

West Seneca East Senior High School

January 2022

*Wishing laughter and fun to cheer
your days, in this new year and
always. May your life shine like light.
May your happiness be like sparkles.*



Per New York State
Department of
Education, all January
Regents exams are
canceled. Class
midterms are scheduled
in core areas. **Regents
week (January 25-28)**

will be regular attendance for our students.

Roswell Performance

West Seneca East Senior String students returned to Roswell Park this year to perform Christmas Carols. The tradition has been to bring the chamber chorus and orchestra to perform in the lobby but because of COVID protocols, only small groups could perform. It was wonderful to be back and the students played beautifully. It was a great way to start Christmas break.



Special visitor, Grinch (aka SRA Maloney), took time to check in on Student Services

Student Services Information - January 2022

Hello East Senior Families!

Career and Technical Education Opportunities

Students in 10th grade were invited to attend a presentation with Ana Fusco (CTE Specialist from Erie 1 BOCES) to review the options available for them going into their Junior year. Any student that expressed interest in a program, attended this informational session and had the chance to ask Ana questions.



Scheduling

East Senior School Counselors will begin to start the scheduling process with your child beginning in February. The process will begin with a presentation in the classroom for the students and they will have an opportunity to input their course requests. The portal for this process will continue to stay open for a couple of days so families can review the options and make any changes necessary. The final step will be an individual meeting with their counselor to review their requests, discuss graduation requirements, and future plans.

Scheduling Timeline 2022

Grade Level	Parent Mailing	Meetings with Classes	Student Portal Open	Scheduling Dates
Sophomores	Jan 18	Feb 2 & 3 (Day 1, 2)	February 2-6	Feb 7-March 2
Juniors	Feb 16	March 3 & 4 (Day 1, 2)	March 3-6	March 7-23
Freshman	March 9	March 24 & 25 (Day 3, 4)	March 24-27	March 28-April 22

We Wish You Well, Mrs. Gugino!

Congratulations on an incredible career! Mrs. Gugino began her teaching career 32 years ago in the Clarence School District. She came to West Seneca in 1990 and then spent the 1991-92 school year in Niagara Wheatfield after being "excessed". Luckily, a position became available in West Seneca the following year and she returned to service in West Seneca in the fall of 1992. During her tenure, she has taught a wide variety of courses including Regents and General Earth Science, Regents and General Biology, AP Biology, 8th Grade Science and Anatomy and Physiology. Her most recent assignment, in the AIS setting, requires helping students in a variety of subjects. An outstanding role model, she epitomizes the ideology of "a life long learner" when she re-learned Algebra so she could help the students!



Mentor, friend, educator and inspiration are all terms that describe Mrs. Gugino. During her career, she's been recognized as Teacher of the Year by both students and her union colleagues. In 2012, she was recognized as a Teacher of Merit by Business First (only 25 local teachers received this designation). She's one of the hardest working individuals I've ever met. She's highly professional, creative and organized. Sometimes, I think she gets more done by accident than some people do on purpose!

But, Mrs. Gugino believes her most important achievements are the priceless bonds she's formed with students and colleagues. She's been a Science Honor Society Advisor and a Senior Class Advisor. She helped to orchestrate the first Senior Class trip to Disney World! As Science Club Advisor she's taken countless groups of students (and colleague chaperones!) camping in Allegany State Park, horseback riding, hiking several local sites, including the Niagara Gorge. There have been special trips to Costa Rica, Disney World and snorkeling in Florida. She's taken hundreds of students on zoo trips and always remembers to bring back an East favorite - "Nickel City Reptiles" with East alum Jeff Musial - for an annual presentation. She and Mrs. Smilinich have tirelessly organized college visit trips for students struggling to find a school with the "right fit". Her enthusiasm and sheer love of science have inspired many of her students and club members to pursue science and teaching careers. She maintains communication with many students she mentored years ago who are

(Gugino, Con't)

now successfully practicing physicians, nurses, therapists, physician assistants and teachers. Both of her daughters work in science based careers!

Mrs. Gugino has many fond memories of Halloween celebrations on the second floor of East with colleagues. She's especially happy to recall the years the 2nd floor teachers dressed as the Happy Days Gang, members of Survivor, and the year she and others "fished" in the kiddie pool as the theme song from the Andy Griffith show played in the background.

