



Lowville Academy & Central School

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District Newsletter Mid-March – April 2024

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Dear Parents and Members of the Lowville Academy School Community,

Our students have demonstrated remarkable achievements academically, artistically, and athletically during this school year. Academically, they have excelled beyond expectations, securing top honors in various competitions like Odyssey of the Mind, achieving high grades, and receiving awards and scholarships that acknowledge their dedication, intelligence, and hard work. Artistically, our students have performed for us, showing us what a stage or canvas can transform into. Athletically, our students have shown exceptional talent, discipline, and perseverance, bringing home championships, breaking records, and earning individual accolades in a variety of sports. This kind of success is a testament to our partnership, between school and home, to provide a supportive environment for students to become well-rounded and resilient. Our LACS students' accomplishments are a source of immense pride for us and for our school community.

Solar Eclipse, April 8, 2024: **Embracing an Unforgettable Experience**

As you know, LACS is preparing for a very rare celestial event - a solar eclipse! In the last edition of the district newsletter, we noted a 1:30 pm dismissal time on April 8, 2024. This time needs to be pushed back, earlier in the afternoon, to allow for our entire transportation department to be safely back on campus prior to the event. In order to be sure students are home safely and our buses are back in our garage, **we will dismiss students at 12:45 on April 8, 2024.** We will provide students with proper eye protection and guidelines for observing the eclipse safely.

BOE Budget Adoption Scheduled for April

Our Board of Education and administrative staff will be working to carefully evaluate all facets of the 2024-2025 projected budget. The board has focused on the budget since December with considerable time spent on the development of a spending plan that meets the educational needs of the district while accommodating the economic issues at the national, state and local level.

The challenge for any school district is to provide the high-quality educational programs for its students within the

means of local taxpayers and state aid. The Lowville Board of Education is committed to our strong educational mission and has continually practiced conservative budgeting because we understand that we must not only provide a viable educational program for our students now, but in the future as well.

Our goal for the upcoming budget is to maintain our current programs, facilities, and extracurricular activities. Lowville Academy strives to maintain our history of excellent academic performance, individual attention to the needs of our students, and developing students who are college, career and civic ready. With the support of our community, we will continue to have great success and continued improvement.

The Board plans to address routine maintenance and repair of the facilities through the inclusion of our annual Capital Outlay Project (limited to \$100,000) in our budget each year. Capital Outlay Projects are intended to aid in the efforts of New York State Schools to maintain their facilities and operations on an annual basis. The upkeep of our campus is like the upkeep of many homes. There are annual maintenance items that cannot be ignored.

The Board of Education is on track to adopt the 2024-2025 budget at the April 16, 2024 board meeting. There is still unknown information regarding State Aid projections for the upcoming school year. In addition to minimizing district expenditures, the Board is projecting an increase in the tax warrant as well as the use of district reserve funds. Any increase in the tax warrant will stay below the tax levy limit per the state's calculation.

Thank you for supporting your child and working in partnership with us as we remain focused on our goal of providing the best educational opportunities for each of our students. Your commitment and dedication to the district is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Dunckel-King
Superintendent of Schools

What is the LACS Timeline for Budget Adoption?

Looking ahead, the following dates are important milestones as the budget comes together:

Adoption of 2024-25 Budget by LACS Board of Education – Tentatively Scheduled for April 16, 2024

Official Public Hearing and Presentation – May 13, 2024 – LACS Elementary Cafeteria 6:30 p.m.

Annual Meeting including Trustee Election and Budget Vote – Tuesday, May 21, 2024 – 12:00 Noon-8:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium

Early Mail Voting

On September 20, 2023, Governor Hochul signed into law Chapter 481 enacting the New York Early Mail Voter Act. If you are interested in voting early with a mail ballot, you will need to obtain an application from the District Clerk. In order to be a qualified voter you must be:

- a citizen on the United States
- at least 18 years of age; and
- a resident of the school district for a period of at least 30 days preceding the meeting or election at which you seek to vote.

School Board Election News

The LACS Board of Education is comprised of nine individuals. The current Board of Education consists of: Amy Marti President, James Farquhar, Jonathan Gillette, Stephanie Houser Fouse, Steven Fuller, Michael Judd, Stacey McConnell, Dr. Shereen Palmer and Cheyenne Steria.

Any resident of the Lowville Academy school district who meets state qualifications is eligible to run for the Board of Education. The Board member seats of Mr. Michael Judd, Mrs. Stacey McConnell, and Dr. Shereen Palmer will be up for election in the May 21 budget vote.

Individuals interested in becoming a candidate for election to the Board of Education may obtain a nominating petition in the district’s central administrative office during normal business hours. Completed petitions must be returned to the district office by 4:30 p.m., April 22, 2024. Petitions must be signed by a minimum of 25 qualified voters of the district with the specific seat identified upon submittal.

Absentee Ballots Available

Absentee ballots for the annual budget vote and school board election will be available for any qualified voter who otherwise is unable to vote in person on May 21, 2024.

A qualified voter is eligible for an absentee ballot when he or she is:

- Absent from district when polls are open due to business, occupation or studies;
- Confined in hospital or jail;
- Chronically ill or has a physical disability;
- Absent due to vacation – whether actively working or retired

Qualified voters desiring an absentee ballot will need to complete an application. **Applications will be available beginning on April 22, and may be obtained by contacting the school district clerk at 315-376-9100.**

Applications must be returned to the district clerk as follows:

- By 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, May 14 if absentee ballot is to be mailed to applicant
- By 5:00 p.m. Monday, May 20 if absentee ballot is to be picked up at school by the applicant.
- All absentee ballots must be returned to the district clerk by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21 for the ballot to be counted.

Qualified voters with disabilities who are named on the county list will automatically be sent an absentee ballot. Please contact the School District Clerk, Sandra M. Rivers, if you have questions or would like additional information regarding the absentee ballot procedure. She can be reached at 315-376-9100.

Calendar of Events

Thursday, March 21	Grades K-5 Parent Teacher Conferences	12:35 p.m. Dismissal
	Grade 7/8 and High School Chorus and Band Concerts	7:00 p.m.
Monday, March 25	Board of Education Meeting – Secondary School Library	6:30 p.m.
Friday, March 29-Monday, April 1	No School	
Monday, April 8	Early Dismissal – Solar Eclipse	Dismissal at 12:45 p.m.
Tuesday, April 16	Board of Education Meeting – Secondary School Library	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 17	Senior Art Show	6:00-7:30 p.m.
Monday, April 22 - Friday, April 26	Spring Recess - No School	
Wednesday, May 1	Spring Arts Festival	6:00-8:00 p.m.

SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX CODE #355

The New York State personal income tax form calls for a school district tax code.

The code for those living in the Lowville Central School District is #355.



