

North Tonawanda City Schools



Message from the Superintendent

Congratulations to the Class of 2024!

We had our highest graduation rate in a decade; it is all due to the hard work of the entire K-12 staff and this class of students. You pushed through a difficult high school experience that saw remote learning, masking, and social distancing. Your tenacity to stick to it and make the best of a difficult situation will prove to help you in everything that you encounter as you begin your adult lives.

If your path should take you away from NT, remember to come back often to visit. No matter where you end up, remember to be kind, friendly and caring in this world, as you are the future. You are the ones that will make this a better world for future generations.

You will always be a Lumberjack and are always welcome back. GO JACKS!

Sincerely,

Mr. Gregory J. Woytila
Superintendent



Congratulations to Our Top Ten!

**May
Vargas**
Valedictorian

Parents/Guardians:
Robert and Vivian Mistretta

**College Plans/After Graduation
Plans:**
University at Buffalo

Major:
Aeronautical Engineering



**Samantha
Holenstein**
Salutatorian

Parents/Guardians:
Michael and Kelynn Holestein

**College Plans/After Graduation
Plans:**
Rochester Institute of Technology

Major:
Psychology



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3. Summer Colegrove

Parents/Guardians:
Brian and Rachel Colegrove

College Plans/After Graduation Plans:
SUNY Brockport

Major:
Accounting



4. Gwendolyn Moran

Parents/Guardians:
Brian and Amy Moran

College Plans/After Graduation Plans:
Daemen University

Major:
Animation



5. Luke Kolbe

Parents/Guardians:
Mark and Rachelle Kolbe

College Plans/After Graduation Plans:
SUNY Niagara

Major:
Engineering Science



6. Harrison Roberts

Parents/Guardians:
Michael and Sara Roberts

College Plans/After Graduation Plans:
Niagara University/ ROTC Army

Major:
Computer and Information Sciences



7. Kyler Shiesley

Parents/Guardians:
Kevin Shiesley and
Bonnie McFadden

College Plans/After Graduation Plans:
Clemson University

Major:
Business



8. Avery Geartz

Parents/Guardians:
Jeremy and Julie Geartz

College Plans/After Graduation Plans:
SUNY Brockport

Major:
Nursing



9. Eva Cruz

Parents/Guardians:
Jennifer Cruz

College Plans/After Graduation Plans:
Yale University

Major:
English & Philosophy



10. Leah Anson

Parents/Guardians:
John and Patricia Anson

College Plans/After Graduation Plans:
St. Bonaventure University

Major:
Sports Media

2024

North Tonawanda High School

Graduating Class of 2024

Sara Ann Agueci
 Kristian Ismael Alicea
 Romeon Midelton Alriche
 Breanna Sandra-Ann Andolina
 Dakota Timothy Andrews
 Leah Rose Anson
 Jasur Mansur Badalov
 Jaydie Baez
 Alanah Marie Baker
 Doris Mary Baker
 Jack Steven Baker
 Alanna Renee Banas
 Jayden Anthony Bartolomei
 Aaron Russell Batch
 Morgan Elise Bavaro
 Mitchell Jacob Berg
 Jacquelyn Elizabeth Bihary
 Aaron Daniel Bille
 Anthony Gabriel Billi
 Joseph Bert Blose II
 Mia Elizabeth Bond
 Allysondra Areele Borzellere
 Hailey Grace Bronson
 Colin Michael Brosius
 Haylee Nicole Brosius
 Caitlin Mary Brumley
 Aurora Morgana Brush
 Chloe Danielle Bullen
 Blake Busch
 Ebin James Bush
 Dominic Joseph Caccamise
 Bridget Kathleen Cake
 James Donald Campas
 Layla Marie Carey
 Reilly Meghan Carney
 Ariana Jade Caron
 Archer Cristobal Carrasquillo
 John Charles Cepuchowski
 Leah Kathleen Cerrillo
 Brayden Patrick Claroni-Breen
 Summer Leigh Colegrove
 Lilly Corp
 Eva Victoria Cruz
 Noah Bradley Czerwinski
 Joseph William Daddis
 Bipin Dahal
 Cara Michelle Daly
 Ethan Joseph DeMonte
 Colton Michael Dempsey
 Kalista Jane Denniston
 MaKenzie Ann DePonceau
 Jada Grace Derwald

