

# Addison School District Newsletter

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## Second Step in the Middle School

As we continue to work through a post-pandemic life, it is more important than ever to focus on the social and emotional wellbeing of students. One of the strategies the middle school is utilizing to address this need and to improve skills is through The Second Step Program. This is a Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum that is research-based to help address and improve skills, such as the management of emotions, impulse control, problem solving and encouraging empathy. Middle School counselor, Mrs. VanSant states, “Second Step not only enhances a student’s social-emotional skills but promotes prosocial behavior and academic achievement as well. There has also been evidence that this program contributes to the prevention of conduct problems, aggressive behavior, and emotional distress. The benefits of SEL go beyond school; they can extend into the workforce by providing students with workforce readiness skills like critical thinking, cognitive flexibility, emotional intelligence and more.”

The program was first introduced to the middle school during the 2021-22 school year. The curriculum consists of four units: Mindset and Goals, Recognizing Bullying and Harassment, Thoughts, Emotions and Decisions, and Managing Relationships and Social Conflict. These lessons are presented to all middle school students during their 9th period class time certain days of the month.

Mrs. Benton, Middle School Principal, supports the program in the quote: “Through the use of the Second Step program, the middle school teachers are helping students build positive relationships, counteract bullying behavior, and set goals so they can flourish in life.”

If you have questions or would like more information about the Second Step program, please feel free to contact Mrs. VanSant in the Middle School Counseling Office via email ([avansant@addisoncsd.org](mailto:avansant@addisoncsd.org)) or via phone (607) 359-1131. Additional information can be found at: <https://www.secondstep.org>.

