

Addison School District Newsletter

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Home Away From Home: Exchange Students of Addison

The Addison School District has a long-standing history of accepting exchange students in the student body. These students come for either a half or a full year at a time and live with a host family. This year, there are 8 host families and 9 students, from Italy, Germany, Switzerland, Turkey, and Brazil, using two different organizations: Academic Year in America (AYA) and Education First (EF).

Host families are volunteers and do not receive any payment for the year. The process requires a background check and a reference check. Another component

includes a home visit, along with a lengthy application. A local coordinator then sits with the family to make sure that all family members are in agreement with the rules and regulations before finalizing the application and allowing the family to determine final placement. Families can choose students based on gender and activities/interests or narrow the results to select from specific countries or areas of the world. Some organizations have subgroups of students who have applied for and earned scholarships to help fund their time in the United States. Mrs. Clark, host mother of Niklas with AYA, says that she chose him because “he had similar interests with both of my children in soccer and guitar, but what really made him stand out was when I saw that he was a twin. As a twin myself, I knew it was a match.”

When students are chosen by the family, contact information is given to the host family and exchange student to allow them begin communicating with each other. Families are encouraged to get to know one another and exchange rules/expectations before arrival. When summer is almost over, the students prepare for their trip, packing their luggage and saying goodbye to friends to family. Some students will attend a brief orientation upon their arrival in the US, while others will fly directly to meet their new host family.

Once they arrive in the US, the students become part of the family, doing chores, and making friends. They are encouraged to join sports or clubs to meet their interests (some trying new sports or activities for the first time) and taking part in American traditions (such as Homecoming). Francesco, an EF student from Italy, says, “I really enjoyed meeting the soccer team for the first time and making friends. I have never played soccer before, and the team was very welcoming and helped me learn.”

Some organizations offer activities to get together with other area exchange students, even offering trips throughout the year. AYA students are encouraged to give back to their new communities by volunteering, even receiving awards for reaching a certain number of hours. Recently, 10 local students volunteered at the finish line of the Wineglass Marathon, handing out water bottles and congratulating the runners as they finished. Students look forward to participating in other activities throughout the year to enrich their experience. Some even give presentations to local groups about their home country and culture.

In June, the exchange students take local and Regents exams with their classmates to finalize their transcripts, concluding their year in America. This is the hardest part for many of the students and families, as they have to pack up all of their belongings and say goodbye to the place that has become their home. Exchange students return to their home countries with memories to last a lifetime and the ability to share their experiences that have positively impacted them as a person. American students are left with fond memories of their friends from other countries, and a wealth of knowledge about a place they may never visit.

Terri Rogers, AYA Local Coordinator says, “Having international students as peers is an opportunity for our children to grow. They learn that even though on the surface, cultural attributes may seem different, what let’s us make connections is the common humanity. They learn about the world. Geography takes on a whole different meaning when you know someone from that country. And finally, in our communities, this type of exposure to diversity, helps our children to lift their eyes beyond the usual landscape [and] this broadens our kids’ horizons.”

By: Andrew Jones & Giulio Cozzolino

The Boys Modified Cross Country squad recently attended the McQuaid Invitational. The team placed fourth in the small school division. At the end of the meet, races were “merged” with larger and smaller schools combined. The young Addison Knights placed 7th overall with over 130 schools that participated. This was Addison’s best finish ever and all of the runners should feel proud!



Mr. Roy’s 6th grade middle school technology students are building robots through creative construction and coding.



THE ADDISON CSD BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) WILL HOLD A BUSINESS MEETING ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2023 AT 6:00 PM IN THE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA.

Senior Spotlight: Class of 2024

Alliee G.

Favorite Part of High School:
Hanging out with Carley.

What are your plans after high school:
Go to SUNY Corning to get her Associate’s Degree in social working and cosmetology.

What has been your proudest moment of high school:
The work she does for cosmetology

Where do you see yourself in 10 years:
Owning a salon.

What advice would you give to younger students:
Do not try to rush it.



Carley W.

Favorite Part of High School:
Hanging out with Alliee.

What are your plans after high school:
Go to SUNY Corning for teaching.

What has been your proudest moment in high school:
Being friends with everyone.