East will certainly miss your sense of humor and quick wit! We wish you well as you pursue more time to travel, grow your baking business and spend time with your granddaughter. The second floor won't be the same without you! If your retirement is half as successful as your career - you're in for quite a ride! Best of luck!

Scholar-Athlete Team

The New York State Public High School Athletic Association, Inc. Scholar-Athlete Team Award goes to teams that achieve academic excellence while actively participating in varsity level interscholastic athletics. Congratulations to our teams that were honored for the Fall 2021 season. We are incredibly proud of you .

Girls and Boys Basketball

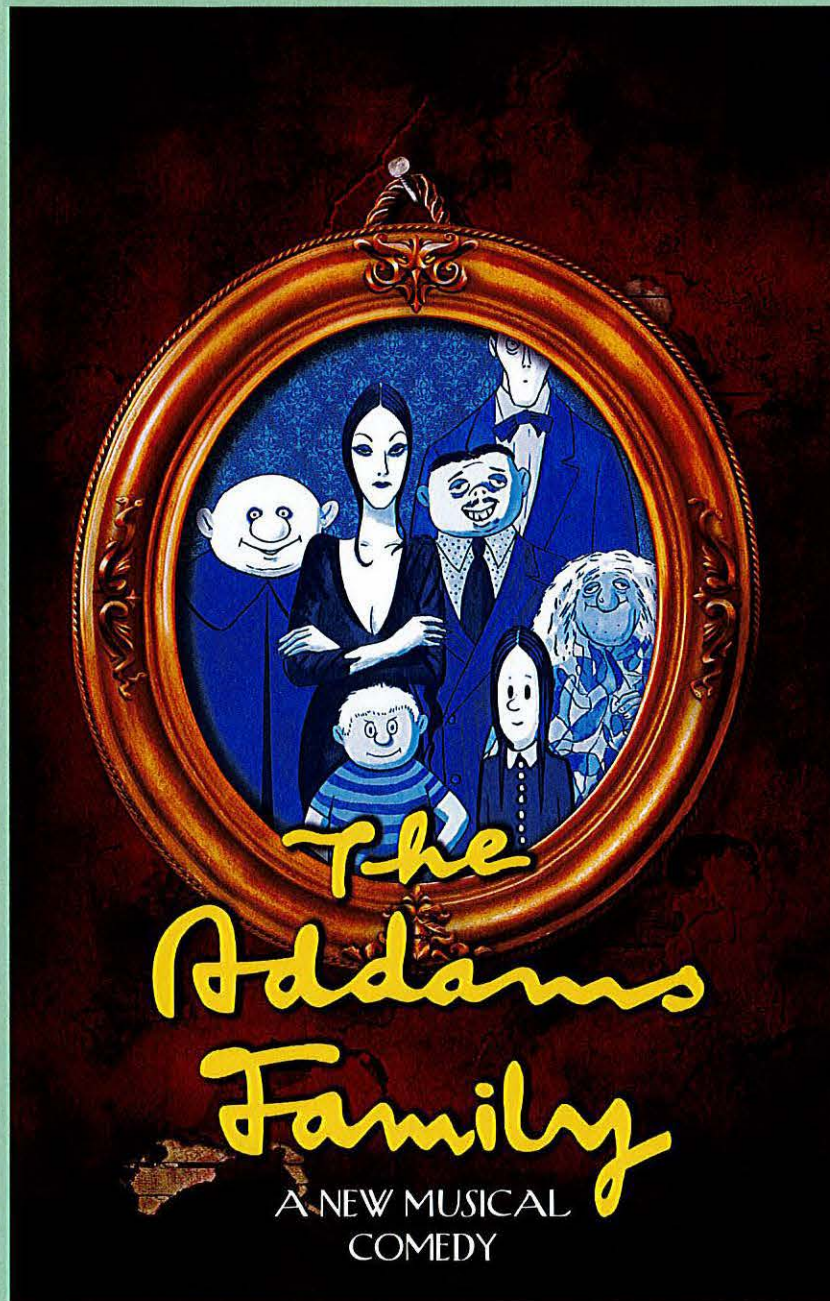
Boys and Girls Cross Country

Girls and Boys Soccer

Football

Competitive Cheerleading

Girls Swimming and Diving



This years musical is

“The Addams Family”

