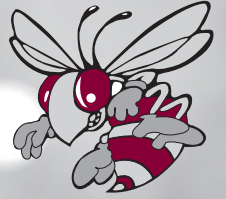


# The Focal Point



Graduation 2022

## Congratulations To The Class of 2022

Congratulations to this year's Class of 2022 Top Ten students: Valedictorian Corden Zimmerman, Salutatorian Brooke Jarkiewicz, Ella VanValkenburg, Madelynn Pimm, Madison Burke, Elli Schelemanow, Kaitlyn Windhauser, Sasha Schramm, Alayna Streefer, Grace Shepard.



**Corden Zimmerman**  
Valedictorian

1. **Corden Zimmerman** is a member of the National Honor Society, as well as a member of the varsity cross country, basketball, and track and field teams. He has received a player of the week award for basketball this past year and was able to play in the exceptional seniors game at the end of the season. He has also been a Genesee Region All-Star for track and field for multiple years, as well as Sectional champion. He has played both percussion and tuba in the band since he started in 4<sup>th</sup> grade. He is also a member of the New Beginnings Christian Fellowship youth worship band where he has played both drums and bass. Throughout his high school career, Corden has been taking GCC classes on the side and has gained enough credits to graduate with his Associate's Degree. Corden plans to attend Roberts Wesleyan College to major in Music Education.



**Brooke Jarkiewicz**  
Salutatorian

2. **Brooke Jarkiewicz** is a member of the National Honor Society, Math League, Varsity Club, and Student Council where she is class president. She participates in soccer, basketball, and track and field. In soccer, she received Genesee Region All-Star, Daily News Protector of the Pipes, and was selected for the Greater Rochester second team and All-State second team. Brooke has participated in the band since 4<sup>th</sup> grade, where she has played trumpet and was honored to play taps at Arlington Cemetery in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. She is an active member of her community. She has helped at Gilliam-Grant Day Camp for four summers and has also helped out with younger teams from her travel soccer club. Brooke has won awards in the Stop DWI Poster Contest alongside Grace Shepard as Grand Prize Winner for two years and first place in 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade for two years. Brooke is a Tri-Sport Scholar-Athlete and has been on the High Honor Roll since 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Brooke is the daughter of Sarah and Frank, sister of Megan, and will be attending Clarkson University to major in Engineering.

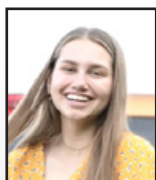




# Top 10 Class of 2022



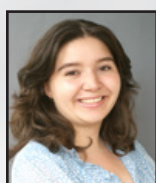
**3. Ella VanValkenburg** is a member of the National Honor Society and volunteers her time at the Gillam-Grant Community Center. She has received academic awards and distinctions, including the Susan B. Anthony and Fredrick Douglas Character and Service award, an academic varsity letter, and various collegiate honors and scholarships. Ella has taken numerous AP, Honors, and college courses throughout her high school career. Ella is the daughter of Jennifer and Daniel VanValkenburg and plans to attend the University of Vermont's College of Arts and Sciences.



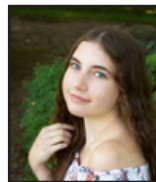
**4. Madelynn Pimm** is a member of the National Honor Society and Varsity Club. She is also the treasurer of the Executive Student Council, one of the captains for the Math League team, and treasurer of the Byron-Bergen FFA Chapter. Madelynn participates in volleyball, softball, and basketball, in which she was a team captain. She also plays the trumpet in both concert and marching bands. Madelynn has been a Scholar-Athlete and a Varsity Tri-Athlete since her sophomore year. She also received an Academic Varsity letter and pin last year. Outside of school, Madelynn is the President of the Genesee County Sheep Club, the Secretary of the Genesee County Swine Club, and the President of the Genesee County Beef Club. In addition, she plays club sports for the Sun Setters Volleyball Club, WNY Rebels basketball team, and the Stingers Softball Club. Madelynn is the daughter of Norm and Colleen Pimm and is attending Penn State University next year to study Agricultural Business and Management.



**5. Madison Burke** is a member of the National Honor Society. She has received the RIT Computing Medal Award for pursuing a rigorous college-preparatory curriculum. Throughout high school, she has taken many Honors courses and AP classes in order to further challenge herself and prepare herself for college. She has also taken many GCC courses throughout her high school career, including advanced math and computer courses. Madison has also completed the Joy of Coding camp through the University of Michigan, as well as multiple computer camps through RIT. She is the daughter of Dennis and Cindy Burke.



