Clara Liddell	SUNY ESF Presidential Scholars Award Centennial Hall Scholarship West Genesee Senior Class Scholarship
Ian Lisi	Patrick Conway Scholarship for Music Leadership Scholarship Ithaca College Premier Talent Scholarship
Jordan Long	CTE Endorsement

Scholarships/ Awards

Amanda Lowther	Salutatorian West Genesee "Top 10" WPI Presidential Scholarship Jean M. Coon Humanitarian Award Scholarship for Academic Excellence Outstanding Knowledge in Science Global Scholarship Shirlee I. Gurney/Split Rock PTO Scholarship Outstanding Attitude in Science Society of Women Engineers Scholarship Odyssey Program Recognition	Amber Oberlender	West Genesee "Top 10" Odyssey Program Recognition Scholarship for Academic Excellence Outstanding Student in Advanced Placement English
Nicholas Magoulas	SUNY Oswego Merit Award	William O'Brien	NYS STEM Incentive Program University at Buffalo/ SUNY Provost Scholarship Ryan Schoonmaker Memorial Scholarship Camillus Softball/Baseball Association Craig Rienhardt Courage Memorial Scholarship Knifetown American Legion Scholarship CTE Endorsement
Conor Mahoney	Westerlea Scholarship	Emileigh Palumbo	SUNY Oswego Dean Scholarship Outstanding Student in OCC English
Leah Marvin	Advocate in Action	Matthew Patriak	SUNY Oswego Presidential Scholarship
Alexandra Mekker	Excellence in Advertising and Design	Elyjah Pengel	Excellence in Computer Science Excellence in Mixed Media CTE Endorsement
Jenna Mellen	Sandy Squires Rotary Scholarship	Dominick Pensabene	St. John Fisher College Cardinal Award Excellence in Business CTE CTE Endorsement
Meghan Mello	Providence College Scholarship	Nathan Phillips	Zebra Classic Scholarship
Avery Miller	SUNY Fredonia Promise Award	Tyler Pirro	CTE Endorsement
Emma Miller	St. John Fisher College President's Scholarship Honors Scholarship	Dylan Plis	Franklin Pierce University Provost Scholarship Athletic Scholarship
Erin Mills	St. John Fisher College Presidential Scholarship Camillus Optimist Service Award Onondaga Road PTA Scholarship West Genesee PTSO Scholarship	Amanda Ponza	Tuition Exchange Scholarship
Zachary Mills	Mr. West Genesee	Alexis Proietti	WOYSA Proietti Scholarship
Claudia Mocciaro	St. John Fisher College Founders' Scholarship	Amanda Rigge	Hobart & William Smith Colleges Dean's Scholarship West Genesee Senior Class Scholarship
Alissa Mora	Rod Serling Scholarship in Communications Ithaca College Sibling Grant	Amelia Ryan	Odyssey Program Recognition Optimist International District Oratorical Scholarship West Genesee PTSO Scholarship Sandy Squires Rotary Scholarship West Genesee "Top 10" Amelia Earhart Scholarship Camillus Middle School PTO Scholarship Camillus Optimist Service Award Excellence in Literary Analysis Miss West Genesee
Joseph Morgan	Le Moyne College Leader Scholarship NCAA Golf Scholarship CSEA Judiciary Local 334 Scholarship	Brian Salmons	Clarkson University Scholarship Clarkson University Dean's Appeal Scholarship Clarkson University Alumni Family Scholarship CTE Endorsement
Matthew Morse	Solvay-Geddes-Camillus Kiwanis Scholarship	Garrett Schnorr	Camillus Softball/Baseball Association CTE Endorsement
Camryn Mulpagano	Hobart & William Smith Colleges Trustee Scholarship Susie Sunshine Scholarship	Grace Schnorr	Syracuse University Archbold-Day Scholarship Ryan Schoonmaker Memorial Scholarship Camillus Softball/Baseball Association
Dillon Murphy	Yarde Metals Memorial Scholarship Corrine A. "Corky" Casler Memorial Scholarship	Secidean Scott	Le Moyne College Provost Scholarship
Andrew Murray	University of Scranton Loyola Scholarship	Michael Serbun	Le Moyne College Magis Scholarship
Shayla Murray	University of Scranton Loyola Scholarship Bianca A. Ulshafer Senior Class Award West Genesee Middle School PTA Scholarship Robin Pittard Women in Science Scholarship	Komal Siddiqui	University at Buffalo/ SUNY Provost Scholarship Odyssey Program Recognition
Julia Musengo	West Genesee "Top 10" Odyssey Program Recognition Leo Stevenson Scholarship Scholarship for Academic Excellence Excellence in Advanced Placement Music Theory Westerlea Scholarship	John Silvaggio	Camillus Police Benevolent Scholarship
Julia Natoli	Blackwell Scholarship	John Soltys	University of Colorado Boulder Presidential Scholarship CTE Endorsement
David Neri	SUNY Polytechnic Institute Progressive Achievement Award USBC Bowling Scholarship CTE Endorsement	Matthew Stevens	CTE Endorsement

Eden Strachan	Park Scholar Special Achievement in English Westar Federal Credit Union Scholarship Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Scholarship Comptroller's Student Achievement Award AmeriCu Scholarship
Gregory Tanner	Niagara University Achievement Grant
Viktoriia Terletska	Realty USA Scholarship
Danielle Till	Le Moyne College Provost Scholarship
Thi Tran	SUNY Cortland Honors Scholarship SUNY Cortland Merit Award Campus Award
Nicholas Trippany	Nazareth College Presidential Scholarship Nazareth College Music Scholarship Entrepreneurial Scholarship Odyssey Program Recognition
Tyler Troch-Stirpe	Clarkson University Scholarship Clarkson University Dean's Appeal Scholarship Clarkson University Alumni Family Scholarship West Genesee Senior Class Scholarship CTE Endorsement
Evan Tuthill	Binghamton University Scholar-Athlete Award
Christopher Upwood	SUNY Polytechnic Institute Progressive Achievement Award Wegmans Scholarship Excellence in Introduction to Economics CTE Endorsement
Grace Van Hoven	Overall Excellence in Visual Arts
Livingston Vincent	CTE Endorsement
Catherine Walsh	Excellence in Drawing
Cassandra Wetmore	Clarkson University Scholarship Clarkson University Dean's Appeal Scholarship Outstanding Achievement in Advanced Placement Statistics
Andrea Wierbinski	Fredonia Promise Award
Marshall Winn	NCAA Baseball Scholarship
Julianna Wong	Outstanding Student in Physical Education
Ciara Zaroni	Syracuse University Dean's Scholarship Wegmans Scholarship

Distinguished Honor Roll

Scholarships/
Awards

One hundred eighty-two members of the Class of 2017 distinguished themselves by attaining any combination of High Honor Roll or Honor Roll at least 12 of the 14 times available to them between November, 2013 and January, 2017.