Madeline Grace DeVantier
 Matthew Romeo DiGiulio
 Ryan Andrew Dirmyer
 Jenna Lynn Ditzler
 Cy Rion Doane
 Nicholas Paul Drabinski
 Elizabeth Christine Duffy
 Mackenzie Rose Edwards-Soos
 Natalie Annaleen Endres
 Mason Maxwell Evarts
 Jaxson Lynn Farley
 Marissa Elizabeth Farruggia
 Ethan Robert Fetterhoff
 Asia Bea Fields
 Zachary Karl Fiorentino
 Joshua Justice Fisher
 Blake Michael Fitzgerald
 Camerin David Flaig
 Logan Scott Furman
 Sara Leanne Gabel
 Dylan Thomas Gagnon
 Kira Ann Gajewski
 Gianna Nevaeh Galletta
 Isabella Marie Gang
 Lillian Elizabeth Gannon
 Denis A Gargun
 Delancy Amelia Garven
 Karly Rae Garver
 Alyssa Marie Gaze
 Avery Michelle Geartz
 Madelyn Gibson
 Mason Michael Gioeli
 Dominic Paul Giolando
 Brianna Isabella Gregoretti
 Jason Mario Gregori
 Laci Kathleen Gregorio
 Nina Sharlene Grobe
 Bradley Alexzander
 Gross-Kropp
 Leah Marie Hall
 Zachary Evan Hanna
 Zakkery Gage Hanna
 Dylan James Hansson
 Brett Robinson Harris
 Summer Rae Hayes
 Aidan James Haynes
 Hana Rae Hendel
 Jayden Joseph Henderson
 Samantha Lee Hendler
 Anelise Annette Hernandez
 Chad Thomas Himmelback

Kayla Marie Hochadel
 Samantha Mae Holenstein
 Edwin Aaron Houser
 Tristan William Hume
 Paul Brian Jeras
 Damien Radu Cash Johnson
 Joseph Wachowicz Jr.
 Alexis Nicole Juliano
 Kaylee Renee Juliano
 Emily Rain Karaffa
 Daniel L'vovich Karyazhin
 Joshua Chester Keenan
 Erika Michelle Kellar
 Stephen Phillip Edward Kelly
 Caelyn Lauren Kelly
 Julia Marie Catherine Kennedy
 Dianna Khasanova
 Megan Danielle Kinney
 Adison Sophia Klaes
 Luke Thomas Kolbe
 Breandan Mathew Kozlowski
 Annessa Onnolee Kramer
 Talan Jeffrey Kraska
 Caitlin Rose Kruck
 Viktor Kryshthal
 Zachary Labonte
 Aidan Aaron Lane
 Jonathon Aloyes Lemanski
 Alexzander Joesph Wayne Lentz
 Zachary Christopher William Lentz
 Landon Michael Lepsch
 Nicholas Max Lesmeister
 Alexis Long
 Brody James Lyons
 Quinn Elise Manth
 Noah Eunseong Matyevich
 Jamiah David Mayle
 Kaylie Mae McAndrew
 Annalysse Seangsolee McAvoy
 Brenna Lynn McCarley
 Hannah Jayde McCarley
 Matthew Shawn McCrossan
 Lydia Marie McGee
 Angelina Rose Melchiorre
 Kelsie Rose Meredith
 Delaney Marie Mesler
 Riley Jacob Meyer
 Henry Burke Millar
 Brayden Michael Mills
 Rachel Jenae Minich
 Alexander Stanislav Mitrofanov
 Owen Robert Mixon

Gwendolyn Elizabeth Moran
 Bilal Lachin Mukhtasimov
 Emily Marie Newson
 Ariana Rose O'Connell
 Tyler James Oliver
 Liam Michael O'Neill
 Shea Elizabeth O'Rourke
 Samantha Helyn Ott
 Shane Robert Painter
 Brenna Lyn Penfold
 Elyssa Marie Pennell
 Maxwell John Peterson
 Thomas James Polek
 Camden William Priester
 Mikayla Grace Privett
 Bradley Adam Prosser
 Anthony Michael Putnam
 Angelina Sienna Ratzel
 Casey Josephine Reed
 Serenity Noel Reitz
 Kaden Michael Herbert Reusch
 Daniel Lee Riley III
 Harrison Fenn Roberts
 Taishaly Nicole Rosario-Rivera
 Victoria Anne Roy
 Ella Grace Royer
 Kylee Jean Russell
 Scott Robert Russell
 Landon Joseph Sabol
 Ahlyssa Marie Sanchez
 Nicholas Anthony Sandarelli
 Nathan Charles Schaefer
 Bryan Michael Scheifla
 Hayden Anthony Schmitt
 Isabelle Marie Schrock
 Taylor Christine Sciandra
 Sophia Jane Scott
 Jordan Elizabeth Shaffer