Show Dates are March 3, 4 and 5, 2022

Tickets are \$10 and \$12 and will be available February 1st



Continuity of Education for students who are unable to attend school due to COVID or COVID quarantine

As students go through challenging times, our teachers understand the need to be patient and helpful. To that end, we are offering a variety of instructional opportunities for our students while they are unable to attend school. Students will now be able to work with teachers in the following ways:

1. **GOOGLE CLASSROOM:** Teachers have assignments in their Google classrooms. Go to their classrooms and complete the assignments that are posted.
2. **EMAIL:** Students can email teachers as needed.
3. **OFFICE HOURS:** Teachers have **Office Hours** from **1:50-2:30**. Students can set up a *Google Meet* with their teachers by sending them an email to arrange the Google meet.
4. **EXTRA HELP:** We have subject area teachers available from **3:00-5:00** to help support students throughout the week.
 - Each building designee will email COLA's (Continuity of Learning Advisors) with a list of out of school students.
 - COLA's will email students a link for their Google meet/google classroom for the designated days of instruction.
 - COLA's will provide students with assistance in completing asynchronous work assigned by the classroom teacher.

Students will have time to make up assignments and keep on pace with all the instructional opportunities above. However, students may **STILL** need additional help upon returning to school. Teachers will be available to work with students during office hours daily from 1:50-2:30 when they return to school . Thank You, and do not hesitate to call us with any questions or concerns.

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East Senior	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Math		Sarah Tanski		
Science	Monica Wall			
Social Studies				Nicole Guillow
ELA			Dyan Scritchfield	
Resource Room	Tammy Rice			
World Languages		O'Donnell		Krueger/D'Agostino
ENL	Sorenson/Haungs	Sorenson/Haungs	Sorenson/Haungs	Sorenson/Haungs

Monday Science link: <https://meet.google.com/yxq-wnpj-wji>

Monday Resource Room link:

<https://classroom.google.com/c/NDAYMzAyODE3NzMz?cjc=mph6roh>

Tuesday Math link:

Classroom Invite: <https://classroom.google.com/c/NDAYNDE0OTQ0NjA1?cjc=tk2pvt>

Meet Link: <https://meet.google.com/gqf-psjf-cam>

Wednesday ELA link: <https://meet.google.com/lookup/djqirmfn4w>

Thursday World Language links:

Spanish <https://meet.google.com/bxg-sbuz-pjm>

French 2-3 <https://meet.google.com/rpx-xvsu-iks>

French 4-5

Classroom Invite: <https://classroom.google.com/c/NDAYMTEzODA5NjYx?cjc=ba7g6m6>

Meet: <https://meet.google.com/dez-odjr-ext>

Thursday Social Studies join: <https://meet.google.com/lookup/do5lcul6ph>

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Class of 2022,

*Cap and Gown orders need to be placed by
January 15th!*

*See our website for more information and a link to the
order form: www.wscschools.org/eastsenior*



Herff Jones is the official provider of West Seneca East graduation attire and class rings.

Order today at highschool.herffjones.com

Any questions, please call Patty Notaro at: 716.573.1936

Step 1: Go to highschool.herffjones.com.

Step 2: Type West Seneca East High School into the search bar.

Please note that you will need to scroll down to bottom of each page and click on green arrow to see more products.

Step 3: Scroll down and click on the appropriate banner for which product you would like to purchase.

Click: Design your class ring for class rings and necklaces.

Click: Shop grad products for Announcements, Cap and Gown Units, Senior Apparel and other keepsake items.

Click: Shop photo products for photo announcements, inserts, invitations, and thank you cards.



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Director of Academics & CTE

TO: Parents and 8th grade Students

DATE: December 2021

From: Mr. Jason Winnicki

RE: High School Information Night

You are cordially invited to attend the **East Senior High School Information Night** that has been specially designed for our incoming ninth grade students and their parents.

Students, teachers, and counselors all have important roles in working with parents to ensure that a worthwhile high school program is developed. In order to help you become better informed about the process and the opportunities available, an informational meeting will be held in the auditorium at East High on Wednesday, January 12th at 6:15 PM.

Our administrators and counselors will review graduation requirements, the 4-year plan and a typical ninth grade block schedule. You will also have an opportunity to tour the building and participate in presentations and exhibits. Members of our **Art, Business, Music and Technology** Departments will discuss and share with you their outstanding programs.