Nathan Abdo	Joseph Gauzza	Julia Natoli
Emily Abert	Hannah Gavin	David Neri
Jacob Aldinger	Nathan Gdula	Lauren Northrup
Faris Amer	Julia Giacona	Sean O'Brien
Dylan Amodio	Kenneth Gogue	William O'Brien
Isabella Atanasova	Mackenzie Good	Amber Oberlander
Mackenzie Baker	Luke Graser	Lauren Olech
Ezra Bale	Russell Graziano	Emileigh Palumbo
Lonnie Bargabos	Priscilla Grooms	Kayley Papa
Nicole Barrington	Alexandra Guglielmi	Matthew Patriak
Catherine Barry	Olivia Guinta	Joseph Payette
Samantha Bassett	Margaret Guinto	Elyjah Pengel
Jack Birchler	Aislinn Guy	Nathan Phillips
Kaitlin Bivens	Johna Halko	Tyler Pirro
Jessica Bobbett	Katie Halko	Dylan Plis
Oleg Borisiuk	Jake Hannahan	Amanda Ponza
Victoria Bove	James Harter	Olivia Price
Peter Bowman	Rachel Hillery	Alexis Proietti
Nathaniel Brien	Matthew Hotaling	Amanda Rigge
Jessica Brittain	Deborah Huppman	April Riley
Lauren Cahalan	Timothy Huppman	Amelia Ryan
Bonnie Cahill	Elizabeth Jones	Avery Ryan
Tara Carr	Kyle Jones	Alicia Sakran
Dylan Casolare	Lauren Jones	Brian Salmons
Luis (Manny) Castro	Leah Jones	John Sandefur
Sarah Channels	Sarah Jones	Andie Schlenker
Camryn Chawgo	Kara Kalfelz	Grace Schnorr
Sarah Church	Kyra Kick	Secidean Scott
Anna Chwiejczak	Laura Kirkpatrick	Michael Serbun
Anna Clark	Kasey Komuda	Gabrielle Shuron
Cosgrove Clovis	Mark Kopp	John Soltys
Emmanuel Clovis	Savannah Kraus	Tyler Troch-Stirpe
William Cody	Mikayla Langevin	Eden Strachan
Samuel Colabufo	Cheyenne LaPan	Aleyna Supernault
Cody Collins	Nicole Lattimore	Christopher Tanzella
Jay Considine	Aimee LaVine	Danielle Till
Schyler Cooney	Gabriella Lazore	Thi Tran
Kelly Cooper	David Leff	Allyson Trice
Patrick Copeland	Meghan Lenhart	Nicholas Trippany
Matthew Corbett	Clare Leo	Evan Tuthill
Brennan Costello	Clara Liddell	Aaron Unger
Emily Cox	Ian Lisi	Christopher Upwood
Grace Craig	Amanda Lowther	Grace Van Hoven
Carolina Creighton	Mackenzie Mathewson	Brian VanBeveren
Lynda Croft	Cameron McCrea	Alexis Varamogiannis
Owen Cross	Jacob McKenna	Kathryn Verzillo
Sarah Crudele	Alexandra Mekker	Zachary Walker
Lindsay Dantuono	Meghan Mello	Jill Ward
Hannah Davis	Alexis Militello	Olivia Watts
Tre' Davis	Emma Miller	Laura Webster
Joseph Davoli III	Erin Mills	Cassandra Wetmore
Ryan Desko	Claudia Mocciano	Andrea Wierbinski
Tracy Dowler	Alissa Mora	Marshall Winn
Connor Draveck	Matthew Morse	Hailey Winterton
Amanda Drazek	Camryn Mulpagano	Julianna Wong
Samantha Druce	Camille Murphy	Gabrielle Wynne
Jesse Elmer	Dillon Murphy	Anita Yakobchuk
Helene Ferner	Andrew Murray	Diana Yakobchuk
Lauren Ferris	Shayla Murray	Ciara Zaroni
Alyssa Fiumara	Julia Fiumara	James Zollo
Joseph Francisco	Christine Myagkota	

– Positions Open in the District–

The West Genesee School District is looking to fill the following positions:

- Substitute Teachers
- Substitute Teachers Aides
- Substitute Nurses (RN Certificate is Required)
 - Substitute Food Service Workers
- Substitute Bus Drivers/Bus Attendants
 - Substitute Custodians
 - Lunch Aides

Please refer to <http://westgenesee.org> for applications and mail to:

Mr. David Cirillo
Director of Staff Relations
West Genesee Central School District
300 Sanderson Drive
Camillus, NY 13031

Boys/Girls Indoor Track

Team	Coach	Participants
Boys Varsity	Jim Vermeulen	41
Girls Varsity	Jim Vermeulen	28
Total Participating		69

BOYS

Varsity Team Awards:

Most Valuable Athlete:

David Leff

Most Improved Athlete:

Cole Noward

Hammer Award: **Sean Byrnes**

Impact Rookie Award:

Joseph Francisco

*This was a dedicated, hardworking group of guys who never stopped working and improving. They will be successful in future seasons. Special congratulations to State Championship Qualifier **David Leff**.*

-Jim Vermeulen

GIRLS

Varsity Team Awards:

Most Valuable Athlete:

Amanda Lowther

Most Improved Athlete:

Sarah Jones

Hammer Award:

Abby Kuppinger

Impact Rookie Award:

Lauren Ferris

League Champions:

1st Team: **Megan Delia, 4x400**

Relay

*Many top invitational finishes were the result of much hard work and commitment by these team members. Congratulations to **Carly Benson** for a school record and State Championship qualification in the 600 meter. Congratulations also to individual state championship qualifiers **Emily Young**(1000m) and **Megan Delia**(300m). The 4x400 Relay of **Kendall Dombroske, Delia, Young, and Benson** set a school record in that event and earned a Federation Championship medal at the State Championship. Accomplished season girls.*

-Jim Vermeulen

Girls Basketball

Team	Coach	Participants
7/8-CMS	Tim Lane	15
7/8-WGMS	Terry Sparks	15
Freshmen	Jim St. Croix	14
Jr. Varsity	Joe Curtin	13
Varsity	Stafford Spreter	13
Total Participating		70

