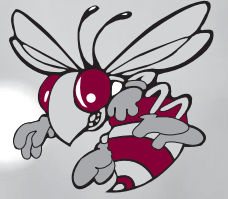


The Focal Point



Graduation 2021

Congratulations To The Class of 2021

Congratulations to this year's Class of 2021 Top Ten students: Valedictorian Hope Hersom, Salutatorian Sara Goodman, Richard Denson, Kelly Ireland, Colby Leggo, Skylar Sharpe, Alaura Rehwaldt, Carli Kirkwood, Nicholas Baubie, Andrew Parnapy.



Hope Hersom
Valedictorian

Hope Hersom is a member of the National Honor Society, Math League, the Section V Student Athletic Advisory Committee, and Student Council where she currently serves as president. She has participated in varsity soccer, basketball, cheerleading, and track and field. This year she was captain of her soccer, basketball, track, and Math League team. Through athletics, she has received Genesee Region All-Star for soccer and track, Scholar-Athlete for all sports, the Stephanie Lynn Tooty Cheerleading Scholarship, and the Section V Fall Sports Scholarship. Additionally, this year she scored the 5th highest in the North Genesee Region division for Math League, which qualified her for the state competition. Hope has been a member of Singing Silhouettes since sophomore year and has participated in the RPO Gala Holiday Pops High School Chorale for 2 years. Hope has received the High School Science Department Award, and the University of Rochester Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award. She has also been on the High Honor Roll since 7th grade. Hope is the daughter of Cheryl and Walter Hersom and plans to attend Columbia University in the fall to pursue mechanical engineering.



Sara Goodman
Salutatorian

Sara Goodman is a member of the National Honor Society, Marching Band, and Math League, and has been Student Council treasurer for four years. Sara is also a five-year Spanish student and a former member of the Spanish Club. She has pursued proficiency in playing clarinet from her first note in 4th grade, to the honored seat as First Chair Clarinet her senior year. She's participated in Jazz Band and 3 years of All-County Band and Solofest. Community is a significant focus for Sara and she's thrilled to be a recipient of the 2021 Byron Kiwanis Annual Scholarship. Since 5th grade, Sara has been dual-enrolled in both BBCSD and GCC's ACE Program. She continues to accumulate college credit through the Genesee Valley BOCES Health Careers Program and was honored as Student of the Month among her peers. Sara also received the "Computing Medal Award" from RIT. She is thankful for her cherished friend Alaura Rehwaldt, who made her high school years indelible. She is the proud daughter of Steve and Jeanne Goodman, and sister of Emma Goodman. Having been awarded the Trustee Scholarship from Roberts Wesleyan College, Sara plans to major in Nursing with a minor in Global Studies.



Top 10 Class of 2021



Richard Denson is delighted to have finished in the top ten of his graduating class. He recently completed the ACE Program offered by Genesee Community College, which he started in 7th grade, and has earned an Associate's Degree in Natural Science as a high school senior. Richard plans on attending the University at Buffalo in pursuit of a degree in Civil Engineering.

Richard would like to thank his friends and family for all of their support and thank all of his teachers at Byron-Bergen, who have done an excellent job nurturing him and bestowing him with the know-how and drive to become successful.



Kelly Ireland is a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, and the Class of 2021 secretary. She has participated in varsity volleyball and varsity softball. She has received an All-Star Award and Player of the Week for varsity volleyball. Kelly has played the flute for 5 years in the school band, which allowed her to march in parades,

play pep music during sporting events, and perform for the community during the Buzzin' Bistro. Kelly has been an active member of the Singing Silhouettes, a select choir, for 3 consecutive years. Kelly has also been a member of Young Life, a youth group, which allowed her to travel to El Salvador for a mission trip 2 years in a row. Kelly loves to help and participate in her community.

She has been able to participate in her community through the Bergen Fire Department, which she has been active in since 8th grade. She is the recipient of the Principal's Award, the Coaches Award from her softball coach, the Most Respected Player from her volleyball team, and many others. Kelly plans to attend SUNY Brockport to major in Spanish Inclusive Education.



Colby Leggo is a member of Byron-Bergen's National Honor Society, the Math League team, the Spanish Club, and vice president for the class of 2021. Throughout his time at Byron-Bergen Jr./Sr. High School, Colby participated in cross country and on the tennis team. Colby will also be graduating from Genesee Community College in late

May with an associate's degree. Colby has also received an Academic Varsity Letter and a Varsity Pin. He is very excited to start a new chapter of his life by attending Clarkson University in the Fall to study Electrical Engineering. He would like to thank his teachers and all of his friends he has met along the way for helping to shape him into who he has become.



Skylar Sharpe has participated in the Yearbook Club, the Strategic Games Club, the Musical, and the Art Club over the past few years. She has been assisting her art instructor with displaying all of the students' artworks for the last 2 years. Her artwork was chosen to be showcased at the RIT art gallery, and she got first place in the Stop DWI poster contest. She has been on the High Honor Roll her whole high school career.

