

Superintendent's Report

June 6, 2023

World Language Conference: On Monday (June 5) the World Language Department under the leadership of Department Leader Cara Atkinson held a conference for regional foreign language teachers in our District. There were over thirty professionals in attendance as teachers learned new ways to engage students in language acquisition from respected educator Mike Peto. This program was the result of much planning on Ms. Atkinson's part, including writing and receiving a grant from the Adirondack Foundation to pay for the conference in its entirety. Congratulations to all of our World Language Department members for their leadership and execution of this work.

Strategic Plan Vision Videos: Recent graduate Caleb Mihill is working on a series of videos for the District to be aired on social media and on the first day of school in conjunction with the launching of the Strategic Plan. The new Vision Statement of the District- "we are united, engaged and empowered"- forms the basis of these videos. We are excited to see the final product that Caleb creates as we look to amplify the work of the Strategic Plan when it takes effect in September.

District Concerts, Art & Technology Showcases: Chorus and Band students from across the District have been working to put on two separate concerts. Last week's chorus concert was a great success. Students performed in small groups and as an entire District chorus with over 110 students singing at once under the direction of Ms. Briggs and Mr. Prosper. I would like to especially acknowledge the new arrangement of the school song created by Mr. Prosper and performed by the Select Chorus. The art showcase and technology showcase continues with the second District concert tomorrow evening, which will showcase our band performers. Thank you to Mr. Robinson, Ms. Huber, Mr. Briggs, Mr. Prosper, Mr. LaVallee and Ms. Kukuvka for their incredible efforts in preparing our students in the arts. You and the students have made us all so proud!

Purchase of Virtual Reality Headsets & More: Thanks to the efforts of the District technology team and the generosity of the LEAF grant through the Town of North Elba, we have recently purchased 40 virtual reality headsets. Next year students will have the ability to take virtual field trips, see 3d renderings of countless objects and manipulate these renderings with hands on tools. In the Fall, we will be planning a demo for the Board at one of our regular meetings to showcase this new technology, so that you can see how impactful this equipment can be in the learning process.

Community Schools: Recently, the District was featured by the National Education Association (NEA) along with other districts around the country who have successfully launched and implemented a Community Schools program. The following link (<https://www.nea.org/student-success/great-public-schools/community-schools>) includes a map

of programs around the country and identifies the many supports schools like ours are putting in place to support students and families. This Summer, the Community Schools program will be hosting a weeklong Robotics Camp at the Northwood Hub, a Kindergarten Camp for incoming UPK students the last week of August, and a Sports Camp in conjunction with the Town of North Elba.

Capstone and AP Environmental Science Presentations: Seniors and members of the AP Environmental Science class are continuing to present their Capstone projects and culminating projects this month. Students have completed an amazing array of projects, from starting their own business (fly tying) to putting on shows for the Community. The list of accomplishments is truly impressive. Thank you to these students for their tremendous efforts and to Ms. Kyler and Ms. Morgan for their leadership and guidance in these areas.

Thank You to CanAm & Summit Lacrosse: After recent meetings between the school, community, business leaders and event organizers the school and community have been the beneficiaries of donations from CanAm and Summit Lacrosse. Thank you to Summit Lacrosse for tripling your financial support of the LPCSD Varsity Club. Also, thank you to CanAm for supporting the Lake Placid libraries Summer Enrichment Program. It is so encouraging to see the support of our school and community by the event organizers who return to Lake Placid each year.

Cafeteria Shout-Out: Thank you to the Cafeteria teams under the leadership of Food Service Director Phil Barbour. Your emphasis on using fresh ingredients and scratch made food over the past several months has been noticed by students and staff. Keep up the great work as we look to add greater variety, freshness and local goods into our students' meals.

Transition at St. Agnes UPK Program: Next year, the District's UPK program at St. Agnes will be helmed by longtime Assistant Principal Katie Turner. After years acting as Principal, Catherine Bemis will be stepping down. Congratulations to Katie and thank you to Catherine for the many years of service you have provided to our students.