March - April



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
18 Bacon Egg & Cheese Pizza Chicken & Waffles <u>OR</u> Cheese Lasagna (HS/MS only), Carrots Veggie Trays Fruit Choices, Milk	19 "Tornado" Bacon, Egg & Cheese Hot Dog <u>OR</u> Turkey Taco on Tortilla, Cheese Black Beans, Corn Veggie Trays Fruit Choices, Milk	20 Sausage, Egg & Cheese Sandwich Cheese Ravioli with Sauce, Cheese Filled Breadstick, Broccoli Veggie Trays Fruit Choices Milk	21 Ham & Cheese Breakfast Pizza Elem. Early Dismissal Chicken Patty Sandwich, Roasted Brussel Sprouts Veggie Trays Fruit Choices, Milk	22 Pancake & Sausage on a Stick Cheese Pizza Variety Pizza (HS/MS) Romaine Salad Fruit Choices Milk
25 Bacon Egg & Cheese Pizza Chicken Nuggets <u>OR</u> Meatball Sub (HS&MS only) Mashed Potatoes Carrots, Veggie Trays, Fruit Choices Milk	26 "Tornado" Bacon, Egg & Cheese "Walking Taco" for Everyone Turkey Taco in a Bag or a Wrap, Cheese Black Beans, Corn Veggie Trays Fruit Choices, Milk	27 Sausage, Egg & Cheese Sandwich Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce, Cheese Filled Breadstick, Green Beans, Veggie Trays Fruit Choices Milk	28 Ham & Cheese Breakfast Pizza Cheese Pizza Romaine Salad Fruit Choices Milk	29 No School Good Friday
April 1 No School	2 "Tornado" Bacon, Egg & Cheese Turkey Gravy over Mashed Potatoes <u>OR</u> Cheese Lasagna (HS/MS only), Veggie Trays, Fruit Choices, Milk	3 Sausage, Egg & Cheese Sandwich Mac & Cheese Cheese Filled Breadsticks, Broccoli Veggie Trays Fruit Choices, Milk	4 Ham & Cheese Breakfast Pizza Raider Burger Veggie Beans Veggie Trays Fruit Choices Milk	5 Pancake & Sausage on a Stick Cheese Pizza Variety Pizza (HS/MS) Romaine Salad Fruit Choices, Milk
8 Bacon Egg & Cheese Pizza Dismissal 12:45 Popcorn Chicken/ Boneless Wings <u>OR</u> Pulled Pork Sandwich (HS/MS) Mashed Potatoes Carrots, Veggie Trays, Fruit Choices, Milk	9 "Tornado" Bacon, Egg & Cheese Hot Dog <u>OR</u> Turkey Taco on Tortilla, Cheese Black Beans, Corn Veggie Trays Fruit Choices Milk	10 Sausage, Egg & Cheese Sandwich Mozzarella Stuffed Bread Bites Dipping Sauce Green Beans Veggie Trays Fruit Choices Milk	11 Ham & Cheese Breakfast Pizza ES Cherry Chicken HS/MS Tangerine Chicken Seasoned Rice Broccoli Veggie Trays Fruit Choices, Milk	12 Pancake & Sausage on a Stick Pepperoni Pizza Variety Pizza (HS/MS) Romaine Salad Fruit Choices Milk
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Spring Vacation

NO SCHOOL - APRIL 22 - APRIL 26, 2024



29 Bacon Egg & Cheese Pizza	30 "Tornado" Bacon, Egg & Cheese	May 1 Sausage, Egg & Cheese Sandwich	2 Ham & Cheese Breakfast Pizza	3 Pancake & Sausage on a Stick
Chicken & Waffles OR Cheese Lasagna (HS/MS) Carrots Veggie Trays Fruit Choices, Milk	Hot Dog OR Turkey Taco on Tortilla, Cheese Black Beans, Corn Veggie Trays Fruit Choices, Milk	Mac & Cheese Cheese Filled Breadstick, Green Beans, Veggie Trays Fruit Choices, Milk	ES Cherry Chicken HS/MS General Tso Chicken, Seasoned Rice, Broccoli Veggie Trays Fruit Choices, Milk	Pepperoni Pizza Variety Pizza (HS/MS) Romaine Salad Fruit Choices Milk

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Lunch Choices

Elementary Students may also choose from a yogurt with granola, chef salad with cheese-filled whole grain breadstick, or PB&J sandwich with string cheese main entree.

Middle School and High School Students always have a second hot lunch choice (this is the menu item from the previous day except on the first day of the week when the second choice is listed on the menu).

They can also choose from a yogurt parfait, PB&J sandwich with string cheese, made-to-order salad with cheese-filled whole grain breadstick, or made-to-order wrap sandwich.

Breakfast Choices In addition to the hot entree we offer a variety of choices such as cereal and muffins. Milk and 100% fruit juice are offered daily.

Breakfast and lunch are provided at no cost to all students through the Community Eligibility Provision, which runs through 2027. This does not include extra food items, which can be purchased with cash or through the student's account.

If your household meets federal income guidelines (outlined below), your children can receive much more than free lunch! Exam fee waivers and other benefits are available. Please call 315-376-9001 for an application.

Eligibility Income Chart

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Every 2 Weeks</u>
1	\$ 26,973	\$ 2,248	\$ 1,038
2	\$ 36,482	\$ 3,041	\$ 1,404
3	\$ 45,991	\$ 3,833	\$ 1,769
4	\$ 55,500	\$ 4,625	\$ 2,135
5	\$ 65,009	\$ 5,418	\$ 2,501
6	\$ 74,518	\$ 6,210	\$ 2,867
7	\$ 84,027	\$ 7,003	\$ 3,232
8	\$ 93,536	\$ 7,795	\$ 3,598

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From the Health Office

School Physical Reminder

The Health Office staff has been making calls for missing physicals that are required for continued school attendance. If you have not done so yet, please call your provider to have your child's physical faxed to the Health Office (fax: 315-376-9021) as soon as possible. **Any student still missing a physical by March 31 will be scheduled to have one performed at school by the School Medical Director.**

Education Law (section 903) requires medical examination of pupils upon **entrance** to the school and at **grades PreK/K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, & 11** and any other time deemed necessary by school authorities. Each school district is mandated, by law, to provide an examination to those pupils whose parents do not provide a report from their family health care provider. The physical must be documented on the required NYS Health Exam Form or your provider's electronic equivalent.

Now is the time to schedule appointments to get required immunizations for next school year 2024-2025!

Call your provider to schedule or call Lewis County Public Health at 315-376-5453 to get school immunizations. More information can also be found on the school website.

The age at which vaccines (shots) are given must match the [NYSDOH Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance Chart](#).

Tdap vaccine requirements are:

- o Students entering 6th grade will need a dose no earlier than 10 years of age and no later than 11 years of age.

Meningococcal Conjugate vaccine requirements are:

- o Students entering grade 7 are required to have the first dose no earlier than 10 years of age.
- o Students entering grades 8-12 are required to have the first dose no earlier than 6 weeks of age.
- o For students in grade 12, if the first dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine was received at 16 years or older, the second (booster) dose is not required.
- o The second dose must have been received at 16 years or older. The minimum interval between doses is 8 weeks

According to Public Health Law Article 21, Title VI-Section 2164, it is necessary that your child be immunized prior to entry into school. Students without proper documentation of required immunizations WILL NOT be allowed to continue to attend school per NYS law.