She has been nominated for the Student of the Quarter Award many times and finally received it in her senior year. Skylar is a member of the Brockport Free Methodist Youth group where she participates in games, volleyball, and assists the leaders with set-up. Skylar is the daughter of Steven and Danielle Sharpe and plans to attend Roberts Wesleyan for Art Education.



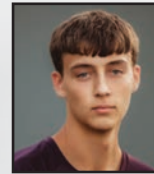
Alaura Rehwaldt is a member of the National Honor Society. She participates in cross country, swimming, track, and volleyball and has received swimmer of the week during the swim season. She has been an All-Star in swimming for 5 years and an All-Star in cross country for 2.

Alaura has been participating in band as a trumpet player for 9 years and played the french horn for 1 year. Alaura has been a part of the Genesee County Youth Leadership program and has taken part in community activities with the group. Alaura has received the Academic Varsity Pin every year from 8th grade to 12th grade. She has also received the Principal's Award and the Clarkson Award. Alaura is the daughter of Melinda and Bret Rehwaldt and plans to attend Genesee Community College with an undecided major.



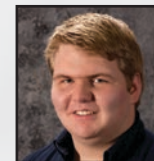
Carli Kirkwood is a member of the National Honor Society and was also a member of the National Junior Honor Society. She has participated in varsity track and field for 6 years, varsity gymnastics for 4 years, and varsity cheerleading for 3 years. Within those sports, she has been a captain for both the cheerleading and track and

field teams and has received Scholar-Athlete, Genesee Region All-Star, Track MVP, Cheerleading MVP, Cheerleading Most Respected, Gymnastics Most Improved, Gymnastics MVP, and the Section V Gymnastics Coaches Award. She has also had the opportunity to compete in the NYSPHSAA state tournaments for both track and field, and gymnastics. Carli has been on the high honor roll since 7th grade and has taken multiple AP and honors classes. She was also the recipient of the 2020 RIT Innovation and Creativity Award. Carli is the daughter of Christin Kirkwood-Thompson and John Kirkwood, the step-daughter of Paul Thompson, and plans to attend the University of Tampa to major in International Business and Economics.



Nicholas Baubie has been a member of the National Honor Society throughout high school. He is a scholar-athlete and he participates in soccer, basketball, baseball, golf and was recognized as a Genesee Region All-Star in soccer for 2 years and received Honorable Mention in basketball for 2 years as well. Nick has also been

a member of the high school Clay Target Team for 4 years where he has received a high average for the team. Nick is currently an active member of the Bergen Rod and Gun Club where he expresses his passion for trap shooting competing in leagues that take place year-round. Nick has been a part of his community where he has participated in food drives and cancer fundraisers with his sports teams. Nick also volunteered as a summer camp counselor at the Gillam Grant Community Center. Nick is the recipient of the Physical Education Award, the Principal's Award, was nominated for Boy's State, and received the University of Rochester's George Eastman Young Leaders Award. Nick is the son of Mark and Carrie Baubie and will be attending the University at Buffalo's School of Engineering.



Andrew Parnapy has been a part of Singing Silhouettes, BB track and field, varsity football, and band. In band, he has played the trombone since 4th grade and has been an active silhouette member since 10th grade. In 9th grade, he joined the Bergen Fire Explorers and then continued as a

restricted member until 12th grade. He loved assisting the fire department in community events like Halloween candy handout, Bergen park days, and fire safety week at the Elementary School. He received the Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award, the University of Rochester: Xerox Award, and the Alfred University Scholar Award. Andrew is the son of Pamela and Mary Comerford and Jeff Parnapy. Andrew will be attending Alfred University to study biochemistry.

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Jerrod Amesbury

SUNY Genesee Community College
Business Administration

Nicholas Baubie

SUNY University at Buffalo
Engineering

Alden Belknap

SUNY Genesee Community College
Criminal Justice

Victoria Bowman

Exploring interests in art
and the medical field

Bianca Brumsted

Chatham University
Criminology and Psychology

Carleigh Buell

SUNY North Country Community
College + Paul Smith's College
Wilderness Recreational Leadership

Hallie Calhoun

Career in Construction Trades

Benjamin Capostagno

Entering the Workforce

Zoey Chambry

College of Mount Saint Vincent
Psychology

Jonah Clare

Rochester Institute of Technology
Engineering

Tylor Coats

Career in Graphic Arts

Joseph Damick

Entering the Workforce

Richard Denson

SUNY University at Buffalo
Civil Engineering

Jay Doyle

Skidmore College
English Education

Jayden Doyle

United States Army
SUNY Genesee Community College
National Guard College Natural Sciences

