

Addison School District Newsletter

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NYSCLSA Leading by Example: Follow the Leadership Road

On the weekend of November 19th – 21st select officials of the high school student council took a trip to downtown Syracuse’s Marriot Historical Hotel. Students partook in the 23rd annual New York State Council on Leadership and Student Activities Conference. Mrs. Keech, Student Council Advisor, chose several trusted students to attend the event: Katharine A. (12th grade), Bryson C. (12th grade), Skylar H. (11th grade), and Owen D. (11th grade).

Throughout the event, students participated in various activities. Of these activities, there were 3 guest speakers: Lilyan Carrillo, Kyle Willkom and Lamarr Womble. They all had amazing stories to tell that brought leadership skills and networking activities to students. Students participated in speaker workshops in which speakers would guide students through activities that would help students network with each other. Students also participated in group workshops where they learned about social networking and event publicity.

Leadership is a skill that everyone should learn and experience, yet so many fail to take advantage of the amazing capabilities of leadership. Leadership is a passive skill in that we don’t always know that we are in a position of leadership. At times, when we feel like we aren’t leaders, we truly are; although, the effects may be unnoticeable. Active leadership is the capability to take this skill and use it physically for an external net gain. Change is like a seed that sprouts after being planted by a leader. It’s inspirational and motivating; it drives us to progression.

“I was so grateful for the opportunity Mrs. Keech presented me with. It was an honor to travel to Syracuse with my peers and network with other students from all over the state. I brought back so many ideas that I hope to see implemented here [in Addison] someday. Ideas that could not only improve the situations within the school but also within the community as well.”-Bryson C. (senior in attendance)



By: Bryson Crandall

Tuscarora Pie event

At Tuscarora, students were rewarded for their good behavior by getting the opportunity to “pie” their teachers in the face. According to Mrs. Richmond, Elementary Assistant Principal, the November PBIS activity was to have students from the building earn “Good Knight” tickets. When the students were spotted acting responsibly, respectfully, and behaving well in the classroom, they were rewarded with a ticket. The students could put the ticket into one of seven teacher envelopes. Tickets were tallied and the winners got to throw the pies into the faces of the following: Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Richmond, Mr. Smith, Mr. Gaffney, Mrs. Flint, Mrs. Reed, and Mrs. Hunkele. After the event, students were invited to join the teachers for a piece of pie.



By: Ava White



After School Late Bus Operation Ending on December 8th

Important Announcement:

Unfortunately, ACS will be ending our after school late bus runs effective December 8th as this is an incredibly challenging time to secure bus drivers for our regular school day bus runs. Even more challenging is securing availability for after school/extra bus runs. After school activities and programming will continue as normal; however, the District will be unable to provide transportation home at the end of these activities. (our 4:30pm bus run)

The bus driver shortage has been a true challenge to manage for every school district and is not isolated to Addison as schools in general all over the nation have been negatively impacted. Even with quality recruitment strategies and improved pay and benefit packages, hiring and retaining drivers has been very difficult. Additionally, there are other factors that are outside our circle of control.

Until further notice, there will be no late bus run after Thursday, December 7.

The District will continue to work diligently with the Transportation Department to find possible solutions to bring this service back on line as soon as we can.



Senior Spotlight: Class of 2024

Kylene S.

Favorite Part of High School:
Having study halls with Mrs. Clark

What are your plans after high school:
Attending Delaware Valley University to obtain a degree in Agriculture Business.

Who is your favorite teacher:
Coach Young

Where do you see yourself in 10 years:
Having a large herd of show cattle.

What advice would you give to younger students:
Do your math homework.



Katharine A.

Favorite Part of High School:
Sophomore year chemistry

What are your plans after high school:
Attend college and get a degree in psychology

Who is your favorite teacher:
Mrs. Crochiere

Where do you see yourself in 10 years:
With a nice house and good job

What advice would you give to younger students:
Do not procrastinate.

Riders to Readers Continues

Leo Eldridge is the transportation supervisor of Addison Central School District and he is continuing a program called Riders to Readers. The Riders to Readers program is an initiative to improve the relationship between bus drivers and students as well as teachers and bus drivers. The transportation department felt that there was a disconnection between the bus and classroom and they designed a program to bridge the gap. This program helps strengthen relationships and adds variety to students’ learning. Drivers also hope to see an increase in reading interest by students and improved reading scores. This is an opportunity for drivers to give back to the school and students by volunteering their time and investing in the students.