New York State immunization requirements can be found on our website www.lowvilleacademy.org. Click [Menu](#) >> [Departments](#) >> [Health Services](#).

Schools can accept the following immunization records as proof of immunization:

- An immunization record from your healthcare provider or health department.
- An official copy of the immunization record sent directly from your child's previous school with the dates given.
- A NYSIIS/NYCIR Immunization Registry record.
- A blood test (titer) lab report that proves immunity to Measles, Mumps, Rubella,
- A note from your health care provider with the date your child had Chickenpox (varicella).

Health Services Website

Please visit us at: www.lowvilleacademy.org
Click [Menu](#) >> [Departments](#) >> [Health Services](#)

Here you can find information on all school health topics including school entrance health requirements, screenings, physicals, and immunizations; find links to community services and NYSED/NYSDOH information; easily obtain copies of school health forms; find helpful tips on how to keep your child healthy; and other resources at your fingertips.

Music News Music in our Schools Concert

The Music Department is excited to celebrate Music In Our Schools Month with a special performance on Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. Schools across the nation are putting music front and center to display the importance and power of music education.

The middle school band, under the direction of Mrs. Kelly Kilcer, will begin the concert with four exciting pieces. The ensemble will perform their personal favorite "Awake the Iron," One Direction's "What Makes You Beautiful," "Some Nights" from the band FUN, and the ever popular "Sweet Caroline" by Neil Diamond. For those of you who will not be able to attend this performance, "Sweet Caroline" will hit the streets this spring and summer at our marching band events!

The high school band ensemble, conducted by Mrs. Kelly Kilcer, will perform afterwards. The ensemble will begin with Rick Astley's "Never Gonna Give You Up," followed by "Fate of the Gods," "At Sunrise," "Best Day of my Life" by American Authors, and the hit song "Living on a Prayer" by Bon Jovi. This is quite a bit of music and the students have done a terrific job preparing for this concert.

The 7th and 8th grade chorus, directed by Mrs. Elizabeth Zehr, will then perform some "oldies" including "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head" originally performed by B.J. Thomas, "California Dreamin'" by the Mamas and the Papas, and "I Heard it Through the Grapevine" by Marvin Gaye. The middle schoolers have loved these throwbacks and learning about different musical styles from that era.

The high school chorus, also directed by Mrs. Elizabeth Zehr, will end the concert with several selections. They will perform an upbeat tune from La La Land, "Another Day of Sun" focusing on scatting and jazz styles, "4 Chords" originally by Axis of Awesome, the spiritual "Down to the River to Pray," Simon and Garfunkel's "The Boxer," and a favorite piece "Emerald Stream" by Seth Houston. This concert will display a great deal of hard work and talent and we hope you are able to join us.

NYSSMA Solo Festival

The 2023-2024 instrumental and vocal NYSSMA solo festival will take place on Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4 at Carthage Middle School. Students wishing to participate in this year's festival have received their NYSSMA solos and all materials needed to perform. These students are working hard to practice and prepare to play scales, a solo piece, and to strengthen their sight reading skills. We encourage all students to practice outside of the school day to ensure they are ready for the event. They have worked very hard thus far, so keep up the great work!

At this event, students will perform and be evaluated by a certified NYSSMA adjudicator. The scores received from this festival will enable students to improve their performance skills, identify strengths and weaknesses, as well as allow them to be considered for organizations such as Conference All State, Area All State, and Bi-County ensembles throughout the coming year.

The Lowville Academy and Central School District hereby advises students, parents, employees, and the general public that it does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, creed or religion, marital status, age, sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity and expression) and sex, or disability in any of its programs or activities. Inquiries regarding this non-discrimination policy may be directed to: Scott D. Exford, Compliance Coordinator and Mary E. Compo, Compliance Coordinator at 7668 North State Street, Lowville, New York 13367, 315-376-9000.

CELEBRATION

Celebrate the Arts at LACS by joining us for an evening of artwork and refreshments from our K-12 students!

A variety of artwork will be on display in the high school gymnasium and surrounding hallways.



The show will be juried at the High School level!
Senior Portfolios will be on display

Wednesday, May 1st

6:00-8:00 pm

Hope to see you there!

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Striking the Balance for Student-Athletes at LACS

At Lowville Academy, being a student-athlete means more than just excelling on the field or court - it means striking a delicate balance between academic excellence and physical well-being. Students at LACS are constantly reminded to maintain this "BALANCE," ensuring they are both academically and physically eligible to participate in sports.

Academic eligibility is a top priority for student-athletes at Lowville Academy. Students are encouraged to uphold a strong work ethic in the classroom, striving to reach their full potential and engaging with teachers on a daily basis. Academic performance is closely monitored, with weekly reviews of in-progress averages for each class. If a student-athlete is failing, defined as a grade below 65, they are required to meet with Mr. Hanselman. They are then given a sign-off form to be completed by the end of the week. This form serves as an assurance from the teacher, confirming that the student is actively working towards improvement. Failure to secure the teacher's sign-off

results in the student being held from practices and games until academic progress is shown.

Physical readiness is equally vital for student-athletes at Lowville Academy. Maintaining a balanced diet, ensuring adequate rest, and staying physically fit are essential to meet the demands of daily practices and game days. The importance of a nutritious breakfast is emphasized, with students having access to free breakfast and lunch on school days. The cafeteria staff at Lowville Academy provides a variety of healthy meal options to support the overall well-being of student-athletes.

The emphasis at Lowville Academy extends beyond the athletic field. Students are reminded that success as a student athlete can translate into success in various fields outside of sports. Just as the NCAA celebrates the achievements of student-athletes transitioning into professional careers beyond sports, the goal at Lowville Academy is to prepare students for future endeavors, whether in higher education or the workforce, once they graduate.

In essence, being a student-athlete at Lowville Academy means embracing the commitment to academic excellence, physical well-being, and future success beyond the realm of sports. By maintaining this delicate balance, student-athletes are equipped to thrive both on and off the field, setting the stage for a promising future beyond their high school years.

Yours in education,

High School Principal

2nd Quarter Honor Roll Information

Lowville Academy students did very well during the second academic quarter as two hundred and twenty-nine students made one of the school's honor rolls. A very special congratulations to one and all for doing a great job in preparing for the future! The breakdown for each category for grades 9-12 follows below:

High Honor	= 95% +	= 112 students
Honor	= 90-94%	= 70 students
Merit	= 85-89%	= 47 students

The grade level distribution for the honor rolls follows below:

	High Honor	Honor	Merit
Grade 9	21	15	12
Grade 10	29	9	14
Grade 11	36	23	10
Grade 12	26	23	11

HIGH HONOR ROLL (95 – 100)

Grade 9: Ira Blauvelt, Thomas Bleau, Lauren Crouse, Lily Gillette, Riley Gillette, Samantha Grimsey, Miriana Jantzi, Carson Kempney, Elijah Manning, Chase Morrow, Caleb Nortz, Aliya Parker, Luke Patnode, Daisy Peters, Carl Petzoldt, Xavier Roggie, Scarlett Salerno, Ella Sauter, Kairi Truax, Mason Waite, Paige Zehr.