Veronica Duell

St. John Fisher College
Biology and Pre-Dentistry

Joshua Fleming

Grove City College
Environmental Science

Eden Goff

SUNY Monroe Community College
Criminal Justice

Matthew Gonyea

St. John Fisher College
Biochemistry

Mitchell Gonyea

SUNY Genesee Community College
Natural Sciences

Sara Goodman

Roberts Wesleyan College
Nursing

Adriana Guzman

SUNY Genesee Community College
Event Planning

Krystal Hagen

SUNY Genesee Community College
Business Administration

Jonathan Hahn

Career in Welding

Devon Heick

Western New York Technical Academy
and SUNY Genesee Community College
Food Processing Technology

Hope Hersom

Columbia University
Mechanical Engineering

Kelly Ireland

SUNY The College at Brockport
Spanish Inclusive Education

Trebor Johnston

Western Star
Technician Apprenticeship

Carli Kirkwood

University of Tampa
International Business and Economics

Elizabeth Klafehn

Career in Cosmetology

Courtney Klapp

Continental Beauty School
Esthetician Program

Aiden Kulikowski

SUNY Genesee Community College
General Studies

Samantha Leach

Genesee Valley BOCES
Licensed Practical Nurse Program

Colby Leggo

Clarkson University
Electrical Engineering

Gavin Lewis

Flagler College
Sociology and Psychology

Logan Lewis

SUNY Monroe Community College
Culinary Arts

Lilly Liles

Genesee Valley BOCES
Culinary Arts and Graphic Design

Isaiah Merrell

SUNY Buffalo State College
Hospitality Management

Zechariah Merrell

SUNY Oneonta
Physics and Astronomy

Julia Pangrazio

SUNY Finger Lakes Community College
Nursing

Andrew Parnapy

Alfred University
Biochemistry and
Environmental Sciences

Jaden Pocock

HVAC Apprenticeship at Turnbull

Bryanne Puma

SUNY Genesee Community College +
SUNY The College at Brockport
Early Childhood Education

Matthew Rada

SUNY Genesee Community College
Computer Information Systems

Alaura Rehwaldt (Ray - Walt)

SUNY Genesee Community College
General Studies

Tanner Savage

Enter the Workforce

Julia Schlenker-Stephens

SUNY Genesee Community College
General Studies

Seth Sharp

United States Marines Corps
Infantry

Skylar Sharpe

Roberts Wesleyan College
Art Education

Mason Singer

SUNY Genesee Community College
General Studies

Deacon Smith

SUNY Fredonia
Liberal Arts

Zoe Solis

SUNY Niagara County Community College
Animal Management

Nicole Stone

SUNY Genesee Community College +
SUNY Fredonia
Early Childhood Education

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Sarah Sue Streeter

SUNY Alfred State College
Culinary Arts Baking

Dakota Taylor

SUNY Genesee Community College
Business Administration

Morgan Vincent

SUNY The College at Brockport
General Studies

Amanda Stutzman

SUNY Genesee Community College
Business Administration

Xavier Thomas

SUNY The College at Brockport
International Business

Devon Zinter

SUNY Monroe Community College
Toyota T10 Automotive Apprenticeship Program

Joshua Swapceinski

Rochester Institute of Technology
Physics and Astronomy

Gianni Vallese

SUNY Genesee Community College
Criminal Justice

Matthew Zwerka

Entering the Workforce

News from the Board

Congratulations to our graduating seniors, Class of 2021!!!!

Whether you are entering a trade, pursuing higher education, going into the world of work, or joining the ranks of the military, we here at Byron-Bergen wish you the very best as the next steps of your journey quickly approaches.

I would like to thank the community for coming to the polls on May 18th supporting the school budget and bus proposition. Your continued support for our schools is so critical in helping to give our students the best education and opportunities possible, from UPK to our seniors.

To all of our families, and school faculty and staff -- I'm happy to say that we can see the other side of COVID! Everyone did the very best they could to help our kids through given the circumstances and guidelines that we had to follow. We are all looking forward to being in person, all day, every day come the start of the 2021-2022 school year. Now that is something to look forward to.

There are a lot of things that we tend to take for granted, like hearing the bands play, the chorus singing, the referee's whistles, children playing outside and what a loss it was when it went away. It was wonderful to have our athletes back out on the playing fields and in the gyms again. Having the events of "normal" life come back is something to be treasured, valued and hopefully never taken for granted.

Be well and stay healthy,

Debi List

Debra List, President
Board of Education

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Congratulations to our
graduating seniors,
Class of 2021!!!!
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Superintendent's Message

Dear Byron-Bergen community members,

I have enjoyed getting to know this community during my time as Interim Superintendent at Byron-Bergen. It is clearly a special place with close-knit ties and local pride. Despite the tough circumstances that the pandemic has brought about, I will always look back on my time here with a smile.

I would like to take a moment to congratulate the Class of 2021 and all of our students. They have persevered through a year with many ups and downs and come out stronger. I would also like to commend the faculty and staff for their flexibility and ingenuity. The professionals in this District stand out as some of the most dedicated educators I've ever teamed up with.

In closing, thank you for welcoming me into your community and it is with great confidence that I transition the District leadership into the very capable hands of Mr. Patrick McGee.

