

Finalists Move on to Post-Standard Spelling Bee

West Genesee Middle School students, **Benjamin Paoli** and **Ava Propper**, faced-off spelling words that included "amnesty" and "exonerate" until they exhausted all of the challenge words, so the judges determined them both to be the winners in the West Genesee Spelling Bee held on November 9.

Twelve West Genesee students joined others from Central New York for a written test in early January. Propper, **Laura Alvaro** and **Emily Patterman** will join the top 35 spellers from that round to compete in The Post-Standard WCNY Spelling Bee oral spell-down in February.

The students who will represent West Genesee are listed under the picture to the right of this article. Below they are listed in the order in which they placed in the District Bee.



(1) Benjamin Paoli; (11) Ava Propper; (3) Laura Alvaro; (4) Grant Mathews; (5) Logan Battaglia; (6) Emily Pattermann; (7) Eleanor Moran; (8) Thomas Purdy; (9) Francis Coots; (10) Cooper Ponto; (11) Joey Paoli and (12) Connor Dunham.

Camillus Optimists Honor Students and Teachers

Luis (Manny) Castro and **Jessica Bobbett** from the **West Genesee High School**; **Morgan Valerino** and **Zachary Voss** from **Camillus Middle School**; and **Alyssa Battaglia** and **Joseph Sparks** from **West Genesee Middle School** were honored by the Camillus Optimists with the David Kenna Outstanding Student Award.

Robert Deegan (Science Teacher at West Genesee High School), **Eric Howes** (Special Education Teacher at Camillus Middle School), and **Laura Hesler** (IS Teacher at **East Hill Elementary School**) each received the 2016 Joseph A. Witowski Outstanding Teacher Award.

Honorees and their families were guests of the Optimists on December 5 at Gilfillan's West Hill. School administrators introduced each honoree and described their unique contributions. Optimists Chris Jones and Brian Normoyle coordinated the program.

Teachers were selected by their peers for being sensitive to the needs of their students; for creating an exciting and challenging classroom atmosphere; and contributing to the quality of instruction at West Genesee.



Pictured above in front, from left to right, are Robert Deegan, Laura Hesler, and Eric Howes. In the back, from left to right, are Joseph Sparks, Alyssa Battaglia, Luis (Manny) Castro, Jessica Bobbett, Zachary Voss, and Morgan Valerino.

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Running for the School Board?

Have you ever thought of running for the school board, but decided against it because you really did not know what it entailed? I can think of a number of people who at one time or another expressed interest but then shied away because of the unknown.

The most frequently asked question is, "Is it time-consuming?" The answer is "yes and no". Although we are scheduled to meet twice a month, we may need to meet more often depending on the circumstances of what is required of us at the time. All members sit on various committees as well, but most of them meet just once a month. The reading of materials is the most instrumental part of being a good board member. Coming prepared to the meetings is essential.

The knowledge that you will gain, understanding how the District operates, appreciation for the entire staff, and the developing of collaborative relationships, is just a fraction of what you can gain by becoming a school board member. My goal here is to inform you of what we do to encourage you to run if you are interested.

What Does a School Board Member Do?

These are challenging times for public education. School boards are seeking men and women who find excitement and satisfaction in confronting tough challenges and working collegially to overcome them.

The Board of Education is a uniquely American institution. It keeps the country's public schools flexible and responsive to the needs of their local communities. A member of a Board of Education in New York State takes on one of the most important responsibilities that can be assigned to any citizen: helping to plan the education of the community's youth.

As a Board member you hold positions as:

- An individual school board member
- A member of the district governance team composed of school board members and the superintendent
- A member of a board made of other members

The **Board focuses on ENDS** - vision, goals, and policy - What? Why? How Well? How Much?

The **Superintendent (as CEO) focuses on MEANS** - objectives, plans, actions, recommendations - How? When? Where? By Whom?

In other words, the Board oversees the education of students and is responsible for school district operations, but does not directly run the District's day-to-day operations.

WHAT ARE MY ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES?

Your major roles as a board member are:

- **Representative** - of the entire community
- **Steward** - of the district's resources
- **Leader** - of the district
- **Advocate** - for public education

To represent well, to fulfill public trust, to lead...

