

Addison School District Newsletter

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Middle School Leadership Conference

Middle School students attended an event called Life: Powered by You! hosted by the Career Development Council.

Students got to meet professional women who shared strategies for success to grow their skills in communication, social media safety, making wise money choices and being their best selves overall.

Ms. VanSant accompanied the students to this great event.



New York State Regents Exams Update: Change is on the Horizon

Recently, there has been much discussion about the removal of Regents exams in New York State. The other day Mr. Peiffer visited our journalism class to talk about impending changes to Regents testing and graduation requirements. Mr. Peiffer wanted to assure the community that Regents exams are currently still a requirement. He stressed three points: one, any alterations to Regents requirements will not go into effect until 2027 at the earliest; two, the changes will be phased in starting with the freshman class of 2027 and continuing on with every class after them; and three, this proposal is still in the developmental stages and has not been approved by the Board of Regents yet.

The purpose of these changes is to provide a level playing field for all students and to obtain a more complete assessment of a student's knowledge. This change could benefit students who have a good understanding of their course material, but struggle with test taking. Students will have different options to complete their graduation requirements and demonstrate what they have learned. They will be given the potential choices to either take a Regents exam, create a portfolio, or deliver a presentation that shows their knowledge of the course material. Regardless of the way students meet their graduation requirements, students will have to prove they understand the material of required classes. However, students will likely be required to take Regents exams in ELA and Algebra I, as this testing is required under the Federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

The Blue-Ribbon Commission, a group of stakeholders from all areas of education and various other realms - including teachers, parents, and students - have pushed forward a four-part transformation plan to put a focus on learning-centered education. This proposal suggests creating a portrait of what a graduate should look like in the future, redefining credits into larger categories like STEM and Humanities, terminating diploma assessment requirements, and combining the various high school diplomas available into one singular high school diploma. It is important to keep in mind that nothing about this plan has been set in stone - it is still being formulated, discussed, and has yet to be approved.

For those interested in more details about the potential changes, Mr. Peiffer recommends visiting the New York State Education Department website (nysed.gov). In closing, all high school students should make sure to study for their tests this spring!

By Anna Lyons and Kaylee Keech

Addison Journalists

Thank you for the efforts of the first semester Journalism students that have contributed to the Addison Post Newsletter:

Kaylee K., Kenzie S., Andrew J., Maxx B., Ryan T., Grace H., and Anna L.

Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Ferratella are very proud of your efforts and we will miss some of you in class next semester.

Please consider joining the Journalism class during your high school career and become published.



NOTICE OF BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS MEETING & AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING – FEBRUARY 25, 2025

THE ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION AUDIT COMMITTEE WILL HOLD AN AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025 AT 5:15P.M. IN THE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA.

THE ADDISON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) WILL HOLD A BUSINESS MEETING ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025 AT 6:00P.M. IN THE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA.

Senior Spotlight: Class of 2025

Frank D.

Favorite part of high school?
Spending time with my pals and girlfriend

What are your plans after high school?
Going to a trade school

Favorite staff member?
Mrs. Janeski

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
Hopefully not homeless or something

What advice would you give to younger students?
Come to school unlike Kaiden

How has Addison contributed to your success thus far?
The BOCES program



Kaiden M.

Favorite part of high school?
Riding the bus to BOCES

What are your plans after high school?
Join the Army and then going to work

Favorite staff member?
Mrs. Janeski

Where do you see yourself in 10 years?
Frank’s boss

What advice would you give to younger students?
Stay away from the thugs

How has Addison contributed to your success thus far?
Getting to see Frank every day because it makes me feel better about my welding



Welcome, Maria!

Maria Ferret Gonzalez is a 16 year old exchange student from Spain, specifically from the city of Pamplona. She is currently staying with the Beckhorn family. She played volleyball in the fall and she is currently cheerleading. Her favorite thing to do is go shopping. She did not expect Addison to be so small and wishes it was bigger. She really misses the food and her friends back home. She loves all the friends she has made in Addison. She wanted to really improve her English while being here. Her future advice for exchange students is do not be shy and make friends.
By Andrew Jones

Welcome back, Mr. Howe!

Mr. William (Bill) Howe has returned to the Addison School District as the Acting Principal for the high school. We are excited to have him back with us.

When asked what Mr. Howe would like to say to the community, he replied, “It’s been great being back. All have been supportive to me and I love the energy all the students bring to this school.”