Sincerely,

Scott Bischooping

Scott Bischooping
Byron-Bergen Interim Superintendent

HELP WANTED

Do you have an interest in helping Byron-Bergen Central School District in the capacity of a

- **Substitute Bus Driver - we will train!**
- **Substitute Cleaner**
- **Substitute Food Service Worker**
- **Substitute Teacher**
- **Substitute Teacher Aide**

If so, please visit the Employment section of our website at www.bbschools.org (District tab -> Employment):

- For **Substitute Teacher**, visit our on-line web recruitment page at <https://bbschools.recruitfront.com> click the "Register" button at the bottom left, and register to become a new user and create your application for submission.
- For **Substitute Bus Driver, Substitute Cleaner, Substitute Food Service Worker, and Substitute Teacher Aide** please download and complete the **Genesee County Civil Service Application** located on the Employment section of our webpage and submit the application with letter of interest (and resume, if available) via email (pgunio@bbschools.org), fax (585-494-2613), or mail/deliver in person to: P. Gunio – District Office, Byron-Bergen CSD, 6917 West Bergen Road, Bergen, NY 14416.

Pesticide Notice

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation enacted a program that requires all schools to provide you with information about pesticide product applications made throughout the school year. Under State law, the school is required to maintain a list of parents, guardians, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour advance written notice prior to a pesticide application. The Following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- A school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours following an application;
- Anti-microbial products;
- Nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-eat pastes, forms, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- Boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- The application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- The application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR.25;
- The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals.

In the event that an emergency application is necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list. To register your name with the school to be on a 48-hour notification list, send a request to Byron-Bergen Central School District Office, 6917 W Bergen Rd., Bergen, NY 14416. A written request must be submitted annually.

Summer Meals ALL KIDS EAT FREE!

No paperwork necessary, Must be 18 or under for free meals

Byron-Bergen High School Bus Loop

Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 13th – Aug 19th, 2021 • 10:30-11:45 pm

Students or parents will be able to pick-up breakfast & lunch in one bag.

Please call 494-1220 ext. 1015 for more info.

For more information visit the District website.

National Honor Society

The Byron-Bergen chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) recently welcomed 35 new students to their distinguished company.

2021 Inductees to the Byron-Bergen National Honor Society:

Cassidy Ball, Jason Bleiler, David Brumsted, Madison Burke, Dayanara Caballero, Caleb Calhoun, Caleb Carlson, Cameron Carlson, Kendan Dressler, Makenzie Eccleston, Joshua Fleming, Frank Hersom, Grace Huhn, Brooke Jarkiewicz, Ryan Muscarella, Valerie Pastore, Kendall Phillips, Madelynn Pimm, Elizabeth Piper, Austin Salmonds, Brianna Salmonds, Emily Salmonds, Elli Schelemanow, Sasha Schramm, Grace Shepard, Zoey Shepard, Alayna Streeter, Matthew Tanner, Ella VanValkenburg, Alexandra Vurraro, Ava Wagoner, Lillian Walker, Leyna Wheeler, Hannah Wies, Corden Zimmerman.

Current Members of the Byron-Bergen National Honor Society:

Nicholas Baubie, Veronica, Duell, Eden Goff, Sara Goodman, Hope Hersom, Kelly Ireland, Carli Kirkwood, Colby Leggo, Andrew Parnapy, Bryanne Puma, Alaura Rehwaltd, Deacon Smith, Sarah Sue Streeter.



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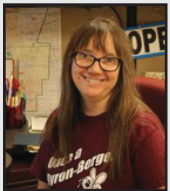
2021 Inductees to the Byron-Bergen National Junior Honor Society:

Ryan Benstead, Jake Carlson, Deborah Catalino, Kendall Chase, Noah Clare, Abigail Cook, Amber Cromey, Isabella Davidson, Craig DiQuattro, Lea Donofrio, Jack Farner, Sophia Frongetta, Haylee Gartz, Payton Goodenbery, Ava Gray, Rachel Hanel, Samuel Hersom, Landon Kent, Eli Kupfer, Ella Lewis, Jackson Lundfelt, Martin Mac Connell, Anna McLaughlin, Meghan Muscarella, Kasey Pagels, Adam Piper, Natalie Prinzi, Ian Pulcini, Ashley Schlenker-Stephens, Olivia Senf, Roman Smith, James Starowitz, Rose Wilson, Mikayla Yohon, Carlee Barons, Grayson Erion, Mackenzie Hagen, Travis Shallenberger, Malachi Smith, Megan Zwerka, Jason Bleiler, Haydin Perez, Joshua Tardy.

Current Members of the Byron-Bergen National Junior Honor Society:

Brody Baubie, Trevor Beale, Braedyn Chambry, Tyler Chapman, Gabby Graff, Hendrik Haymon, Makala Hoopengarden, Callista Kinkelaar, Hannah Loewke, Colin Martin, Stephanie Onderdonk, Carter Prinzi, Victoria Rogoyski, Lydia Zaffran.