Please Mark Your Calendar:

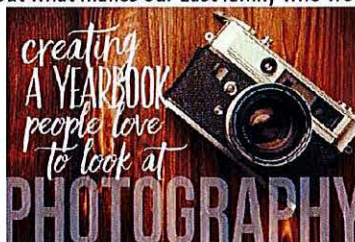
**East High School Information Night
For Parents and Students**

**Wednesday, January 12, 2022
6:15 pm – 8:00 pm**

West Seneca East High School Auditorium

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS WITH OUR YEARBOOK STAFF!

We are looking to add student spotlights this year to really get to know more about what makes our East family who we are!

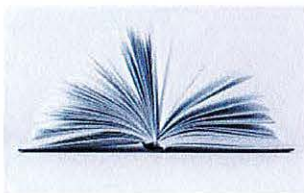


Submit Photos at: BUYTHEYEARBOOK.COM
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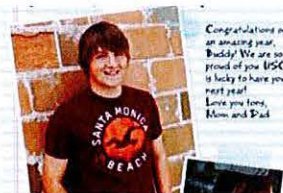
STUDENTS WITH THEIR PET
HOLIDAY TRADITIONS
WINTER SPORTS
UGLY SWEATER
HALLOWEEN
BEST FRIENDS
SIBLINGS (9-12TH Grade)
CONCERT (You have attended)
GAMERS
FALL FASHION
1st DAY OF SCHOOL
NON-SCHOOL INSTRUMENTALS (Guitar, Piano etc.)

WINTER FASHION
STUDENTS AT WORK
BILLS & SABRES FANS
SCOUTS
FALL SPORTS
MARTIAL ARTS
DANCE (Ballet, Jazz, Tap etc.)
SKATE BOARDING / BMX
VOLUNTEERS
SEPTEMBER SELFIE



YEARBOOKS

Preserve the memories of the year in a book to be cherished forever



ADS

Show your loved ones how special they are with an ad of congratulations



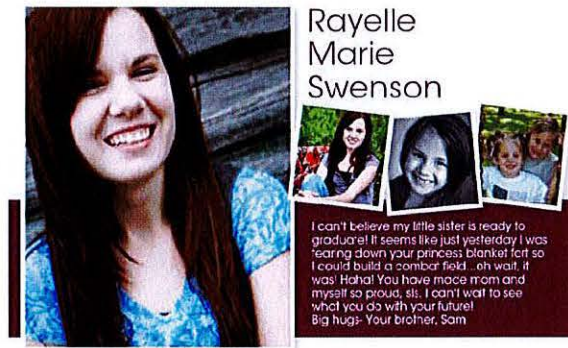
PICTURES

Upload photos for consideration in the yearbook. We want your help!

ORDER BY: 2/1/2022

GRAD ADS

2022 West Seneca East Sr HS Graduation Recognition Ads



Highlight a few memorable moments and let your grad know how proud you are of them! Use their favorite colors, and place lots of favorite childhood photos with a *Custom Senior Baby Ad*! This is your opportunity to show your support to your Grad in a way that can be cherished forever while supporting our yearbook. 1/8 Page Ads start at \$37.50! We do have limited space in the book. Please order an ad to secure your spot in the book before we are sold out.

Where to order: BUYTHEYEARBOOK.COM
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Select ads, then the ad size and check out. Login when you are ready to create your ad. Ads can be ordered until February 1, 2022.

You can create your ad and edit your content until 2/15/2022.

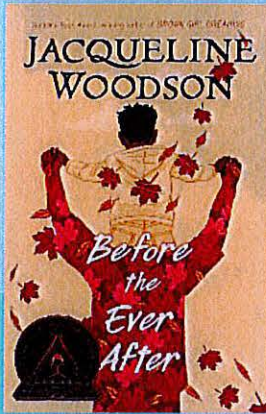
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The LMC @ ES

Jan 2022

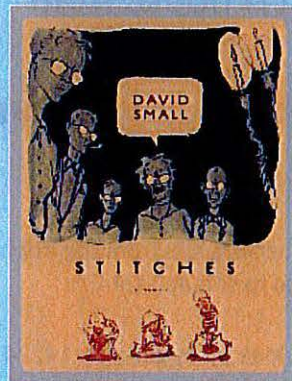


Do you have a Winter birthday?
Check out these AUTHORS who are celebrating too



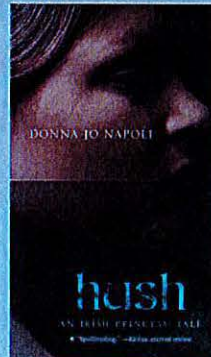
Woodson writes realistic fiction books that have characters she never saw in books when she was growing up - whether a young African American girl, a deaf person, or even just a family headed by a single Mom and Grandmother.