Your major Board responsibilities are:

- **Set the District's Direction** - drawing upon the community, the Board describes a shared vision, and established goals, standards and strategy to transform vision into reality
- **Ensure Alignment** - of strategy, resources, policies, programs, and processes with district goals
- **Assess & Account for Progress** - using comprehensive data, thorough deliberation, and open communication
- **Continuously Improve** - the District - accentuating and reinforcing the positive, and correcting the negative

-Roberta Herron
Board of Education President
rherron@westgenesee.org

Focus on Adult Education

The Spring Adult Education Program is shaping up nicely. Look for new class offerings and the return of your favorites in the spring brochure coming to your mailbox the first week of February.

Drivers Education

West Genesee Adult Education offers the New York State Education Department approved Driver Education Program for students. Successful completion will earn the student a MV 285 (formally known as a blue card) and an insurance reduction certificate. The course is offered 4 times a year in September, January, March, and each summer. The course has proven very popular and I am happy to say we have been educating large numbers of new drivers. Information regarding the March session is available on the District website under the Adult Education tab and registration opens Tuesday, January 31.

Please remember, no Adult Education or Driver Education classes will be held if the school district is closed, dismissed early, or cancels after-school activities due to inclement weather.

Please call the Adult Education office with any questions. See you in class!

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Superintendent's Message

I hope all of you had a great holiday season and New Year. January is always a special time for me because it marks the anniversary of me becoming a superintendent. With seventeen years in the books, I reflected recently on what has changed and what has remained the same. Students and parents have largely remained the same. Children are the greatest treasure any parent can have, and for us at school, being able to work with them as students is rewarding, and being able to work with parents to help their children grow is very powerful and something that none of us at West Genesee take lightly.



The social environment that parents are raising their children in today, and the day to day challenges that students face, are definitely different from seventeen years ago. On the positive side, there is much more equality, equity, acceptance, and support than ever before. Social media can be a powerful and sometimes positive tool for adults and students; it can also be very negative, cold, and misleading. That coupled with increased poverty in our community and a higher number of tough family situations, make being a kid and parent today feel like a steep mountain climb!

At school we have added to our counseling and social work staff to help students and parents work through challenges. Their efforts, as well as the efforts of all of our dedicated faculty and staff, have paid dividends. In the major areas in which a school is "graded" (completion rate, Regents graduation rate, and average daily attendance) we are at record highs for our District. Morale is right up there as well as evidenced by community attendance at events and student participation in clubs, groups, and activities. There are many reasons for us to be proud!

This coming year will bring a change in political party from Democrat to Republican. I certainly have led through these types of changes and while the beliefs of one political party over another are different, it takes a good few years at least to see any type of change "on the

ground". No matter what comes our way, we will survive and thrive.

The motto I always use is that "We as people need to be like bamboo; bend but not break". I am happy to be leading and working in a community that has such strong support for our school and we never take that for granted.

Our recent capital project closed on time and on budget and our state mandated lead testing is going well (the results can be found on our website under District Information). We are ready to take on the rest of winter and head into the spring!

If you haven't had an opportunity to connect to our electronic sources of information, please consider connecting to my blog, Twitter, or Facebook, all available from our website homepage. We are fortunate that all of these sources of information have won state and national awards for quality and excellence, and provide very up-to-date and fresh information about everything West Genesee.

I am proudly here to serve. If we don't catch up at an event, grocery store, concert, etc. and you have a question, please do NOT hesitate to contact me at 315-487-4562 or cbrown@westgenesee.org.

Thank you for your support.

-Chris



Westar Wildcat Branch Opens at High School

Superintendent Communicates

West Genesee High School officially opened the Wildcat Branch of Westar Federal Credit Union on January 9, 2017.



After almost a year in planning, the Wildcat Branch is now serving students and staff at the high school. Westar staff trained students throughout the fall to give them the opportunity to begin working in the banking industry while they are still high school students.



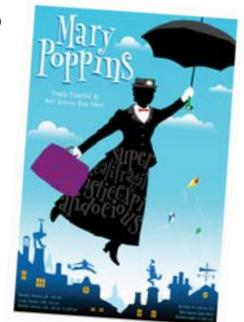
Student workers of the Westar Branch of Westar Federal Credit Union are pictured above under a sign using the new logo created by senior, Alexandra (Sasha) Mekker. She is pictured at left receiving a \$75 check from Michelle Lee of Westar for winning the logo contest conducted at the high school.