Congratulations Retirees



Barb Hogan has worked at Byron-Bergen for over 2 decades, first as a substitute aide and then full-time as an Office Clerk Typist, Senior Clerk, and Secretary. She has worked in the Elementary School and High School Offices and, most recently, as the Secretary for Counseling and Athletics.

While she liked working in a smaller district, she is looking forward to having more down time and spending more time with her family.



After 20 years as a Teacher Aide, **Deborah Best** is retiring. Her favorite thing about Byron-Bergen is the wonderful people and the life-long friends she has made. She was the Tonawanda Valley Federal Credit Union liaison for the Elementary School for several years, has greeted students at the back door each morning, and been a member of the afternoon dismissal team.

"I will certainly miss working with the kids. Watching the little ones write their name for the first time, reading a book for the first time, and the excitement every day over what they are learning is such a wonderful experience."

She would like to thank Miss Hustleby, Mr. Biondolillo, and all of the amazing teachers that she has worked with over the years. "Most of all, thank you to the Teacher Aides. You are all wonderful friends and you all do an amazing job. I love you all and will miss you."

In retirement, she plans to spend more time with her family, especially

her 2 daughters and 4 granddaughters. She also hopes to travel with her husband of 41 years, Mike, and spend lots of time with her friends.

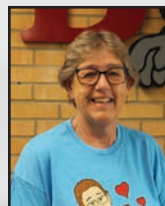
"Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of this amazing school family."



After 20 years of driving a Byron-Bergen school bus, **Andrea Golino** is retiring. Known for her Friday dance parties and enthusiastic attitude, she has been a staple of the Transportation Department for 2 decades.

"I will miss my wonderful students, their supportive families, my coworkers, and, of course, dance party Friday! I would like to thank the many parents in our district that shared their precious children with me over the past 20 years. It's been a blessing and joy to have each and every one of them!"

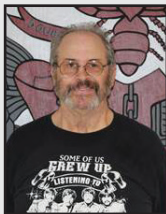
In retirement, she plans to spend more time with my family, friends and especially her 6 grandchildren.



Cynthia McGowan has been a Teacher's Aide for 24 years. She worked in the Jr./Sr. High School for 14 years, and 10 years in the Elementary School. She will miss the students and all her coworkers. "Most of all, I will miss Michelle Matteson. For 10 years I was an aide in her class. She was my work daughter." In retirement, she plans to spend more time at camp, and to travel with her husband.

She has 3 grown children, 2 daughters-in-laws and one son in-law to be. She also has 3 granddaughters and 1 grandson.

Congratulations Retirees

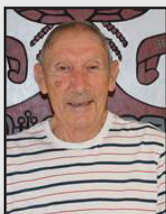


After a decade as a cleaner at Byron-Bergen, **Ed McMahon** is retiring. His favorite thing about working at Byron-Bergen was how the whole team pulled together to get things done. He would like to thank Mike List for hiring him. In retirement, he plans to relax, do some fishing, and travel.



Donny Myers has been with Byron-Bergen for 36 years. He started out as a Cleaner and is now a Custodian. His favorite thing about the job is working with everyone in both the Elementary and High Schools. He would like to thank the students and staff at both schools.

In retirement, he plans to spend time with his 2 daughters and family. Although he will come back and sub part-time, he will also be spending time in Florida, relaxing.



Neil Antinore has been a Cleaner at Byron-Bergen Central School District for 23 years. Although he has no set plans for how he will spend his retirement, he will miss the people and students. He would like to thank the District.



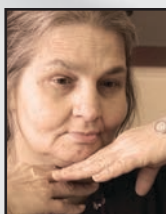
After almost a decade with Byron-Bergen, School Nurse **Colette Dodson**, RN, is retiring.

“My favorite thing about Byron-Bergen is the community. We have amazing administration, faculty, staff, parents, and of course students.”

In retirement, Dodson plans to remain active, which will include subbing and spending time with her family. She also plans to travel and fulfill her dreams of visiting Hawaii and Scotland.

“I would like to thank the entire Byron-Bergen community for welcoming me, trusting their precious children to my care, and making my time here so special. It truly has been an honor to serve our community.”

Dodson and her husband, Chuck, have five children and 3 grandchildren, 2 dogs and 2 cats. “I am looking forward to spending time with my family and friends as I begin this new adventure.”



Sandy Johnson has been a cleaner at Byron-Bergen Schools since 1979. After more than 4 decades, she is retiring as one of the most senior staff members in the District. The District would like to thank her for her many years of service and congratulate her on her retirement.

Jr./Sr. High School Happenings

By: Patrick McGee, Principal



Thank you to all of our students and families for doing the best they can during these unprecedented times. Please know how much I appreciate your tremendous support, flexibility, and understanding during this time. As always, our teachers and staff have been doing the best they can to help support you. Thank you for reciprocating this and doing the best you can. The last year and a half have been by no means a perfect situation and I just appreciate everyone making the best out of the circumstances we

were given. It truly is a privilege to work in such a special place.