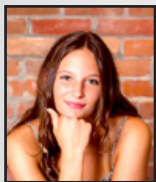
**6. Elli Schelemanow** is a proud member of the Byron-Bergen Class of 2022. She has participated in a multitude of activities during her time at Byron-Bergen. She is a member of the National Honor Society, President of the Yearbook Club, First Chair of the Alto Saxophones in the school band, and one of the captains of the Math League team. She has played tennis since the 7<sup>th</sup> grade and is a member of the school's Varsity Club. She has been an active participant in student government since the 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Elli has been a member of the ACE program since the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, which allowed her to graduate with an Associate's Degree from Genesee Community College at the age of 18. She will be attending the University at Buffalo in the fall and was accepted into their Selective Honors College. There she will be majoring in Biomedical Sciences and hopes to attend medical school and become a pediatrician. She would like to thank her parents; her siblings Theodore, Allison, and Amanda; and her teachers and friends for always supporting her.



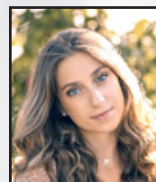
**7. Kaitlyn Windhauser** has participated in the SADD club, and Spanish club, and enjoys photography. During her junior and senior years of high school, she attended the Health Dimensions program at Genesee Valley BOCES. Through this program, she will be obtaining her certification, in June, as a nursing assistant. Kaitlyn has enjoyed caring for and getting to know some of the residents at the New York State Veterans Home while gaining clinical experience there. She is the recipient of the George H. Ball Community Achievement Award and the Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award. Kaitlyn is the daughter of Valerie and Christopher Windhauser. She will be attending Genesee Community College in the fall to pursue a career in nursing or physical therapy. She would like to thank her teachers, friends, and family who have supported and encouraged her throughout the years.



**8. Sasha Schramm** is an active member of the National Honors Society and VP of the Varsity Club. She participates in soccer, basketball, and track, and she has broken the school record for triple jump multiple times. Sasha has also assisted her soccer team in making it to the State finals and GRL/Sectional Champion for track. She is known to have good citizenship and leadership skills and has received the George Eastman Award from UR and multiple health awards. Sasha has also earned her varsity letters and is on the High Honor roll each quarter. Sasha has been a part of the Wheatland Community Church youth group where she has volunteered at soup kitchens, charity walks, and led day camps. Sasha is the daughter of Missy Murphy and Chuck Schramm and plans to attend SUNY Buffalo to major in Exercise Science in pursuit of a career in sports medicine.



**9. Alayna Streeter** is a Tri-Athlete Captain participating in Soccer, Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field, and Swimming and Diving. Alayna is receiving a dual enrollment diploma through a partnership between Byron-Bergen High School, Genesee Valley BOCES, and Genesee Community College. She is certified in Lifeguarding with CPR/AED for Professional Rescuers (2021-2022), First Aid and Administering Emergency Oxygen (2021), HIPAA (2022), and Infection Control (2022). She participates and holds positions in the National Honor Society, National Junior Honor Society, Student Council, Wildlife, and Younglife. Outside of school, she participates in a U19 Soccer Club, as well as volunteers as a Coach for a U9 Junior Soccer Club. Alayna is a recipient of the Zonta Women's Club scholarship. Alayna is the daughter of Micheal and Rhonda Streeter, and a sister to Samantha Ilacqua, Amanda, and Sarah Streeter. In the fall, Alayna will be attending Hartwick College, on her journey to becoming a nurse and eventually a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. Her goal is to eventually obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and work in the Emergency Department.



**10. Grace Shepard** is a member of the National Honor Society, Varsity Club, and Student Council where she is serving as executive president. She is also a member of Singing Silhouettes and has been on the High Honor Roll since 7<sup>th</sup> grade. She has participated in varsity cross country, swimming, and track throughout all of high school. Through sports, she has received multiple Genesee Region All-Star awards and helped her team win back-to-back GRL titles in swimming as well as getting a GRNO patch for being a member of the undefeated 200 free relay team. Grace is the daughter of Bridget and Jeffrey Shepard and plans to attend the University of Cincinnati in the fall to pursue a degree in Marketing and Communications.