Where do you see yourself in 10 years:
With a family

What advice would you give to younger students:
Do not overwork yourself

Welcome Mr. Roy: Bringing Revolutionary Ideas to the Classroom

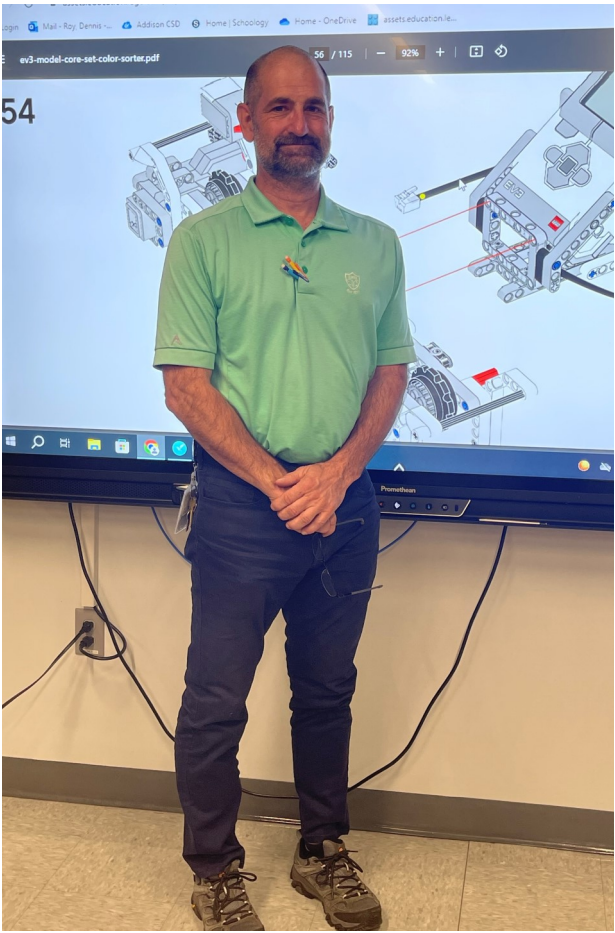
Mr. Roy, the new technology teacher, sat down for an interview to introduce himself to the Addison community. During the interview, he spoke a bit about himself, but mostly about his goals as a teacher in relation to the students. Inspired by his own experiences in school, he wanted to ensure that his class was hand’s on and engaging, holding the very Legos he uses to do so as he spoke. Also working as a technology administrator, he is excited to see the technological advances he has experienced over his lifetime and wants to enrich his teaching with it.

In congruence with other new staff when asked about his impression on the student body, he echoed the sentiments of others by saying, “So far, I think, the kids have been really good to me”, continuing to touch on how the whole school has been extremely welcoming. Working in eight different districts, he stated that Addison has been the most welcoming of all.

His ultimate goal is to keep kids busy so they are motivated to learn. Mr. Roy also touched on a brand-new idea that he would like to bring to the classroom. He brought up the concept of having juniors and seniors helping train a therapy dog. The goal of this is to help teach patience and responsibility to young adults and give back to the community. He focuses on thinking outside the box, interested in pioneering and bringing the best to his students. Outside of school, Mr. Roy is a family-oriented person, spending time with his two kids and going to their soccer games, along with working on house renovations.

Welcome Mr. Roy to the Addison community and thank you for your drive to give your students the best.

By: Sierra Cevette



Getting to Know: Pauljonas Beth

Welcome Pauljonas Beth from Berlin, Germany. PJ is 16 years old and is staying with the OBrian (Marshall) family this year. While PJ has been in Addison, he enjoys the sunsets, hanging out with friends, and playing soccer on the Addison Boys Varsity team.

PJ enjoys all sports, his favorite hobby is soccer. He started kicking a ball around in the backyard when he was 3 and joined a club team by the age of four. His favorite memory so far is scoring a goal from a freekick at a soccer game. Back home, PJ has one brother named Jonathan, who is 12. The biggest difference for him between Berlin and Addison is the size. He says that Addison is much smaller and there are a lot more woods compared to his city in Germany.

Although he misses his family and some of the food in Germany, PJ is happy that he is in the United States. He says that his dad encouraged him to make this journey; he wanted him to learn better English, and that life is too short to not take risks. Advice that PJ would give to other exchange students is to keep an open mind to new experiences.

