



Webster CSD is proud to have hosted the Northeast Monroe County Special Olympics Track and Field Day on May 23 at the Webster Schroeder High School track. Participating in this year's events were athletes from Webster Schroeder, Webster Thomas, East Irondequoit, West Irondequoit, Penfield, Creekside, Mary Cariola, and Greece schools. The student athletes competed in track, field, and adaptive events.



Webster Central School District - Summer 2022-23

Graduation at a Glance!

In just a few short weeks, Webster CSD is set to graduate approximately 625 students in its Class of 2023! Here are a few key factors families need to know:



Webster Schroeder Graduation

Rehearsal – Friday, June 16, 9:00 a.m., seniors meet in the Webster Schroeder Warrior Stadium, 875 Ridge Road. REHEARSAL ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY.

Commencement – Friday, June 16, seniors line up at 6:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. Procession begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. at the Webster Schroeder Warrior Stadium.

Rain date – Saturday, June 17, time TBD (weather dependent)

Webster Thomas Graduation

Rehearsal – Thursday, June 22, 11:00 a.m., seniors meet in the Willink Middle School cafeteria, 900 Publishers

Parkway. REHEARSAL ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY.

Commencement – Thursday, June 22, seniors line up at 6:45 p.m. in the Willink Middle School cafeteria. Procession begins promptly at 7:30 p.m. to the Webster Thomas Titan Stadium, 800 Five Mile Line Road.

Rain date – Friday, June 23, time TBD (weather dependent)

Both ceremonies will last roughly two hours. No tickets are required. These are open seating events. Gates open to the public approximately one hour before each procession begins. There is ample seating for families and other guests in the stands and on the field.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive early because traffic tends to back up.

Voters Approve Budget and Proposition, Elect Richardson and Cortes

Thank you to all of the Webster CSD voters who cast ballots in the May 16 Annual Budget Vote and Board of Education Candidates Election. Results are as follows:

Webster CSD residents approved the 2023-24 school budget.

Budget = APPROVED

YES = 2,760 (63%)

NO = 1,636 (37%)

Proposition #1 for purchase of school buses = APPROVED

YES = 2,866 (65%)

NO = 1,526 (35%)

Board of Education Election

(TWO positions for three-year terms beginning July 1, 2023; elected in bold):

Janice Richardson (incumbent) = 2,826

Maria Cortes = 2,026

Christine Shuttleworth = 1,469

Dave Calus = 1,400





Superintendent **Brian Neenan** with Webster's Outstanding Seniors of the year, **Raja Mosher** and **David Young**.

From the Superintendent

Dear One Webster Community,

On behalf of our entire Webster CSD team, thank you to all community members who exercised their right to vote on Tuesday, May 16. Community members approved the 2023-24 budget and bus proposition and elected Janice Richardson and Maria Cortes to the board of education for three-year terms beginning on July 1, 2023. We are grateful to community members Dave Calus and Christine Shuttleworth who also decided to run for the board of education this year. As you may know, all board members are volunteers who contribute countless hours to our students, staff, and community. I also want to thank outgoing board member Mike Alt for his years of dedication to the Webster CSD community.

There is much to look forward to during the month of June, including many celebratory events at our schools, culminating with graduation ceremonies at both high schools. We can't wait to acknowledge our students' accomplishments as we prepare to end another school year together. I'm appreciative of our incredible staff, true champions of education who support students in all 11 schools. Be sure to celebrate along with us as you read about district happenings in our summer newsletter.

Have a wonderful summer with your family and friends. We can't wait for the start of another year together!

All my best,

Brian Neenan
Superintendent of Schools

Mosher and Young Named Webster's Outstanding Seniors

The Monroe County Council of School Superintendents' Michael C. O'Laughlin Outstanding Senior Recognition Dinner was May 17 at East High School. This year's One Webster honorees are **Raja Mosher** of Webster Thomas High School and **David Young** of Webster Schroeder High School. Mosher is attending the University of Albany with plans to study psychology. Young is attending the University of Chicago and majoring in computer science.

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

Lesson in Hydroponics Leads to Delicious Results

Spry Middle School Red House eighth graders recently reaped the benefits of their learning.



For their unit on hydroponics, **Noble Armstrong's** technology classes built plant containers out of recycled materials. In them they grew lettuce that was watered with hydroponic solution for nutrition. For a little more than a month they nurtured their crop and logged comparisons of it with their control lettuce that was grown in soil.

After a very successful grow, Armstrong harvested all the lettuce and the entire Red House 8 team of students and staff had a salad party in the school cafeteria! The team brought in all the salad extras and everyone enjoyed the fruits of the students' labor.

Register Kindergartners, New Students NOW for 2023-24 School Year

The lazy days of summer may be knocking on the door, but if you have a child who will be entering kindergarten in the fall or if you are new to Webster CSD, NOW is the time to act!

Children who will be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2023 are eligible for kindergarten enrollment for the 2023-24 school year. Webster CSD parents/guardians of incoming kindergartners and new students are encouraged to go to websterschools.org/registration to complete the online registration.