# *Congratulations* To The Class of 2022

**Corin Abdella**

SUNY Genesee Community College

**Isaiah Baity**

Entering the Workforce

**Jared Barnum**

SUNY Canton

Forensic Criminology

**Rachel Best**

University of Findlay

Animal Science, Pre-Veterinary Studies

**Camryn Brookhart**

Syracuse University

Communication and Rhetoric

**Madison Burke**

SUNY Monroe Community College

Computer Science

**Payton Buzzell**

Entering the Workforce

**Caleb Calhoun**

Niagara University

Business Management

**Caleb Carlson**

Houghton College

Business Administration

**Aidan Clark**

SUNY Genesee Community College

Physical Education

**Destiny Colon**

SUNY Purchase

Theatre and Performance

**Sadie Cook**

Marist College

Business Administration, Finance

**Leanna Curts**

Villa Maria College

Fine Arts

**Jeremy Donahue, Jr.**

Entering the Workforce

**Alexander Donnelly**

SUNY Monroe Community College

Mechanical Engineering

**Makenzie Eccleston**

SUNY Plattsburgh

Chemistry

**Kamerie Elliott**

Entering the Workforce

**Connor Gale**

Heavy Equipment Technician  
at Livingston Associates

**Chiara Grippo**

D'Youville University

Health Humanities

**Christian Haller**

SUNY College at Brockport

General Studies

**Sarah Hanel**

Medaille College

Veterinary Technology

**Brayden Hickey**

Pursuing a Career in Underwater Welding

**Grace Huhn**

Virginia Tech

National Security and Foreign Affairs

**Brooke Jarkiewicz**

Clarkson University

Engineering

**Meghan Kendall**

University of Pittsburgh at Bradford

Nursing

**Cole McAllister**

SUNY Genesee Community College

Social Sciences

**Victoria Niemi**

Pursuing a Career in Nursing

**Danyel Nowatchik**

SUNY College at Brockport

Social Studies Education

**Madelynn Pimm**

Penn State University

Agricultural Business and Management

**Logan Pocock**

Entering the Workforce

**Mikaylah Pocock**

SUNY Finger Lakes Community College

Kinesiology

**Brenda Ramos Francisco**

SUNY Genesee Community College

Theatre Arts

**Elyssa Robbins**

SUNY Finger Lakes Community College

Business Administration

**Elli Schelemanow**

SUNY University at Buffalo

Biomedical Sciences

**Sasha Schramm**

SUNY University at Buffalo

Kinesiology

**Aleigha Shallenberger**

SUNY Buffalo State College

Television & Film Arts and Media Production

**Kaden Sheard**

Carpenters Union

**Grace Shepard**

University of Cincinnati

Marketing and Communications

**Molly Simms**

SUNY Canton

Criminal Investigation

**Carlie Singer**

Entering the Workforce

**Alayna Streeter**

Hartwick College

Nursing

**Jorie Strzelecki**

Roberts Wesleyan College

Psychology

**Ella VanValkenburg**

University of Vermont

Undeclared in the College of Arts & Sciences

**Alexandra Vurraro**

University of South Carolina

Psychology

**Hallie Wade**

SUNY Genesee Community College

Psychology

**Kolbie Walker**

Medaille College

Veterinary Technology

**Nicolas Walters**

Entering the Workforce

**Madison Warney**

Entering the Workforce

Dairy Processing

**Ashley Weit**

Entering the Workforce

Patient Care Technician

**Allie Wilcox**

Entering the Workforce

**Emma Will**

SUNY Genesee Community College

Entrepreneurship

**Kaitlyn Windhauser**

SUNY Genesee Community College

Nursing

**Nathan Wolfe**

Entering the Workforce

**Kaitlyn Zastrocky**

SUNY Genesee Community College

Elementary Education

**Corden Zimmerman**

Roberts Wesleyan College

Music Education



# Superintendent's Message

By Patrick McGee



On behalf of our school community and the Board of Education, I would like to again extend a sincere note of thanks to everyone who took the time to vote in our school district. Because our spending plan for the 2022-2023 school year was approved, we will be able to maintain and grow the educational opportunities that have made Byron-Bergen one of the best school districts in this region. We are fortunate to live in a community that values the success of every child, and I am looking forward to

the 2022-2023 school year with much gratitude and excitement.

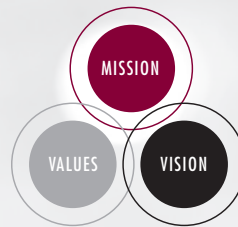
The spring is full of great events recognizing our students district-wide. I have been able to attend open house, spring concerts, award ceremonies, author visits, graduation ceremonies, character assemblies, Sectional play, the Buzzin' Bistro, and the Olympics. Thank you to our wonderful staff who organize and plan for these events. It is great to see everyone and I am glad to bring back these school events and invite our community back into our schools.