Mary Poppins! is Landing at the High School

West Genesee High School students will present the musical *Mary Poppins!*, at the high school auditorium. Shows are Thursday, February 9 and Friday, February 10, at 7:00 p.m., with 2 shows Saturday, February 11, at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at etix.com or at the door. All seats are reserved and are \$12.

You can also call the Ticket Call Center at 1-800-514-3849, extension 4. Tickets can be purchased at the door. All seats are reserved.



Fall Sports Wrap-Up

Cross-Country

Team	Coach	Participants
CMS/WGMS 7/8 Girls	Kathryn Annan	14
CMS/WGMS 7/8 Boys	Louis Delsole	30
Girls Varsity	Jim Vermeulen	27
Boys Varsity	Jim Vermeulen	35
Total Participating		106

Girls Varsity Team Awards:

Most Valuable Runner - **Carly Benson**
 Most Improved Runner - **Shelby Kiteveles**
 Hammer Award - **Amanda Lowther**
 Impact Rookie Award -

Emily Young, Hannah Craybas, Mia Mitchell

All-League Awards:

1st Team - **Carly Benson, Mia Mitchell**
 2nd Team - **Emily Young, Kendall Dombroske, Hannah Craybas**

All-CNY Awards:

1st Team - **Emily Young**

Boys Varsity Team Awards:

Most Valuable Runner - **David Leff**
 Most Improved Runner - **Anthony Gettino**
 Hammer Award - **Sean Byrnes**
 Impact Rookie Award - **Matthew Bartolotta**

All-League Awards:

1st Team - **David Leff**

All-CNY Awards:

1st Team - **David Leff**

The team was full of many first time runners that came together as a team and were running well at the end of the season.
 -Louis Delsole

The girls improved tremendously at each meet this fall and we finished with a winning season.
 -Kathryn Annan

This was a very competitively accomplished team. They finished 2nd overall in Section III, second in their league and qualified for the NYS Federation Championship, completing the season as a state top-20 team. Special congratulations to state championship qualifiers **Emily Young** and **Mia Mitchell**. The return of most top runners bodes well for 2017.
 -Jim Vermeulen

One of the hardest working teams, this group battled in a league with three state top-20 teams and two national championship finalists. Nevertheless, they raced to an overall Section III top-10 finish for a 10th consecutive year. Special congratulations to **David Leff**, a State and Federation Championship individual qualifier.
 -Jim Vermeulen

Girls Volleyball

Team	Coach	Participants
Jr. Varsity	Nicole Bucktooth	14
Varsity	Clark Martin	11
Total Participating		25

Varsity Team Awards:

Most Valuable Player - **Jaylin Mallore**

All-League Awards:

1st Team All-League - **Rachel Hillery, Jaylin Mallore, Alexandra (Sasha) Mekker, Carolyn King**
 2nd Team All-League - **Audrey Dennis, Madison Smith**
 Honorable Mention - **Clare Leo, Madison Stanton**

All-CNY Award:

1st Team - **Rachel Hillery, Jaylin Mallore, Carolyn King**

All-State Award:

5th Team - **Carolyn King**

We had a fun season with many periods of growth. This was a great group of young ladies who worked very hard even through multiple injuries. They were always willing to adjust and fought hard through every game.
 -Nicole Bucktooth

Excellent Season! This team's achievement of earning the #2 seed in sectionals was due to their hard work and dedication to improve everyday. Senior captains **Rachel Hillery** and **Clare Leo** along with fellow seniors **Jaylin Mallore** and **Alexandra (Sasha) Mekker** led this team throughout the season. This team made it to the sectional finals due to a total team effort. Good luck seniors! With continued hard work the future looks bright with the upcoming younger players.
 -Clark Martin

Girls Swimming & Diving

Team	Coach	Participants
Modified	Margaret Barbuto	31
Varsity	Bob Marks	60
Total Participating		91

Varsity Team Awards:

Most Improved Swimmer - **Hannah Jasinski**
 Rookie of the Year - **Maggie Smith**

A terrific group of young ladies! We worked hard all season long and managed to have a lot of fun along the way. A special shout out to the senior class: you are the primary reason we were "Better than Ever"
 -Bob Marks