Grade 10: Jayden Bagley, Grace Fouse, Makensie Freeman, Brayden Gillette, Karli Gillette, Katarina Gohlert, Jasmyn Hall, Corinne Haney, Mia Hanselman, Brooke Houppert, Anthony LaPuma, Mya Lehman, Elaina Lehmann, Eli McCue, Ryan Meleshchuk, Nolan Moshier, Carver Nortz, Jenna Pate, Olivia Patnode, Samantha Reynolds, Grace Rupert, Ariyanna Ryan, Veronica Ryan, Laura Snyder, Natalie Stockman, Devin Swiernik, Joshua Weiler, Charlotte Wood, Ethan Zehr.

Grade 11: Isabella Bergen, Jack Beyer, Landon Brennan, Rielly Brennan, Ava Burns, Wyatt Cornell, Lis Dunckel, Henry Goss, Patrick Grimsey, Eli Gronowski, Tyler Gyore, Ethan Higby, Phoebe Jennings, Anna King, Maya Larabee, Natcharee Luekiattikul, Katherine Macaulay, Skylar Manning, Nicholas Martin, Peyton Matuszczak, James McCollum, Thomas McCue, Tai Nortz, Charlee Pike, Aidan Pominville, Jevin Ray, Rachael Reynolds, Simeon Rush, Trey Smith, Dominic Swiernik, ArianaThomas, Brian Thomas, Abrianna Turck, Jenna Weiler, Logan Yarina, Zane Zustra.

Grade 12: Kendyl Allen, Katelynn Baker, Stephanie Beyer, Eloise Blauvelt, Kylee Burke, Anna Dening, Haydn Draper, Carli Freeman, Ella Hinman, Sean Kelly, Annabella LaPuma, Emilie Lehmann, Connor McCormick, Jerika Myers, Taylor Newton, Mikayla Nicol, Keegan O'Brien, Avery Pate, Sarah Peebles, Catherine Peer, Jack Rowsam, Kally Runner, Jakayla Spence, Brook Ward, Logan Watson, Rubi Zabelowicz.

HONOR ROLL (90 – 94)

Grade 9: Megan Aldrich, Duncan Andrews, Esther DeGeorge, Lillian Diddle, Brailyn Dunn, Serenity Finley, Destany Gibbs, Emma Halladay, Hayden Hulbert, Victoria Krop, Alyssa Millard, Cullen Miller, Kiera Moshier, Peyton Nortz, Will Vokey.

Grade 10: Toby Brandal, MaKayla Delles, Mackenzie Kirch, Madeline Meleshchuk, Myah Nortz, William Novitsky, Isaiah Spence, Olivia Turner, Jay Zhao.

Grade 11: Alexis Allen, Banyan Barker, Aiden Capron, Carlee Davis, Lydia DeGeorge, Elyzah Endy, Lillian Exford, Michael Fayle, Leona Gohlert, Averie Halladay, Lilly Lacey, Brenna Law, Luka Lisinac, Deken Makuch, Adyson McFaul, Haley Palmer, Wyatt Phelps, Dudley

Rombough, Delaney Rose, Alyssa Stalker, Lucas Suiter, Charles Vonwal, Chloe Zehr.

Grade 12: Alexa Brouty, Hayley Cabral, Denali Dietrich, Justin Feisthamel, Macy Fowler, Samantha Freeman, Aarylin Fuller, Elijah Hall, Kaitlyn Hilton, Emmilee Hlad, Ryder Jantzi, Ayden Meleshchuk, Alyvia Millard, Hannah Moshier, Haylee Munger, Taylor Nortz, Garrett Phelps, Joseph Scheiner, Taci Smith, Rorrie Stogsdill, Eric Szablewski, Keira Watson, Benjamin Webert.

MERIT ROLL (85 – 89)

Grade 9: Charles Baker, Brahm Bandyck, Landon Desrosiers, Wyatt Donnelly, Caleb Farney, Amelia LaMountain-Richardson, Nicholas Madore, Owen Marcolini, Madison McDonald, Hannah Smith, Aryn Tiffany, Cole Zubrzycki.

Grade 10: Marcus Chang, Ian Dunckel, Carter Fowler, Shelby Gentry, Gavin Harper, Avery Kilburn, Christain McGuckin, Abigail McIntyre, Elliana Panarese, Chase Robbins, Jensen Staie, Noah Virkler, Vanna Wagner, Aydin Waugh.

Grade 11: Faith Diddle, Nevaeh Ditlefsen, Brent Fayle, Aryanna Hartley, Emily Heins, Alannah Ingersoll, Cody Kempney, Zane Metzler, Julia Morrow, Chase Nakano.

Grade 12: Sonia Delgado, Alex Farney, Paige Feisthamel, Cody Haggerty, Phoebe Hutchins, Landon Learned, Lane Lovenduski, Espen Matuszczak, Dylan Perkins, Collin Schrag, Luke Snyder.

Winter Athletic Teams/Individuals Recognized for Academic Excellence

New York State Public High School Athletic Association continues to recognize student-athletes for their performance both in the classroom and on the field.

There are two types of awards, the Team Scholar-Athlete Award and the Individual Scholar-Athlete Award. Teams in which 75% of their roster have a GPA of 90% or above will be awarded the Team Scholar-Athlete Award. Individuals on all other sports teams who have a GPA of 90% or above are awarded the Individual Scholar-Athlete Award. These awards are a nice recognition of our students' commitment to success.

Congratulations to the coaches, student-athletes, and parents for this outstanding accomplishment.

VARSITY BOYS SKIING - Coach: Mr. Macaulay - Team Average: 90.50%
Henry Goss

VARSITY GIRLS SKIING - Coach: Mr. Macaulay - Team Average: 97.00%

Karli Gillette, Corinne Haney, Brenna Law, Jenna Weiler and Logan Yarina

VARSITY GIRLS VOLLEYBALL - Coach: Mr. Rhodes - Team Average 95.69%

Alexis Allen, Katelynn Baker, Elyzah Endy, Kaitlyn Hilton, Adyson McFaul, Haylee Munger, Taylor Newton, Avery Pate, Catherine Peer, Kally Runner, Taci Smith, Alyssa Stalker, Abrianna Turck, Rubi Zabelowicz and Chloe Zehr

VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL - Coach: Mrs. Morrow - Team Average 96.67%

Stephanie Beyer, Alexa Brouty, Anna Dening, Emmilee Hlad, Anna King, Katherine Macaulay, Alyssa Millard, Alyvia Millard, Tai Nortz, Taylor Nortz and Jakayla Spence

VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL - Coach: Mr. Shambo - Team Average 97.25%

Michael Fayle, Eli Gronowski, Thomas McCue, Trey Smith, Isaiah Spence, Dominic Swiernik, Brian Thomas, Logan Watson and Ethan Zehr

VARSITY BOYS SWIMMING - Coach: Mr. Rivers - Team Average: 94.75%

Banyan Barker, Ira Blauvelt, Marcus Chang, Brayden Gillette, Luke Patnode, Garrett Phelps and Mason Waite

VARSITY WRESTLING - Coach: Mr. Widrick – Team Average: 90.16%

Duncan Andrews, Patrick Grimsey, Sean Kelly, Payten Tuttle and Charles Vonwal

Kelly Receives Scholarship

Lowville Academy Senior, **Sean Kelly** was awarded the Marcus Bennett Wrestling Scholarship on January 23 at Lowville's final home match of the season. To earn this award the graduating senior must show: good character on and off the mat, the little things a person does matters, caring and empathy, and perseverance. Congratulations to Sean!