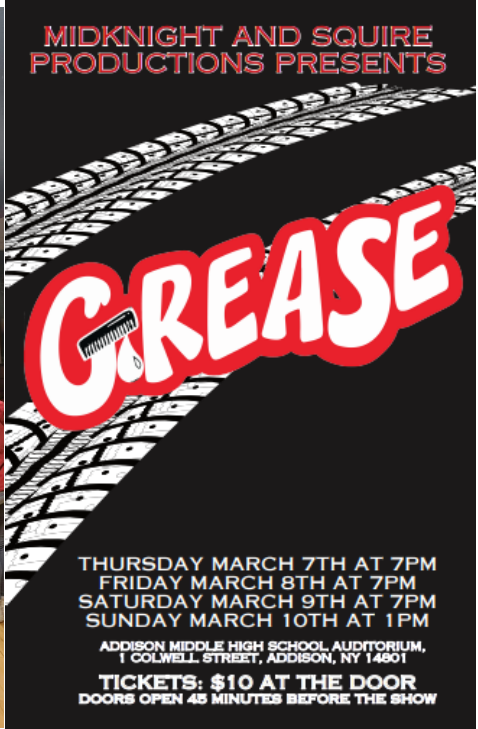
By: Kylene Stierly & Reegan Quick



## Grease Preview: Coming Soon

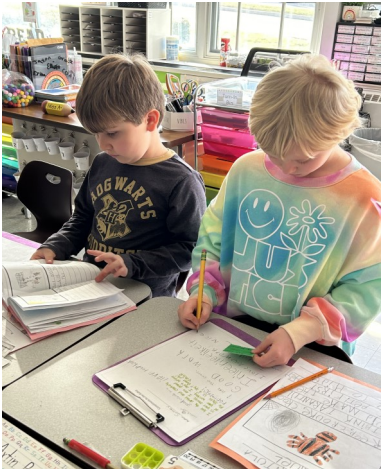
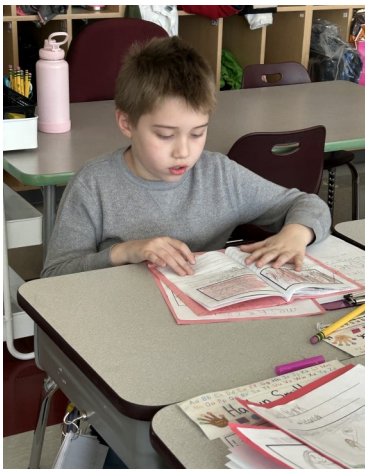
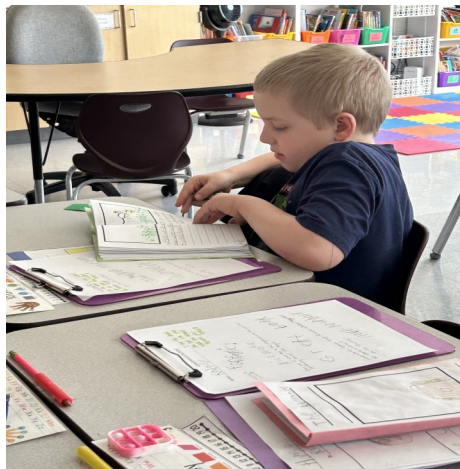
The MidKnight and Squire Productions would like to announce their upcoming musical, Grease. Starring Seth S. and Alliee G. as Danny and Sandy, the show is sure to be a hit. Supporting cast members are the Pink Ladies (Emily S., Katelin A., Hailliee H., and Lilian Z.) and the T-Birds (Owen D., Michael H., John C., and Nick A.), and many other roles (Mallory B., Kendall C., Micaela B., Lyvia F., Adrianna N., Taylor P., Mia L., Natalie F., Mairead S., Sophie K., Liberty T., Lauren N., Charlee R., Skylar H., Alex B., Jerome G., Monte B., and Tristan C.) Ms. Hamblin, Mrs. Vroman and Mr. Richardson are spending countless hours with the cast members perfecting the roles, planning the music and choreography (led by alumni, Elly Vroman). Mr. Sisson is again leading a talented crew of workers behind the scenes, building the set pieces and a beautiful full-size car for the cast members to use in the production. Mr. Sisson not only helps to build the set pieces but teaches building skills along the way. He says, “Safety first, pretty last. We try to make most of the props student-built.”

By: Peyton Hager & Lila Hand



## Tuscarora Elementary Short Story Publishing Party

Miss Wheatcraft’s students have been working on their animal stories and will be sharing them at a publishing party. This will be followed with a collection featuring 3 sequential animal short stories with characters they have created. The students are also doing a non-fiction opinion piece on what animal they think suits them best. After, they will provide evidence to support their opinions on the animal they have chosen.



THE ADDISON CSD BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) WILL HOLD A WORK SESSION TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2024 AT 6:00 PM IN THE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA. AN AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 5:15 IN THE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY.



Senior Spotlight: Class of 2024

**Makayla F.**

**Favorite part of high school?**  
Nursing

**What are your plans after high school?**  
Going to Keuka College

**What has been your proudest moment of high school?**  
Coming back to school with an autoimmune disease

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?**  
Married to my middle school sweetheart, working in a hospital as a RN and traveling

**Favorite staff member?**  
Mrs. Mel and Mrs. Crochiere

**What advice would you give to younger students?**  
Don't sweat the small stuff and be focused on your goals



**Cheyenne J.**

**Favorite part of high school?**  
Friends and experiences

**What are your plans after high school?**  
To go to work, then college and then medical school to become a surgeon

**What has been your proudest moment of high school?**  
My whole 11th grade year

**Where do you see yourself in 10 years?**  
In medical school

**Favorite staff member?**  
Mrs. Janeski and Mr. Driskell

**What advice would you give to younger students?**  
Try your best, no matter how hard it gets, and always walk away and find a better solution

Warm Welcome to Mrs. Henshaw

Addison High School would like to extend a hand in warm welcome to the new Biology teacher, Mrs. Henshaw. Mrs. Henshaw joined the community soon after Christmas break. Mrs. Henshaw has a primary background in Biology; however, she is also certified in Chemistry, Earth Science and General Science. Before joining us in Addison, she taught Living Environment, Earth Science and Chemistry for 14 years in Avoca. Mrs. Henshaw is originally from Bath. She went to Mansfield for her undergraduate and graduate degrees. She has four certifications in Science and a specialization in concentration in integrating Technology. Mrs. Henshaw was a student teacher with our beloved, Ms. Alice Weale, who was the long-term sub for the classes Mrs. Henshaw has been hired to teach. Mrs. Henshaw enjoys showing people her passion for the sciences, which was the major player in her choice of becoming an educator.