What a wonderful swimming and diving season! This team consisted of nice, hard working young ladies. The girls showed personal growth continuously throughout the season, improving their individual swim times and diving scores.
 -Margaret Barbuto

Boys Golf

Team	Coach	Participants
Jr. Varsity	Tom Cole	11
Varsity	Mike Wolf	9
Total Participating		20

Team Awards:

Most Valuable Player/Tom Hunt Award - **Dylan Plis**
 Coaches Award - **Dylan Plis**
 Player of the Year - **Dylan Plis**

All-League Awards:

1st Team All-League - **Dylan Plis, Joseph Morgan**
 2nd Team All-League - **Nicholas Bove II, Michael DiPaola**
 Honorable Mention - **Daniel Benetti, James LaValle**

The team fell short of our goal to be league and sectional champs, but competed in every match. Three players are going to the state qualifier in the spring (**Dylan Plis, Joseph Morgan, Jack Corcoran**).
 -Mike Wolf

The JV boys golf team had a tremendous season and finished with a 10-2 record. The team was led by the consistent play of the returning players and new additions who stepped up this season. I am proud of the players for working hard to improve their scores throughout the season and I wish those well who will be moving on to the Varsity level next season.
 -Tom Cole

Girls Cheerleading

Team	Coach	Participants
Jr. Varsity	Jessica Braun	10
Varsity	Kristin Duschen	13
Total Participating		23

Varsity Team Awards:

Most Improved - **Rylee Ellithorpe**

All-CNY Awards:

1st Team - **Sabrina Bormann, Cayliane Dixon**

The girls worked very hard this season! They all had the heart and drive to place in each competition, which they did. I am very proud of their accomplishments and growth.
 -Jessica Braun

The Varsity team had a very successful season winning first place at our competition and second place at two other competitions including sectionals. This is an incredible group of extremely talented athletes; they were an absolute joy to coach. -Kristin Duschen/Morgan Stirpe

Boys Soccer

Team	Coach	Participants
7/8-CMS	Jim St. Croix	19
7/8-WGMS	Terry Sparks	30
Freshmen	Jim Ciciarelli	15
Jr. Varsity	Matthew Makowiec	20
Varsity	Conor Murphy	25
Total Participating		109

Varsity Team Awards:

Most Valuable Player -
Luis (Manny) Castro
 Most Improved Player Award -
Andy Edgar
 Ideal Teammate Award - **Tyler Pirro**
All-League Awards:
 1st Team - **Luis (Manny) Castro**
 2nd Team - **Joseph Francisco**
 Honorable Mention -
Joseph Gauzza, David Wenner

This year's team showed tremendous improvement every time we took the field. The boys showed a great work ethic, compassion, humor, and dedication to each other. Those life skills made this group very special to be around everyday.

-Terry Sparks

I want to thank all my players for all their hard work throughout the season. We started slow but by the middle of the season to the end we saw great improvement! You guys were a enjoyable group to coach and I want to wish you great success in the rest of the school year!

-Jim Ciciarelli

This team was a very hard-working group of boys who made continued improvement throughout the season. They were very competitive in every game. They were a pleasure to coach.

-Jim St. Croix

The 2016 Boys Varsity Soccer team was one of the best teams we have seen in a long time. The level of play, commitment to excellence, and dedication to hard work put many of our opponents on their heels. There was not a single match that wasn't a battle and for that this team, and it's effective leadership, ought to be proud. To the very end, all of the boys on the team remained focused on our goals and put forth their best effort.

-Conor Murphy

Great season! Our record did not reflect how hard we worked.

-Matthew Makowiec

Girls Soccer

Team	Coach	Participants
7/8-CMS	Kyle Smith	23
7/8-WGMS	John Lawrence	28
Freshmen	Dan Hallinan	22
Jr. Varsity	Ryan Ross	22
Varsity	John McCloskey	24
Total Participating		119

Varsity Team Awards:

Offensive Most Valuable Player -
Haley Elsey
 Defensive MVP - **Kelly Cooper**
 Jeff Proietti Ideal Teammate Award -
Grace Schnorr

All-League Awards:

1st Team - **Olivia Price, Haley Elsey**
 2nd Team - **Erin Mills, Kelly Cooper, Grace Walker**
 Honorable Mention - **Lynda Croft, Victoria Bove, Emma Parry, Megan Delia**

*The JV Girls Soccer Team had a terrific season this past fall. It was a fun and competitive team made up of great student-athletes. The team finished the season with a record of 10-3-3 and won the tournament that we hosted here at the high school. The squad was led by two great captains in **Katie McManus** and **Jamie Goodelle**.*

-Ryan Ross

The girls soccer team at WGMS had a fantastic season. I was extremely happy with the progress the team made, both in terms of soccer ability and also working together as a team. This group of girls was hard working and will do well in the future.