In the graphic novel STITCHES, **David Small** tells the true story of his sickly childhood, his turbulent relationship with his parents, and

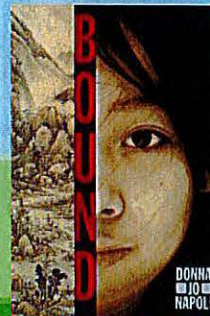


how a so-called harmless surgery, left him scarred and temporarily mute. He was not told that his cancer, caused by his father's "cures," was expected to kill him at age 14.

Often inspired by fairytales from around the world, **Donna Jo Napoli** spins new & exciting stories for teens.



HUSH is an Icelandic tale of a young Irish girl, captured by a slave ship, who must find the power to survive. BOUND puts an Asian spin on Cinderella.

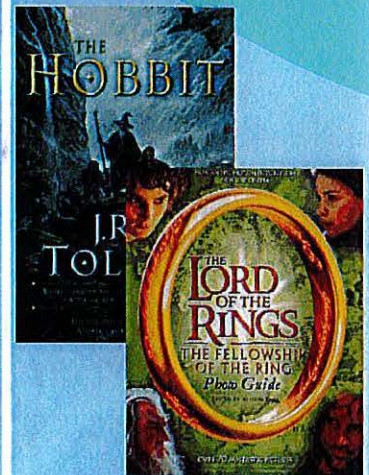


Many others available too!



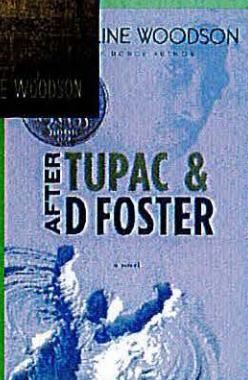
Groundbreaking.
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Epic.

J. R. R. Tolkien's brilliant Lord of the Rings series has been celebrated for decades and continues to delight.



From worlds to species, full languages and mythologies, this expansive series sets the standard for everything a fantasy could be.

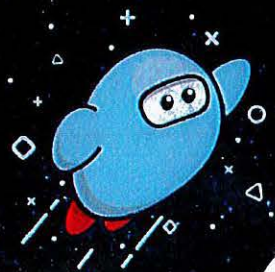
Escape to Middle Earth and prepare to be astounded. This is art & literature at its finest.



Check out these and many more at the ES LMC

Sora

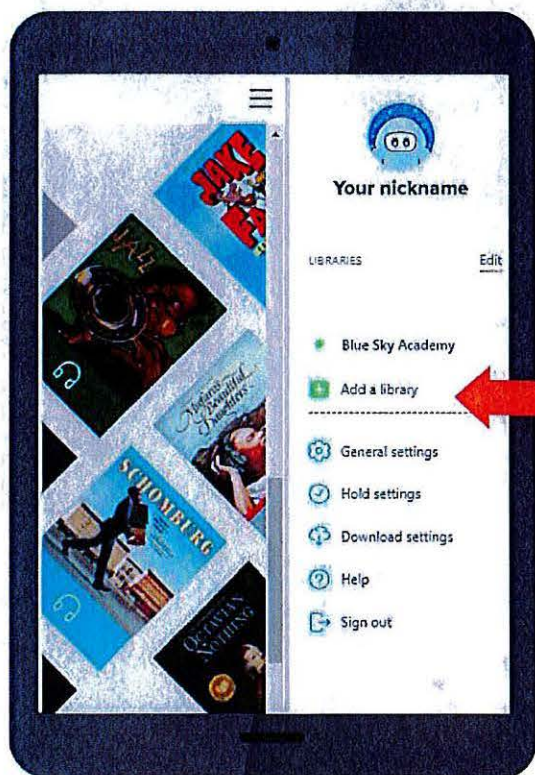
The student reading app



Sora offers the ability for students to explore age-appropriate digital books from

West Seneca Schools **AND**

The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library



1. Install the Sora app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, or go to soraapp.com.

2. In Sora, look up by zip code 14224 & pick West Seneca Central Schools. Enter your school Google log in if needed.

3. Under your Profile, select **+ Add a library** enter **BUFFALO** and look for Buffalo and Erie County Public Library.

4. Now, go back to Explore & find a book you want from the public library. Click **Borrow** or **Place hold** on it and follow the prompts. It may ask you to sign in again – this is needed the first time you borrow from them.