Varsity Team Awards:

Wildcat Award: **Haley Collins**

League Awards:

1st Team: **Mackenzie Smith,**

Madison Smith

2nd Team: **Camryn Chawgo**

*Our Varsity Girls Basketball team completed our goal of winning a sectional championship this past winter. It was our first sectional title in 23 years, and our 2nd sectional title overall. We won 19 games in a row before losing to Shenendohowa in the State Quarterfinals. Our girls played hard, played with class, and played for one another. It was a very exciting season and we appreciate everyone who came to our games to support us. We say good bye to four exceptional seniors. **Camryn Chawgo, Olivia Davoli, Elle Lazore, and Meghan Mello**. Our underclassmen are looking to work hard in the off season to fill the roles left by our seniors. Thank you again for the support!*

-Stafford Spreter

This was a talented group of girls who were competitive in every game. They were a pleasure to coach and will be great additions to the program in the future.

-Jim St. Croix

This was a great year for the CMS Modified Basketball team! Finishing with an 11-1 record was accomplished through the hard work and great attitudes that these girls came to each practice and game with. Great job this year ladies!

-Tim Lane

West Genesee Girls JV went 12-6 this year. The team's effort and character was impressive on and off the court. Throughout the season, the girls mentored Onondaga Road 3rd graders before practice. The students excitedly awaited their arrival each day, and the athletes shared how meaningful this time was to them.

This season was a memorable one.

-Joe Curtin

This year's team improved every time we played. We finished the season strong by beating some teams who had defeated us earlier in the year. This was a season to be proud of!

-Terry Sparks

Boys Basketball

Team	Coach	Participants
7/8-CMS	Dallas Barton	15
7/8-WGMS	Terry Sparks	16
Freshmen	John Kelly	16
Jr. Varsity	Johnny Davis	15
Varsity	Fred Kent	13
Total Participating		75

Varsity Team Awards:

Coaches Award: **Nate Phillips**

Achievement Awards: **Malik Zachery, Jack Bova, Lucas Sutherland**

League Awards:

1st Team- **Malik Zachery, Jack Bova**

Honorable Mention - **Lucas Sutherland**

This was a great group of young men and it was a pleasure having the opportunity to coach them.

-Johnny Davis

I was very pleased with the development of this year's CMS Basketball team. With a very young roster, the start of the season was tough. However, the boys worked hard each day in practice, and they finished the season strong playing very competitive basketball.

-Dallas Barton

The 14-0 record is a direct result of the unselfish play of this group of young men. The hard-nose toughness and good team chemistry that was displayed every practice and game made them a pleasure to coach. I have no doubt that this class of West Genesee athletes will enjoy success throughout their careers.

-John Kelly

This year's team was an absolute pleasure to coach. They were a great combination of quality young men and dedicated athletes. We showed great heart and passion every time we took the court.

-Terry Sparks

*The Boys Varsity Basketball team enjoyed a very successful season with a record of 17 wins and four losses including an 11-3 record in the CNYCL. The season was highlighted with some huge victories against perennial state contenders Shenendohowa and Bishop Kearney. Most importantly this season will be remembered for the overwhelming fan and student support the team received all season, especially during home games. The team was led by First Team All CNYCL members **Jack Bova** and **Malik Zachery** along with Honorable Mention All CNYCL member **Lucas Sutherland**. Zachery scored over 500 points for the season and finished his career with 1,180 points. Bova set school records for three pointers made in a season with 81 and for a career (143). Sutherland, a sophomore, led the CNYCL in rebounding and blocked shots. The Wildcats graduate nine seniors for the season including **Bova, Schyler Cooney, Owen Cross, Kevin Donohue, Marcus Hudgins, Keith Hagen, Phillips, Zachery and John Zerkle**. Returning for the Wildcats will be freshman **William Amica**, juniors **Liam Barry** and **Drew Kieffer** and sophomore **Lucas Sutherland**.*

-Fred Kent

Girls Combined Ice Hockey

Team	Coach	Participants
Varsity	Andrew Rozak	10

The Skaneateles Varsity Girls Hockey team, which combined 10 players from West Genesee High School, were extremely focused and determined from day 1. The biggest component to our success was that everybody put the team ahead of their own personal accomplishments. It was always about the team first. Because of these characteristics as a team, we went 19-0 and won a State Championship out scoring our opponents 109-13 with 9 shutouts as well as never trailing in any game all season long.

-Andrew Rozak

Scholar Athletes are Recognized

The Girls Bowling team was recognized with a Scholar/Athlete Team Award from the NYS Public High School Athletic Association. To receive this distinction, 75% of the roster must average 90% or greater.

Overall, the Winter Sports Program had 117 out of 231 athletes receive the Scholar Athlete pin for having a 90% or greater average.

Wrestling

Team	Coach	Participants
Modified	Tom Cole	27
Jr. Varsity	Kevin Paul	6
Varsity	Brian McAvan	<u>24</u>
Total Participating		57

Varsity Team Awards:

Most Outstanding Wrestler:

Victor Elias

Most Improved:

Chandler McAvan

Newcomer of the Year:

Vincent Calabria

Match of the Year: **Nathan Wade**

The Modified Wrestling team completed another successful season and finished with a record of 11-1. The athletes worked hard and showed tremendous growth throughout the season. The coaching staff looks forward to those athletes returning next season and is hopeful those wrestlers moving up will have continued success at the JV/Varsity level.

-Tom Cole

We had a young team this season. They worked very hard in practice and it showed when they competed. The pre-season rankings had WG finishing 9th in the AA's, the team finished fifth, outperforming our opponents expectations.

We are looking forward to the coming years to see how our wrestlers progress.

-Brian McAvan

The season went really well. The kids worked hard everyday, and I saw a huge improvement with all the wrestlers from the beginning of the year to the end. Also I enjoyed working with these guys and Coach McAvan!

-Kevin Paul

Boys/Girls Bowling

Team	Coach	Participants
Boys Varsity	Greg Gangemi	10
Girls Varsity	Greg Gangemi	<u>9</u>
Total Participating		19

BOYS

Team Awards:

Most Valuable Player: **Benjamin Conroy**

Most Improved Player: **Robert Carrigan**

GIRLS

Team Awards:

Most Valuable Player: **Gina Neri**

Most Improved Player: **Emily Shields, Kayla Hoovler**

The Girls Varsity Bowling team showed a great amount of improvement this season. The ability of each athlete to significantly increase their average throughout the winter helped this team obtain victories over league opponents. Led by sophomore **Gina Neri** and junior **Madelyn Lux**, the Wildcats will be returning their full roster next season, as it did not consist of any seniors this year.

