

# PARENT BULLETIN

**LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY/SIP DAY/CASIMIR PULASKI DAY/SPRINGBREAK**

There will be no school on Monday, February 12, in observance of Lincoln's Birthday.  
School will dismiss early on Friday, February 23, for a school improvement day. WJHS will dismiss at 11:30 a.m.  
There will be no school on Monday, March 5, in observance of Casimir Pulaski Day.  
School will dismiss early on Friday, March 30, at 2:15 p.m. Spring Break will take place from April 2 through April 6.

**ILLINOIS YOUTH SURVEY**

Williamsville Schools are working with the *Center for Prevention Research and Development* at the University of Illinois to conduct the Illinois Youth Survey (IYS) at both the high school and junior high (8<sup>th</sup> grade only). The primary purpose of IYS is to better understand Illinois youth risks and protective behaviors as they relate to student problems and academic success. The survey will be administered to grades 8, 9, 10, 11, & 12 the week of Feb 26-March 2. The survey is completely voluntary and privacy will be strictly protected. Students will be given an electronic survey online and it will be completed in one class period.

The IYS questionnaire asks about: personal use of alcohol and other drugs, perception of risks, where accessed, consequences of use, approval or disapproval of use; students' feelings about their school experience; family and personal characteristics; family communication about substance use; feeling about self and moods; and other student health behaviors — food intake, exercise, height and weight. While the survey asks personal questions about illegal behavior, several steps are taken to protect the privacy of students participating in the survey. Students can skip any or all questions if they feel uncomfortable.

Collecting information from Illinois students has many benefits to youth in your community and throughout the state. Results are summarized by grade level and reported back to your school to help determine what programs may be needed to keep students safe and healthy. Obtaining full participation is very important to the ability of your child's school and community to continue to improve the programs and strategies to prevent youth problem behaviors and enhance youth development.

If you **DO NOT** want your child to participate in the survey, please notify the school counselor, Ashley Damery, at [damery@wcusd15.org](mailto:damery@wcusd15.org) by February 23. If you have any questions regarding the project and wish to contact a staff person at the University of Illinois, please contact Nancy Flowers at [\(888\) 333-5612](tel:888-333-5612) (Illinois toll free) or email her at [nflowers@illinois.edu](mailto:nflowers@illinois.edu)

**PARCC TESTING DATES**

WJHS students will be taking the PARCC exam. The testing sessions will conclude at noon each day. Please try and schedule appointments around these testing windows if possible. Thank you for your cooperation.

6th Grade: March 27-29

7/8th grade: April 11-13

**PURCHASE YOUR YEARBOOK IN FEBRUARY!**

On Thursday, February 1, students were given a manila envelope during wrap up. This envelope needs to be completed, money enclosed, and returned to the office by Wednesday, February 28, if they wish to purchase a yearbook. The cost of the yearbook is \$20.00. If your student misses this opportunity, they can purchase a yearbook on the last day of school for a slightly higher price.

**TRACK TEAM NEWS**

If your child (6th through 8th grade) is interested in running track this spring, he/she must have a current physical on file in the junior high office by the first day of practice. Students need to check **now** to see if his/her physical needs to be updated. The mandatory parent meeting for track is scheduled for Wednesday, February 7, at 6:30pm in the Fine Arts Gym. Practice will begin Tuesday, March 6.

**REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR**

Current 7th and 6th graders will receive 2018-2019 course registration information on February 14 and 21, respectively. These registration materials will be accepted in the junior high office and should be completed by March 2.

**SCHOOL SPELLING BEE WINNERS**

Congratulations to our school's grade level spelling bee winners. They are:  
8th Grade~ Adam Clack, Dylan Hembrough and Josh Yeley is the alternate  
7th Grade~ Wyatt Cole, Matt Antonacci and Andrew Howard is the alternate  
6th Grade~ Drew Mirabile, Grant Allen, and Amelia Achas is the alternate  
The County Spelling Bee will be held February 21 in Pawnee. Good luck Bee Bee spellers!!

### **NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELOR'S WEEK**

February 5th-9th is National School Counselor Appreciation Week. Today's school counselors provide much more than academic advising, they are vital members of the educational team. School counselors help all students become college and career ready, support social/emotional development, and ensure student growth both inside and outside of the classroom. There's no one quite like your professional school counselor! To find out more about the school counselor's role and school counseling programs visit the American School Counseling Associations site: [www.schoolcounselor.org](http://www.schoolcounselor.org) -here you can find research examining the impact of school counselors on K-12 student outcomes. Nationally peer-reviewed journals and data-based articles prove that school counseling services are vital to student success!