Sean is pictured with Marc Bennett's wife Linda, his daughter Brook and his grandchildren, Lily and Nathan.

Backpack Club Receives Donation

The LACS Backpack Club was recently presented with a donation from the Lowville Elks Lodge 1605. This donation, along with others, allows the LACS Backpack Club to support families with additional food for weekend use. The Backpack program is very appreciative of this support as well as the support from other generous organizations and individuals. Without the support of our caring community, we would not be able to offer this valuable program. The Backpack Program currently serves about 40 families which includes 92 students. For more information about the Lowville Backpack program, contact advisors Misty Moshier or Gil Monnat in the high school.



Left to right: **Jaaron Thomas, Tom Compo, Leah Clintsman, Michael Rombough, Lilly Morrow, Kyler Bush, Ashton LaComb, Jayden Bush**



Left to right: **Scarlett Salerno, Kiera Moshier, Landon Brennan, Tom Compo, Lauren Crouse**

Tom Compo, PER, Lowville Elks Lodge 1605, presents a donation to the Backpack Club.

Students Prepare to Visit Costa Rica

During April break 2024, Ms. Lorentzsen and a small group of Spanish students will travel to Costa Rica. This exciting 9-day trip includes a visit to the capital San José, a school visit where they will donate school supplies, and time volunteering in a turtle sanctuary. The group will be visiting an organic farm, Baldi Hot Springs, and Arenal Volcano. They are looking forward to an experience of a lifetime, and will have pictures for the next newsletter. If you would like to follow along with the trip, Ms. Lorentzsen's will post a blog on her website.

Spanish Club Upcoming Fundraisers

Mark your calendars for two upcoming fundraisers:

Thursday, April 4 - Spanish Club will be hosting a "Taco Truck" event, selling beef tacos to help the students raise funds for their trip to Boston in May. Pre-order forms will be available in the HS office that week, but walk-ins are welcome. Tacos will be available 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm.

Friday, April 12 - Spanish Club and Select Chorus will be hosting a K-12 Sports Night from 6-8 pm. The pool will be open, along with various games and sports activities in both gyms and a concession stand. Admission is \$3 per child, parents come free, and maximum \$10 per family.

Thank you for all your support of our students and we hope to see you there!

Career Day - A Huge Success!!

Over forty different organizations were represented by over sixty-five community professionals who spent the day at Lowville Academy on February 29, making Career Day a great experience for our students.

Students in grades 6-12 had the opportunity to participate in the Career Day Job Fair in the morning where they got to meet with organizations and learn about careers and even get leads on upcoming jobs that some organizations had available

In the afternoon, high school students signed up to attend presentation panels led by volunteers in various career fields. The fields included Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources; Architecture and Construction; Arts, AV, & Communications; Business Management and Marketing; Government and Public Services; Health Sciences; Education & Training; Military; Human Services; Law and Public Safety. There was also an afternoon session for LACS seniors to sit down and do a practice interview to work on their interview skills with the professionals.

Over 500 students participated in this event. "It was a really great representation of career fields and a lot of the businesses offered helpful information to help guide you beyond high school," stated senior **Katie Hilton**. Katie hopes to pursue a Physical Therapy Assistant degree in the fall.

Student Ambassadors helped run this event during the day. Business Club and FFA members assisted with set-up the day of the event. Students in Mrs. Beyer's Food Science classes helped with breakfast and lunch set-up and placement. Students in Mrs. Place's Marketing and Business courses helped create the event from correspondence to theme organization to facilitation. Ambassadors Include: **Adyson McFaul, Kendyl Allen, Faith Diddle, Katelynn Baker, Katie Hilton, Jada Hellinger, Garrett Phelps and Rubi Zabielowicz**. Students in Mr. Fayle's Government class and Mrs. Place's Finance class assisted with event clean-up.



Students receive information from the many Career Day booths. Top photo: **Olivia Turner, Kiera Moshier, Avery Kilburn and Jayda Baxter**. Bottom photo: **Ariana Thomas**.

Carli Freeman Named Lions Club “Student of the Month”



Carli Freeman, daughter of Scott and Lori Freeman, and a member of the Class of 2024, was named Lions Club “Student of the Month” for January. Carli was selected for this award because of her strong academic record and extracurricular involvement.

Emilie Lehmann Named Lions Club “Student of the Month”



Emilie Lehmann, daughter of Paul and Heidi Lehmann, and a member of the Class of 2024, was named Lions Club “Student of the Month” for February. Emilie was selected for this award because of her strong academic record and extracurricular involvement.

Students of the Quarter at the Howard G. Sackett Technical Center

Six Lowville Academy students have been named “Student of the Quarter” in their respective vocational programs at the Howard G. Sackett Technical Center.

This recognition is based on their outstanding performance and citizenship.

Isabella Bergen, daughter of Stephanie Getman, enrolled in the Culinary Arts I-Baking Program, **Carli Freeman**, daughter of Scott and Lori Freeman, enrolled in the New Vision Healthcare Exploration Program, **Lane Lovenduski**, son of Chad and Jennifer Lovenduski, enrolled in the Heavy Equipment II program, **James McCollum**, son of James McCollum and Leette McCollum, enrolled in the Heavy Equipment I Program, **Rachael Reynolds**, daughter of Matthew and Katie Reynolds, enrolled in the Visual Communications I program and **Eric Szablewski**, son of Lucas Szablewski and Christina O’Connor, enrolled in the Electrical Wiring Technology II program.

Congratulations to each student and their parents.



Lane, Lovenduski, James McCollum, Eric Szablewski, Rachael Reynolds, Isabella Bergen, and Carli Freeman

Class Of 2024 College Acceptances and Military Enlistments

Katelynn Baker, daughter of Robert and Christina Baker, has been accepted at Keuka College in the Management program, SUNY Geneseo, SUNY Oneonta, SUNY Oswego and SUNY Potsdam majoring in Business Administration, Clarkson University and Wells College majoring in Business and SUNY Cortland majoring in Business Economics.

Eloise Blauvelt, daughter of Christopher and Emily Blauvelt, has been accepted at Northeastern University majoring in Data Science and Mathematics.

Sonia Delgado, daughter of Molly Goodman, has been accepted at Mohawk Valley Community College majoring in Digital Media and Marketing, SUNY Canton majoring in Pre-Graphic and Multimedia Design and SUNY Potsdam majoring in Graphic Design and New Media.

Anna Dening, daughter of Robert and Laura Dening, has been accepted at Houghton University majoring in Psychology.

Taylor Newton, daughter of Scott Newton and Holly Newton, has been accepted at SUNY Oswego with an Undeclared major.

