

Addison School District Newsletter

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Addison School District 2023-2024 New School Year Kick-off

Teachers and staff were excited to be back at school on Tuesday, September 5th. They gathered in the auditorium to hear from Mr. DioGuardi, Mr. Wheeler, Board of Education President, ATA Union President and CSEA president, and two guest student speakers. The opening message consisted in thanking all the staff that works diligently and tirelessly over the summer to get the building ready for faculty and students: facilities, food service, transportation, information technology, all administrators and 12-month employees, among many others. All new staff were introduced and welcomed. Longevity and years of service were also recognized.

A large majority of Mr. DioGuardi's welcome speech consisted of reinforcing the positives within the district, which includes our triple threat: Program, People and Places. Addison School District has a large array of opportunities for students and their futures. Some of these are: a variety of ACE courses for college credit, many course offerings that cater to students' interests, CTE programs, music and art and many athletic and extra-curricular opportunities. Additionally, Addison prides itself on hiring the brightest and the best people to work in the district. Also, the facilities within the Addison School District are "second to none" with the building phases and improvements that are always occurring to make the school and grounds look their best.

The school district strategic plan, vision and mission statement were shared and emphasized as well. The mission statement states: "We will provide students with a safe, engaging and challenging learning environment in order that they are prepared for success in a global society." To achieve the district's vision, positive relationships will be emphasized within the school and community to provide superior, innovative educational opportunities which promote lifelong learning. Core values of the district were shared and emphasized. These core values are:

1. Students are the primary focus of all our efforts in and out of the classroom.
2. A safe and secure learning environment (social, emotional and physical) is a right and responsibility of all.
3. Family, community and school partnerships are essential to student success and the development of citizenship.
4. A belief in the commitment to personal growth and lifelong learning through a persistent pursuit of individualized achievement for all students.
5. Effective and respectful communications are critical to student success.

There will be an area of focus this school year on restorative practices, curriculum development and the portrait of a graduate. Overall, there was much emphasis on professional growth and positivity in the school district.

At the end of the morning, two seniors, Kylene Stierly and Cade Sands, shared their positive experiences within their time in the Addison School District. It was a warm and motivating opening for all staff.



Congratulations to Anna Mae Garder for 35 Years of Service!

Anna Mae Gardner has been serving the Addison School District for 35 years! She was celebrated during the opening day kick-off morning on September 5th. Anna Mae was given a t-shirt and acknowledged in front of all Addison staff for her years of hard work and service.

Mrs. Gardner grew up on her family's dairy farm. She graduated from Savona High School and then received her Bachelor of Science in Education from Keuka College and her Master of Science in Education from Mansfield University. Many students in the district agree that Mrs. Gardner has made an impact on their lives. She would define making a difference in teaching as "...you see the student as a whole person, with wants, needs, strengths, weaknesses, etc. and you form a relationship with them and take the time to nurture that relationship daily... Take the time to let them know you care about them." Mrs. Gardner believes that the key factors to creating a successful learning environment are developing and reinforcing classroom rules that support safe and respectful behavior, which also creates a safe learning environment for students.

Most importantly though, is building POSITIVE relationships not only with your students, but also students building positive relationships with each other. She creates a family every year in her classroom and the students know that they are loved, valued and that they are safe. To her, you can't learn if you feel unsafe or not at ease. For any new teachers, Mrs. Gardner has a word of advice: "Form positive relationships, nurture those relationships, show the students you genuinely care....it will make the world of difference for all involved."

By: Ava White

CLASS OF 2024
SENIOR
SUNRISE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH
6:30-7:20 AM
AT THE SOCCER
COMPLEX
PARKING BEHIND
BASEBALL
FIELDS



If you want to be a part of the Addison Newsletter, even if you are not in the Journalism class, contact Mrs. Ferratella at rferratella@addisoncsd.org or see her in D203 at Addison High School!



THE ADDISON CSD BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) WILL HOLD A BUSINESS MEETING ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH AT 6:00 PM IN THE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA.



“Hello my name is Mr. Greenfield. I teach Physical Education at Addison. The first day went very well it was exciting to see familiar faces, wishing everybody had a great summer. Looking forward to having new people to meet and being sad to maybe say this is the last time I have some students because it’s been a pleasure. I thoroughly enjoy my job and the kids I work with.”



Easton S. said, “Uh, fine.” When asked what his favorite class is, he said, “Social Studies.”



“The first day was very productive. The students got their materials, and we got right to work. They had lots of fun.” Mr. Painter

Meet Mr. DeRyke: Here and Here to Stay

Addison High School has a new science teacher this year, Mr. DeRyke. Happy to be here, he had plenty to say during the interview. Starting his career twenty-five years ago in Coopers Plains as a substitute teacher and already having some experience teaching Addison students, he’s now moved back to the area to teach and coach here in Addison. Mr. DeRyke is inspired by his experience working in aquaculture and working on the ocean. Part of his job was to give tours to school groups, which made him realize he really liked working with kids. Due to a layoff, he moved back to New York to start out as a substitute teacher. In his interview, he discussed that content is important, but the relationships with other teachers, students and parents are essential to the learning experience.