Samantha Marie Shank
 Kyler Faith Shiesley
 Ontario Armani Shipp
 Lee Thomas Alwyn Sholtz
 Anna Mohamed Shwani
 Jacob Douglas Skoney
 Aiden Tobias Smith
 Tyler Joseph Starich
 Tyler James Starr
 Dakota Colton Stefan-Guzenski
 Taytlyn Nicole Stiehl
 Ariana Leigh Szabad
 Jacob Anthony Szlis
 Lily Carol Testa
 Lucas Michael Thompson
 Joshua Mason Thornton
 Joshua Nicholas Tiedemann
 Tyler Anthony Tomaszewski
 Brooke Alexandria Trower
 Aestarea Lucy Truesdale
 Savannah Rose Truty
 Jacob Matthew Tucker
 Nikolay Viktorovich Tupchik
 Mark Tupchik
 May Hindang Vargas
 Artem Anatolyovich Voloshyn
 Ella Grace Waliszewski
 Shelby Donna Walter
 Reese Lynn Wienckowski
 Emma Blue Renee Wilbur
 Cody Lynn Williams-Steele
 Jovann Nicolette Wilmott
 Matthew Ronald Woelfle
 Cameron Elizabeth Wood
 Julian Richard Wydysh
 Tara Anne Yanacek
 Julia Dawn Zaino



Spruce Students Hang with Baby Kangaroos

Second-grade students at Spruce Elementary experienced an excitingly educational visit with Niagara Down Under, where they were able to hold two baby kangaroos. It was absolutely incredible for the students to meet the little joeys!



ELA Classes Tour Anne Frank House Virtually



NTMS 8th grade students studied World War II and the Holocaust in both their Social Studies and ELA classes. As part of this unit, they read *The Diary of Anne Frank* and wrote personal journals as though they lived during that time period. Mrs. Quinn's ELA classes used our V/R (Virtual Reality) headsets to tour the attic in which Anne Frank and her family lived during the war.

The kids were super excited to integrate this hands-on technology experience with what they'd learned the last several weeks.

Special Guests Visit Spruce Elementary School

A huge shout out to NTPD and K9 Sasha for coming out to support the Spruce Elementary Field Day. Students and staff loved their special visit!

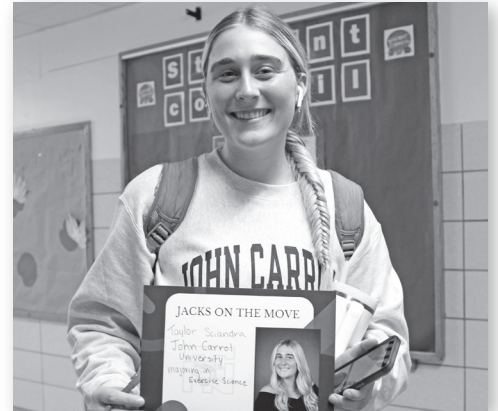


Jacks on the Move!

As another school year comes to an end, Jacks on the Move would like to thank the NTHS Student Support Center School Counselors for hosting a Jacks on the Move Signing Day event on Wednesday, May 8th. Jacks on the Move seniors were given the opportunity to announce their post-graduate plans whether it was college, trade school or entering the workforce.

K-12 school counselors hosted district-wide themes to promote awareness, excitement and the promise of a brighter future for all NT students!

Pictured here are some of our high school students declaring their intentions, a Spruce student declaring her dream to be in healthcare and our amazing school counselors!



NT Recognized for Foreign Exchange Program

North Tonawanda City School District was recently recognized by the U.S. Department of State for promoting mutual understanding, respect and tolerance among future generations of global leaders by supporting the U.S. Department of State's CBYX (Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange), FLEX (Future Leaders Exchange Program) and YES (Youth Exchange and Study Abroad) programs.



Superintendent Greg Woytila and Board of Education President Matthew Kennedy with students Norsadeen Salem (Philippines) and Alexia Dinca (Romania), along with Mrs. Darcy Fesmire, a district host-parent who has hosted numerous exchange students over the years.



Principal Brad Rowles with Artem Denisenko from Uzbekistan

Lifeskills Graduate

Congratulations to Zachary Labonte who graduated from the Orleans/Niagara BOCES Lifeskills program. Director of Special Education Programs, Michael Hiller, presented Zachary with his diploma stating "I am so proud of Zachary and what he has achieved."



Zachary and Mr. Hiller at the graduation.

Unified Basketball Wraps Up Their Season

On May 29th, the Unified Basketball Team ended their season with a year-end celebration event which was held at Niagara University with other NFL schools. The Lumberjack athletes participated in a skills competition and played a game against Lewiston-Porter. Fun was had by all!