NHS Club Spotlight

The National Honor Society (NHS), headed by Mrs. Overton, is the most exclusive club in the school. To be inducted, eligible sophomores and juniors go through an extensive application process, in which they must prove they have been a positive force in the school and their community. Applicants are asked to list their volunteer hours, work experience, sports, extra-curriculars, and any leadership positions in which they have been involved. In addition, applicants create a resume - excellent practice for students who have yet to join the workforce.

If accepted, applicants officially join the club through an induction ceremony, where novitiates promise to be a productive member of the NHS. Sydney R., the club historian, remarking on the ceremony, said, “It’s very empowering and I was very grateful to everyone who helped me get to that point of my life. My parents were proud to see me light the candle, and I was proud of myself. It was an important milestone in my high school career.” The work doesn’t end at the Induction Ceremony, however. NHS members must complete 10 hours of community service each school year and continue to uphold the Pillars of Knighthood. Although members can complete these hours individually, the NHS offers a multitude of volunteer opportunities for its members. Among these are: acting as a pen pal to elementary school students, checking the food bags sent out at the end of school weeks for middle and high school students in need, and volunteering for other groups, such as the Salvation Army.



Mrs. Overton summed NHS up, saying, “The National Honor Society is much more than just students who have good grades. The National Honor Society provides the members an opportunity to discover the benefits of giving back to the community.”

Besides benefits to Addison and surrounding communities, the NHS gives back to its members. The club’s president, Alex B., said, “I love being in the NHS group because it provides a safe place and a good community environment for all.” This group has shown me new and interesting viewpoints from my community.”

Becoming a member of the NHS is an experience that Mrs. Overton hopes will have long lasting effects, causing members to “develop a love for helping others and continue to give back far into their adult lives.” The application process will soon open to eligible students, and new members will be inducted on May 14th.

By Anna Lyons and Kaylee Keech

MS/HS Library Makerspace Activities: Snowflake watercolor resist paintings, embroidery and cross stitch projects, lego mindstorm education kits, Asian Lunar New Year learning and focus on creativity. National Crayola Creativity Week was January 27-January 31. Students were given the



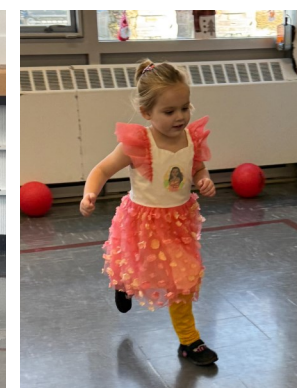
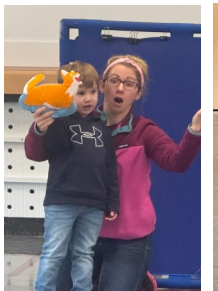
opportunity to do featured Crayola Creativity Week projects. Students can also get ideas for other creative projects by checking out our creativity book display.

Valley Early Childhood School News

The Valley students are hustling and bustling with winter activities. Students learned about the letter J. Some of the classes made J is for Jam crafts. During KKI Miss Lacey, Miss Korver, and some of the friends from their class told the story of the Gingerbread Man. All classes did gross motor in the gym this week. Students covered the letter K and did Koala crafts. They also learned about the number 6. They talked about Winnie the Pooh and sang Pooh songs and had a dance party to celebrate Pooh's birthday. When learning about the letter L, Valley students made a ladybug craft and talked about many things that start with the letter. Some classes also made a lizard craft. They practiced tracing and writing the letter. Mrs. Delaney decorated some of the hallway with Lunar New Year decorations and she took one of the dragons around for all the kids to see in KKI. All the classes made a Lunar New Year hat and did a dance.

Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Peiffer, stopped to join gym time and played catch with some of the preschoolers. Miss Korver and Miss Gill's class had been determined to have a fun day in the snow, even though when that day came, the snow had almost all gone away! Even so, the kids had a great time getting outside for some old-fashioned fun!

To celebrate the Lunar New Year each child at Valley was gifted a red envelope with a dollar in it with a snake on it because it is the year of the snake. The red envelope is a tradition that children get one with money in it. It represents good luck, fortune, and prosperity.



100 Step Reading Challenge at Tuscarora

Almost at the half-way point of the year and our students are wowing us with their reading.
Thank you families for your cheerleading and support at home.