I would be remiss if I didn't highlight the Class of 2021. Through all of their accomplishments in and out of the classroom, I want to highlight that 35 of our 59 students graduating have an 85 or higher cumulative average. We have students attending major colleges across the United States including the Ivy League and other highly esteemed universities, students enlisting

in the military, students going right to accredited trades programs, and students beginning their post high school experience in other areas. I could go on and on about how proud I am of this class, but I am most proud of the people they have become. They are kind, compassionate, resilient, and overall just a wonderful group of human beings.

One of the most fulfilling parts of my job is watching our seniors graduate. Over the last month we get to share many great moments with our seniors such as the Prom, our senior trip to Peak n' Peek, senior breakfast, our annual senior walk through the Elementary School, and of course, graduation. I've also had the privilege to watch our seniors during their exit projects and through senior interviews. I am confident they are ready to be successful as they leave Byron-Bergen and head into their pathways. I am so proud of their growth and wish them the best of luck in the future. Thank you Class of 2021 for just doing and being you!

I know there are questions about the 2021/2022 school year. It is our goal to have all of our students back in the building 5 days a week in September. We will be providing you guidance as we get more information this summer.

Please let me know if you have any questions, concerns, or feedback. Go Bees!

Byron-Bergen High School ~ Awards & Scholarships

This list includes special recognition awards presented to Byron-Bergen High School students at “Academic & Athletic Awards Night”, and the “Batavia Career and Technical Center Awards Night” (Awards and Scholarships given at graduation are not included here.)

“Academic and Athletic Awards Night”

Alfred University Kazuo Inamori Alfred Award

Brooke Jarkiewicz

American History Award

Hope Hersom

U of R Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award

Cordon Zimmerman

Bergen Historical Society Award

Andrew Pamapy

Brian R. Ivison Memorial Industrial Arts Award

Hope Hersom

Brian R. Ivison Memorial Wrestling Award

Jonah Clare

The Byron-Bergen S.T.E.P. Booster Humanitarian

Leadership Scholarship

Veronica Duell

Byron-Bergen Sports Booster

Scholar Athlete Award

Jonah Clare, Hope Hersom

The Clarkson University High School

Achievement Award

Caleb Carlson

The Clarkson University High School Leadership Award

Elli Schelemanow

Comeback Award

Kendall Phillips

Community Achievement Award from Keuka College

Alexandra Vurraro, Kaitlyn Windhauser

Dawn Gruendike Memorial Award

Kelly Ireland

Duane Streeter Memorial Award

Julia Pangrazio

The Elmira College Key Awards

Leanna Curts, Alayna Streeter

The Emily Reis Memorial Scholarship

Alaura Rehwaldt

The Faculty Department Award

Ryan Benstead, Sara Bishop, Jonah Clare,
Noah Clare, Leanna Curts, Craig DiQuattro, Peyton
Goodenbery, Sara Goodman, Ava Gray, Hope
Hersom, Kelly Ireland, Connor Moran,
Grace Mundell, Valerie Pastore, Alaura Rehwaldt,
Katherine Rogoyski, Elli Schelemanow,
Sasha Schramm, Skylar Sharpe, Lily Stalica

Female Athlete of the Year

Alaura Rehwaldt

U of R Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award in Humanities and Social Sciences

Ella VanValkenburg

Gary Liles Memorial Award Trophy

Kelly Ireland

U of R George Eastman Young Leaders Award

Sasha Schramm

Jenny Kuzma Memorial Award

Deborah Catalino

The Miss Covatta Memorial Recognition Award

Rose Wilson

Male Athlete of the Year

Nicholas Baubie

Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award

Jonah Clare, Alaura Rehwaldt

Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award

Kaitlyn Windhauser

Marine Corps Semper Fidelis Award for Musical Excellence

Kelly Ireland

The Matthew Kota Memorial Scholarship

Joshua Fleming

Matthew Kota Memorial Medical Scholarship

Sara Goodman

The Michael and John Schott Memorial Award

Kelly Ireland

NYSCOPBA Statewide Scholarship Program

Bianca Brumsted

Paul Smith Memorial Wrestling Award

Devon Heick

The President's Award for Educational Excellence

Nicholas Baubie, Bianca Brumsted, Jonah Clare,
Richard Denson, Veronica Duell, Joshua Fleming,
Eden Goff, Sara Goodman, Hope Hersom,
Kelly Ireland, Carli Kirkwood, Colby Leggo,
Andrew Pamapy, Bryanne Puma, Alaura Rehwaldt,
Skylar Sharpe, Sarah Sue Streeter

Principal's Award

Deborah Catalino, Frank Hersom,
Katherine Rogoyski, Bryanne Puma,
Malachi Smith, Alexandra Vurraro