-Greg Gangemi

Despite battling adversity all season long due to a couple of key injuries, the Boys Varsity Bowling team managed to pull off impressive victories over FM, Syracuse, and Baldwinsville en route to a successful season. Led by sophomore **Benjamin Conroy**, senior **David Neri**, and senior **Robert Carrigan**, the Wildcats displayed hard work and dedication on a daily basis. Good luck to our seniors!

-Greg Gangemi

Girls Cheerleading

Team	Coach	Participants
JV	Tori Guidice	14
Varsity	Morgan Stirpe/Jessica Braun	<u>15</u>
Total Participating		29

What a great season with a great group of girls! The team continued to strive for excellence and accomplished many team goals. We can't wait to see what next season brings.

-Morgan Stirpe/Jessica Braun

It was a great season and all of the cheerleaders progressed and accomplished so much within the few months they practiced and competed together.

-Tori Guidice

Girls Volleyball

Team	Coach	Participants
7/8-CMS	Chris Paoli	15
7/8-WGMS	Jim St. Croix	18
Freshmen	Dan Mercado	<u>17</u>
Total Participating		50

This year's Freshmen Volleyball team had a very successful season. The team consisted of 17 dedicated ladies with tremendous talent. Each member grew as an athlete and as a teammate. It was a pleasure to work with each lady and watch them as they built a memorable experience for themselves and the team. We ended a great season victorious at our final tournament.

-Dan Mercado

If we measured the success of this team in only wins and losses, that would be a disservice to the ladies on the team. They worked hard every day in practice and improved greatly as the year went on. I enjoyed coaching all of them and wish them good luck in the future. I am proud of you ladies!

-Chris Paoli

This girls on this team were very disciplined and hard working who made tremendous improvement throughout the season. They were a pleasure to coach and will be great additions to the program in the future.

-Jim St. Croix

Boys Swimming & Diving

Team	Coach	Participants
7/8	John Lawrence	26
Varsity	Bob Marks/Jack Gibbons	<u>37</u>
Total Participating		63

Varsity Team Awards:

Most Improved:

Ryan Hagadorn

Rookies of the Year:

David Puma, Keegan

Scharoun

Section III Champion 100

Breaststroke: **Ryan Hagadorn**

An excellent season, one of our best ever, was the result of a special group of kids who worked hard and enjoyed every practice. They improved immensely from start to finish and represented West Genesee with pride all the way to the New York State Championships

-Bob Marks

The CMS/WGMS Boys Modified Swim team had a fantastic season. The boys showed continuous improvement. The team was enjoyable to coach and they all have a bright future with the Varsity team.

-John Lawrence

Boys Ice Hockey

Team	Coach	Participants
Varsity	Frank Colabufo	30

League Awards:

1st Team: **Jay Considine,**

Samuel Colabufo,

Patrick McDonald,

Daniel Colabufo

2nd Team: **Garrett Schnorr**

Honorable Mention:

Marshall Winn, Jack Birchler,

Ryan Smith, John Galimi,

John Bergan

All-CNY Awards:

Co-Player of the Year:

Jay Considine

Samuel Colabufo,

Daniel Colabufo,

Patrick McDonald

All-State Awards:

1st Team: **Jay Considine**

2nd Team: **Samuel Colabufo,**

Daniel Colabufo

Honorable Mention:

Patrick McDonald

Team Awards:

Most Valuable Player: **Jay Considine**

Most Improved Player: **Timothy Winn**

Coaches Award: **Anthony Mazzoni**

Coach Fitzgerald Award:

Garrett Schnorr

Don Shouldice Award:

Samuel Colabufo

Leo Burns Award: **Marshall Winn**

Rookie of the Year: **William Fisher**

Player of the Year: **Jay Considine**

Demonstrating both skill and grit, the Wildcat Hockey team finished the season 21-3 winning it's 9th Section III Championship in the last ten years.

-Frank Colabufo

Spring Sports Wrap-Up

Boys Lacrosse

Team	Coach	Participants
7/8-CMS	Eric Howes	27
7/8-WGMS	Steve Shoults	31
Freshmen	Eric Burns	25
Jr. Varsity	Tom Donahue	24
Varsity	Mike Messere	32
Total Participating		139

Varsity Team Awards:

Most Valuable Player - **Luis (Manny) Castro**
 Most Improved Player - **Jay Considine**

League Awards: (League Champions)

1st Team - **Jay Considine (attack), Luis (Manny) Castro (midfield and Face off Specialist), Max Rosa (midfield), Ryan Smith (midfield), and Marcus Hudgins (defenseman)**
 2nd Team - **Kevin Sheehan (attack), Tom Baker (longstick midfield)**
 Honorable Mention - **Jack Howes (attack)**

High School Academic All-American - Luis (Manny) Castro

We are League Champions with an overall record of 15 wins and 3 losses. We had excellent leadership from Co-captains Luis (Manny) Castro and Jack Howes. Our season ended with a 1 goal loss in the sectional finals.
 - Mike Messere/Bob Deegan

With a mix of sophomores and freshmen, it took this group a little while to come together. As the season progressed, they started to play really well and finished with a 12-4 record. My assistant Coach St.Croix and I really enjoyed coaching this group and thanks to the parents for all their support all season long.
 -Tom Donahue/Jim St. Croix

It was a pleasure watching this year's team improve in lacrosse and more importantly, improve as people. As coaches, we are hopeful that they will continue to challenge themselves athletically and continue to improve as leaders.
 -Steve Shoults/Kevin Grome

This year's CMS Wildcat Lacrosse team finished with a 9-2-1 record. They were led by captains Anthony Felix, Joseph Delany, and Alexander Rosa. Special Congratulations to Michael Bergan for being selected as the "Billy Wademan Coaches Award" recipient.
 -Eric Howes

The Boys Freshmen Lacrosse team had a tremendous season in skill development, situational experience, and success. After a 10-0 record, the season culminated with the Championship victory in the Freshmen Round-Robin Festival. It was an absolute pleasure to coach these young men not only because of their success on the field, but because they were a very enjoyable group that simply had fun playing lacrosse. Well done this season, boys.
 -Eric Burns

Boys Tennis

Team	Coach	Participants
Varsity	Joe Mannara	17

Varsity Team Awards:

Most Valuable Player - **Chris Upwood**

League Awards:

2nd Team - Singles - **Chris Upwood, Matthew Mannara**
 2nd Team - Doubles - **Stefan Atanasov/John Northrop**
 Honorable Mention - Singles - **James Plunkett**

This season was a transition year in which West Genesee saw several new players/young players make the team. It was a very good year in which the team went 10-4. The seniors (and captains) guided these young players through the season while showing them how to be successful. The future of West Genesee boys tennis looks very bright! Thank you seniors, and good luck with the future!