### **SEVENTH GRADE JANUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

Congratulations to the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Students of the Month for January. They are Claire Larkin for Science, Max Yearley for Math, Emma Good for English, Jacob Finley for History, and Teddy Killian for Language Arts. These students were chosen based on their academic effort, behavior, and citizenship.

### **CHORUS NEWS**

~Solo and Ensemble Contest is Saturday, February 24. Participating students will be receiving rehearsal tracks and must practice at home. We will be rehearsing at school as well, but the majority of the work needs to be done independently at home. A schedule of performance times will be sent home as soon as it is made available to the directors.

~Friday March 23 and Saturday, March 24 - Shrek

~Thursday, April 26- Spring Concert 7:00 PM (**DATE CHANGE FROM THE ORIGINAL SCHEDULE**)

~Friday, April 27: Organizational Contest (7th and 8th grade only)

~Saturday, May 19: Vocal Jazz Night (Boppin' Bee Bees)

### **ANNUAL 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE SIX FLAGS TRIP**

The date for the Six Flags Trip for 8<sup>th</sup> graders is Thursday, May 24. Students who sold a magazine in the annual fundraiser every year they've attended WJHS will get a free ticket. Every year your student did not sell a magazine, they'll be charged \$10.00. We've handed out the consent forms with notes for those who still owe for a ticket. These forms should be returned to the school office by March 2.

### **8TH GRADE GRADUATION DATE**

The class of 2018 will graduate on May 25 at 6:30 p.m. This will also be the last day of attendance for 8th graders. They were measured for their gowns on January 12 (no caps). The cost of the gown is included in the graduation fee that most of you paid with registration. Those who haven't paid the graduation fee were sent a letter in January.

### **SPRING PICTURE DAY**

Thursday, March 1 is the school's annual spring picture day. At the JH, only those who bring a picture packet in that day will have their picture taken. Your student should pick up a picture packet in the office soon. It will be turned in to the photographer the day of pictures.

### **WJHS SCHOLASTIC ART AWARD WINNERS**

The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards is the nation's longest-running and most prestigious recognition program for creative teens in grades 7–12. Congratulations to the following students for receiving recognition in the 2018 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards:

#### **National Gold Key Finalists**

Will Budinger

Skylar Friedman

Gage Gathman

\* The National Gold Key Finalists will have their work sent to New York via electronic imaging for further judging.

#### **Silver Key Regional Finalists**

Ellie Mitts

Colton Mizeur

Jadyn Moffit

#### **Honorable Mention Certificates of Merit**

Gage Gathman

Lindsay Manion

Noah Young

These students will receive their awards and their art will be on exhibit at the Springfield Art Association through February 23, 2018.

### **WJHS Class of 2018 Graduation Party Meeting**

There will be a meeting to plan the graduation party on February 28, 6:00 p.m. at the Sherman Athletic Club

All 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents are invited to attend.

**Williamsville Junior High School**  
**2017-2018**  
**2nd Quarter Honor Roll**

**6th Grade High Honors** - Max Alessia, Grant Allen, Wyatt Arnberger, Braydon Baker, Zoey Beard, Addison Beckman, Connor Birky, Zoe Bohannon, Colin Burge, Anna Burris, Kyle Carter, Joseph Catalano, Josh Cates, Sophia Corredato, Will Feurer, Elizabeth Ford, Emerson Furlow, Bronson Gold, Jasmine Hamilton, Avery Hamm, Lilian Hess, Kyle Heubner, Kennedy Holley, Jonathan Janssen, Hope Keenan, Jacob Kitterman, Madison Kloba, Carson Kohler, Delaney Lines, Riley Mendenhall, Camryn Meridith, Drew Mirabile, Trent Nickelson, Elyse Olysav, Jackson Plumb, Makenna Reedy, Julianna Ribauda, Naomi Roberts, Cade Sherrock, Nathan Simko, Braylon Singer, Nicole Sinks, Fiona Sirais, Kylee Stark, Noah Stuemke, Brecken Thomas, Nicholas Waldron, and Paige Wendling.