-John Lawrence

Our team got off to a fast start before hitting a tough stretch of results and injuries. We were able to come back together for a great 1-0 win over Liverpool, the eventual sectional champion. Although we lost a tough game to Fayetteville Manlius in sectionals, the season was a blast and full of memorable moments. It has especially been a pleasure to watch this group of seniors develop since we began coaching them 6 years ago.

-John McCloskey

This team was full of some talented soccer players. They were a fun bunch to be around. These girls were able to avenge an earlier season loss to Baldwinsville and finish with an impressive win. The future of the girls' soccer program looks bright.

-Dan Hallinan

This was an amazing team to have for my first year as a coach at West Genesee. A lot of great personalities and great athletes who wanted to learn the game and get better at the sport. Overall it was a great first season with a great group of girls.

-Kyle Smith

Football

Team	Coach	Participants
7/8-CMS	Dallas Barton	32
7/8-WGMS	Tom Donahue	27
Freshmen	Joe Licameli	29
Jr. Varsity	Jimmy Cicarelli	36
Varsity	Joe Corley	43
Total Participating		167

Varsity Team Awards:

Impact Player- **William Haag**
 Wildcat Award- **Jake Hannahan**
 Most Improved Player- **Marcus Hudgins**
 Scholar Athlete- **Evan Tuthill**

All-League Awards:

1st Team - **William Haag, Marcus Hudgins**
 2nd Team - **Matthew Kot, Jake Hannahan**
 Honorable Mention - **Noah Sabatino, Liam Barry, Daniel Purcell, Naseem Hussein, Evan Tuthill**

All-CNY Awards:

2nd Team - **William Haag**

This year's team was a fun group to be around everyday in practice and during the games. When their backs were against the walls they never gave in, and played as a team everyday. As a staff, I can say we each looked forward to being at practice everyday, and were disappointed when the season ended.

-Jimmy Cicarelli

The Freshman Football Team completed its season with a 3-3 record. The team played hard and were exciting to watch - congratulations boys.

-Joe Licameli

This group of young men overachieved all season. They finished the season with 5 wins and only 1 loss. The coaches would like to thank the players and their parents for their support all season.

-Tom Donahue

This team showed great character during a difficult season. I was very proud of their effort as they refused to give up. Thank you to our senior class for your years of commitment to the football program.

-Joe Corley

The CMS football team finished an excellent season with a 5-0-1 record. The boys played hard each game and were a pleasure to coach.

-Dallas Barton

Girls Tennis

Team	Coach	Participants
Jr. Varsity	Tim Lane	12
Varsity	Joe Mannara	15
Total Participating		27

Varsity Team Awards:

Most Valuable Player - **Mikayla Mannara**

All-League Awards:

1st Team - Doubles -
Mikayla Mannara and **Katie Viau**
 2nd Team - Doubles -
Lauren Ferris and **Meghan Mello**
 Honorable Mention - Singles -
Andrea Wierbinski

All-CNY Awards:

1st Team - Doubles -
Mikayla Mannara and **Katie Viau**

This year's JV tennis team was filled with first time players. Led by only 2 returners from last year's team, these girls showed tremendous improvements throughout the season. Their hard work paid off with a great win in their last match against Liverpool. Great season ladies!

-Tim Lane

*This was an excellent year for West Genesee tennis. The season resulted in a 12-4 record. **Mikayla Mannara** and **Katie Viau** represented the school at States and won their first round match, which placed them in the top half of the tournament. As a very young team, the future looks bright. Thank you seniors and good luck with the future.*

-Joe Mannara

Senior High All-County

West Genesee High School musicians will perform in the Senior High All-County Festival on January 13-14 at Fayetteville Manlius High School. The senior high group includes grades 10-12.