Mikayla Nicol, daughter of Joshua and Ellen Nicol, has been accepted at SUNY Delhi and SUNY Canton majoring in Veterinary Science Technology.

Kally Runner, daughter of William Runner and Casie Kolenda, has been accepted at Iowa State University majoring in Animal Ecology and Jefferson Community College majoring in Natural Sciences.

College Bound Students

Students planning to attend college this fall should attend the orientation program held at their respective colleges during the spring or summer. Surveys have indicated that students who attend Accepted Student Days and Orientation Sessions adjust much better to college life than those who don't attend. Be sure to contact the Counseling Office to let us know you're attending.

Another important task for college bound seniors is to contact the Admissions Office of colleges and universities you have been accepted at but do not plan to attend. Inform the Admissions Office staff that you have decided to enroll at another college. They will appreciate this information and, more importantly, students who are on a waiting list to gain admission into the college may benefit from the space that opens up. Please make these important phone calls as soon as possible.

Scholarships Available for Seniors and Alumni Available

Applications for the **Norbert Gazin Scholarship** were available beginning Monday, February 1. Applicants must have been born in Lewis County or parents resided in Lewis County at the time of applicant's birth, a resident of Lewis County for at least five years, have graduated or will graduate from a Lewis County high school, and have no felony convictions. All students who meet the criteria are encouraged to apply; however, priority will be given to applicants enrolled in one of the following programs: Engineering, Agriculture, or Forestry. Please contact the Counseling Office for further information. Applications must be returned by **Friday, March 22**.

Applications for the **Lowville Academy Bicentennial Scholarship** were available beginning March 1. Applicants must be a current senior or alumnus of Lowville Academy and Central School enrolled in an accredited institution of higher education. Applications can be emailed to alumni by requesting this through the Counseling Office. For more information, please contact the Counseling Office. Applications must be returned by **Thursday, March 28**.

Applications for the **Robert F. Breeze Scholarship** were available beginning March 1. All Lowville Academy and Central School seniors and alumni who are attending an accredited institute of higher learning in the fall of 2024 are eligible to apply. Applications can be emailed to alumni by requesting this through the Counseling Office. Applications must be returned by **Thursday, March 28**.

Applications for the **Helen Lewicki Percoski Memorial Medical Scholarship** were available on March 1. Applicants must be a senior or a graduate of Lowville Academy and Central School enrolling in a four-year (Bachelor's Degree) or a graduate level program at an accredited college pursuing a medical or nursing field. It is acceptable to start at a two-year college with the intent to transfer. Applicants must possess good moral character, sincerity, sensitivity towards others, and a willingness to accept responsibility. For more information or an application, please contact the High School Counseling Office. Applications must be returned by **Thursday, March 28**.

Advanced Placement Exams To Be Given In May

All students in Advanced Placement courses will participate in spring exams. More information will be shared through AP teachers.

Students are asked to pay for their share of the examination cost in the Counseling Office by **Thursday, April 18**. The district will cover half of the AP test fee for all students approved to take the test, leaving the student responsible to pay \$44.50 of the total \$89.00 cost for **each exam**. The only exception is if a student has applied for a fee reduction. Students that meet income guidelines may qualify for a fee reduction. In this case, students should contact the Counseling Office. Information has been provided to all students in their AP classes. The deadline for requesting a fee reduction is **March 22**. Please contact the Counseling Office should you have a question or require additional information.

School Day Digital SAT and ACT Exams For Juniors

Lowville Academy is offering the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) to interested Juniors during the school day on **Wednesday, April 10**. This is a digital school day SAT. Registration and cost information will be shared with Juniors. Students eligible for fee reductions should contact their school counselor.

Lowville Academy is offering the ACT Exam to interested Juniors during the school day on **Tuesday, April 16**. Registration and cost information will be shared with Juniors.

Lowville Academy will not be offering the SAT and ACT Exam in May and June as a national test center. The following dates/locations are available for students this spring. Registration must be completed online at

www.collegeboard.org for the SAT and www.act.org for the ACT exam.

National SAT Administration

May 4, 2024 (Registration Deadline: April 19)
June 1, 2024 (Registration Deadline: May 16)

Test Center Location

Beaver River, Carthage, Watertown
Watertown HS

National ACT Administration

June 8, 2024 (Registration Deadline: May 3)

Test Center Location

Syracuse

2024 – 2025 Course Selection

Course Selection Sheets for the 2024-2025 school year will be sent home for students in Grades 8-11 in mid-April. Parents who approve the student's course schedule need not return the selection sheet. Parents who want to make changes should indicate the desired changes and return the signed sheet to the Counseling Office by **Thursday, May 23**.

Summer Youth Employment Program

The Lewis County Employment and Training Office will be accepting applications for summer youth employment through June 15. Applications are available in the High School Counseling Office. Employment is primarily for the months of July and August and is open to anyone ages 14-20 meeting eligibility requirements.

Please contact the Lewis County Employment and Training Office with any questions at 315-376-5800, by e-mail at lewisonestop@dfa.state.ny.us.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents, Students, and Community Members,

We are so proud of our many accomplishments so far at Lowville Elementary School this year! Most recently in February, we had our February Fitness Challenge. Students and families got up and moving and our PE department awarded them with prizes from a weekly drawing if students completed their weekly calendars. Classrooms with highest participation numbers were awarded participation certificates. Most improved participation was also awarded. Wellness Wednesdays continue at LACS Elementary where we talk about physical and mental health and activities and strategies we can use to keep our whole selves healthy.

We look ahead to celebrating Music in Our Schools throughout the month of March with great fun planned by

our music department. We will follow that with Art Appreciation month in April where we will all learn great things from our Art department.

Our teachers will continue with an amazing academic program for our students as we finish up the school year. May & June – please check the district calendar for upcoming events. When you have the time, we ask you to share the gift of reading with a child.

We value our partnership with parents and are so happy to have a full slate of officers for our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). Our newly elected officers are:

President - Liz Zehr

Vice President - Sarah Hoag

Secretary - Katie Spaulding

Co-Treasurers - Jamie Sturtze and Miranda Bush

The group has been very active already purchasing shirts for all students for our PARP month and planning other events. We appreciate the support for our staff and students. The next PTO meeting is May 8 at 7:00 p.m.

We sincerely thank all of the people that continue to partner with us as we educate our youngest learners. We know our students are making memories daily. We thank our community for helping us make as many positive memories for our children as possible.

Sincerely,



Philomena B. Goss
Elementary Principal

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Spring Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2024. There will be an early dismissal at 12:35 that day for students in grades K-5. **Both a.m. and p.m. Pre-K will be in session.** Conferences will not be scheduled for all students. Teachers will be communicating home if they would like parents to attend a conference, whether in person or virtual. As always, parents may request a conference with a teacher.

Important NYS Test Dates

Students in grades 3-5 will participate in New York State Assessments in May. Teachers have been preparing students for these assessments all year. The tentative schedule is as follows:

May 1 & 2	NYS ELA Assessment, CBT Gr. 3, 4, 5
May 7 & 8	NYS Math Assessment, PBT Gr. 4
May 8 & 9	NYS Math Assessment, CBT Gr. 3 & 5

Students in grades 3-5 should be in attendance and on time to school on these important test dates. While we do provide make-up testing during the NYS make-up period when students are absent, it is in a location that is less familiar to the student and may not provide the ideal testing conditions for the children.