Our Class of 2022 Graduation takes place at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at the Soccer Stadium. I want to wish the Class of 2022 the best in any of their future endeavors. They have been through a lot over the last few years and have persevered. I am excited to see and hear the amazing things they will

accomplish in the years ahead. We are proud of you and always remember ... Once a Bee, Always a Bee!

This school year our theme has been "Lean on Me." I am so lucky to work at a school that is as supportive as Byron-Bergen. Thank you to our community, families, our staff, but most of all our student body. I truly appreciate coming to work with the best of the best every day and am honored to serve in my role as Superintendent of the Byron-Bergen Central School District. If you have any questions or concerns please call me at 585-494-1220 ext. 2829, email me at pmcgee@bbschools.org, or stop in to see me.

We are Byron-Bergen! Go Bees!



Byron-Bergen Central School District's **MISSION** is to inspire, prepare, and support using the **VALUES** of compassion, humility, kindness, and persistence with the **VISION** to change the world.



## News from the Board

Many, many thanks to our community for another successful annual budget and proposition vote. The Board of Education is grateful and appreciative to those who support the education our children receive here at B-B. Congratulations to our new Board members and a heartfelt goodbye to both Yvonne Ace-Wagoner and Jenn VanValkenburg. Their dedication to our school and children is unwavering as they always placed kids first, made informed decisions, and are such positive role models. Thank you for all of your time and efforts; you will be missed.

Congrats to all our clubs and sports teams who continually represent our school in such a positive fashion, no matter the outcome of the competition or event.

To all our faculty and staff retiring, thank you for all the time and talent you've dedicated to our children and District. We are wishing you long, fulfilling, and happy days ahead. You will also be missed.

To the Class of 2022, YOU'VE DONE IT!!!! You have successfully navigated, adapted, and persevered through all the obstacles that came your way, especially during our COVID years. Try and always take advantage of the opportunities that come your way and make them your own, and know that success comes in many forms. Best to all of you as you embark on this next journey.

Have a safe & happy summer,

*Debi List*

Debra List, President  
Board of Education

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To the Class of 2022,  
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# 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](https://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](mailto: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.

We're here  
to serve you and your  
family delicious Meals.  
Convenient, economical,  
and healthy meals served  
July 11-August 12, 2022.

Meals available at Fireman's Park and Hickory Park for children registered with the Park Programs. Meals Must be eaten at Parks. Meals to all Children Up through 18 years old available at Byron-Bergen High School

If you have questions, please call  
(585) 494-1220 ext. 1015

## Byron-Bergen CSD Summer Food Service

# ALL KIDS EAT FREE!

No Paperwork necessary must be 18 or under

## Meals Must be eaten at School

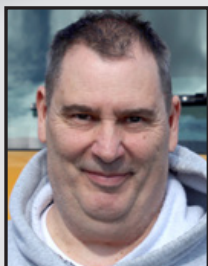
July 11<sup>th</sup> through August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Breakfast served  
9am- 9:40am & Lunch 11:15am-Noon.

*Served Daily for Children at Byron-Bergen High School*

No paperwork required...just show up for great meals.  
This establishment is an equal opportunity employer/provider.



# Congratulations Retirees



## Rodney Bickham

After 22 years, Rodney Bickham is retiring from the Transportation Department. As a Bus Driver, he enjoyed working in the community in which he lives. He attended Byron-Bergen for three years as a High School student and his four children are all Byron-Bergen graduates.

In his over two decades, the COVID shutdown stands out most in Bickham's memory. "I remember the parade we had with the Transportation team through the towns and the joy seen on the people's faces as we passed by. I also had a chance to see the teachers working via the internet and realized what talent and skills they had."

Bickham does not have specific plans for retirement though he plans to work for a few more years and then see where the wind blows him.

"Thank you, fellow coworkers. It is a privilege to know you! You have made the years a joy as we have shared times together. Life is about learning and making decisions. I have no regrets of choosing to work at Byron-Bergen."

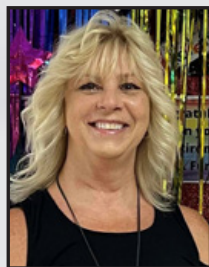


## Maureen Calmes

Maureen has been a social worker at Byron-Bergen for over two decades. She has worked with all age groups from kindergarten to seniors. She will miss working as a team with administrators, teachers, and counselors for the good of our students.

She will also miss dressing up for Halloween. "I love seeing how creative our faculty and staff are, especially the group costumes."

In retirement, Calmes looks forward to travelling with her husband Gerry and spending time with her grandchildren. Her second grandchild is due at the end of June.