By: Lila Hand & Peyton Hager

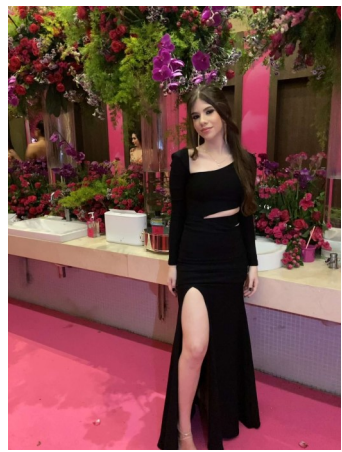


Getting to Know: Emanuele Cabral de Lima

Emanuele Cabral de Lima is a 16-year-old exchange student from Brazil, specifically from the city of Cuiba in the state of Mato Grosso. She’s currently living with the Hartman family. She played volleyball in the fall and she’s currently playing basketball on the varsity team. Em said that she really enjoyed volleyball season and she’s looking forward to playing basketball. She likes to hang out with her friends and she used to work out back in Brazil. She thought Addison was going to be a bigger city and was surprised at how small it is and how far away everything is. Her least favorite thing is the food here; it is really different from Brazil. She really misses traditional Brazilian foods. Some examples are feijoada and pão de queijo.

Em has 2 sisters and one of them (her twin) is also doing an exchange year in the United States. Her favorite restaurant so far is Aniello’s. One goal she has set for her time here is to improve her English. Advice that she would give to future exchange students is to accept and adapt to whatever placement you receive and to make the most of every opportunity and experience offered to you.

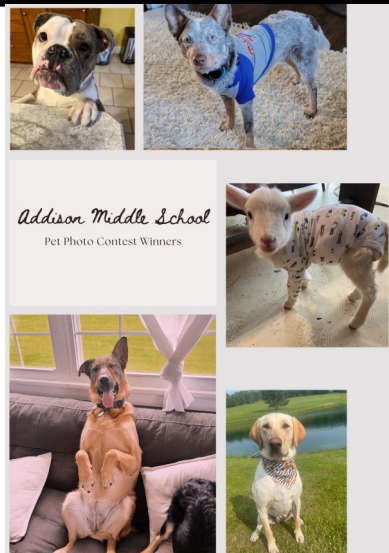
By: Giulio Cozzolino and Andrew Jones



Library Pet Photo Contest 2023

Thank you to all staff who voted in our library pet photo contest! We had a whopping total of 357 entries! We had 17 staff members who voted. The voting was incredibly tight! Some students were only 1 vote away from being in the top 5 but just fell short. All students can be very proud of their submissions. Our judges narrowed down the entries to a "top 5" for high school entries and a "top 5" for middle school entries, in no particular order: High School winners: Caden Titus, Sarahjean Hockenberry, Jack Dowling, Bregan Jones, Caidyn Jones. Middle School winners: Meadow Dgien, Madison Schwenk, Carly Sands, Braelynn Howard, and Bryna Schoonover.

The library would like to thank everyone for their participation!



The Following Tuscarora Students
Have Reached 100 Steps!

Kindergarten

Hannah B.
Benjamin B.
Sophia D.
Bella H.
Harper M.
Blaze F.
Dino G.
Emery M.
Colton R.
Payton S.
Eugene S

Christian D.
Tilian W.
Harrison A.
Weston B.
Alexavier D.
Zander G.
Brayden J.
Ryan P.
Maddison Y.

3rd Grade

Erika N.
Cora W.

1st Grade

Bailey C.
Quinn G.
Taylor H.
Alison L.
Bentley L.
Hudson R.
Carly T.
David W.
Greyson H.
Chrystal O.
Weston S.
Kinsleigh S.

4th Grade

Sebastian B.
Blaike W.
Adalaya M.

5th Grade

Keira G.
Kendra M.
Jayden M.
Jordan R.
Madison W.
Callaiya W.
Jesse S.
Azarianna G.
Cambria K.
Cheyanne L.
Liam L.
Colton T.
Blake W.

2nd Grade

Rainey C.
Layne M.
Josephine P.
Aspen S.
Blake S.
Tobias S.
Nicholas T.



Have you ordered your

YEARBOOK

yet?

Yearbooks are \$50. Bring check made payable to
Addison Yearbook to Mrs. English Room D202 (High School) or
Mrs. Dickerson (Middle School) or order online at jostens.com.

**WINTER
SCAVENGER HUNT**

ADDISON MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL
LIBRARY
ALL DECEMBER LONG
WIN PRIZES!

**GUESS THE
CHRISTMAS
CAROLS IN
EMOJIS**

Guess the titles of the
Christmas carols based on the
bulletin board of emojis
outside the MS/HS library.
See how many you can guess!

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 – 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, late bus, 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.