The Rensselaer Medalist Award

Cordon Zimmerman

The RIT Computing Medal Award

Madison Burke

The RIT Innovation & Creativity Award

Madelynn Pimm

Robert Fowler Award

Roman Smith

Samuel Landis Wiant Golf Award

Ryan Muscarella

Saint Michael's Book Award for Academic Achievement & Social Science

Sadie Cook, Makenzie Eccleston

St. Bonaventure Junior Scholarship

Corin Abdella, Grace Shepard, Grace Huhn

State Comptroller Student Achievement Award

Alaura Rehwaldt

The Stephanie Lynn Tooley Cheerleading Scholarship

Sarah Sue Streeter

Superintendent's Award

Alaura Rehwaldt

Triple "C" Award

Rachel Best

Byron-Bergen High School ~ Awards & Scholarships

Music Awards

Band Award

Sara Goodman, Jaden Pockock, Alaura Rehwaldt,
Sarah Sue Streefer, Gianni Vallese

Band & Chorus Award

Kelly Ireland, Andrew Parnapy

Byron-Bergen Music Booster Scholarship

Joshua Fleming, Kelly Ireland,
Andrew Parnapy, Deacon Smith

Byron-Bergen Musical Theater Award

Joshua Fleming, Kelly Ireland,
Deacon Smith, Nicole Stone

Choral Award

Joshua Fleming, Hope Hersom,
Kelly Ireland, Deacon Smith

Donna Terepka Piano Memorial Award

Gianni Vallese

John Philip Sousa Award

Kelly Ireland

Most Improved Vocal Music Award

Bianca Brumsted, Andrew Parnapy, Xavier Thomas

Raymond E. Scott Memorial Award

Joshua Fleming, Alaura Rehwaldt

Singing Silhouette Leadership Award

Deacon Smith

Vince Zarcone Award

Andrew Parnapy, Alaura Rehwaldt

“Batavia Career and Technical Center Awards”

Auto Tech Student of the Year

Devon Zinter

Car Quest Auto Body Skills Award

Zachary Gurtler

Cosmetology Most Improved Award

Elizabeth Klafehn

Culinary Arts Club Award

Isaiah Merrell

Josh Mouery Memorial Award

Isaiah Merrell

Elementary School News

By: Brian Meister, Principal



I am extremely proud and thankful to all who participate and support our Byron-Bergen learning community. It goes without saying that this has been the strangest and most challenging year I have experienced in my 23 years as an educator. It is hard to believe that just 1 year ago we had not seen our students' face to face in over 3 months and we were unsure if students would return to the building in the fall. Fear and uncertainty had gripped the world and in the middle stood our children. I still recall our first meeting in

July as we began to unpack the 80-page reopening plan document sent out by New York State. So many questions needed to be answered with very little time to answer them all, but our focus remained constant. Our students needed to be in school and we made that happen. My deepest appreciation goes out to our teachers, service providers, support staff, clerical, food service, transportation, and buildings and grounds teams. Every day, 5 days per week, you brought your best to make sure our students were safe, warm, fed, taught, and most importantly, nurtured and cared for. Thanks to our parents and families who prepared their children each day to try their best and believe in the value of learning. To our community our sincere appreciation for supporting us and our efforts to make our school an important and vibrant part of the community.

Each year I take time to remind families about the importance of providing fun learning rich activities and in particular reading throughout the summer months. Summer regression is when students lose recently learned skills due to lack of practice and exposure. We typically see students fall 1-3 reading levels between July and August. This drop in reading level means that the first few weeks of school is spent reteaching skills and strategies to regain the

prior year's proficiency. With the loss of instruction last spring due to school closure, it is even more critical to minimize this loss by spending time with your child reading 4-5 times per week and engaging them in fun learning activities that challenge them to problem solve, think mathematically, and write. As we head into the summer, I am pleased to share that we are hosting a Summer Learning and Enrichment Program here at the Elementary School. However, if your child is unable to attend here are a few suggestions to consider when planning for summer learning practice:

1. Read at the same time each day. Perhaps it's story time before bed or set the timer for 15 minutes first thing in the morning. Kids thrive on routine.
2. Make it a manageable timeframe. 10-20 minutes is plenty.
3. Choose books or articles that are familiar and enjoyable. The goal is not to challenge them with more complicated texts that will frustrate them but rather to allow them to practice their skills on resources that are motivating and accessible.
4. If the book is frustrating, read it to them. Listening to fluent readers helps students with their fluency.
5. Let them read articles and stories online. Just be certain to monitor their online use.
6. Most importantly, have fun.

In terms of math, I recommend including math practice into your daily routine. Flash cards are a great way to practice math facts. We are expecting to keep our online programs such as IXL active for all students to practice with and there are many free and fun math programs out there. Your child's teacher can share which ones are most appropriate for your child.

