



Webster

Students First. District Proud.

Webster Central School District - Winter 2023-24

Webster Schroeder High School New York State Volleyball Champs!



Fourth Grader Celebrated for Doing the Right Thing

Webster CSD fourth grader **Nicholas (Nico) F**, arrived at Plank Road South Elementary School in style with a little help from his West Webster Fire Department (WWFD) friends. Nico enjoyed a fire truck ride to school on November 16 as WWFD helped celebrate him as a Do the Right Thing Award recipient.

West Webster Fire Chief Brian Kelly nominated Nico for the Rochester Police Department's Do the Right Thing Award following his heroic actions. Last year, WWFD responded to Nico's house after a report of a possible fire. Nico woke up his parents and siblings when he smelled smoke and was able to safely get everyone out of the house before the fire department's arrival.

Rochester Police Department's Do The Right Thing program is designed to seek out the outstanding youth of our community who have distinguished themselves as a role model for their peers. They achieve this status by committing random acts of kindness or by simply doing the right thing. Nico was further recognized by the Rochester Police Department during a ceremony also held the morning of November 16.



Students to be Dismissed Early December 22

Webster CSD is required to annually conduct an Emergency Preparedness Early Release Drill designed to test the district's plan for the early dismissal of students. This year, the district will conduct this drill on Friday, December 22.

Parents/guardians are notified in advance of the drill so that they may be prepared for their students to be dismissed early and arrive home by bus early on December 22. Please note the times listed below are the bus departure times effective for Friday, December 22 only.

- Webster Schroeder, 3:15 p.m. departure
- Webster Thomas, 3:15 p.m. departure
- Spry, 3:15 p.m. departure
- Willink, 3:15 p.m. departure
- DeWitt, 2:10 p.m. departure
- Klem North, 1:50 p.m. departure
- Klem South, 2:00 p.m. departure
- Plank North, 1:50 p.m. departure
- Plank South, 2:00 p.m. departure
- Schlegel, 2:10 p.m. departure
- State, 2:10 p.m. departure

Parents/guardians who pick their student(s) up from school, please note that the pick-up window will be different on December 22 only. Please consult your school newsletter/notifications for details.

Weather Closings

Webster CSD families are reminded that if weather prohibits students from attending school or necessitates closing school early, this information will be communicated as soon as it is available using the district's ParentSquare system. Information will also be provided on the district website (websterschools.org), on district social media, and to local television and radio stations. When school is closed due to weather, all aquatics, community education, and evening classes and activities are canceled as well. WonderCare may be an exception; please consult their website, websterschools.org/wondercare.



Superintendent **Brian Neenan** with Webster student volunteers at the Fall Into Reading book giveaway held by the Webster Teachers Association on November 4.

From the Superintendent

Dear One Webster Community,

As we approach the beginning of the winter season, we find ourselves reflecting on the first few months of the 2023-24 school year. During this season of gratitude, all of us at Webster CSD remain thankful for our community and your ongoing support of our extraordinary students and staff.

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank all community members who exercised their right to vote on Wednesday, October 11, regarding the district's proposed capital improvement project, Building Our Future. The proposed project passed with a 66% approval rate (1,626 yes votes and 829 no votes). Building Our Future is highlighted by safety and security upgrades, roofing, and improvements to interior and exterior building spaces, including the expansion of the One Webster Learning Center (OWL) special education program at Willink Middle School. As the project moves forward, we will provide updates to our community.

The fall sports season was an exciting one with many of our teams celebrating Section V championships – and beyond! Be sure to check out the full report about our student athletes in this newsletter, and the exciting accomplishments and activities of our students and staff so far this year. I also hope you'll participate in some of WCSD's outstanding community education programs. Take a few minutes to review the enclosed program guide and register for opportunities to continue your learning this winter.

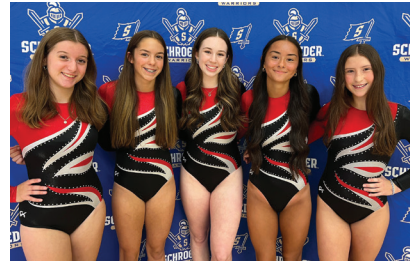
Have a wonderful holiday season, everyone!

All my best,

Brian Neenan
Superintendent of Schools



Congratulations to One Webster's **Maya B., Orson S., Joey S., Laney S., Carter C., and Charlotte K.** for being selected to perform in the Hochstein Junior Wind Symphony this fall.



Fall Sports Roundup

WTHS girls field hockey: Section V Class A Champs

Pen-Web girls gymnastics: **Avery P., Stephanie G., Kailey M., Allie G., and Nica S.** – Section V Team Champs; Avery P. – Section V All Around Champ and, along with Stephanie G. who took 3rd in all around, will compete in states in March.