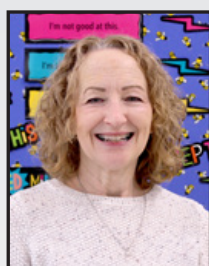
## Lisa Forsyth

Lisa Forsyth has served as a Special Education teacher in the Jr. High School for the past 30 years, but Byron-Bergen has technically been her home for over 50 years. She walked the halls beginning in kindergarten and was a Byron-Bergen graduate in 1984.

"I couldn't have asked for a better group of teachers to work with throughout the years. I am thankful for the knowledge they have shared and their friendships."

Forsyth found teaching to be a rewarding experience. "Throughout it all, I have watched students work for their successes, overcome their struggles, and find awe in their endless moments of enlightenment."

Although she will find it difficult to leave, she is looking forward to starting the next chapter in her life. She would like to thank Mr. Patrick McGee for creating a positive and supportive learning community and the many parents and students she had the honor of teaching over the years.



## Kelly Heilemann

After 22 years at Byron-Bergen, Elementary School Teacher Kelly Heilemann is retiring. During her career she has taught pre-kindergarten, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> grade; as well as 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade special education.

Heilemann's favorite thing about the District is her coworkers. "They truly care for the students and their families and are so supportive of each other. I will definitely miss them!"

Her plans for retirement include volunteer work, travel, and helping out with her seven grandchildren.



## Laurence Tallman

After more than a decade as the Vocal Music Teacher for grades 7 through 12, Mr. Tallman is retiring. His favorite thing about Byron-Bergen has been his wonderful coworkers and the "huge variety of talents that the students, faculty, and administration have and are willing to share!"

In retirement, Mr. Tallman plans to do lots of composing, traveling, gardening, and spending quality time with his families, especially his two granddaughters. He would like to thank his husband, family, and many B-B friends for being on this marvelous journey together with me!

"It has been an honor making music with this community!"

# Happy Retirement

# Jr./Sr. High School Happenings

By: Ashley John Grillo, Principal



My first year as the Jr./Sr. High School Principal here at Byron-Bergen has been wonderful. I am so impressed with all the great students and all their successes. There is so much to celebrate and it has been a privilege to get to know and work with everyone. Byron-Bergen is a special place.

Congratulations to the Class of 2022. After two years of an incomplete school experience, it was great to have a full year where we were able to bring back normal school events and celebrations. This class is full of talented students who will excel in life after high school. Many are going to attend colleges and universities across the country. Some students are enlisting in the military. Others are attending accredited trade programs or entering the workforce. It has been a pleasure getting to know the students of this class and I am looking forward to hearing about their continued success in the future.

Some of my favorite highlights from this school year include kicking off the year with the senior kickball game; the homecoming pep-assembly at the Soccer Stadium; the success our students had both academically and athletically; and the success our competition clubs had with regional competitions. Of course, the end-of-year Senior Class events, such as Prom, the senior trip to Baltimore/Ocean City, exit projects, the Elementary walk-through, and graduation topped off a fantastic school year.

It is my hope that everyone enjoys the summer months and I am looking forward to being back next year to continue watching our students grow into young adults. Feel free to reach out during this time if you have any questions or are looking to give any feedback. Keep an eye out for future communications that pertain to the 2022-23 school year. Take care and Let's Go Bees!

## Social Emotional Learning News

Thank you to all of the family members who took the time to fill out our Parent Survey earlier in the year. Your insightful thoughts have been very helpful when discussing important topics with our administration and faculty. Similar to our Student Surveys, in the month of June we will be hosting a small Parent Focus Group to gather more information revolving around the survey responses. Invites were sent to anyone who expressed interest in their survey. This feedback will be discussed when our District-Level SEL Team meets in June to plan for the upcoming school year.

One of our most exciting new additions to Byron-Bergen is our Therapy Dog Program. For the past four months, we have been piloting different ways to utilize Therapy Dogs at B-B. We have tested Walkthrough Days, scheduled Meet and Greets, as well as Free Time in the Library. Gathering feedback from students and staff will help us put into place a structured schedule for the following school year.

Each of our Building SEL Teams continued to meet monthly to discuss the needs of students and plan accordingly. At the Elementary School, we have taken steps to help students

remember how to be their best self in all areas of the school and had assemblies in April revolving around the topic of being a good friend. As a part of 9-12 Grade Level Day in the spring, students were given lessons on how to help with their organizational skills; something that they noted on their surveys about themselves as needing improvement.