I would once again like to thank all of the families and friends of Byron-Bergen Elementary for their ongoing support of our students and school. Have a great summer. I look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Student Art Showcase



"Gyotaku Fish Print"

Watercolor & Marker
By: Haylee Galves, grade 6
Art Teacher: Mrs. Auer



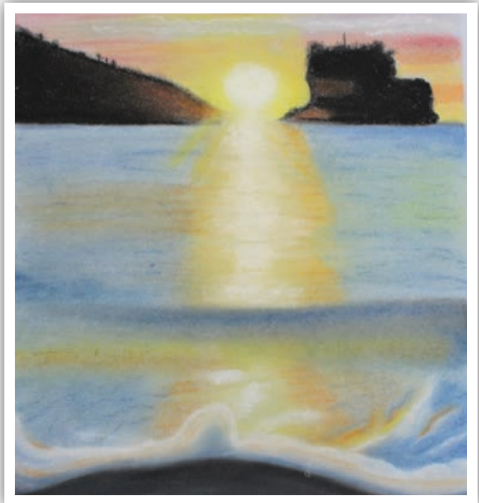
"The Great Ivory"

Plaster Mask
By: Simone Scharvogel, grade 7
Art Teacher: Mrs. Auer



"Barn at Dusk"

Watercolor and mixed media on paper
By: Ruth Kuipers, grade 5
Art Teacher: Mrs. Coniglio



"Pastel Sunset"

Chalk Pastel on Paper
By: Payton Buzzell, grade 11
Art Teacher: Mrs. Fritz



"Warm Color Hippo"

Crayon and watercolor on paper
By: Scarlet Bates, Kindergarten
Art Teacher: Mrs. Coniglio



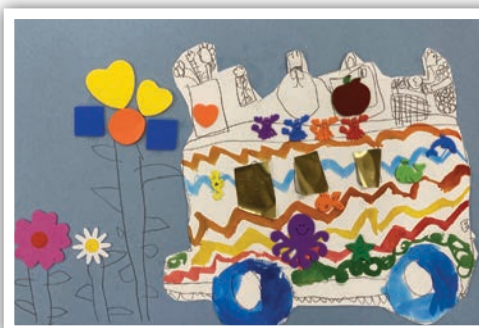
"Nurse"

Mixed Media
By: Julia Pangrazio, grade 12
Art Teacher: Mrs. Fritz



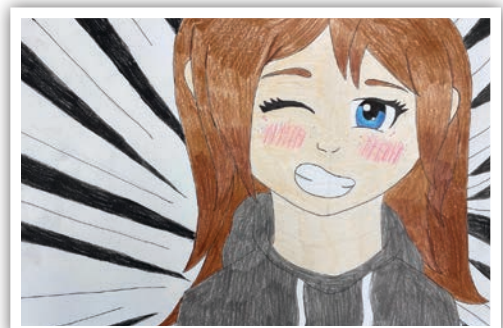
"Acorn"

Marker on Paper
By: Olivia Best, grade 10
Art Teacher: Mrs. Fritz



"Tap Tap Bus"

Mixed media on paper
By: Kennedy Pedraza, Kindergarten
Art Teacher: Mrs. Coniglio



"Comic Selfie"

Marker and pencil on paper
By: Jenna Redick, grade 5
Art Teacher: Mrs. Coniglio

BYRON-BERGEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR 2021-2022



July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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August 2021

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March 2022

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May 2022

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June 2022

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JULY/AUGUST

New Teacher Orientation August 25-26, 2021 ←
Professional Development (*non-tenured teachers*) - August 26, 2021 □

HOLIDAYS/RECESSES □

Independence Day (Observed) - July 5, 2021
Labor Day - September 6, 2021
Columbus Day - October 11, 2021
Veterans' Day - November 11, 2021
Thanksgiving Recess - November 24-26, 2021
Winter Recess - December 24, 2021 - December 31, 2021
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - January 17, 2022
February Recess - February 21-25, 2022
Spring Recess - April 11-18, 2022
Memorial Day - May 30, 2022
Juneteenth (Observed) - June 20, 2022

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL September 7, 2021 ○

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL June 24, 2022 ◇

TESTING SCHEDULE □

January Regents - January 25-28, 2022
3rd - 8th Grade NYS ELA Testing - March 29-30, 2022
3rd - 8th Grade NYS Math Testing - April 26-27, 2022
8th Grade Science Performance Test - May 24-26, 2022
8th Grade Written Science Test - June 6, 2022
June Regents - June 15-17 & 21-23, 2022
Regents Rating day - June 24, 2022

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAYS ▽

No SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS
Superintendent's Conference Day- September 1, 2021
Superintendent's Conference Day- October 8, 2021
Superintendent's Conference Day- January 28, 2022
Superintendent's Conference Day- March 18, 2022

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE ○

1/2 Day of School - PreK-12 - November 19, 2021
1/2 Day of School - PreK- 5 (only) - November 22, 2021
1/2 Day of School - PreK- 5 (only) - November 23, 2021

DAYS OF INSTRUCTION

September	18 + 1
October	19 + 1
November	18
December	17
January	19 + 1
February	15
March	22 + 1
April	15
May	21
June	17
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