5. Now you will be able to borrow their books without a public library card because you are a West Seneca student.

Want even MORE to choose from?

Apply for a Brooklyn Public Library eCard. They'll send you a card number super fast. Then follow the above steps to add them & borrow from their huge selection!

<https://disc.bklynlibrary.org/ecard/>



WEST SENECA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT STUDENT OF THE MONTH

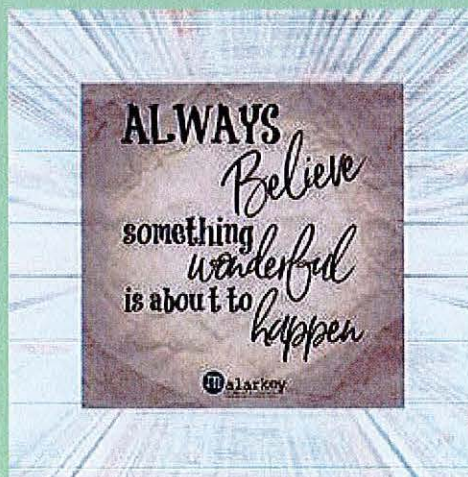
Each month, the West Seneca School District's High Schools recognize a "Student of the Month" in each specific academic venue. Their coursework and high level of commitment to that specialty sets them apart and their achievements and dedication are acknowledged by the school and community. To recognize them properly, their photo is displayed in their respective schools as well as at The Market in the Square.

This program is funded by local businesses within the community. The 2021-2022 sponsors for "Student of the Month" are Sgroi Financial, LLC, West Seneca East Student Council, West Seneca West Student Council and Inter-State Studios.

The following students have been recommended for this honor for the month of November.



Milana Raphael, Art
Jacob Wawrzeniec, Business
Connor Jackson, Community Service &
Citizenship
Hailey Alba, English
Breanna Kabel, Health
DeJuls Ngoma, Math
Ethan Smith, Music
Adam McCarthy, Physical Education
Emma Wind, Science
Mia Fawls, Social Studies
Emily Thompson, Technology
Emmalee Schlagter, World Language



WEST SENECA CENTRAL SCHOOLS ACADEMIES

ACADEMY OF BUSINESS & FINANCE (AOBF)

A National Academy Foundation Program

The Academy of Business and Finance connects students with the world of financial services, offering a curriculum that covers Personal Finance, Accounting, Economics, Microsoft Office, and other topics. Students who successfully complete the AOBF requirements receive a Regents Diploma with Technical Endorsement and a certificate of Financial Studies issued by the National Academy Foundation. Students will learn transferable business skills and knowledge with a focus on the business industry. AOBF members will create an Employability Portfolio and participate in industry sponsored activities including field trips, shadow days, classroom speakers, paid internships, and may earn college credit for courses.

ACADEMY OF IT/DIGITAL MEDIA (AOIT/DM)

A National Academy Foundation Program

The Academy of IT/Digital Media connects students with the world of Information Technology and Digital Media. The curriculum covers an Introduction to IT, Web Page Design, Programming, Digital Media, App Development, Gaming, and other topics. Students who successfully complete the AOIT/DM requirements receive a Regents Diploma with Technical Endorsement and a certificate of IT/Digital Media Studies issued by the National Academy Foundation. Students will learn transferable skills and knowledge with a focus on the Information Technology and Digital Media industries. AOIT/DM members will create an Employability Portfolio and participate in industry sponsored activities including field trips, shadow days, classroom speakers, paid internships, and may earn college credit for courses.