Our goal for this year has been focused on bringing awareness to Social Emotional Learning through professional development and surveying staff, students, and families. As our work continues next year, we plan to bring SEL into a part of each student's daily routine through morning meetings, school-wide assemblies, and different programs.

I am looking forward to continuing to work with all key SEL Teams next year to support students, staff, and families. As always, If you have any questions, or thoughts, please don't hesitate to reach out to me by phone or email.

Megan Wahl  
mwahl@bbschools.org  
585-494-1220 ext. 1404



# Byron-Bergen High School ~ Awards & Scholarships

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

## "Academic and Athletic Awards Night"

### Academic Varsity Letter

Cassidy Ball, Caleb Calhoun, Caleb Carlson, Leanna Curts, Makenzie Eccleston, Frank Hersom, Danyel Nowatchik, Valerie Pastore, Austin Salmonds, Elli Schelemanow, Grace Shepard, Zoey Shepard, Alayna Streeter, Matthew Tanner, Alexandra Vurraro, Ava Wagoner

### Academic Varsity Letter & Pin

Madison Burke, Brooke Jarkiewicz, Kendall Phillips, Kaitlyn Windhauser

### Academic Varsity Pin

Madelynn Pimm, Sasha Schramm, Ella VanValkenburg, Corden Zimmerman

### American History Award

Corden Zimmerman

### Bergen Historical Society Award

Ella VanValkenburg

### Brian R. Ivison Memorial Industrial Arts Award

Caleb Carlson

### The Byron-Bergen S.T.E.P. Booster Humanitarian Leadership Scholarship

Madelynn Pimm

### Byron-Bergen Sports Booster Scholar-Athlete Award

Alexander Donnelly, Brooke Jarkiewicz

### The Clarkson University High School Achievement Award

Brianna Salmonds

### The Clarkson University High School Leadership Award

Frank Hersom

### Comeback Award

David Brumsted

### Community Achievement Award from Keuka College

Kendall Phillips, Emily Salmonds, Lillian Walker

### Dawn Gruendike Memorial Award

Grace Huhn

### Duane Streeter Memorial Award

Elli Schelemanow

### The Emily Reis Memorial Scholarship

Rachel Best

### The Faculty Department Award

Alyssa Ball, Katelyn Ball, Sarah Campbell, Cody Carlson, Gianna Clark, Makenzie Eccleston, Gianna Graff, Frank Hersom, Carter Kuipers, Jackson Lundfelt, Taylor Lundfelt, Cole McAllister, Grace Mundell, Kendall Phillips, Elli Schelemanow, Zoey Shepard, Alexandra Vurraro, Emma Wolfe

### Female Athlete of the Year

Sasha Schramm

### Gary Liles Memorial Award Trophy

Alexandra Vurraro

### Jenny Kuzma Memorial Award

Gianna Graff

### The Miss Covatta Memorial Recognition Award

Katherine Rogoyski

### Male Athlete of the Year

Corden Zimmerman

### The Matthew Kota Memorial Scholarship

Corden Zimmerman

### Matthew Kota Memorial Medical Scholarship

Elli Schelemanow

### The Michael and John Schott Memorial Award

Madelynn Pimm

### The Office of the State Comptroller Student Achievement Award

Caris Carlson

### The President's Award for Educational Excellence

Grace Huhn, Brooke Jarkiewicz, Danyel Nowatchik, Madelynn Pimm, Elli Schelemanow, Sasha Schramm, Grace Shepard, Alayna Streeter, Ella VanValkenburg, Alexandra Vurraro, Kaitlyn Windhauser, Corden Zimmerman

### Principal's Award

Cody Carlson, Braedyn Chambry, Megan Jarkiewicz, Alexander Kuszyk, Lily Stalica, Alayna Streeter, Joshua Tardy

### The Rensselaer Medalist Award

Zoey Shepard

### The RIT Computing Medal Award

Austin Salmonds

### The RIT Innovation & Creativity Award

Cameron Carlson

### Robert Fowler Award

Malacai McGrath

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

Caris Carlson, Valerie Pastore

### St. Bonaventure Junior Scholarship

Cassidy Ball, David Brumsted, Ryan Muscarella, Kendall Phillips

### The Stephanie Lynn Tooley Cheerleading Scholarship

Hallie Wade

### Superintendent's Award

Elizabeth Piper

### Triple "C" Award

Ava Wagoner

### U of R Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award

Ava Wagoner

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

Dayanara Caballero

### U of R George Eastman Young Leaders Award

Matthew Tanner

### U of R Xerox Award for Innovation & Information Technology

Elizabeth Piper

## Spring Concerts

### Band Award

Jared Barnum, Rachel Best, Makenzie Eccleston, Brooke Jarkiewicz, Madelynn Pimm, Elli Schelemanow, Molly Simms