Kindergarten
650 Steps
Brantley J

250 Steps
Jamison W
Henley A
Emma C
Colt J
Claire M
Lillian W

100 Steps
Kendalyn W

1st Grade
250 Steps
Hannah B
Briella B
Helen L
Daren M
Benjamin B
Posey C
Emma D
Hudson G
Emery M
Paisley W

2nd Grade
250 Steps
Cadence A
David H
Jaxon S

Connor M
Dakota C

100 Steps
Karson R

3rd Grade
250 Steps
Willow A
Karleigh H
Dawson H
Paityn J
Layne M
Tori M
Oliver R

100 Steps
Troy A
Alice H
Carter F-C
Madison Y
Brayden S

4th Grade
500 Steps
Adriana Sindlinger

250 Steps
Lincoln Knapp
Elam McPherson
Harper Risley
Reagan Vance
Daniel O'Brian

Gideon Gill
Blayne Smalt
Abel Walker

5th Grade
250 Steps
Madelyn Carr
Kohen Criss
Ryan Mourhess
Axel Reed

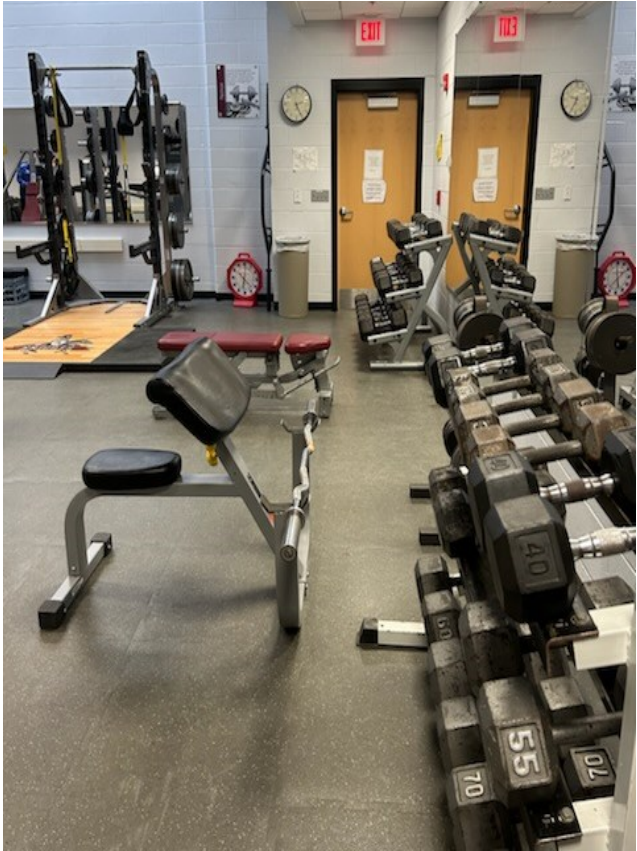


Improve Yourself in the Addison Weight Room



The Addison School District middle/high school’s weight room offers a fully equipped space designed to help students of all fitness levels achieve their personal health goals. The weightroom is open to staff and students from 3-4:30 Tuesday-Thursday. With amazing machines, free weights, and cardiovascular equipment, it’s the perfect environment to build strength, improve endurance, or enhance athletic performance. Whether you’re training for a sport, focusing on overall fitness, or looking

to relieve stress, the weight room provides a supportive and motivating atmosphere. Qualified staff is there for supervision. Join today and take your fitness journey to the next level—it’s time to get stronger, faster, and healthier!
By Ryan Thompson



STEUBEN COUNTY ACADEMIC ALL STARS
2024 SCHEDULE

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

DATE	MEDIUM LARGE
Feb 3	Canisteo-Greenwood vs <u>Naples</u> Addison vs <u>Campbell-Savona</u> @Campbell-Savona
Feb 10	<u>Naples</u> vs Addison Campbell-Savona vs <u>Canisteo-Greenwood</u> @ Canisteo-Greenwood
Feb 24	Addison vs <u>Canisteo-Greenwood</u> <u>Naples</u> vs <u>Campbell-Savona</u> @Campbell-Savona
Mar 3	Campbell-Savona vs <u>Addison</u> <u>Naples</u> vs <u>Canisteo-Greenwood</u> @Canisteo-Greenwood
Mar 10	Canisteo-Greenwood vs <u>Campbell-Savona</u> Addison vs <u>Naples</u> @ Naples
Mar 17	Campbell-Savona vs <u>Naples</u> Canisteo-Greenwood vs <u>Addison</u> @Addison
Mar 24	Snow Day/ Make Up

MIDKNIGHT AND SQUIRE
PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS



PETER PAN

Friday March 14th at 7pm
Saturday March 15th at 7pm
Sunday March 16th at 1pm

TICKETS: \$10 at the door
DOORS OPEN 45 MINUTES BEFORE THE SHOW STARTS

Addison Middle High School Auditorium
1 Colwell Street, Addison, NY 14801