West Genesee students selected for the orchestra were **Kevin Buff, Micayla MacDougall**, Christopher McAfee, Joanna Maressa, Anna Gonchar, Colin Reardon, Mia Sveen, and Andie Schlenker.**

The West Genesee students in the choir were **Isabella Atanasova, Emily Agello, Katherine Baldwin, Caitlin Barry, Sarah Channels, Grace Craig, Lindsey Cunningham, Marissa Dow, Ethan Dow, Tracy Dowler, Joseph Gauzza, Anthony Gettino, Rose Hays, Sean Herron, Christopher Herron, Timothy Huppman, Allison Leonard, Cameron McCrea, Jael Niedermaier, Joseph Pelton, Amanda Ponza, Nicholas Trippany, Anna Kate Waters, and John (Henri) Youmans.**

Band members from West Genesee who were selected to perform are Noah

Annable, Declan Braun, Samantha Druce, Emma Federico, Emma Flaherty, Katherine Graziano, Russell Graziano, Aislinn Guy, Robert Jocz, Kyle Jones, Ian Lisi, Julia Musengo, Sangu Mbekelu, Daniel O'Herien, Alexander Petty, Joseph Piato, Adriel Schoeck, Aleya Supernault, Samuel Taylor**, and Paige Togni.**

***Students who made All County Chorus and All County Band or Orchestra*

Junior High All-County

Thirty-six West Genesee musicians from grades 7-9 will be performing in the Junior High All-County Festival at Solvay High School on January 20-21.

West Genesee students in the choir from WGHS will be **Jarius Killings, Grant Mathews, Max Miller, Maxwell Oot, Abigail Ray, and Heidi Walsh;** from CMS students selected are **Cassidi Callaghan, Austen Canal, Evan Fairchild, Madeline Kroner, Grace Miller, and Ciarra Thompson.**

Orchestra members from WGHS are **Maureen Hoover, Nicholas Mulderig, and Jessica Parsons;** from CMS **Lauren Puchta;** and from WGMS **Adam Pierce and Kaylee Sanders** will be

participating. **Alexis Eastman** from WGHS is an alternate.

Students chosen for the band from WGHS are **Jacob Bosak, Julian D'Alessandro, Gregory Fey, Sophia Giacona, Eric Leubner, Emily Mahoney, Julia Matticio, Elizabeth Morey, Luke Spencer, Eric Wenner, Ryan Whalen, Austin White;** and from CMS **Laura Alvaro and Zachary Barstow;** and from WGMS **Alexander Couture, Ty Lisi, and Clara Pinker** will

Elementary All-County

Nineteen West Genesee musicians from grades 4-6 will be performing in the Junior High All-County Festival at Corcoran High School on April 7-8.

West Genesee students in the choir from CMS will be **Sean Alvaro, Madison Campbell, Ella Kemp, Holden Leonard, Ewan Moran, and Sophia Patriarco.**

Orchestra members from WGMS are **Joseph Martini, Cameron Noce, Emilie Shoults, Isabelle Wells, Jaden Mattimore, and Lucas Aldinger;** from East Hill Elementary School are **Claire DeVore, Madeleine Barstow, and Jenna Orr;** from Stonehedge Elementary School are **Camille Bohli and Teshale Kelly;** from Onondaga Road Elementary School are **Julia Myla;** and from Split Rock Elementary School, **Erica Volik.**

Fall Athletes are Scholars

This year there was a change in qualification requirements for recognition from the New York State Public High School Athletic Association for outstanding academic achievements as a team. To receive a Scholar/Athlete Team award, 75% of the roster must have a grade point average of 90 or above. Four of our teams qualified: Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Girls Tennis, and Girls Volleyball.

Individuals who receive a 90 or above are still eligible to receive a Scholar Athlete Pin as they will be considered Scholar Athlete Individuals. **West Genesee** had 173 out of 262 athletes awarded the Scholar Athlete Pin.

- Positions Open in the District-

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

- Substitute Teachers
- Substitute Teaching Assistants
- Substitute Food Service Workers
- Substitute Bus Drivers
- Substitute Custodians (Evenings)

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

Mrs. Debra Miller
Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
West Genesee Central School District
300 Sanderson Drive
Camillus, NY 13031

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

Emergency Closing Information

Announcements about school closings, delayed openings, or early dismissal will be broadcast on the **District website, Social Media, Mobile Phone App** and the **following stations:** WNTQ, WAER, WKRL, WAQX, WFBL, WTKW, and WSEN; and TV stations WTVH, WSTM, and WSYR, and YNN.