### Band & Chorus Award

Camryn Brookhart, Alexandra Vurraro

### Byron-Bergen Music Booster Scholarship

Jared Barnum, Camryn Brookhart, Elli Schelemanow, Grace Shepard

### Byron-Bergen Musical Theater Award

Caleb Calhoun, Destiny Colon, Sadie Cook, Alexandra Vurraro

### Choral Award

Caleb Calhoun, Destiny Colon, Meghan Kendall, Jorie Strzelecki, Alexandra Vurraro

### John Philip Sousa Award

Corden Zimmerman

### Most Improved Vocal Music Award

Camryn Brookhart, Sadie Cook, Brenda Ramos Francisco, Grace Shepard

### Raymond E. Scott Memorial Award

Sadie Cook, Meghan Kendall

### Vince Zarcone Award

Makenzie Eccleston, Corden Zimmerman

## "Batavia Career and Technical Center Awards"

### Auto Body Classroom Award

Logan Pocock

### Auto Tech Outstanding Student Award

Connor Gale

### Student of the Year

Connor Gale

### UMMC Admin Hospital Scholarship

Kaitlyn Windhauser





# Elementary School News

By: Betsy Brown



It's hard to believe that we are wrapping up the 2021-22 school year! We have so many great memories from this past year and lots to celebrate. In May, we welcomed author, Leslie Youngblood, to our school. Students participated in an assembly and she met with a group of 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders for a writer's workshop. We loved learning about her books! We were excited to send students on field trips again. Each grade level planned a trip.

Some of the places students visited included the

Rochester Museum and Science Center, Genesee Valley Park, Seneca Park Zoo, Genesee Country Museum, and the Bergen Museum. Students had so much fun on STEAM Day and Olympics/Fun in the Sun in June. We also worked with the Jr./Sr. High School FFA (Future Farmers of America) and hosted Farm Days at the beginning of June. We loved seeing all the animals at school. Another highlight in June was the return of Band and Chorus concerts. We have so many talented Bees!

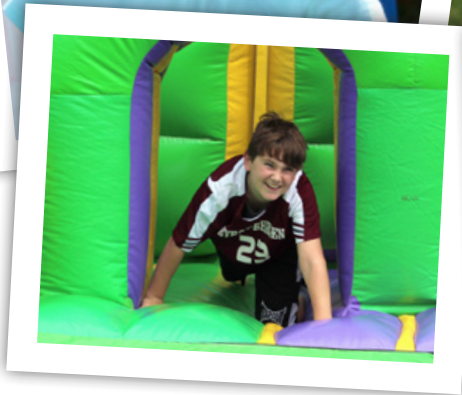
Please join us in congratulating the UPK students on their graduation and the 5<sup>th</sup> graders on their Moving Up Ceremony. It has been great watching these students, along with all of our students, learn and grow at the Elementary School this year!

Every year, we remind families about the importance of providing learning opportunities throughout the summer months to engage students in activities that challenge them to read, problem solve, think mathematically, and write. As we head into the summer, we are pleased to share that we are hosting a Summer Learning Program again. Students will be participating in a variety of

learning experiences that will help them practice and maintain skills learned throughout the school year. If your child is unable to attend the program, here are a few suggestions to consider when planning for summer learning practice:

- 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. Make it a manageable timeframe. 10-20 minutes is plenty.
- 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. Consider visiting the local library to find some new books to read.
- If the book is frustrating, read it to them. Listening to fluent readers helps students with their fluency.
- For math, it is recommended to include fact practice into your daily routine. Flash cards are a great way to practice math facts. We are expecting to keep IXL and some of our other online programs active for students to practice. There are also many other free and fun math programs. Your child's teacher can share which ones are most appropriate for your child.
- Most importantly, have fun!

As always, thank you to all of our families and friends for your ongoing support of our students and school. Have a great summer! We look forward to seeing you in the fall!