By: Ava White

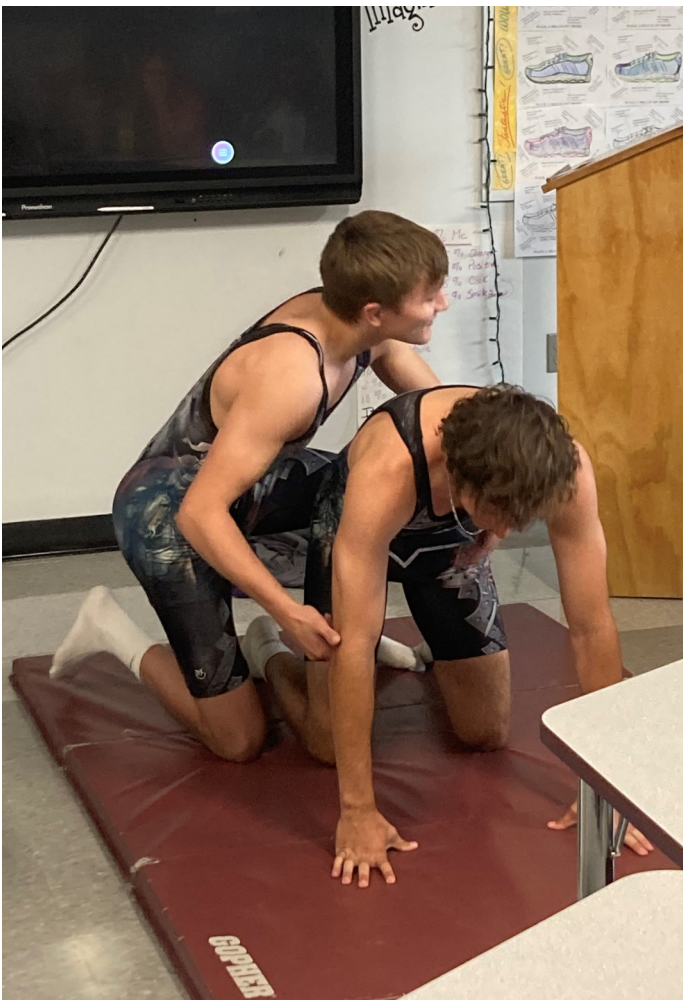


Middle School students had fun at the Homecoming Dance



In Public Speaking, an ACE course through Corning Community College, students recently gave demonstration speeches on a topic of their choice. Students were required to write a 3-minute speech demonstrating something they can do well. Many students chose tangible things, such as wrestling moves, curling hair, and making matcha. Meanwhile, other students spoke about how to be good friends and how to work with people that you do not like. This enabled students to have a voice and teach each other tasks that they believe they can do well.

By: Reagan Quick & Cade Sands



Welcome Ms. Smith, Career Education Resource Specialist

The Addison faculty and student body is happy to welcome aboard the new career development council member, Ms. Lindey Smith. Ms. Smith is very friendly, and she loves meeting new people. Ms. Smith is an alumnus of Horseheads High School, having participated in their cheerleading team all four of her years. Ms. Smith has a background in Human Resources and Recruiting: “I love working with people and making a positive difference in their lives,” said Ms. Smith when asked about her background in recruiting.

Ms. Smith really loves encouraging our future leaders to follow their passions. “I definitely think the most important feature is advocating for the students.” Ms. Smith had much to say about the advocational aspect and just how core it is to her job and herself. Ms. Smith loves the variety of tenure between the staff both old and new. She is very thankful for how welcoming the staff has been, some even offering her connections with the businesses with which she will be working. One of her personal goals is to learn the building and get to know the teams and kids she will be working with as well as making the students feel comfortable when they see her around. When asked about her goals for this year involving students, Ms. Smith responds: “One of my goals this year and moving forward is to help get students transportation to career panels ...and to encourage local businesses to be a part of our career programs as well.”

In her free time, Ms. Smith loves hiking with her family and camping. She also likes to explore different places throughout upstate New York. Ms. Smith finished her interview with a personal quote she’d love to share with the Addison community: “I have a passion for developing our future work force. And will continue to encourage the students to find a career that will be fulfilling to them. I want to see the students succeed.”

Again, welcome Ms. Smith. It is an honor to have you with us.