-Joe Mannara

Girls Lacrosse

Team	Coach	Participants
7/8-CMS	Ryan Ross	32
7/8-WGMS	Janine Corning	29
Freshmen	Fred Kent	30
Jr. Varsity	Brian Duerheimer	26
Varsity	Kevin Hennigan	25
Total Participating		142

Varsity Team Awards:

Most Valuable Player - **Mackenzie Baker**
 Most Improved Player - **Claudia Mocciano**

League Awards:

1st Team - **Allyson Trice, Mackenzie Baker, Emma Parry, Eliza MacCaull, Mackenzie Meager**
 2nd Team - **Lauren Ferris, Cecilia Procopio, Claudia Mocciano, Meredith Barrett**
 Honorable Mention - **Adrianna Nojaim, Erin Mills**

High School All-American - Mackenzie Baker

The 2017 Varsity Girls Lacrosse team demonstrated an outstanding ability to improve throughout the year. This team took on the challenge of a difficult schedule and worked hard every day to battle with the best teams in New York.

-Kevin Hennigan

It was a fantastic season with this group of young ladies. They worked well together as a team and went undefeated! Everyone contributed each and every game. We are so proud of how they have developed as players throughout the year.

- Brian Duerheimer/Beth Ross

The Camillus Middle School Girls Lacrosse team had a successful and fun season this spring. Led by Captains Mackenzie Patrick and Amelia Lopez, the team gained a lot of valuable experience playing tough competition and winning all of its games. This was truly a unified team that has a bright future. Great job girls!

-Ryan Ross

The Freshmen Girls Lacrosse team finished their season with a record of 6-2. The season was highlighted by two one-goal victories against FM. With thirty players, the young Wildcats used their depth to their advantage all season. This team did an outstanding job representing our community on and off the field.

- Fred Kent

The team showed much growth in lacrosse over the course of the season. Players learned the character traits it takes to be a successful team member. We had good leadership from our captains and great sportsmanship from the entire team.

-Janine Corning

Girls Golf

Team	Coach	Participants
Varsity	Patrick Haines	9

Varsity Team Awards:

Most Valuable Player - **Mikaela Riley**
 Most Improved Player - **Alexa Robbins**

League/Section Awards:

2nd Team - **Mikaela Riley**

At the beginning of every match the home coach will remind the players of any special and local rules for the day. At the end of my talk I like to add the statement "and remember if you have fun you won." I say this to help them relax. The girls really made the season enjoyable. If someone asked me how the season went I would say "do you want to know what? I won because I had fun because my girls were great" Thanks ladies. See you on the green grass.

-Patrick Haines

Boys Golf

Team	Coach	Participants
Varsity	Mike Wolf	16

NY State Championship:

Placed 13th - **Dylan Piis**

Girls Track

Team	Coach	Participants
7/8-CMS/WGMS	Daniel Scicchitano	37
Varsity	Jim Vermeulen	60
Total Participating		97

Varsity Team Awards:

Most Valuable Athlete - **Megan Delia**
 Most Improved Athlete - **Anna Chwiejczak**
 Impact Rookie Award - **Caitlin Mills, Abigail Kuppinger**
 Team Hammer Award - **Kendall Dombroske**

All-League Awards:

1st Team - 400 Hurdles - **Megan Delia**
 2nd Team - 4x400 Relay- **Carly Benson, Kelsey Fox, Abigail Kuppinger, Emily Young**

Section III Champion:

Megan Delia - 400 Hurdles

All-CNY:

1st Team - **Megan Delia**
 2nd Team - **Emily Young**

*A young team in a tough league, the girls fought their way to another winning season with hard efforts in a strange weather year. Nine team members made it to the State Qualifier meet, with **Megan Delia** (400 hurdles), **Emily Young** (800 meter) and the 4x400 Relays of **Kendall Dombroske, Kelsey Fox, Abigail Kuppinger, and Carly Benson** advancing to the State Championship. Nice work team.
 -Jim Vermeulen*

*We headed to the CNYCL with a 3-1 record, one meet was canceled due to bad weather (Corcoran). The girls improved as the season progressed.
 -Daniel Scicchitano*

Boys Baseball

Team	Coach	Participants
7/8-CMS	Dallas Barton	16
7/8-WGMS	Terry Sparks	16
Freshmen	Greg Gangemi	14
Jr. Varsity	Chris Procopio	15
Varsity	Kevin Krause	20
Total Participating		81

Varsity Team Awards:

Most Valuable Player - **Marshall Winn**
 Most Improved Player - **Brian Hartnett**
 Hardest Worker - **Brian VanBeveren**
 Wildpack - **Timothy Winn**
 Gold Glove - **Joseph Payette**
 Cy Young - **Marshall Winn**

All-League Awards:

1st Team - **Marshall Winn**
 2nd Team - **Brian VanBeveren, Matthew Kot, Michael Bonacci, Christopher Bonacci**
 Honorable Mention - **William Haag, Brian Hartnett**

*The 2017 JV Baseball completed their season at 8-11. The team worked hard throughout the spring and improved with each practice and game. I want to thank the players for their effort and commitment all season. I wish them all the best and continued success in all of their fall and winter sports.
 -Chris Procopio*

*The 8/9 Freshmen West Genesee Baseball team had a successful season this spring. While competing in a very competitive league, the Wildcats were able to earn big wins over Liverpool, CNS, Baldwinsville, and Fayetteville-Manlius. I look forward to following these athletes the next few years at the JV and Varsity level.
 -Greg Gangemi*

This year's team had many exciting victories against CBA, CNS, Syracuse, and Utica Proctor. Thank you to the seniors for leading by example and teaching the younger players how to deal with adversity with class. The PACK is stronger than ever!!

-Kevin Krause

This year's CMS Baseball team was a very young group that finished the season with a 2-9 record. Through adversity, they remained good teammates, kept a positive attitude and continued to hustle and give their best effort in games and practice. I am proud of the positive character traits they displayed throughout the season.