Mrs. Henshaw believes flexibility to be the most important feature of the job. “If you can’t be flexible, your students can’t be flexible,” said Mrs. Henshaw when explaining flexibility. As for the district, Mrs. Henshaw is very thankful for how welcoming and helpful both students and staff have been since her arrival. Mrs. Henshaw finds the light bulb moments to be some of the best times; these are moments when students reach a level of understanding that was previously unknown to them. Mrs. Henshaw wishes to see her students reach mastery effortlessly and confidently. As for herself, Mrs. Henshaw hopes to stay in the Addison District and eventually teach an elective.

In their free time, the Henshaw family loves outdoor activities, including gardening, landscaping, riding dirt bikes and four wheelers and fishing as well. Mrs. Henshaw has four boys and says, “We always have to be doing something.” The family especially likes to take advantage of the warmer months of weather.

Mrs. Henshaw would like the community to know that she will push her students to be the most successful they can be. She is quoted as saying, “I do not shoot for mediocrity; I shoot for mastery.”

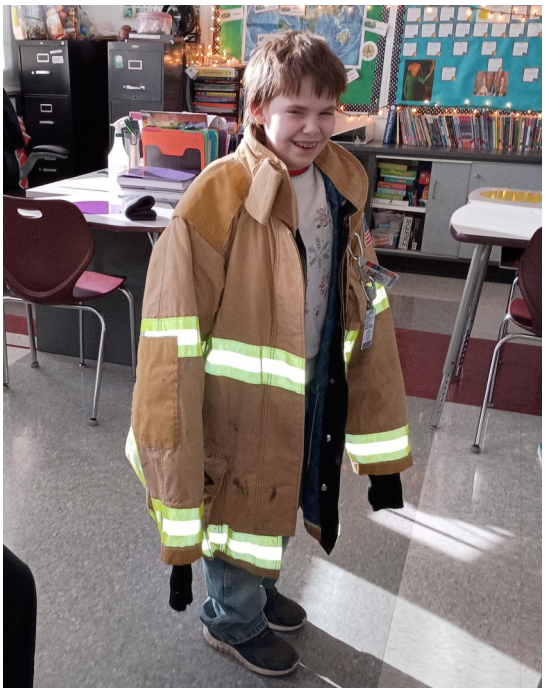
By: Bryson Crandall



Getting to Know: Anna Brill

Anna Brill is a foreign exchange student for the 2023-2024 school year. She is 16 and from Perugia, Italy. Anna enjoyed playing volleyball in the fall at Addison. At home, Anna played club volleyball. She misses her family and the food in Italy. She says that she does not enjoy American food because it is not as good as the food back home. Anna expected the school to be a lot bigger but says that it is a well-developed building and has nice amenities. Back home, Anna has two younger brothers. Her advice to other exchange students is to make friends so you can have an enjoyable experience.

By: Andrew Jones and Reegan Quick



Mr. O’Brian visited Mrs. Thompson’s CTE class, gave them a video presentation and discussed the equipment a firefighter wears.

A Commending and Reintroduction



Ms. Monroe, now the Addison District Registrar, sat down for an interview to share a bit about herself with the rest of the community. Initially, she discussed her family that is very dear to her. A mother of three and a grandmother of four, she stated it is her “greatest joy in life” to spend time with them all. She went on to discuss that some of her favorite things to do are do-it-yourself (DIY) projects with her boyfriend, being outdoors and of course spending time with her grandkids.