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Students Receive Scholastic Art Recognition

Fourteen West Genesee students received a total of eighteen awards in the 2017 Scholastic Art Awards competition.

Anna Cahalan, Morgan Vandemark, Andrew DeSellems, Brianna Orendorf, Alexandra (Sasha) Mekker, and Catherine Walsh from WGHS each received a gold key.

Silver key winners were **Gabrielle Mitchell** from WGMS; and **Lukas Reed, Mekker, and Grace Van Hoven** from WGHS.

Students recognized with an honorable mention were **Gabrielle Gardner, Destiny Hess, Monet Raymond, Jessica Pototsky, Lindsey Ingram, Savannah Kraus, Van Hoven, and Walsh** from WGHS.

The West Genesee artists are students of **John Capria** and **Bill Haining** at the high school; and **Olivia Kovacevski** at WGMS. The students are in grades 8-12.

The exhibit was open for public display after an awards ceremony January 5 and will be shown through March 3 at Onondaga Community College. Entries are judged by professional artists and photographers.

There will be an exhibit of select pieces from the silver key and honorable mention pieces at the Everson Museum and the Delavan Art Gallery from March through April.

All gold key winners will be sent to the national competition in New York City.

The event is sponsored by M&T Bank and hosted by Onondaga Community College.

Gold Key		
Anna Cahalan	Photography	WGHS 9th
Morgan Vandemark	Photography	WGHS 9th
Andrew DeSellems	Photography	WGHS 10th
Brianna Orendorf	Photography	WGHS 11th
Alexandra (Sasha) Mekker	Design	WGHS 12th
Catherine Walsh	Digital Art	WGHS 12th
Silver Key		
Gabrielle Mitchell	Photography	WGMS 8th
Lukas Reed	Photography	WGHS 11th
Alexandra (Sasha) Mekker	Digital Art	WGHS 12th
Grace Van Hoven	Art Portfolio	WGHS 12th
Honorable Mention		
Gabrielle Gardner	Photography	WGHS 9th
Destiny Hess	Photography	WGHS 9th
Monet Raymond	Photography	WGHS 9th
Jessica Pototsky	Digital Art	WGHS 10th
Lindsey Ingram	Photography	WGHS 11th
Savannah Kraus	Photography	WGHS 12th
Grace Van Hoven	Drawing and Illustration	WGHS 12th
Catherine Walsh	Digital Art	WGHS 12th

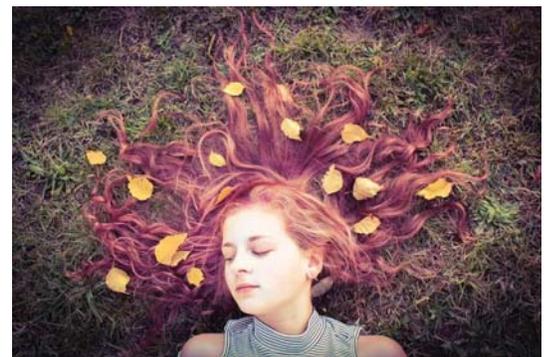


High school ninth grader Morgan Vandemark received a gold key for "Ballet" in the photography category. This art work is pictured at left.



High school twelfth grader Catherine Walsh received an honorable mention for her artwork pictured at left in the Digital Art Category. She also received a gold key in this category.

The artwork shown at right entitled "Ava" is by WGMS eighth grader Gabrielle Mitchell was honored with a silver key.



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Kindergarten Registration is Earlier this Year

Kindergarten Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will be held this year from January 3 to March 3 at the Central Registrar Office located at 300 Sanderson Drive, Camillus, NY 13031.

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

Prior to coming in to register, you will need to make an appointment by clicking the link on the registration web page or by calling the Central Registrar at 315-487-4683.

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

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.*

school. Children who enter kindergarten this fall must be five years of age on or before December 1, 2017.

For more information visit our website or email the Central Registrar at centralregistrar@westgenesee.org.

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In extreme inclement winter weather, students need wait no longer than fifteen minutes at the school bus stop. Students should then return home and call the Transportation Department at 315-487-4576 or their school office.