-Dallas Barton

*This year's team was an absolute pleasure to coach. They worked hard and played solid baseball all season. They represented West Genesee with class all season!
 -Terry Sparks*

Girls Softball

Team	Coach	Participants
7/8-CMS	John Lawrence	13
7/8-WGMS	Tim Lane	14
Jr. Varsity	Brittany Belding	15
Varsity	Jimmy Ciciarelli	14
Total Participating		56

Varsity Team Awards:

Most Valuable Player - **Mya Case**
 Most Improved Player - **Cheyenne Lapan**

League Awards:

1st Team - **Katherine Drogo**
 2nd Team - **Olivia Pontello**
 Honorable Mention - **Kaylee Shackleton, Deanna Shackleton, Teagan Dow, Abbey VanHorn, Grace Schnorr**
 Co-Player of the Year - **Mya Case**

*This team fought through a tough schedule, and stayed together the whole time. It was a joy to be around this team practically everyday for 3 months. I wish the seniors good luck in the future, and I look forward to working with returners next season.
 -Jimmy Ciciarelli*

*This team worked incredibly hard throughout a challenging season. The team continued to improve and compete every day, whether in practice or at a game. I wish the girls on this team the best of luck in the future.
 -John Lawrence*

*These girls worked hard throughout the season and showed a lot of improvement! Great job ladies!
 -Tim Lane*

*This team showed a lot of improvement this season, and played hard every game.
 -Brittany Belding*

Boys Track

Team	Coach	Participants
7/8-CMS/WGMS	Tom Cole	55
Varsity	Joe Corley	86
Total Participating		141

Varsity Team Awards:

Most Valuable Runners - **Evan Tuthill, David Leff**

League Awards:

1st Team - Discus and Shotput - **Evan Tuthill**

Section III Champion:

Evan Tuthill - Discus and Shotput -

*This was an exciting season for the Boys Track and Field program. Season highlights included a record-setting 4x100 Relay Team, consisting of **Andrew Berry, Peter Bowman, Mark Kopp and Esaias Brumfield**. **David Leff** set the school record in the Steeplechase and **Evan Tuthill** qualified for the State Championship in the Discus event, as well as a double Section III championship in both Shot Put and Discus. The high point of the season for the team was a convincing win over F-M, one of the biggest team victories in many years. Thank you for a great season!
 -Joe Corley*

*The boys worked very hard this season and finished with a .500 record. Great improvements were made as a result of their efforts, and I look forward to another successful season next spring.
 -Tom Cole*

One hundred sixty-two students from West Genesee High School were inducted into membership of the National Honor Society at the High School on December 13, 2016 and March 27, 2017. These members were selected by a faculty council for meeting high standards of scholarship, service, leadership, and character:

Kyle Abdo	Amelia Fisher	Tess Michaels
Ryan Allen	Raymond Fisher	Emma Miller
Faris Amer	Colleen Fitzpatrick	Brian Mirabito
Khrystyna Andrushkiv	Emma Flaherty	Cameron Mitchell
Kiara Aponte	Sarah Fortais	Julia Mortas
Jacob Arends	Kelsey Fox	Phoebe Nelson
Emily Augello	Madison Fox	Jael Niedermaier
Thomas Baker Jr.	John Galimi	Adrianna Nojaim
Katherine Baldwin	Ryan Gentilcore	John Northrop
Arcela Balungaya	Anthony Gettino	Shannon Norton
Carl Bargabos	Abrianna Gittschau	Katherine O'Brien
Meredith Barrett	Kenneth Gogue	Carly Onoff
Liam Barry	Anna Gonchar	Mykenzie Oslica
Andrea Baule	Katherine Graziano	Avery Paige
Lauren Beardsley	Igor Grebenevich	Emma Parry
Carly Benson	Priscilla Grooms	Christopher Pellenz
Madalyn Benson	Alexandra Guglielmi	Alexandra Piczkur
John Bergan	Margaret Guinto	Mia Pienkowski
Rita Best	Brooklyn Hale	David Pinker
Hannah Bieber	Brian Hartnett	Olivia Pontello
Jack Birchler	John Howes	Andrew Procopio
Benjamin Bosak	Greta Jasinski	Daniel Purcell
Athena Boswell	Hannah Jasinski	Colin Reardon
Jacob Bubb	Kyle Jenkins	Claire Rein
Allison Byrne	Hannah Jewell	Jack Richards
Sean Byrnes	Robert Jocz	Alexandra Rouffignac
Patrick Campbell	Cecily Kawejnsza	Noah Sabatino
Morgan Cappon	Madysyn Kelly	Morgan Salanger
Kayla Capucilli	Alex Kerr	Griffin Sasso
Mya Case	Carolyn King	Molly Scicchitano
Jose Castanon	Hannah Kirk	Secidean Scott
Christopher Chiasson	Mateusz Lata	Michael Serbun
Alexandra Ciarla	Allison Leonard	Kevin Sheehan
Corey Cimilluca	Samuel Levine	Emily Shields
Haley Collins	Maggie Linton	Leah Smith
Kaitlyn Congel	Caroline Lopez	Ryan Smith
Jay Considine	Michael Louise	Amanda Spicer
Jenna Coots	Erin Lum	Patrick Stanistreet
Jack Corcoran	Madelyn Lux	Madison Stanton
Megan Delia	Eliza MacCaul	Lauren Tiby
Victoria DeSantis	Micayla MacDougall	Paige Togni
Julia Diaz	Connor Macko	Aubrey Trett
Griffin Dombroske	Lydia Magnante	Patrick Trivison
Jack Donaldson	Jessica Mahoney	Matthew Vaillancourt
Olivia Doner	Gabrielle Major	Sophia Valerino
Ryan Doucette	Alex Mangovski	Grace Walker
Katherine Drogo	Jadin Manipole	Catherine Walsh
James Dussing Jr.	Joanna Maressa	Hannah Walsh
Samantha Eades	Kara Matus	David Wenner
Andy Edgar	Sangu Mbekelu	Andrea Wierbinski
Kathryn Eno	Camryn McCarthy	Timothy Winn
Catherine Farrell	Patrick McDonald	Emily Winton
Emma Federico	Michael McGuigan	Emily Young
Lindsey Fiorelli	Hunter McIlroy	Zachery Zoanetti

District Receives Tenth Safety Award

West Genesee Central School District is one of 136 school districts and Board of Cooperative Educational Services in the state to receive the "2017 School Safety Excellence Award" from the Utica National Insurance Group.