**6th Grade Honors** - Amelia Achas, Tylie Barton, Ben Batson, Audrey Blankenship, Katherine Branson, Cole Brewer, Tyler Geyston, Char Gleason, Makaelah Good, Rhynn Hanners, Joseph Heintzman, Madison Hollinshead, Brayden Johnson, Tucker Johnson, Leo Keebler, Emma Kern, Mason Lyttaker, Kameron Owens, Madison Rigdon, Delaina Riley, Claire Sagins, Brayden Scott, Will Seman, Kylie Shull, Gavin Smothers, Jonathan Strocher, Matthew Termine, and Caleb Webb.

**7th Grade High Honors** - Addasyn Achas, Noel Albers, Matthew Antonacci, Norah Boggs, Hattie Bond, Wyatt Cole, Alee Fawns, Molly Fawns, Joselyn Fry, Avery Glasgow, Tyler Graber, Max Hope, Haylee Hornbacker, Izabella Huffman, James Kennedy, Colton Kern, Teddy Killian, Seth Kunz, Claire Larkin, Anna Laudeman, Luke Laurenzana, Kathryn Loyd, Lindsay Manion, Sam McCoy, Sophia McDaniel, Reagan Miller, Eliana Mitts, Colton Mizeur, Delaney Noonan, Emily Pounder, Colin Ripperda, Kenneth Spaniol, Gavyn Stull, Cameron Timm, and Max Yearley.

**7th Grade Honors** – Laken Aidich, Matthew Andruskevitch, Drake Angeli, Nolan Bates, Tyler Campbell, Calina Capranica, Caden Crowder, Nathan Dahl, Megan Downs, Evan Gettleman, Daniel Giacomini, Addison Gray, Allie Henrikson, Ashton Hidlebaugh, Trystin Higginbotham, Bailey Hodel, Brooklyn Holdener, Andrew Howard, Simon Jackson, Serafina James, Jesse Jasmon, Marisa Jeffers, David Jenkins, Natalie Johnson, Reghan Koontz, John Layman, Nina Ledgerwood, Chloe Lewis, Christian Liles, Rayleigh McGinley, Chazity Melton, Matthew Miller, Jadyn Moffitt-Tucker, Ashley Nardulli, Samantha Nases, Cambell Norton, Cooper Norton, Mina Pieper, Kaden Ratliff, Madison Ribauda, Mathew Russell, Taylor Searcy, Madison Slater, Jaiden Sloman, Teddy Timm, Nellie Weller, Brody Wilson, and Gregory Zessin.

**8th Grade High Honors** - Abigail Achas, Arthur Atchisson, Sydney Beckett, Alana Beckman, Madison Bishop, Lauryn Blentlinger, Ross Bodine, Will Budinger, Adam Clack, Lauren Craig, Alysa Dame, Olivia Dukett, Reganne Eyman, Luke Farnsworth, Ryan Farris, Gage Gathman, Kyle Griffith, Gavin Hegland, Dylan Hembrough, Claire Ibbotson, Kyra Jagels, Grace Kadyk, Alex Keenan, Aubrey Kirkman, Will Kistner, Evelyn Laffey, Lindsay Law, Rebekah Lesko, Addison Lopian, Grayson Mirabile, Adam Moffet, Erin Peterson, Lauren Powell, Madison Roberts, Laura Romance, Cordelia Sirais, Isabella Stender, Anna Stephens, Caleb Stuenkel, Lyvia Stull, Camden Welander, Ryan Willson, Makenna Woods, Allison Yeley, Josh Yeley, and Katherine Zobus.

**8th Grade Honors** – Dominick Blackman, Aubry Bova, Brayden Bova, Audrianna Bowden, Briar Clark, Clayton Coker, Tanner Diveley, Dylan Emmons, Olivia Fandel, Maranda File, Ryan Flury, Alison Fordham, Skylar Friedman, Noah Fugate, Jayden Geyston, Logan Giacomini, Olivia Gladden, Louie Heintzman, Brooke Heubner, Hope Hibbs, Caden Holdener, Cate Hyson, Colin Koechle, Regan Kramer, Maggie Leith, Chase Leka, Kyleigh LeVeque, Hunter Melton, Madison Moore, Hunter Moser, Andrew Otrembiak, Evan Ratsch, Kendall Ray, Alissa Razo, Melody Rhodes, Hunter Riley, Abigayle Robertson, Kirstin Shue, Ava Smith, Jeremiah Sortor, Landon Stinnett, MaryKay Swaggerty, Cody Szafranski, Zane Thixton, Steven Turnbull, Jackson Wagoner, Katherine Walker, Mikenna Walls, Haleigh Walter-Wilson, and Sophie Zinn.