

# One Webster

## Students First. District Proud.

Webster Central School District - Summer 2024-25

### Webster CSD Announces Athletic Hall of Fame

Webster CSD is thrilled to announce the establishment of the Webster Athletic Hall of Fame. Founded during the 2024-25 school year, the Hall of Fame will honor the distinguished athletes, coaches, administrators, and community members who have contributed to the rich athletic legacy of Webster High School, Schroeder High School, and Thomas High School. This initiative celebrates the exceptional achievements of individuals – whether Ridgemen, Lakers, Warriors, Titans, or Lions – who have shaped the winning traditions of Webster's public high schools.

Candidates for induction must have either participated with distinction in one or more varsity sports or made significant contributions as athletic directors or coaches within Webster's public high schools. Alumni are eligible for consideration at a minimum of 10 years post-graduation.

All athletes and coaches must have maintained good standing during their time with Webster athletics and continued to exhibit exemplary character and conduct, serving as positive role models for the community both during and after their involvement with the school district.

Nominees not selected for the inaugural Class of 2025 will be considered in future years. Nominations for the inaugural class are due by September 15, 2025. To submit a nomination, please scan the QR code below or visit [websterschools.org/athletichof](http://websterschools.org/athletichof).



### Tune in for Webster High School Graduations this June

Get ready to celebrate, One Webster! This June, join our online community as we honor the graduating classes of Webster Schroeder and Webster Thomas high schools. Both commencement ceremonies will be live-streamed, so you can cheer on our Warriors and Titans from anywhere!

**Webster Schroeder Warriors:** Watch over 300 graduating Warriors on Friday, June 20 at 7:30 p.m. (Rain date: June 21, time to be determined). Watch the livestream at [websterschools.org/schroedergraduation](http://websterschools.org/schroedergraduation).

**Webster Thomas Titans:** Witness more than 300 Titans receive their diplomas on Wednesday, June 25 at 7:30 p.m. (Rain date: June 26 at 7:30 p.m.). Tune in live at [websterschools.org/thomasgraduation](http://websterschools.org/thomasgraduation).

## From the Superintendent

Dear One Webster Community,

Excitement is building across Webster CSD as we eagerly await the many end-of-year celebrations, especially the commencement ceremonies for the remarkable Class of 2025! We are counting down the days until we can celebrate these outstanding graduates. A huge congratulations to each student who will walk across that stage in late June – we are proud to welcome you to the Webster CSD alumni family. We also want to thank our students, staff, and community for their ongoing support of the Class of 2025.

THANK YOU to over 4,500 community members for their participation in the annual Budget Vote and Board of Education election on May 20! The 2025-26 budget and propositions passed! We are also excited to announce the election of three individuals to our board of education: Linda Dioguardi, Carole Barnabas, and David Metzger.

These dedicated individuals embrace a volunteer service that plays an absolutely vital role for more than 8,000 students, their families, and our entire staff. We are so grateful to Linda, Carole, and David for stepping forward with such passion and willingness to serve our community!

Enjoy the many ways our district is celebrating our students and staff in this summer newsletter. We're looking forward to finishing the year strong and anticipating another exciting school year in 2025-26.

Have a wonderful summer, everyone!

All my best,

**Brian Neenan**

*Superintendent of Schools*



Webster Board of Education President **Janice Richardson** and Superintendent of Schools **Brian Neenan** with this year's Oak Tree Award winners **Rachel Yonkers** and **Sage Miller**.

## Yonkers, Miller Honored with Oak Tree Award

**Rachel Yonkers** and **Sage Miller** are the recipients of this year's prestigious Oak Tree Award for excellence in teaching.

Sponsored annually by the Webster Teachers Association (WTA) and the Webster Central PTSA, the Oak Tree Award celebrates outstanding educators within the district at both the elementary and secondary levels.

Yonkers, a dedicated fifth grade teacher at Plank Road South Elementary School, has been named the elementary-level honoree. Miller, an inspiring math and computer science teacher at Webster Schroeder High School, is recognized at the secondary level.

As this year's Oak Tree recipients, each received a framed certificate, an acorn pin, and a \$500 stipend from the Oak Tree Committee. Their achievements were formally acknowledged at the Webster CSD Board of Education meeting on May 13, where they were presented with plaques to be displayed in their respective schools for the upcoming year.