Starting out in Rushford, New York, she moved here during her seventh-grade year and has stayed to raise her family in Addison. She initially worked in the elementary school, coordinating transportation for students and running an afterschool program. Last year, she was extended the position of District Registrar and decided to take on the job. She has been working in Addison for 23 years and working this job since July of 2022.

When asked what inspires her to be in her field, she said, “I take on any challenge that I am given” and “It was a good change.” She also highlighted the most important part of her job: being accurate, confidential and compassionate.

Her final statement during the interview was, “I am always here to help the community, students and anyone in need. I am always willing to go above and beyond to help anyone here. I like to help people and that’s what I try to do each and every day.” Thank you, Ms. Monroe, for all the work you’ve done in the Addison School District and taking time to share a bit of yourself with the community.

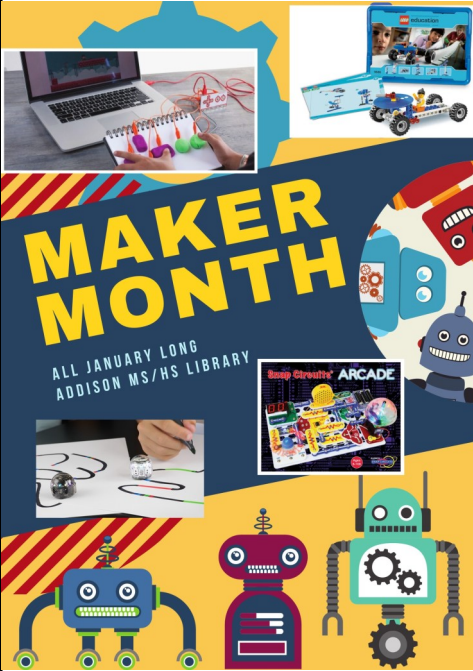
By: Sierra Cevette








Come Visit the MS/HS Library!

We've made a crime scene in the library! Thanks, Officer Brad Fuerst, for the caution tape! Students are encouraged to examine the clues and submit a creative writing piece in 5 sentences or less to tell us what happened. Some of our high school ELA teachers will be the judges! We're offering prizes to the winners, of course! Teachers, those staff members with study halls, etc are welcome to bring their students down to study the crime scene and make a submission. Deadline for entries is January 30th. Submit entries through the QR code or through this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/5JXgmQBmYt>



It's Maker Month in the library all month long! Students can code with Ozobots, create astonishing things (like a working keyboard) by forming circuits with Makey Makey, complete Snap Circuits Arcade projects, or build with Legos and K'nex. Students are loving it and are doing so many amazing things!



SCENE

**COLD CASE CRIME SCENE**

Examine the clues in the library

Tell us what happened in 5 sentences or less

Top 5 Middle School Stories & Top 5 High School Stories will win prizes!

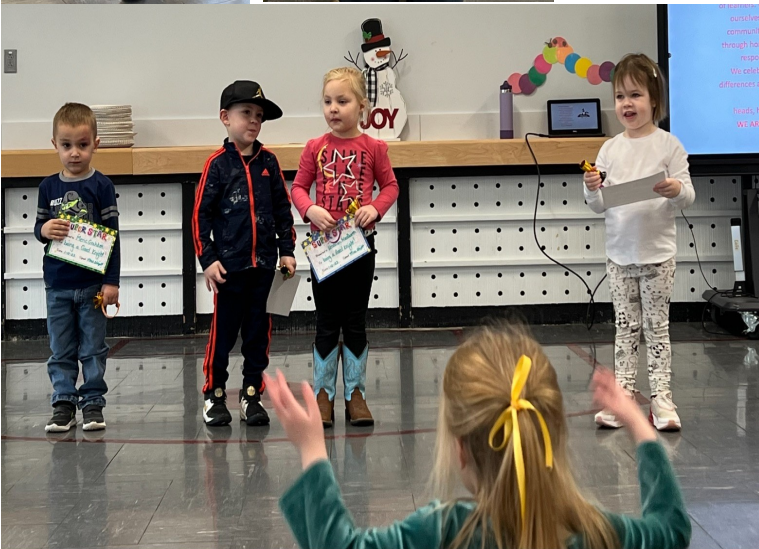
Submit your story by 1/30

Addison Middle-High School Library



News from Valley Early Childhood School

Knights know it. Celebrating a birthday and 4 knights of the week! Also some pictures of gym time for one of the classes!!