Utica National officials presented the award at its 37th annual school safety seminar, one of seven held in New York State. Utica insures more than 300 school districts in Upstate New York for property and liability insurance and is one of the leading companies in the field.

West Genesee received a certificate from the insurance company to recognize the District's safety efforts and a \$500 award for use in furthering their safety efforts.

Utica National's School Safety Excellence Award Program helps participating schools enhance overall safety through measurable assessment. The program evaluates schools with their own transportation, schools with contract transportation, and BOCES are evaluated. Categories covered include bullying prevention programs, school playground safety, and indoor air quality which are measured using specific, quantifiable data-gathering surveys.

The award program has three levels (titanium, platinum, and gold) in which schools can earn a meritorious distinction by meeting specific criteria. This is the tenth year the District is receiving the award, this year at the titanium with honors level.

Fine Arts Awards

Eva Sidelnik Memorial Award	Amanda Ponza
Fred Waring Award	Nicholas Trippany
Leonard Bernstein Award	Tracy Dowler
Outstanding Senior Voice	Caitlin Barry
Outstanding Underclass Voice	Micayla MacDougall
Outstanding Musical Theater Award	Amelia Ryan
	Avery Miller
Outstanding Senior Dance	Lauren Cahalan
Outstanding Underclass Dance	Natasha Skidmore
Most Improved Dancer	Leah Sebesta-Morgan
Overall Achievement in Dance	Camryn Mulpagano
Ellie Felice String Award	Shayla Murray
	Gabriella Gongora
Outstanding Senior String	Grace Craig
Outstanding Underclass String	Joanna Maressa
National School Orchestra Association Award ..	Colin Reardon
Outstanding Senior Woodwind	Kevin Buff
Outstanding Underclass Woodwind	Paige Togni
National School Choral Award	Joseph Gauzza
Outstanding Senior Brass	Kyle Jones
Outstanding Underclass Brass	Christopher McAfee
Outstanding Percussion	Ian Lisi
John Phillip Sousa Band Award	Aleyna Supernault
Louis Armstrong Jazz Award	Samuel Taylor
Outstanding Colorguard Member	Amelia Ryan
Robert D. Weber Memorial Award	James Harter
Karen Orimenko Memorial Award	Samantha Druce
New York State Field Band Scholarship	Daniel O'Herien
Wildcat Scholarship	Ian Lisi
Senior Scholarship	Grace Craig
Outstanding Musician Award	Julia Musengo,
	Nicholas Cantello

Registration Requirements are Important to Know...

Health
Requirements

For Information about registering your student, go to the Registration Section of the Website at: http://www.westgenesee.org/District/District/District_registration.cfm.

If you are not sure which school your child should attend, contact the Central Registration at 315-487-4683. Call them prior to registration so your name may be placed on a mailing list to receive information regarding the start of school.

When registering, parents should bring proof of immunizations, proof of age, and proof of residency.

A physical examination is also required and a dental certificate is requested for entry into kindergarten. These examinations should be done up to one year prior to the first day of school. Children who enter kindergarten this fall must be five years of age on or before December 1, 2017. Immunization requirements are located above to the right.

Central Registration will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the summer starting June 26. The central registration office will be closed on July 4-6.

Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoid-Containing Vaccine and Pertussis Vaccine (DTaP/DTP/Tdap)	4-5 doses depending on when dose #4 was received
Polio	3-4 doses depending on when dose #3 was received
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	2 doses
Hepatitis B	3 doses
Varicella (Chicken Pox Vaccine)	2 doses or physician documentation of the disease

Please note **the number of doses** that the student needs to meet all of the requirements will vary according to their individual schedule. Please provide the most up-to-date record of immunizations to the student's health office.

Vaccination Information for Students Entering 6th Grade

NYS Department of Education Requirements

Tdap: (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis vaccine)

- All students, 11 years old by the first day of school in the fall, must have a Tdap shot.
- If the student is 10 years old upon entry into the 6th grade in the fall, he/she must have the Tdap shot as soon as they turn 11 years. *Please call your physician and make your Tdap appointment.*
- There is a 14 day window (from the 1st day of school) to complete the Tdap requirement or the student will be excluded from school until Tdap has been given.

Varicella: (Chickenpox)

- Student must have 2 doses to enter 6th grade.
- Immunization usually given at 12 months of age and then again at 4-6 years old.
- If the student had the disease Chickenpox, verification of the disease is required. Accepted forms of Varicella verification include: Blood test for immunity or documentation of disease by your health care provider.

If the student has already had the above immunizations, send in a copy to the health office.

The health office of your school can be called for questions concerning the vaccinations using the contact information listed below:

- Camillus Middle School: 672-3426
- Holy Family: 487-3111
- West Genesee Middle School: 487-4626

Physical Examinations:

NYS Department of Education
Requirements:

- **All students entering Kindergarten, 2nd, 4th, 7th and 10th grades**
- **All new students to the District**
- **The physical must be within one year prior to the first day of school**
- **If your student has a current physical, please send a copy to the nurse's office**

**For Information About
Registering Your Student
Go to the Registration
Section of the Website at:**

[http://www.westgenesee.org/District/District_registration.cfm](http://www.westgenesee.org/District/District/District_registration.cfm)

– REMINDER – For Parents of Incoming Kindergarten Students

A physical examination is required for entry into Kindergarten. The physical must be within one year prior to the first day of school.

New Meningococcal Vaccination Requirement

All 7th and 12th grade students **MUST HAVE** proof of having been given the Meningococcal vaccine in order to attend school.

They must have 2 doses of the vaccine with the booster dose given on or after age 16. They must have one dose if the first dose was given on or after the age of 16.

Please contact the high school Health Office at 315-487-4607 with any questions.

WGHS Students Invited to Boys State

Eight West Genesee juniors will attend the American Legion Boys State at SUNY Morrisville from June 23-June 30, 2017 sponsored by the Camillus Knifetown Post #1540.

The boys that were selected to attend are: **Liam Barry, Sean Byrnes, Corey Cimilluca, Griffin Dombroske, Michael**

McGuigan, Jack Richards, Noah Sabatino, and Brendan Bresnahan.

They will be among 1,500 boys participating for a week of educational programs that teach government from the township to the state level.

The selected students exhibited the most outstanding qualities of leadership, character, scholarship, loyalty, and service to their school.

West Genesee Honored by LECNY

On May 16, 2017 West Genesee Middle School eighth grader, **Dakota Pickreign**, was honored for winning the World Language week poster contest for LECNY (Language Educators of CNY) for grades 6-8. West Genesee High School ninth grader, **Maison Lamanna**, won for the grades 9-12 category.