Lakers girls swimming: **Kylie W.** – Section V Division 1 Swimmer of the Year

WSHS girls volleyball: Section V Class AA Champs, Far West Regional Champs, New York State Champs

Webster Athletic Booster Organization

Webster Athletic Booster Organization (WABO) supports and enhances the district's interscholastic athletic program. For more information, please contact **Shawn Strege**, Webster Schroeder Director of Physical Education and Athletics, at 670-5230, or **Steve LaMonica**, Webster Thomas Director of Physical Education and Athletics, at 670-8065.

The district is privileged to have the financial support of many outside organizations including the Webster Athletic Booster Organization. These organizations are not subject to the district's financial oversight and are completely independent. The district makes no representations regarding the financial controls in place for these private organizations.

Families of Young Children Asked to Take Census

Webster CSD is surveying our One Webster community to forecast student enrollment for the foreseeable future. The annual young child census launched on the district website December 1. If you have children residing in your household who are ages birth to 5 years old, please visit websterschools.org to complete this brief census. Don't delay! The census closes January 6, 2024. Families who do not have access to a computer may participate by calling Student Registration at (585) 216-0029.

Completing the census is a young families' first connection with the school district. It enables us to keep in contact with families as their children approach school age.

Kindergarten Registration to Open January 29

The start of the 2024-25 school year may seem far away, but for families of incoming kindergartners, registration is right around the corner!

Families with a child who will be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2024, that child is eligible for kindergarten enrollment for



the upcoming school year. Kindergarten registration will open Monday, January 29, 2024.* As the date approaches, please check the district website, websterschools.org/registration, for complete details.

*If a building reaches capacity, families who register during the week of January 29 will be given first priority. Once capacity is met, students will be enrolled in an alternate Webster elementary school.

Pre-K Lottery Opens February 14

Interested in Webster CSD's prekindergarten program? Families with a child who will be 4 years old on or before December 1, 2024, but who are not eligible for kindergarten, that child is eligible for prekindergarten enrollment for the upcoming school year. Lottery applications for the 2024-25 school year will be available February 14-March 14. Learn more at websterschools.org/upk.

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Support kids with proven protective factors.

Protective factors are conditions or attributes in individuals, families, and communities that promote the health and well-being of children and families. – ChildWelfare.gov

Visit WHENdfcc.org for 12 simple prevention strategies you can begin today – no matter your child's age.



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Together Including Every Student

Together Including Every Student (TIES) is a Webster CSD program that can help support a student with special needs attend an after school activity or community event with a trained peer volunteer (students in grades 8-12). This provides support allowing the participant to feel included amongst peers their own age.

A few examples of activities that TIES could help support include: school clubs such as drama club, ski club, Lego club, chess club, etc., PTSA or school hosted dances, Webster Recreation Center activities such as Friday Night Jam Drumming Circles, Webster Library group activities, and YMCA group activities.

If you have questions regarding activities or are interested in joining TIES, please contact Webster CSD TIES Coordinator **Carolyn Maciag** at tmaciag@rochester.rr.com or (315) 317-6377.

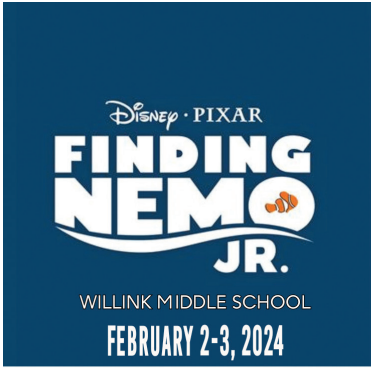


On November 14, **Kate Orbaker's** literacy classes at Spry Middle School were treated to a brief introduction to apple genetics by **Dr. Susan Brown**, head of Cornell University's apple breeding program. The students will use this information in a cross-curricular research project in science.

Community Approves Capital Project
Results from the October 11 community-wide vote regarding Webster CSD's proposed \$85 million capital improvement project are as follows:
Webster CSD \$85 million Capital Improvement Project = APPROVED
YES = 1,626 (66%)
NO = 829 (34%)
Thank you to everyone in the community who voted!

Administrative Appointments

Webster CSD has a few administrative appointments to share. They are: **Tiffany Lawrence**, OWL Middle School administrator; **J. Alex Akers**, OWL Elementary School administrator; **Christopher Callahan**, Spry Middle School principal; **Jennifer Allen**, Plank Road North Elementary School assistant principal; **Mary Kate Wilbert**, Plank Road South Elementary School assistant principal; and **Alexandra Collison**, Klem Road North Elementary School assistant principal.



WEBSTER MUSICALS SAVE THE DATE!