STEUBEN COUNTY ACADEMIC ALL STARS 2024 SCHEDULE

All matches start at 6:15. Home teams are underlined.

DATE	MEDIUM LARGE
FEB 5	Addison vs <u>Naples</u> C-S vs <u>C-G</u> @ C-GREENWOOD
FEB 12	Naples vs <u>C-Savona</u> C-Greenwood vs <u>Addison</u> @ ADDISON
FEB 26	C-Savona vs <u>Addison</u> C-Greenwood vs <u>Naples</u> @ NAPLES
MAR 4	C-G vs <u>C-S</u> Naples vs <u>Addison</u> @ ADDISON
MAR 11	Addison vs <u>C-Greenwood</u> C-Savona vs <u>Naples</u> @ NAPLES
MAR 18	Naples vs <u>C-Greenwood</u> Addison vs C-Savona @ C-SAVONA
MAR 25 Snow day	Make up if needed
APR 8	Championships



Elementary students got to take advantage of the new fallen snow!



The Following Tuscarora Students  
Have Reached 100 Steps!

**Kindergarten**

Zayden C.  
Sylas H.  
Liam G.  
Daren M.  
Matteo W.

Owen T.  
Elliot T.  
Hunter W.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Morgan B.  
Ares C.  
Madelyn C.

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

Kai E.  
Ryker H.  
Madelynn T.  
Karson R.

Mia F.  
Faith F.  
Ryan M.  
Bentley P.  
Morgan P.  
Sophia T.  
Colton T.  
Lydia W.  
MaKenzie W.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

Axtin B.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

Bentley F.  
Gideon G.  
Raelyn M.  
Ava N.  
Blayne S.  
Adriana S.  
Brantley S.

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Damian B.  
Gunner L.  
Jacob V.



Girls on the Run is for  
**EVERY** girl.

**2024 Spring Program**

PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 4TH

PROGRAM STARTS WEEK OF MARCH 18TH

**WHO WE ARE**

Girls on the Run of the Southern Tier (gotrst) is an after school program like no other! Twice per week for 10 weeks, girls have fun, make friends, increase their physical activity levels and learn important life skills. Trained and caring coaches lead 3rd-5th grade girls through interactive lessons and running activities.



**PROGRAM INCLUDES:**

- 20 in-person lessons delivered by GOTR volunteer coaches
- Grown-Up Guide
- Official GOTR t-shirt, water bottle, and draw string bag
- 5K finisher medal
- GOTR Journal
- All curriculum materials and supplies
- 10 weeks of fun, dynamic practices
- End of the season in-person 5k Celebration

**REGISTRATION**

Thanks to the American Rescue Plan, the cost of participant registration at Tuscarora Elementary is 100% covered for the Spring 2023 season. Please use code ARPADDISON24 when registering online. Limited spots available on a first come, first serve basis. Please note, if registering multiple participants, a separate registration will have to be completed for each participant.

**5K CELEBRATION**

Date: Sunday, June 2nd at 10:00 am

Location: Bath CSD High School Track

**SEASON INFORMATION:**

Tuscarora Elementary, Addison

Tues/Thurs 3:00pm to 4:30pm

Sign up before 2/26/24

Email [laurie.mault@girlsontherun.org](mailto:laurie.mault@girlsontherun.org) or call 607.776.9467 x231 with help with registration or with any questions.

SCHOLARSHIPS  
AVAILABLE!



REGISTER  
TODAY!