Getting Ready for Testing

We just want students to do their individual best on state assessments. If students read, are organized, complete homework, study for tests, and apply skills learned on a daily basis, they have been preparing for the state assessments. Parents can help by following these simple steps.

1. Mark important test dates on the calendar.
2. Be sure children get a good night's sleep.
3. Try not to schedule anything the night before the test.
4. Encourage children to eat a nutritious breakfast.
5. Boost your children's confidence with reassuring words to do their best.

Entering Kindergarten Fall 2024 Information Update

If you have a child who will be 5 years old on or by December 1, 2024 that could attend Kindergarten in September 2024, please call the Elementary Office at 315-376-9005. We would like to know your child's name, age, and mailing address. We are preparing registration packets and want to be sure we have the necessary information to mail a packet to you. Packets will be sent out at the end of April. **Students who are currently enrolled in the district Pre-K program need not re-enroll.**

Student Placement Process Into Next Year's Class

We will be placing students using student data and teacher recommendations for the 2024-2025 school year. Please do not submit requests before April 29, 2024. No requests for any reason will be accepted after Friday, May 10, 2024.

Please understand you can submit a request using this process, but some requests won't be able to be met. Thank you for understanding.

The guiding principle of the placement process is to match the instructional and personal needs of each student with an appropriate instructional group and a supportive teaching style, while also providing each teacher with a well-balanced class to maximize instructional effectiveness.

The placement of students in each classroom is undertaken with great planning and care, involving the classroom teachers and other faculty along with administration.

Lowville Elementary will allow parents who have unique and special academic concerns to follow the guidelines below and submit a teacher request for the 2024-25 school year:

1. Submit the letter to Mrs. Goss, Elementary Principal no earlier than **Monday, April 29, 2024** but no later than **Friday, May 10, 2024**. All letters must be written and signed by the parent(s) and delivered, either by hand or US mail to the elementary office. Please do not send the requests to classroom teachers and please do not send requests via email.
2. Include the child's name and current teacher.
3. Include the name of two teachers to be considered for your child's placement.
4. Include specific educational reasons for your request.

No placement requests will be accepted without **two teacher names and the educational reasons** for the request.

The school will take parent requests for student placement into consideration; however, this will be done after all programmatic factors are considered and prioritized. Our practice is to not move students from one classroom to another after the start of the school year. For your awareness, teacher assignments may change from year to year or over the summer. Requested teachers may not be available at the grade level they are currently teaching for next year.

All parent requests **received between Monday, April 29, 2024 and Friday, May 10, 2024** will be considered. Late requests, verbal requests, and emails will not be considered. Not all requests may be able to be granted. Final placement will be based on a variety of factors. Thank you for the support you give your child and for understanding our process.

MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

From The Middle School Principal

New York State Assessments Planned for April & May

The New York State Assessments in English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics will be administered to our students in April and May. Schools in New York State are required to administer assessments each school year as part of the U.S. Department of Education's *Every Student Succeeds Act* (ESSA). Testing our students is important in order to help us to better identify what resources, supports and enrichment opportunities our students need. We want to encourage our students to participate and to do their best, so that we can better identify any gaps in learning and instruction and recognize areas of strength.

All grade 6-8 students will utilize the computer-based testing format for this year's ELA, Math and Science exams.

Below is the schedule for this spring's NYS Assessments:

2023-2024 NYS Testing Schedule		
Grade	NYS Exam	Date(s)
6, 7 & 8	ELA	Tuesday, April 16 and Wednesday, April 17
6, 7 & 8	Math	Tuesday, May 7 and Wednesday, May 8
8	Science	Tuesday, May 14

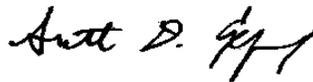
Please do your best to schedule any appointments or out-of-school commitments for your child outside of the testing dates...it is difficult to schedule makeup testing and would necessitate your child missing additional instructional time.

Communication is the Key to Success!

Communication between parents and teachers is essential in providing the needed supports for student success. If you have a question or concern regarding your child's progress, please do not hesitate to call your child's teacher. You may also set up a conference to meet with all of your child's teachers at once. When a parent feels that administrative intervention is needed, please call the middle school office at 376-9010 to set up an appointment to talk with me or to meet with me personally. I encourage parents to work through their child's teacher first and then to seek administrative support when necessary. Thank you for your support of this protocol.

Best of luck to all of our students!

Sincerely,



Scott D. Exford
Middle School Principal

From The Counselor's Desk

Ms. Becky Tiffany

This is a busy time of year for 8th grade students as they maintain focus on current work while at the same time looking ahead to the next school year. The high school counselors and I have enjoyed meeting with each of the students and their parents to review the graduation requirements and select courses for 9th grade. I will be facilitating a few activities with the 5th grade students as they will be transitioning to middle school next year. Students entering 6th and 9th grade in the fall will participate in an orientation at the end of August.

Parents and guardians, please continue to have an open dialogue with your children about their use of social media. If we are made aware of something negative or inappropriate that is posted/shared here at school, it is referred to administration. While pictures and words that are posted/shared outside of school hours are sometimes out of our jurisdiction, we absolutely see the harmful effects when students are here. Students that have negative or inappropriate things said about them on social media come to school feeling embarrassed, hurt, and angry. It is difficult to focus on learning and to enjoy healthy friendships when they feel self-conscious that *everyone* knows or saw what was posted.

We cannot assume that "our child" would never engage in negative or inappropriate conversations on social media. How they treat others and the language they use in person can be very different from how they portray themselves behind a screen. I am constantly urging students to leave group chats as soon as the exchange starts to be at all negative and to go as far as blocking any classmate or friend that uses profanity or gossips about others. Students fail to realize that when they respond to negative comments, even if it is to defend, they are participating in the exchange.

It is important for us as parents and caring adults to not only have regular conversations about social media but to also watch our children's behaviors. They may not tell us they are having a negative social media experience because they are worried they will be in trouble or they think they can handle it on their own. If they become uncharacteristically quiet or irritable they may very well need us to ask, and to really listen, to what they are trying to manage.

