



The Eagles' View

September 2019

Superintendent's Message



When I look through the after-graduation plans of our graduating seniors each year, I am continually impressed by the determination and hard work that our staff and students put into their school careers. To our 2019 graduating seniors this year, may you take charge of your lives, become contributing citizens and pursue life-long learning! We look forward to hearing where your path leads you in the years to come. **Soar...like an Eagle!**

As we approach the beginning of our 2019-2020 school year, I can hardly believe it is already my twelfth year in the Whitney Point CSD, and eighth year as Superintendent. In my role, I have the privilege of seeing first-hand how hard our students, administrators, teachers and staff work to achieve their personal and district-wide goals. It is an honor to be part of this great district.

Our continued success as a district is largely due to the whole-hearted dedication of our Board of Education, staff and community. We take pride in offering new programs and technology to move our District to the front, and we consider student wellness and safety a top priority. When you return in September, I want to be sure you are fully aware of three new important and vital programs:

Telehealth - The Whitney Point Central School District is excited to be partnering with UHS to bring Virtual Walk-In Services to district students. Virtual Walk-In is a form of Telehealth, which uses communication technologies such as secure internet video to connect patients and providers. Through the use of Telehealth, a UHS provider at the Vestal Walk-In can assess and diagnose certain conditions, such as an upper respiratory infection or a rash, while the student is in the school nurse's office. This service can reduce the need for students to miss class unnecessarily by avoiding a medical office visit, allow parents to pick up a sick child without having to travel to a medical office to see a provider, and possibly have a prescription ready at the pharmacy. There is a cost to the service, but all insurances are accepted and the maximum out-of-pocket cost will not be more than \$39. There is no out-of-pocket cost for students enrolled in Medicaid. Enrollment in the program ahead of the need for a visit is required and there is no cost to enroll. Enrollment in this program is open to all students within the district, and they do not need to currently receive other care from UHS.

(continued on reverse side)

District honors Class of 2019 graduates

The Whitney Point School District graduated students from the Class of 2019 in an evening ceremony at the High School on June 28. Ethan Baker was the class Valedictorian and Amy Stevens was the Salutatorian. Ethan is the son of Daniel and Melissa Baker. He is starting SUNY Broome this fall to study Mechanical Engineering. Amy Stevens is the daughter of Robert and Susan Stevens. Amy will be studying at Lockhaven University this fall and plans to major in Pre-Physical Therapy.



Ethan Baker
Valedictorian



Amy Stevens
Salutatorian



2019-20 MEAL PRICES

CEA - Breakfast - Free TRA/HS - Breakfast - Free
Lunch - \$2.70 Lunch - \$2.80

First Day of School:
Thursday, September 5 - All Students

Athletic College Showcase

Nineteen WPHS graduates from the Class of 2019 who are participating in college sports this fall were recognized in June at a new event, the Athletic College Showcase. Each student and his/her parents were brought on stage as the student's college emblem was displayed on screen along with highlight photos from their Golden Eagle career.

Recognized were:

Aaron Austenfeld - *SUNY ESF, Basketball*

Ashley Barnhart - *SUNY Broome, Basketball*

Leanne Bough - *Ohio State University, Field Hockey*

Madison Breward - *St. John Fisher, Field Hockey*

Mary Kate Breward - *William Smith, Field Hockey*

Andy Davis - *Seton Hill University, Lacrosse*

Connor Doyle - *Westminster College, Lacrosse*

Mandi Gerst - *SUNY Broome, Soccer*

Leih Glezen - *St. John Fisher, Field Hockey*

Danielle Hartford - *TC3, Volleyball*

Makayla Haven - *Morrisville State, Field Hockey*

Karlee Howell - *SUNY Broome, Soccer*

Morgan Jones - *Morrisville State, Field Hockey*

Sylvia Rosa - *SUNY Broome, Cheerleading*

Amy Stevens - *Lock Haven Univ., Field Hockey*

Carter Stone - *Keystone College, Football*

Cassidy Sturdevant - *SUNY Geneseo, Field Hockey*

Kyle Weeks - *Alfred State, Football*

Alexa Wentz - *Albany University, Field Hockey*



Superintendent's Message *(continued from front)*

Family Resource Center - The Caryl E. Adams primary school is home to the Family Resource Center. This year, there will be a full calendar of events and meetings for families who live in the Whitney Point School District. Events will be informative, fun, social and aimed at building connections with families in our community. Please watch the WPCSD Facebook page and the WPCSD website for more information. Sign up for the Family Resource Center Remind Group at <https://remind.com/join/fb67ad> to keep up with news on events!

NEW Visitor Management Software - The district is proud to announce we will be implementing Raptor, a new visitor management software system, in all three of our school buildings. This new system will allow us to screen and track everyone coming into our schools and keep unwanted entrants out. The system will screen for sex offenders, alerts staff of custody violations, and provides district-wide reporting for all visitors. If you plan on entering the school building beyond the main office, you will need to bring your driver's license or some other form of picture ID. We look forward to utilizing this new system to continue our efforts in keeping our children safe at all times.

We appreciate your patience as we implement these programs knowing that our shared outcome is the safety and well-being of our students.

The kindness and support I have received each year as we work together as a community to support the success of our students is appreciated beyond words. As we come together again this fall, I am looking forward to the excitement, enthusiasm and momentum we all feel as we bring on each new school year.

Golden Eagles take flight!

Sincerely,

Patricia Follette
Superintendent

WP welcomes new faculty and says "goodbye" to retirees

At the end of the 2018-19 school year, we said goodbye to our retiring staff members who have spent many years dedicating themselves to making Whitney Point Central School an excellent environment for learning. Best wishes to: Mary Allen, Laura Chestnut (Wright), Brian Hull, Kathryn Jones, Ruth Kowalewski, Cindy Lawrence, Mary-Beth Purce, Craig Richards and Tia Yost.

As we start the 2019-20 school year, we are excited to welcome our new additions to the Whitney Point School District faculty:

New Hires:

Janelle Baron, Occupational Therapist

Sydney Chaffee, Physical Education

Alyssa Januszka, Registered School Nurse

Lisa Tuttle, Reading Teacher

William Villano, English Teacher

John Whalen, Principal

Welcome!

Please keep your contact information current

In order to receive important communications from the district, we need to have accurate contact information. To update your information or to sign up for our School Messenger service for texts and/or phone messages, please call 692-8269.