To register go to: [www.gotrst.org](http://www.gotrst.org)

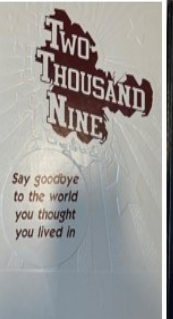
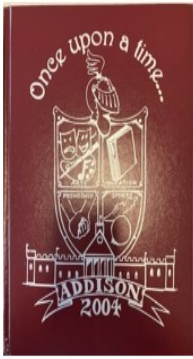
**Do You recognize any of  
these covers?**

That's right! The classics are back. But for a limited time.

To reduce storage of past yearbooks, the Yearbook club are offering yearbooks from these years at a greatly reduced price of \$10. Years included are 1997, 1998, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, some years have limited quantities.

Please send Sonya English an email at [senglish@addisoncsd.org](mailto:senglish@addisoncsd.org) with your inquiry and she will respond ASAP on availability and how to proceed with purchases.

Thank you!



**FINANCIAL AID  
COMPLETION NIGHT**

January 30th at 5pm and 6pm  
at the Addison High School Library

Let us help you complete your FASFA application. A group of college representatives will be on site to help you navigate the new FASFA process.

You must pre-register for this event by January 25th.  
Email [shapens@addisoncsd.org](mailto:shapens@addisoncsd.org)  
or call (607) 359-1132.



**Addison CSD Winter Week 2024**

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to <https://addisonwinterweek2024.itemorder.com/>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Online Store Deadline: Friday January 26th, 2024 (11:59pm EST)



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High School, Grades 9-12  
\$5 admission fee  
**WINTER BALL**  
FEBRUARY 9, 2024 7-10 PM  
SEMI-FORMAL ATTIRE ENCOURAGED  
OUT OF DISTRICT GUEST PERMISSION  
FORMS NEED TO BE TURNED IN BY  
FEBRUARY 6TH

**Upcoming Winter Weather Season**

Although we hope for no inclement weather, we live in New York and that is not going to happen. Bus safety is a critical component to overall school safety as our busses and bus drivers are on the road daily transporting students to and from school, traveling to out of district placements, as well as to extra-curricular/athletic events in the evening. As you know, delaying or closing school is a challenging decision to make. We use all information available (at the time) to make “the call”. We frequently communicate with the county and town and village highway departments to ensure we are making an appropriate decision. With all of this said, below is a brief summary of the various places to access delay/cancellation information, in logical order to do so:

**School Closings/Delays/Cancellations:**

1. Go to the school district web site: [Addisoncsd.org](http://Addisoncsd.org) – we will announce it there **first** with our on-screen alert (pop up message) on the home page. This is probably the easiest and quickest way to find out any information.
2. Go to the Addison District Facebook page.
3. Watch the local TV news and/or listen to the local radio stations– not always the fastest way to find out this information.
4. Wait for a call from our automated dialer system.

Note that in most cases, the call will be made before 6AM on the morning of the weather event. If the weather is **severe enough**, we will try to call off school the **night before**. We will follow the same protocol as above.

**Canceling After School and/or Evening Events:**

On the occasion where we have to cancel an after school or evening activity and/or athletic event, we will work to make a decision (as soon as possible) and follow the steps above for cancellations.

Please note #1 - There is never the “right” time of day to make any of these decisions. Much of the decision will be dictated by weather patterns, forecasting possible future weather events, and the advice from those places that we may be travelling to; **This is ALL in the name of safety for everyone!**

Please note #2 – None of us went to school to be meteorologists, but we pledge to do the best we can with the information that is made available to us at the time, always erring on the side of caution. Remember, there is a delicate balancing act between needing to provide an education (and other related school services and activities) for our students and the monitoring of weather conditions that are inevitable this time of year!

Please note #3 - The **variations in the weather**, along with changing road conditions, can be very different from school district to school district and even within our own district.

Please Note #4 - The use of a remote day or two (in late winter/early spring) is always a possibility if we have a challenging winter weather season!

In the event that we have to close school early after everyone is already here on campus, the District will follow our emergency go home early procedures established by your school building or department.