# Student Art Showcase



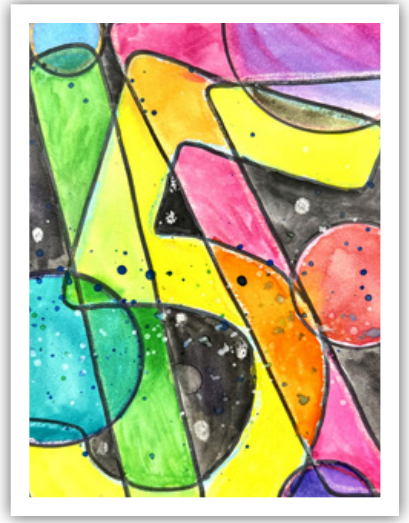
**"Face Mug"**

Clay  
By: Hannah Weis, grade 11  
Art Teacher: Mrs. Auer



**"Neurographic Dog"**

Watercolor & Marker  
By: Katherine Rogoyski, grade 8  
Art Teacher: Mrs. Auer



**"Abstract Numbers"**

Watercolor, Crayon, & Marker  
By: Ruth Kuipers, grade 6  
Art Teacher: Mrs. Auer



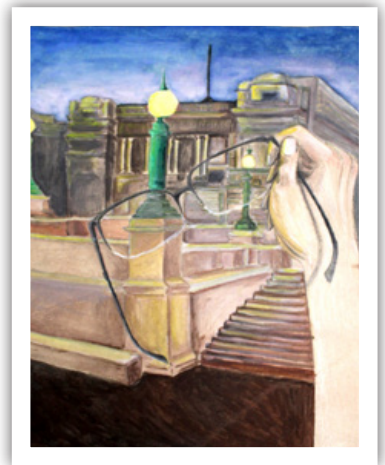
**"My Giant Umbrella"**

Paint on paper  
By: Alaska Rojas, grade 1  
Art Teacher: Mrs. Coniglio



**"Mondrian Bicycle"**

Paint on paper  
By: Aislee Taylor, grade 3  
Art Teacher: Mrs. Coniglio



**"D.C."**

Colored Pencil & Watercolor  
on Paper  
By: Danyel Nowatchik, grade 12  
Art Teacher: Mrs. Fritz



**"Clay Suns"**

Ceramic  
(Left to right) Angelina Colon, Sophia Matthews,  
Trevor O'Brien, grade 5  
Art Teacher: Mrs. Coniglio



**"Skipping"**

Colored Pencil on Paper  
By: Leanna Curts, grade 12  
Art Teacher: Mrs. Fritz







# BYRON-BERGEN CSD INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR 2022-2023

| July 2022 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
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| August 2022 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
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| September 2022 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
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| November 2022 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
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| December 2022 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
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| January 2023 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
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| February 2023 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
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| April 2023 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
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| May 2023 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
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| June 2023 |     |     |     |     |     |     |
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**JULY/AUGUST**  
Professional Development (*non-tenured teachers*) - August 24, 2022   
New Teacher Orientation August 25-26, 2022  $\longleftrightarrow$

**HOLIDAYS/RECESSES**   
Independence Day - July 4, 2022  
Labor Day - September 5, 2022  
Columbus Day - October 10, 2022  
Veterans' Day - November 11, 2022  
Thanksgiving Recess - November 23-25, 2022  
Winter Recess - December 23, 2022 - January 2, 2023  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - January 16, 2023  
February Recess - February 20-22, 2023  
Spring Recess - April 3 - 10, 2023  
Memorial Day - May 29, 2023  
Juneteenth - June 19, 2023

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** September 7, 2022  $\odot$   
**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL** June 23, 2023  $\blacklozenge$

**TESTING SCHEDULE**   
January Regents - January 24-27, 2023  
3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade NYS ELA Testing - April 20-21, 2023  
3<sup>rd</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade NYS Math Testing - May 3-4, 2023  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Performance Test - May 23-26, 2023  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Written Science Test - June 5, 2023  
June Regents - June 14-16, 2023 & June 20-22, 2023  
Regents Rating day - June 23, 2023

**SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAYS**  $\nabla$   
**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**  
Superintendent's Conference Day - September 6, 2022  
Superintendent's Conference Day - October 7, 2022  
Superintendent's Conference Day - January 27, 2023  
Superintendent's Conference Day - March 17, 2023

**PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCE**  $\circ$   
1/2 Day of School - PreK - 12 - November 18, 2022  
1/2 Day of School - PreK - 5 (only) - November 21, 2022  
1/2 Day of School - PreK - 5 (only) - November 22, 2022  
1/2 Day of School - PreK - 5 (only) - March 16, 2023

**DAYS OF INSTRUCTION**  
September 18 + 1  
October 19 + 1  
November 18  
December 16  
January 19 + 1  
February 17  
March 22 + 1  
April 14  
May 22  
June 16  

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