Mr. DeRyke is impressed by the school and its improvements. He stated, “I was floored to see how it’s all brand new. You’re very lucky to have the facilities you do.” Mr. DeRyke was also impressed by the plethora of ACE classes, bussing for pre-k students and how kind the students are. His goal for students is to ensure they are as successful as possible in any of the four courses he teaches and to prepare them for what their future holds. The goal for himself, on the other hand, is to retire here in Addison.

When he’s not teaching or coaching, Mr. DeRyke is an avid outdoorsman, enjoying fishing, hiking and kayaking any time he can. One thing he would like the Addison community to know is that he is here to help to the kids he teaches or coaches and the community as much as he can.



By: Sierra Cevette

Getting to Know: Giulio Cozzolino

Welcome Giulio Cozzolino (16-year-old exchange student) from Piemonte, Italy. He is currently living with the (Andrew) Jones family. He plays soccer for the Addison High School soccer team. He is a defensive player. He says that playing soccer here is different than playing back home. There, the players tend to pass the ball around more and it can be more challenging. Giulio enjoys going to workout at the gym during his free time. He also enjoys hanging out with friends and playing video games. His favorite food here is chicken because it’s better than in Italy. Giulio wanted to come to the United States because he wanted to experience a life outside of Italy. His least favorite thing about Addison is that it is a small town. He misses his family and Italian pasta. He has an older sister back home that is studying in Milan, Italy

A fun fact about Giulio is that he sleepwalks. Advice he has for future foreign exchange students is that they should not be shy and must open to have the best experience.

By: Andrew Jones



Homecoming details

Homecoming parade: Saturday September 30th

Theme: tourist destination

Seniors- Hawaii

Juniors-Florida

Sophomores- New York City

Freshmen- London

8th grade- Australia

7th grade- Paris

6th grade- clowns

Homecoming dances:

Highschool- September 30th 6:30 – 10:00pm

Middle school- September 30th 5:30 – 7:30





Library Fun: Students wear props and take pictures in the Addison Middle School/High School library.

Addison Middle School Students show their smiling faces and happiness to be back on the first day of school!



In other news...



OPEN HOUSE

At Valley Early Childhood School

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

From 5:30-6:30

SNACK STICK FUNDRAISER

Wilson Beef Farms, LLC.
Locally made with top quality beef and pork.
Smoked to perfection and vacuum sealed for your convenience.
A wholesome snack that's packed with protein.
There's a flavor for everyone!
15 sticks per bag

PRICE: (Per Bag)
\$20

1. REGULAR SNACK STICK  <p>High quality, lean meats and tasty spices blended together and smoked for a mild flavor you will love!</p>	2. SPICY SNACK STICK  <p>For those who like a touch of heat. Try this meaty stick with a little crushed red pepper added. In between mild and hot!</p>	3. SNACKARONI SNACK STICK  <p>A great treat with a hotter, pepperoni flavor. Hunters really seem to enjoy this flavor. It's sure to make your mouth sizzle!</p>
4. TERIYAKI SNACK STICK  <p>This is a sweet addition to our terrific snack stick line. Kids go wild for this flavor!</p>	5. CHEDDAR CHEESE SNACK STICK  <p>To our original mild stick we've added cheddar cheese for a winning combination. What a delightful snack!</p>	6. JALAPENO CHEESE SNACK STICK  <p>We've added the warmth of jalapenos in the form of cheese to our original mild stick to make this wonderfully delicious flavor!</p>
7. HONEY BARBEQUE SNACK STICK  <p>We've channeled the South to develop this mouthwatering flavor. This stick is tangy and sweet, with just a hint of spice. It's a delectable stick you're sure to enjoy!</p>	8. HOT SNACK STICK  <p>We've really kicked it up a notch with this flavorful stick! With crushed red pepper, and just a touch of cayenne, this stick really brings the heat!</p>	9. RASPBERRY CHIPOTLE  <p>Bursting with raspberry flavor from the moment you take a bite, this new flavor is a pleasant surprise for your taste buds!</p>
10. HABANERO MANGO  <p>This new snack stick combines the sweet undertones of mango with the heat of habanero to make the perfect "sweet heat" snack stick!</p>	11. MIXED SNACK STICK BAG  <p>Includes : 2 REGULAR 2 TERIYAKI 2 CHEDDAR 2 SPICY 2 SNACKARONI 1 JALAPENO 1 HOT 1 HONEY BARBEQUE 1 RASPBERRY CHIPOTLE 1 HABANERO MANGO</p>	

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING:

Class of 2024

TUSCARORA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, September 28th
5:30-7:00 PM

- K-5 Open House
- Elementary Band Orientation
- PTA Ice Cream Social

JOIN US!

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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.