The LECNY Poster Contest was held back in March and was open to students in grades 6-12 whose teachers are current members of LECNY. One winner was chosen from grades 6-8 and another winner was chosen from grades 9-12.

The winners were presented with certificates and a \$50 check



at the LECNY May Celebration.

This year's theme for National Foreign Language week was "Find the missing piece. Learn a language."

Also, WGMS Spanish teacher, Colleen Pierce, received a Teacher Grant. She will use the grant money to supply her classroom with easy readers and other easy reading materials in Spanish.

Students will use these materials as a Free Voluntary Reading Program and will be used during class time once a week. The hope is that students will acquire more language and enjoy reading in the Spanish language.

CMS Science Teacher to Attend NASA Space Camp

Camillus Middle School science teacher **Katie Clift** was accepted to attend Honeywell Educators at Space Academy (HESA) at the U.S. Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL, at the end of this June.

She will be among over 200 teachers from around the world who will embark on the learning adventure of a lifetime. When they have completed the weeklong program, they will share techniques to encourage students to pursue STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) careers and creative ways to bring lessons learned at Space Academy into the classroom.

Each teacher will go through real-life astronaut training, including a high-performance jet simulation, scenario-based space missions, land and water survival training, and a state-of-the-art flight dynamics program.



Teachers Honored with the 2017 NYS Senate "Teacher Excellence" Award

West Genesee School District teachers **Mary Philippone** from **Camillus Middle School** and **Kelly Moser-Vogler** from **East Hill Elementary School** were nominated by their peers and honored by Senator DeFrancisco as 2017 "Teachers of Excellence".

They received notification of this recognition in a letter from New York State Senator John DeFrancisco and were recognized in a ceremony held by the Senator at **West Genesee High School** on May 4, 2017.

Scholar Athletes are Recognized

The Boys Tennis and Girls Lacrosse teams were recognized with a Scholar/Athlete Team Award from the NYS Public High School Athletic Association. To receive this distinction, 75% of the roster must average 90% or greater.

Overall, the Spring Sports Program had 164 out of 275 athletes receive the Scholar Athlete pin for having a 90% or greater average.

Academic All-American Athletes from West Genny

Ten West Genesee High School athletes qualified for the Academic All-American honor. Nine were from the National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association (NISCA) for: Peter Bowman, Emily Cox, Jesse Elmer, Matthew Hotaling, Gabrielle Shuron, Evan Tuthill, Grace Van Hoven, Zachary Walker, and Cassandra Wetmore. Also, West Genesee Boys Lacrosse player Luis (Manny) Castro was named an Academic All-American.

To receive this honor, students must meet the following qualifications:

- A minimum GPA of 3.750 on a 4 point scale, or 93.7500% of the grade scale your school uses for 7 semesters (non-weighted). GPA may not be rounded up.
- A graduating senior.

West Genesee 2017-2018 Calendar

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July 4 Independence Day
 August 31 Teacher Workshop Day
 September 4 Labor Day
 September 5 Teacher Workshop Day
 September 6 School Begins
 October 9 Columbus Day
 November 7 Staff Development Half-Day
 November 10 Veterans Day Observed
 November 22-24 Thanksgiving Recess
 December 25-Jan 1 Christmas/New Year's Recess
 January 15 Martin Luther King Day

January 22-25 Regents Days
 January 26 Teacher Workshop Day
 January 29 Second Semester Begins
 February 19-23 Winter Recess
 March 14 Staff Development Half-Day
 March 30 Good Friday
 April 23-27 Spring Recess
 May 28 Memorial Day
 June 5, 12-22 Regents Days
 June 16 Graduation
 June 21 Last Day School for Students
 June 22 Last Day School for Staff

- 11-month employees not scheduled to work: July 10-August 8
- Schools not in Session
- Half-Day for Students
- Teacher workshop days
- Attendance period ends
- School Begins
- Days marked R Regents days
- Numbers in parentheses () Student days

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Fine Arts Director Receives Outstanding Educator Award

William Davern, Director of Fine Arts for the West Genesee Central School District, was selected as the 2017 Outstanding Educator Award by the School Administrators Association of New York State (SAANYS). This award is given annually to a SAANYS member who has made outstanding contributions in New York State schools through public education, professional organizations, or research and/or writing in the field of education.



Well known as an energetic and passionate leader for the arts, Davern led the curriculum redesign and growth of the music, visual arts, and dance programs for West Genesee's 3,500 students involved in the Fine Arts program. Specifically, Davern worked tirelessly to revitalize the West Genesee music program that had been experiencing declining enrollment. Through his efforts, the program has since rebounded and now serves 30 percent more students within the District.

Transportation Department Recognized

The West Genesee Central School District Transportation Department has again achieved the goal of a 90% or greater pass rate on their annual NYS Department of Transportation Bus Inspection.

Our out-of-service rate was 3.2%, while the NYS average is 5.2% and the tolerance is 10%. Superintendent Dr. Brown shared, "We did remarkably well considering we have been shortanded much of the year."

This commendable performance indicates a strong dedication to safety and a commitment to sound maintenance standards and practices.

Click here to view the annual Operator Profile that summarizes the results of vehicle inspections performed on our fleet by the Department during the last State Fiscal Year (April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017).

Davern received his bachelor of music education degree from Ithaca College, his master of music education from Syracuse University, and his certificate of advanced study in educational administration from SUNY Oswego.

He was honored for his accomplishments at an awards ceremony held on May 5, 2017 at the Century House in Latham, New York.

WG Athletic Community Receives Sportsmanship Promotion Award

On June 15, 2017 the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) announced **West Genesee High School** (Section III) as a 2016-2017 winners of its Sportsmanship Promotion program.

The award is presented to schools which have developed proactive approaches in keeping sportsmanship in the forefront with their students, coaches, spectators, and communities.

West Genesee High School is a first time Banner Award winner in 2017. Some of the ways which we promote positive sportsmanship include greeting opposing teams as they enter their school and honoring the visiting team's senior players on senior night. Each of West Genesee's athletic teams recognize at least one sportsmanship winner per team at the end of the season. Additionally, the athletic department recognizes one male and one female student-athlete that exemplifies sportsmanship at the end of each school year.

This year marks the 20th year that deserving schools have been recognized by the NYSPHSAA's Sportsmanship Promotion program, all of which will be honored at the NYSPHSAA's Central Committee Meeting Luncheon on July 25, 2017 in Clayton, NY.