## Piwko and Gorthy Named Outstanding Seniors

The Monroe County Council of School Superintendents' Michael C. O'Laughlin Outstanding Senior Recognition Dinner was held on May 7 at Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES in Spencerport. Webster CSD is proud to announce that two of its students were honored at this event: **Brayden Piwko** for Webster Schroeder High School and **Helene Gorthy** for Webster Thomas High School.

The Outstanding Senior Recognition Dinner is the only program that recognizes excellence in all of our county and city high schools at one event. Students are selected for this honor based on their scholarship, leadership, service, and character.

The honorees were presented a gift by Monroe One BOCES District Superintendent **Dan White** and Webster CSD Superintendent **Brian Neenan**.



**Helene Gorthy**



**Brayden Piwko**

## District Budget Vote and BOE Candidate Election Results

Webster CSD residents approved the 2025-26 school budget at the May 20 vote. Results from the budget vote and board of education election are as follows:

Budget = APPROVED

YES = 3,211 (71.1%)

NO = 1,306 (28.9%)

Proposition #1 for purchase of ten diesel school buses = APPROVED

YES = 3,130 (70%)

NO = 1,363 (30%)

Proposition #2 for purchase of one electric school bus = APPROVED

YES = 2,305 (51%)

NO = 2,183 (49%)

Board of Education Election (three positions) elected:

**Linda Dioguardi** = 3,579

**Carole Barnabas** = 3,366

**David Metzger** = 3,030

Thank you to all who took the time to come out and vote!

## Standing Ovation for Schroeder Musicals

Webster Schroeder High School's musical theater program lit up the Rochester Broadway Theatre League (RBTL) Stars of Tomorrow Gala on May 9! Their electrifying performance of selections from *Hadestown: Teen Edition* captivated a sold-out audience and a panel of judges, earning them a treasure trove of accolades.

Outshining 42 other schools, the Warriors proudly claimed a spot as a Top 10 Large School Production of the Year. Their dedication to excellence was further recognized with Excellence ratings in: Dance Ensemble, Acting Ensemble, Vocal Ensemble, Production Crew, Production Design, and Overall Production.

The spotlight also shone brightly on Schroeder's phenomenal lead performers, as all five received Individual Achievement in Performance awards: **Ava Brown** (Eurydice), **Maura Ugine** (Persephone), **Rory Goodwin** (Hades), **Alex Mansuy** (Hermes), and **Rowan Murphy** (Orpheus). Adding to the excitement, Brown advanced as a Top 40 finalist in NYC Bound, RBTL's qualifier for the prestigious Jimmy Awards®!

Additionally, behind the scenes Schroeder's own **Brody Walrath** was tapped to take on the role of student reporter for the evening, giving everyone a backstage pass through RBTL's Instagram stories.



**Ava Brown**

## Webster Earns National Recognition for 20th Time

Webster CSD is excited to announce that for the 20th time it has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from The NAMM Foundation for its outstanding support and commitment to music education. Now in its 26th year, the Best Communities for Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement for providing music access and education to all students.

"It's a tremendous honor. This recognition reflects the dedication of our students, teachers, and staff, and the support of our WCSD community," said Superintendent of Schools **Brian Neenan**. "This accomplishment illustrates our belief in the power of music to enrich lives and provide a comprehensive educational experience. We are so proud of our students and the musical opportunities within our schools."

## WCSD IS HIRING



Bus Drivers - Bus Monitors - Teaching Assistants -  
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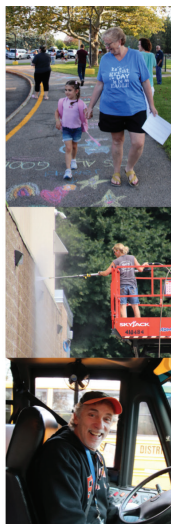
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## Summer Chromebook Pick-up

Families of Webster CSD students grades 6-12, save the date: the district will have new Chromebook pick-up for grades 6-12 as follows:

- August 18, 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- August 19, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- August 20, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
- August 21, 7:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Pick-up will take place at Willink Middle School, 900 Publishers Parkway. Families of Webster CSD students should watch their child's school newsletter for further details.

## Register Kindergartners Today!

The 2024-25 school year may be wrapping up, but now is the time to register your incoming kindergartner for the 2025-26 school year!

Children who will be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2025 are eligible for kindergarten enrollment for the 2025-26 school year. Webster CSD parents/guardians of incoming kindergartners and new students are encouraged to complete the online registration at [websterschools.org/registration](https://websterschools.org/registration). More information is available at [wcsdschoolregistration@webstercsd.org](mailto:wcsdschoolregistration@webstercsd.org) or (585) 216-0029.