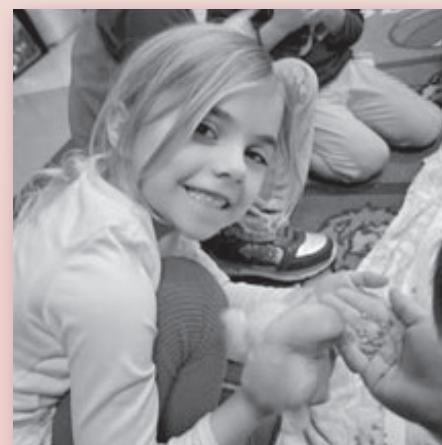


First Graders Say Special Visit Was Just Ducky!

Spruce Elementary's first grader, Jacob (Mrs. Cich's class) and his brother, second grader Peter, shared their fostering experience by bringing in a couple of cute ducklings their family was fostering!



The students enjoyed their visit by taking turns holding and feeding their new fuzzy, feathered friends.



Fun Run

Spruce Elementary students, along with their families, loved participating in the annual Fun Run Fundraiser. It was incredibly successful and entertaining!



Art Students Wow at Competition

Art students from NTHS, NTMS, and NTI participated in the first-ever Student Art Competition at Villa Maria College on May 23rd.

Congratulations to:

Grace Gabel – 1st place in the Emerging Artists category

Haley Jacobsen – 2nd place in the Intermediate Artists category

Reilly Carney – 3rd place in the Advanced Artists category.

“They all did an amazing job,” said Art teacher, Karen Knight.





Everybody in the Pool!

Drake Elementary 3rd graders, along with Principal Janet Matyevich, had fun splashing around in the NTI pool for their end of the year field trip.

A special thank you to lifeguards, Max Lesmeister and Harrison Roberts, who made sure to keep everyone safe.



First Responder Day

The NTHS Career Center and School Counselors collaborated to host a “First Responder’s Day.” A variety of local first responders participated in this special event with informational displays and demonstrations for students to explore the different careers available to them upon graduating from high school.

A special thank you to all those that participated: NT Police, NT Fire Department, Niagara County Sheriff and their Communications/911 and Traffic Safety Departments, NYS Troopers, Niagara Falls Air Force Base Fire Department, US Border Patrol, US Air Force, US Army, US Air National Guard, US Army National Guard, US Coast Guard, UB University Police, Department of Homeland Security and the FBI.



High School Music Students Visit the Big Apple

High School Instrumental teacher, Jason Ferguson and 50 students from the high school band and chorus programs had an amazing time in New York City. Mr. Ferguson stated, "It was the first field trip we have had since COVID, and we made sure the students had a lot of opportunities to really explore the city." Students visited the Edge Observation Deck, Hudson Yards, Rockefeller Center, Times Square, 5th Avenue, Battery Park, Trinity Church/Alexander Hamilton gravesite, Liberty Island/Statue of Liberty and the 9/11 Memorial and Museum. The group also took a dinner cruise on the Hudson River and toured Radio City Music Hall. A highlight of the trip was attending the Broadway performance of Sweeney Todd starring superstars Aaron Tveit and Sutton Foster.



A New Tradition Begins!

In 8th grade, Family and Consumer Science (FACS) students reviewed their hand sewing skills prior to learning how to use a sewing machine. This year, FACS teacher Miss Duchnik, along with her students, decided to partner up with a few of the elementary classrooms at Ohio and Drake to gift the students with new stuffed animals.

This collaborative project required the elementary students to color in templates, then the middle school students made the templates "come to life." At the end of the school year, three middle school students were chosen to accompany administration to deliver the stuffed animals to the classes.

"Thank you to Miss Duchnik for creating this special opportunity, as well as the teachers involved at Drake and Ohio Elementary for welcoming us into your classrooms!" says Assistant Principal Scott Mueller. "We hope to continue this new project tradition in the future!"



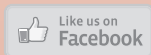


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SEL Continues to Thrive at Spruce Elementary School

Spruce Elementary Social Worker, Amy Gorman, and School Counselor, Christopher Zon, work together to support students at every grade level. One of the many topics they educate the students on is Social Emotional Learning (SEL). Beginning in Kindergarten and throughout 3rd grade, students engage in activities which provide the necessary skills to reinforce making green choices, engaging in mindfulness, identifying feelings, using coping skills and so much more!

“Being mindful, understanding emotions and learning how to deal with big feelings is essential for students at every level,” states Mrs. Gorman and Mr. Zon. “They need these skills to be the best students they can be here, at home and in our community.”