The One Webster community is encouraged to share this information with new neighbors.

Families with questions please contact Student Registration at wcsdschoolregistration@webstercsd.org or (585) 216-0029.



This spring Webster Schroeder and Webster Thomas high schools each hosted trades and jobs fairs, inviting in representatives from area businesses and colleges and universities to talk with interested students about careers in their fields.



Mee, Johnville Cited for Excellence in Teaching

Congratulations to this year's Oak Tree Award winners for excellence in teaching: **Diana Mee** and **Craig Johnville**!

This year's elementary recipient, Mee, has spent all of her 24 years in education teaching in Webster, and she currently teaches instrumental music at Klem Road North Elementary School.

Johnville is this year's secondary recipient. He has taught 19 years of his 20-year career in Webster, and currently teaches special education for grades 9-11 at Webster Thomas High School.

The Oak Tree Award is co-spon-



Diana Mee



Craig Johnville

sored by the Webster Teachers' Association and the Webster Central PTSA as a way to acknowledge excellence in teaching in One Webster.

Mee and Johnville were recognized at a presentation at the Webster CSD Board of Education meeting on May 2, where they were presented with a plaque that will hang in their building for one year.

Webster Among Best Communities for Music Ed

For the 18th time, Webster CSD has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from The National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education. This designation recognizes the One Webster community for the exemplary efforts of its teachers, administrators, parents, students, and community leaders who are making music an integral part of every student's education.



To qualify for The NAMM Foundation's Best Communities designation, Webster CSD answered detailed questions about funding, graduation requirements, music class participation, instruction time, facilities, support for the music program, and community music-making programs. Responses were verified by school officials and reviewed by The Music Research Institute at the University of Kansas.

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Names in the News

Webster CSD was well represented at the National Technical Honor Society Induction Ceremony on May 24. Forty-six of the EMCC students who were inducted were from Webster high schools.

The Women in Computing at Cornell High School Programming Contest, held concurrently at Cornell University in Ithaca and in New York City, includes an introduction to programming contest strategy and logistics, followed by a two-hour online contest of teams of two to three students. Webster Schroeder High School's two teams were **Holly Fici**, **Jessica Fetter**, and **Akshaya Dasaraju**, and **David Young**, **Yi Jiang**, and **Filipe Feijao**. Webster Thomas High School's team was made up of **Ella Esders** and **Jenna Dow**. All of the Webster students competed at the Ithaca location, where Young, Jiang, and Feijao took first place for that site.

On March 23, Webster Schroeder and Webster Thomas students participating in Webster YEA! pitched their business ideas to local investors. The One Webster Saunders Scholarship winner was **Jacqueline Herrmann** for her business Prelude. Runner up was **Cameron Gunther** for her business Jewelry by Cam. Each of these young entrepreneurs was awarded \$950 for their company.

Webster Thomas art students **Gretchen Coffed** and **Ella Hamby** are national Silver Key recipients in the annual Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. Coffed won for her chalk pastel drawing "In My Room" while Hamby won for her charcoal drawing "Silhouettes". The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards is the nation's longest running and most prestigious annual art and writing competition among high school students.

Four One Webster high school students have been honored by the National Center for Women and Information Technology. Webster Schroeder's **Holly Fici** and **Jessica Fetter** each received the Affiliate Rising Star Award, and Webster Thomas' **Jenna Dow** won the Affiliate Award and **Taya Masters** the Affiliate Honorable Mention. More than 3,400 applications were submitted for these awards this year. Award recipients are selected based on their aptitude and aspirations in technology and computing, as demonstrated by their computing experience, computing-related activities, leadership experience, tenacity in the face of barriers to access, and plans for post-secondary education.



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Summer Free Meal Availability

Summer is coming soon. Some Webster CSD families may be thinking about what their students 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 to students throughout Monroe County at English Village Elementary School, 800 Tait Avenue. Meals will be served Monday-Friday, July 5-August 18; breakfast is 8:00-9:30 a.m. and lunch is 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

There are no income requirements and no registration necessary. The Summer Food Program is fully funded by the USDA. Any child 18 and younger is eligible to participate. Meals must be eaten on site. Transportation will not be provided. For more information call 1-866-3HUNGRY.

Kindergarten School Bus Program Dates

Families of incoming kindergartners for the 2023-24 school year, save the date! The Webster CSD Transportation Department will once again be offering Strive for Five for School Bus Safety. This program introduces 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 7-10 at 6:00 p.m. with schools assigned the following dates:

- Plank South Elementary, August 7
- DeWitt and Klem South elementary schools, August 8
- Klem North and Schlegel elementary schools, August 9
- Plank North and State elementary schools, August 10

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.



Webster Drug Take Back Event

Safely dispose of unused medications:

June 24, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
at the Webster Wastewater Treatment Plant
226 Phillips Road

Details: [WHENDfcc.org/events](https://www.whendfcc.org/events)

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