As I have said to most of you in person - raising our youth to be good members of society is truly a team effort! If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

2nd Quarter Honor Roll Students Announced

Congratulations to the following Lowville Middle School students on earning High Honor, Honor and Merit Roll status for the second quarter:

High Honor Roll

Grade 6: Harper Abbey, Kendall Adams, Brynn Beyer, Kenzie Birchenough, Finlee Bush, Maddox Byrd, Maelynn Desrosiers, Braelynn Eaves, Grant Hanno, Max Hanselman, Hazel Holder, Mara Kolenda, Viola Krop, Caleb Lacey, Allison Lamountain-Richardson, Miriel Marolf, Cainen McCargar, Hailey McConnell, Dexter Mullin, Evelyn Munn, Kennedy Munn, Nolan Olmstead, Tyler Scheiner, Cally Shaw, Wyatt Simser, Willa Virkler, Brailey Widrick

Grade 7: Gabriela Akissi, Adele Andrews, Jolie Barker, Alexandra Bender, Bella Beyer, Mabel Blauvelt, Ava Chang, Ella Dickenson-Waldo, Sarah Elgallad, Bradyn Essenlohr, Donovan Exford, Kiera Fahey, Hailey Feisthamel, Bella Haag, Sophia Haag, Olivia Hoppel, Emma Jantzi, Cohen Kiernan, Benjamin Lawrence, Scout Martin, Mary McCauley, Lauren Morrow, Ryleigh Reed, Olivia Rockwood, Aubree Sauter, Damien Sharpe, George Smith, Connor Staie, Jacob Swofford Jr., Jaxxen Tabolt, Chase Turck, Zoanna Vance, Luke Vokey, Gracie Waite, Gabryella Works, Camden Zehr, Toran Zehr

Grade 8: Kayden Birchenough, Ethan Bryant, Gail Clark, Madilynn Clark, Aurora Dietrich, Luke Fouse, Audrey Gohlert, Sorynn Gyore, Elizabeth Hyde, Samantha Jock, Cooper Lincoln, Skylar Morris, Sienna Munn, Lily Rupert, Anya Rush, Olivia Schwendy, Friden Smith, John Tucker III, Katelynn VanNest, Keeley Virkler, Natalie Waugh, Jordyn Weiler, Malcolm Wetmore

Honor Roll

Grade 6: Eilley Bandyh, Rylee Bigelow, Bryce Boshart, Tate Brandal, Elliana Clark, Gunner Graham, Cassidy Holbrook, DixieLynn Houppert, James Kelly, Brynn Krop, Addison Manning, Mia Mashaw, Colton McIntyre, Selena Monica, Landon Peters, Payton Remmers, Deana Rogers, Colton Skiff, Andrew Thomas, Britton Turck, David Tuttle, Ryan Widrick

Grade 7: Deane Andrews, Dian Aran, Cecelia Baker, Vaughn Bandyh, Lincoln Black, Kaylee Carson, Inara Dyer, Ephraim Garito, Payton Goodheart, Emmie Gronowski, Jurgynn Gyore, Saydee Hirschey, Holden Hulbert, Adalin Jantzi, Thomas King, Kayben Krop,

Willow Lyndaker, Lane Morrow, Elynn Nichols, Eli Petzoldt, Amaya Spence, Michaela Ward, Jaelyn Wilkinson

Grade 8: Leo Adams, Landon Bagley, Jadyn Bowen, Liam Caudill, Ty Dunckel, Jordan Folsom, Nicole Franchini, Madison Gamble, Isabella Harper, Katelynn Heins, Kinsley Moshier, Connor Munn, Slade Nortz, Gabriel Peters, Nolan Roes, Chase Smith, Olivia Stockman, Ava Swinyer, Payten Tuttle, Brycen Villiere

Merit Roll

Grade 6: Sebestyen Baker, Hailey Bauman, Isabella Bowen, Kenzie Carson, Lael DeGeorge, Hailey Lehman, Blake McBroom-Fowler, Josilyn Suiter, Torrance Suiter

Grade 7: Story Carraway, Korbin Carson, Brody Fayle, Deacon Fuller, Joseph Parker Godlewski, Dane Hemmerich, Avalyn Jantzi, Donovan King, Carra Kirkbride, Henry Kleine, Bentley Koster, Kyle Munn, Valkyrie Schleicher, Addison Seymour, Carsen Waldron

Grade 8: Daysenia Bruce-Medina, Allison Cook, Cheryl Dening, Bella Hoch, Alexa Kloster, Alannia Locke, Tyler Logan, Ava Morrow, Eden Rhubarb, Kelsey Robbins, Cayden Shaw, Keira Tanner

Students-Of-The Month

Lowville Middle School is proud to announce the recipients of the Student-of-the-Month Award for January.

For January – **Braelynn Eaves** (6), daughter of Greg & Stephanie Eaves; **Hailey Feisthamel** (7), daughter of David & Heather Feisthamel; **Kinsley Moshier** (8), daughter of Andre' and Misty Moshier.



Mr. Exford, Hailey Feisthamel, Kinsley Moshier, and Braelynn Eaves

For February – **Kenzie Birchenough** (6), daughter of Drue and Fawn Birchenough; **Cohen Kiernan** (7), son of Theresa Lampack; **John Tucker III** (8), son of John Tucker II and Sarah Taylor.

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Mr. Exford, Kenzie Birchenough, Cohen Kiernan, and John Tucker III

Nominees are selected by their grade level teachers based on the following criteria:

- **Academics** - working above and beyond their ability and what is expected
- **Behavior** - making good decisions and being a role model for other students - even when adults are not looking
- **Character** - always looking out for their classmates - being respectful, honest, trustworthy and kind at all times
- **Attendance** - on time to school and classes every day (unless extenuating circumstances)

Students receive a commemorative bowling pin from AMF, a Student-of-the-Month certificate, and a gift certificate from Stewarts Shops in recognition of their achievement. All middle school students are eligible to be recommended as a Student-of-the-Month. The Lowville Middle School staff and administration feel proud to work with these highly regarded students.

Spelling Bee Success

This year's Lowville Middle School Spelling Bee took place on Thursday, February 14 in the auditorium. Seventeen students participated: **Kendall Adams, Adele Andrews, Mabel Blauvelt, Adam Burgess, Story Carraway, Sarah Elgallad, Bradyn Essenlohr, Keira Fahey, Bella Haag, Donovan King, Caleb Lacey, Benjamin Lawrence, Aubree Sauter, Cally Shaw, Wyatt Simser, Piper Thompson, and Michaela Ward.**

This year's contest came right down to the wire, with **Adele Andrews**, a 7th grader, coming out victorious and moving on to the Regional Spelling Bee on March 7. Adele will represent Lowville Middle School for the second straight year. **Michaela Ward** (7th Grade) finished in 2nd place, **Wyatt Simser** (6th Grade) took 3rd, 4th place was

Adam Burgess (7th Grade) and taking 5th place was **Kendall Adams** (6th Grade).



Spelling Bee Champion, Adele Andrews

Congratulations to all students who participated this year. A special thanks to our pronouncer, Mrs. Cooper, our judges, Mrs. Honey, Mr. Taylor and Mrs. Wilson, and to Mr. Exford for his support and for helping make this day possible. Special thanks to Mr. Dunckel for all of the time and effort he contributed as the Spelling Bee advisor!



Adele Andrews (1), Michaela Ward (2), Wyatt Simser (3), Adam Burgess (4) and Kendall Adams (5)

Middle School Yearbook

The Middle School Yearbooks are currently on sale. The cost for this year's full color yearbook is \$34.56. Yearbooks can be purchased in one of two ways for your child:

1. You can go to the Jostens website at www.jostensyearbooks.com and purchase the book online.
2. You can call Jostens at 1-877-767-5217 to place an order.

Only a few yearbooks will be available in May when they are delivered so please guarantee that your child has a yearbook; purchase one now!