## Kindergartners Invited to Fun Evening of School Bus Safety

Families of incoming kindergartners for the 2025-26 school year, save the date! The Webster CSD Transportation Department will once again offer its Strive for Five for School Bus Safety, introducing our One Webster kindergartners to riding a school bus with the comfort of their parents/guardians riding along with them.

The program will take place August 4-7 at 6:00 p.m. with schools assigned the following dates:

- Plank Road South Elementary School, August 4
- Klem Road South Elementary and Schlegel Road Elementary schools, August 5
- Klem Road North Elementary and Plank Road North Elementary schools, August 6
- DeWitt Road Elementary and State Road Elementary schools, August 7

Incoming kindergartners (no additional children, please) and their parents/guardians will be picked up promptly at 5:50 p.m. at Willink Middle School and transported to the bus garage for a fun and informative safety program before being returned to Willink.

Families will receive a letter detailing the Strive for Five program prior to the event.



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## van Wichen Stands Out at National Art Awards, Plus Other Names in the News

Webster Thomas High School senior **Jessica van Wichen** has been awarded a National Honorable Mention in the 2025 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards for her exceptional portfolio, *Nature's Beauty*. This prestigious recognition places her among the nation's most talented young artists.



**Jessica  
van Wichen**

Out of nearly 110,000 teens who submitted more than 310,000 original works of art and writing, Jessica's portfolio stood out for its originality, skill, and the distinct personal vision it conveyed.

Adding to the excitement, Webster's **Evelyn Fellows** and **Anthony Randozzo** were nominated for the prestigious American Vision Award at the regional level. This award recognizes originality, skill, and a distinct artistic voice.

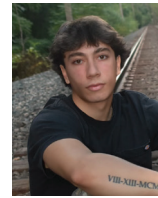
### Young Entrepreneurs Compete

On March 27, twenty businesses created by Webster Schroeder and Webster Thomas high school students went head-to-head vying for seed money from local businesses and professionals in

the Young Entrepreneurs Academy Investors Panel *Shark Tank*-style competition. **Dylan Peeso** and **Tyler Lombardo's** business, Sand-Off, came out on top.



**Dylan  
Peeso**



**Tyler  
Lombardo**

### Spry Vocalists Hit High Note

Spry Middle School's vocal powerhouses SoundWave 6 and SoundWave 7/8 dropped the mic and snagged gold at the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Major Organization Evaluation Festival! After a 15-year wait, both Spry groups rocked the house in Honeoye on April 1. A gold rating is awarded to ensembles

that demonstrate an outstanding level of technical and artistic skill in their performance—an incredible accomplishment that reflects the high standards and hard work of these singing Warriors.

### Regional, State Honors Ensemble Recognition

Several of Webster CSD's high school students were selected to represent their schools in the 2024 NYSSMA Conference All-State Performing Ensembles. Selected for this honor were **Nathan France, Justin Chan, Rafael Ovando, Makayla Richardson, Maria Furst, Matteo Serventi, Robert LoFaso, Molly Sweetney, and Jocelyn Herrle.**

### Titanium Titans

Congratulations to the Willink Middle School Titanium Titans Lego Robotics team! Of the 16 teams competing at this year's FLL Penfield Qualifier Lego League competition, they were the only team to win a trophy for their Innovation Project, which developed a method to keep sea turtle nests cooler in order to hatch more males.

Way to go **Artem Leskiv, Lyric Shipley, Carter Carlton, Asher Crittenden, Charlie Trottier, Samir Bansraj, Braden Miller, Liam Lia, Matthew Corney, Geo Petrou, and CJ Cleaves.**



*The Titanium Titans*

## Summer Free Meals for Students

Summer is coming soon. For families thinking about what their children will do for meals while school is out, the good news is that the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has partnered with Greece CSD to serve free meals Monday-Friday, July 7-August 15. Breakfast will be served 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. and lunch 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Autumn Lane Elementary School, 2089 Maiden Lane, Rochester 14616. That's food in, while school is out. The other good news is that there are no income requirements and no registration necessary. The Summer Food Program is fully funded by the USDA. Any child 18 years and younger is eligible to participate. Meals must be eaten on site. Transportation will not be provided. For more information call (585) 966-2316.