Community Day: The Community Day celebration which took place on Sunday, June 4 was a tremendous success. Mr. Clark represented the school as one of forty booths in attendance for community members to visit with. For the second year in a row I was able to participate in the Lake Placid Library's kickoff celebration of their Summer enrichment program with Karen Armstrong and Trish Friedlander. Special thanks to Ms. Friedlander for dancing alongside me in an alien costume. The Community Day celebration was a tremendous reminder of the resources we have in our community and the people who donate so much of their time and effort to the greater good. I would like to especially acknowledge the Youth Volunteer of the Year, Grace Ericson, graduating this year for her well-deserved honor from the Community Day planning committee.

End of Year Activities/Dates MHS:

Middle School:

June 12th - Grade 8 French and Spanish Proficiency Exam

June 14th- June 16th: Middle School Activity Days

June 14th: Living Environment Regents Exam @ 12:30PM (Grade 8 Advanced Students)

June 15th: Algebra Regents @ 12:30PM (Grade 8 Advanced Students)

June 15th: 8th Grade Celebration at 6PM

June 16th: Final day of school for all middle school students, grades 6 through 8

Should you have any questions regarding the end-of-the-year schedule for Middle School students, please contact Mrs. Lynn Gosling at (518) 523-2474, ext. 4020.

High School:

Exam Information

June 12th: Final exams

June 12th-June 21st- Mandatory Review Classes

June 14th: English Regents Exam (8:30AM) and Living Environment Regents Exam (12:30PM)

June 15th: Global Regents Exam (8:30AM) and Algebra I Regents Exam (12:30PM)

June 16th: Earth Science Regents Exam (8:30AM) and Chemistry Regents Exam (12:30PM)

June 20th: Geometry Regents Exam (8:30 AM)

June 21st: Algebra II Regents Exam (8:30AM)

June 23rd: Physics Regents Exam (8:30AM)

Adirondack Education Center Dates

June 9th: Last day of classes

June 12th-13th: Award Ceremony Days

End of Year Senior Dates

Through June 13th: Capstone Project Presentations

June 14th: Senior Recognition at 6PM in the high school auditorium

June 21st: Senior walk at elementary at 8:30AM & Baccalaureate at 6PM St. Agnes Church

June 23rd: Graduation rehearsal and class picture at 10AM on the oval

June 23rd: Commencement ceremony at 6PM on the oval

High School students are required to attend all review classes for their NYS Regents Exams.

The Regents and review schedule can be found in this link. High school students may leave for lunch between their review classes and exams. If a high school student is not scheduled for an exam or review class, they do not have to report until their next scheduled time.

Should you have any questions regarding the end-of-the-year schedule for high school students, please contact Mrs. Connie Hammaker at (518) 523-2474, ext. 4018.

Transportation Schedule for June 2023 Exams, Review Classes, and Regents
Starting on Monday, June 12th through Thursday, June 22nd, the following transportation schedule will be in effect for high school students:

- Morning and afternoon bus pick-up and drop-off times will remain the same.
- Wilmington students requiring a mid-day bus to school will be picked up at The Little Supermarket at 11:30AM and will arrive at school by 12:00PM. Students that require a bus ride home after their morning review or Regents Exam will be picked up at 12:00PM and dropped off at the Little Supermarket by 12:30PM. BOTH LAKE PLACID AND WILMINGTON STUDENTS MUST SIGN UP IN THE MAIN OFFICE BY FRIDAY, JUNE 9TH IF THEY REQUIRE A BUS.

SUMMER SCHOOL INFORMATION

Classes are scheduled to begin July 10th and end August 18th. Any student who fails a class with a 64 or lower will be required to attend summer school for that class. Parents will be notified by the end of the day on June 26th.

Middle School/High School

Students attend summer school classes in person for 1, 2, or 3 periods a day starting at 8:30 AM and concluding at 11:30 AM Monday through Thursday. Regular attendance is a mandatory requirement to pass summer school courses. Transportation will be provided to the school for the 8:30AM start and at the conclusion of the day at 11:30AM.

End of Year Events ES:

June 7: District Band Festival

June 20: Kindergarten Celebration

June 21: Fifth Grade Celebration

June 21: half day - last day for students