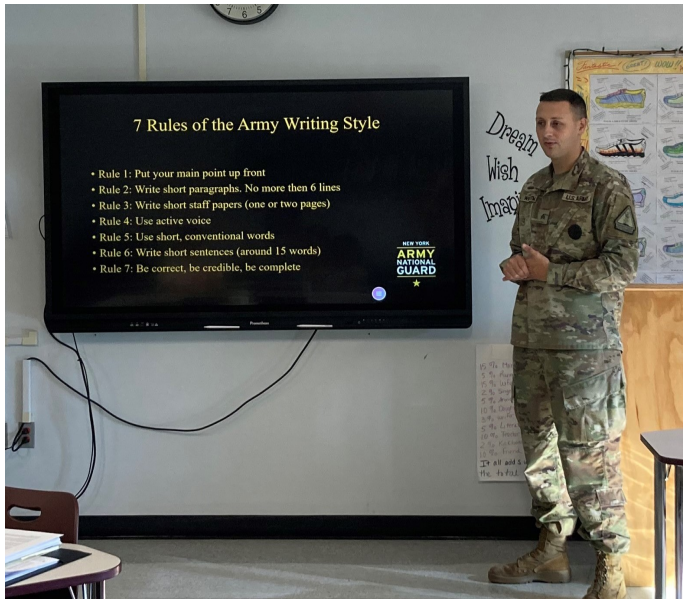
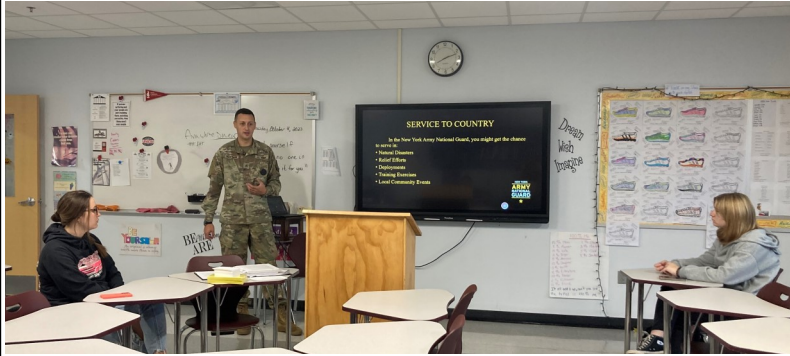
By: Bryson Crandall



Visitor from the Army National Guard

SGT Robert Wightman, Recruiting and Retention NCO, visited Addison High School on October 4th and 5th. He visited English 12, ACE Public Speaking, Economics and Participation in Government classes. SGT Wightman catered each presentation to the class he was visiting and shared information about his job in the Army National Guard and military in general. Students learned much information from his presentations. We

thank SGT Wightman for his visit.



In other news...

OPEN HOUSE

At Valley Early Childhood School

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

From 5:30-6:30

OCTOBER EVENTS

- *HAUNTED HOUSE CONTEST
- *CANDY GUESSING CONTEST
- *100 WORDS SPOOKY STORY CONTEST
- *HALLOWEEN CRAFTS

ADDISON MIDDLE-HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY

Addison Middle High School Drama Club Presents:

12 INCOMPETENT JURORS

A COMEDY BY Ian McWethy

October 28, 2023 at 7pm
October 29, 2023 at 1pm

college interest opportunity!

CHECK US OUT!

HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELING OFFICE

FAMILY EVENT

OCTOBER 31

VALLEY EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL

STARTING AT 10 AM

PARADE AND FAMILY TRUNK-OR-TREAT

"FOR VALLEY FAMILIES ONLY"

CAREER EVENTS

OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER

BUSINESS CAREER PANEL
Thursday, October 19th
9:30-11:30am
Corning Incorporated Headquarters, Corning

CAREERS IN EDUCATION PANEL
Wednesday, November 8th
9:15-11:00am
GST BOCES Bush Campus, Elmira

STEM DAY
Tuesday, November 21
Time TBD
Corning Community College, Corning

REHAB CAREERS
Tuesday, December 5th
10:00am-12:00pm
Arnot Ogden Medical Center, Elmira

MEDICAL CAREER PANEL
Wednesday, December 6th
9:30-11:30am
Corning-Painted Post High School, Corning

PROTECTIVE SERVICE CAREER PANEL
Thursday, December 14th
9:15-11:00am
GST BOCES Bush Campus, Elmira

Visit Mrs. Smith in the guidance office to attend!



The Addison Village is seeking an 18+ year old individual to serve as a crossing guard for school arrival and departure, 30 minutes in the morning (7:30-8:00am) and 30 minutes in the afternoon (2:45-3:15pm). Interested parties should contact the Addison Village for additional details.

Scholarship Info Available

Scholarship Guidance offers a weekly newsletter with information on state and nation wide scholarships available to students. Sign up to receive the newsletter at <https://scholarshipguidance.com/newsletter>.



Have you ordered your

YEARBOOK

yet?

Yearbooks are \$45 until Sept 30. Bring check made payable to Addison Yearbook to Mrs. English Room C207 (High School) or Mrs. Dickerson (Middle School) or order online at jostens.com. Price will increase to \$50 from October to June.