ACADEMY OF LIFE SCIENCE (AOLS)

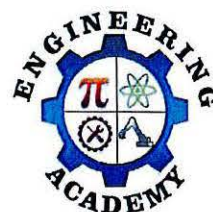
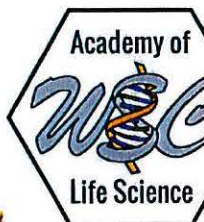
The Academy of Life Science prepares students to enter college and/or employment in the field of Life Science- a globally and locally expanding career field, which integrates science and technology to produce products and services that improve health and well-being. The curriculum covers Medical Terminology, Medical Ethics, Anatomy and Physiology, Bio-Tech Engineering, Physics, and other topics. Students will learn transferable skills and knowledge with a focus on the Life Science industry. AOLS members will create an Employability Portfolio and participate in industry sponsored activities including field trips, shadow days, classroom speakers, internships, and may earn college credit for courses.

ACADEMY OF VISUAL ARTS (AVA)

The Academy of Visual Arts is an enrichment program for students who demonstrate extraordinary ability and interest in the visual arts. The goal of the program is to provide students with a more mature understanding of visual concepts, enhance cultural awareness as well as develop the students' artistic abilities at a more sophisticated level. Students will have the opportunity to explore more challenging studio endeavors, participate in gallery and college visitations, be exposed to visiting artists as well as receive college credit upon successful completion of the Advanced Placement portfolio. Students enrolled in Studio in Art may apply into this enrichment program during their freshmen year. To complete the application process, interested students will be asked to produce a comprehensive portfolio of works created in Studio in Art and write an artist statement based on the outline provided.

ENGINEERING ACADEMY (EA)

The Engineering Academy curriculum explores principles of engineering, and provides content in the fields of Materials Processing, Civil Engineering/Architecture, Engineering Robotics, Engineering Design and Development, and other topics. Students wishing to participate in the Engineering Academy should take Design and Drawing for Production (DDP) during their freshman year. Students will learn transferable skills and knowledge with a focus on the Engineering industries. EA members will participate in industry sponsored activities including field trips, shadow days, classroom speakers, and may earn college credit for courses.



For More Information, Contact:

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Holiday Cards

On December 15th West Seneca East students gathered in Mrs. DiNatale's room to write holiday cards for kids at Oishei Children's Hospital. Sadiah Ahmed wanted to do something for kids at the hospital as part of her Service Learning project for Mrs. Ocasio's Participation in Government class. Sadiah single-handedly spearheaded the effort with an overwhelming response that brought tears to Mrs. DiNatale's eyes. So many students showed up to write cards to the kids in hopes of bringing a smile to some of their faces. Mrs. DiNatale and Sadiah wish to send a special thanks to Emily Sagi and Jadye Asboth for their generous toy donations. This is the true Spirit of the Holiday Season and shows the True Spirit of East students. Happy Holidays!



Chris Kaczkowski Scholarship Fund

East Senior had an epic can and bottle drive for the Chris Kaczkowski Scholarship Fund. Students and Faculty collected over 50,000 returnables equaling \$2,500 in scholarship money for qualifying seniors and \$400 for student activities!

Top Student Collector: Maddy Surdej 9,250

Top Staff Collector: Mrs. McCabe 4,000

Top Homeroom: Mrs. Glavey



DISCOUNT DEADLINE: 2/1/2022

West Seneca East Senior HS
2022 YEARBOOK PRE-SALE

LAST CHANCE TO BUY A PERSONALIZED YEARBOOK

Website: BUYTHEYEARBOOK.COM

WSE Account Number: 703365

DISCOUNT PRICE: \$67.73 PLUS TAX



If you need help with ordering a yearbook, please call Pictavo "Buy the Yearbook.com" at 1-800-290-0036 ext. 2

SHARE YOUR PHOTOS WITH OUR STAFF!

We are looking to add extra student spotlights this year to really get to know more about what makes our East family who we are!



Head to buytheyearbook.com to share your images with our yearbook staff!

***The National English Honor Society's
"Socratic Society" at East Senior***

would like YOU to be a published author or artist in
this year's publication of



All entries are entered into a drawing for a **\$50.00**
Amazon Gift Card!

The more entries, the more chances to win!

Submissions will be accepted between
January 5th through the strict deadline of **February 25th!**

Please email all written submissions to this email
(dscritchfield@wscschools.org) as an attached Google Doc,

Times New Roman, 12pt.

Handwritten signature