

Willoughby-Eastlake City Schools

Community Update

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November 2017

A Message from your Superintendent



I would like to take this opportunity to wish our families a happy holiday season. There is no greater gift than time spent with your families and friends. On behalf of Willoughby-Eastlake City Schools, I hope that you are able to enjoy your holiday.

I am proud to announce that our three middle schools, Willowick Middle School, Willoughby Middle School and Eastlake Middle School have all been awarded the Momentum Award from the Ohio State Board of Education. This is the second consecutive year that these three schools have received this honor. The Momentum Award is given in recognition for schools exceeding expectations in student growth for the year.

In addition to the Momentum Award, the All A Award was earned by the School of Innovation. This award is also presented by the State Board of Education and recognizes schools that earned straight A's on all of their applicable report card measures.

Construction of our three new schools, South High School, North High School and Longfellow Elementary School continues to be on time and on schedule. You can read more about the projects in the **Construction Update** in this newsletter.

Our district continues to place students first, ensure quality instruction and maximize time on task. It is with this laser focus that we continue to **Improve Student Achievement**.

I hope that you enjoy this month's Community Update.

Steve Thompson

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North High School

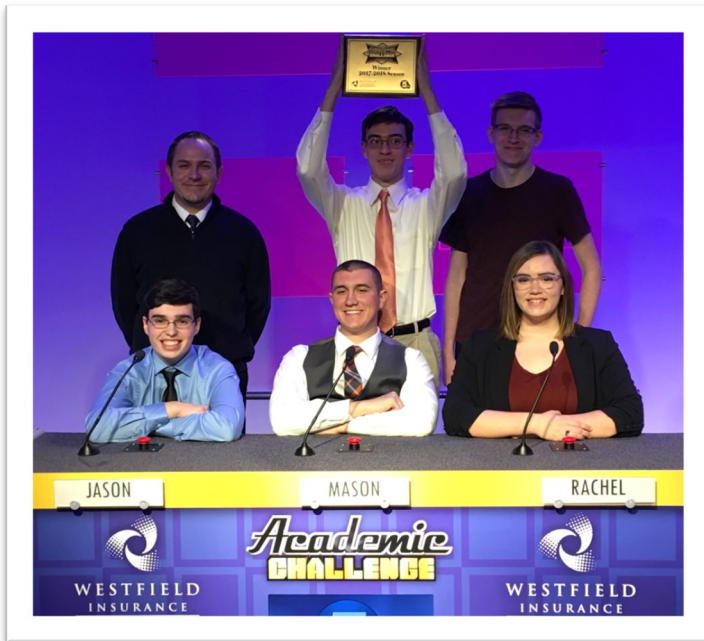
Quiz Bowl Team Takes First Place

On Wednesday, November 15th, the students from North High Quiz Bowl Team competed against students from Mayfield City Schools and Garfield Heights City School District. The team was represented by Jason Turk, Mason Gardner (team captain), Rachel Dempsey, Noah Buongiovanni (alternate), Marko Varga (alternate), Danny Zinner (alternate) and their coach, Bob Kilner and took first place in the competition.

According to WEWS News, "The mission of Academic Challenge, where students are the stars of the show, is to shine the spotlight on academic excellence and the importance of education in our communities. At the end of each program, the points are totaled and at the seasons' end, the three highest scoring teams return for the Championship match." The top ten scoring teams will be awarded over \$20,000.00 in grant money to be used specifically for the benefit of the educational needs of all students in the winning school.

The show will air on February 17, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

Congratulations students and Mr. Kilner on your success.



NCI Willoughby

Auto Collision SWAT Rehab

Students in the Auto Collision class at the Northern Career Institute in Willoughby have partnered with the City of Willoughby to rehabilitate a retired ambulance, transforming the vehicle into an emergency response SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) team truck.

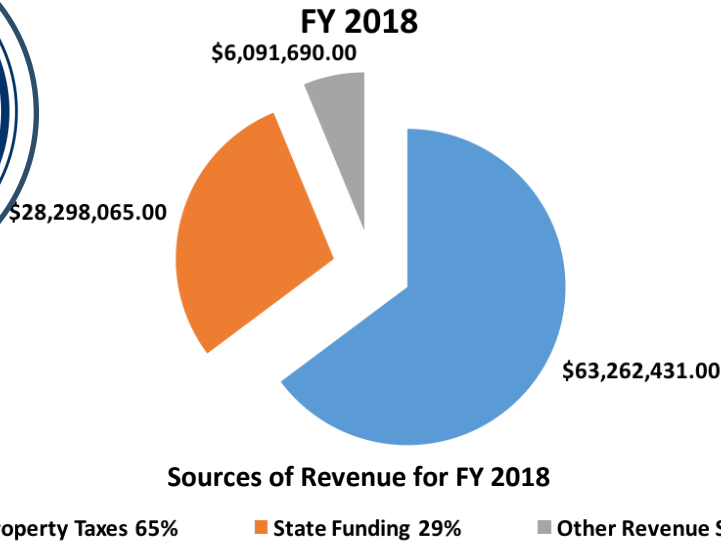
"I am pleased to have our students working on a SWAT truck again this year," stated instructor Lou Massito. "Working with local law enforcement agencies on these types of projects reinforces the skills necessary for future employment, teaches responsibility and also builds relationships between our students and local police officers in our community. This is an invaluable opportunity."



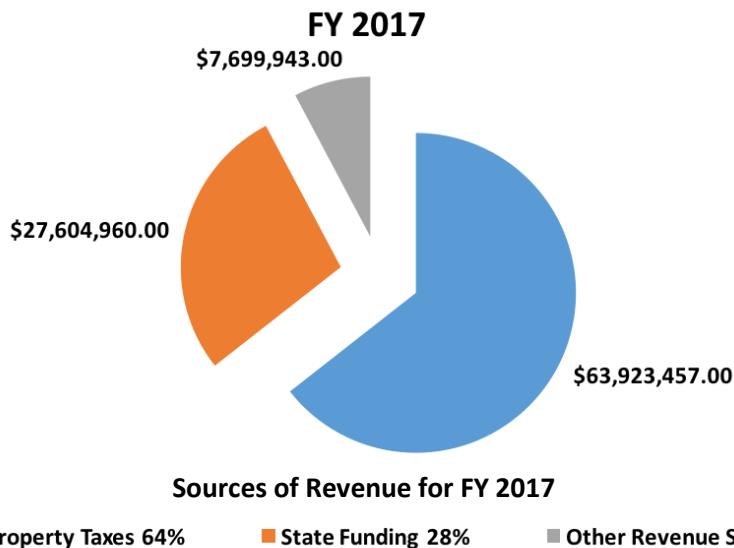
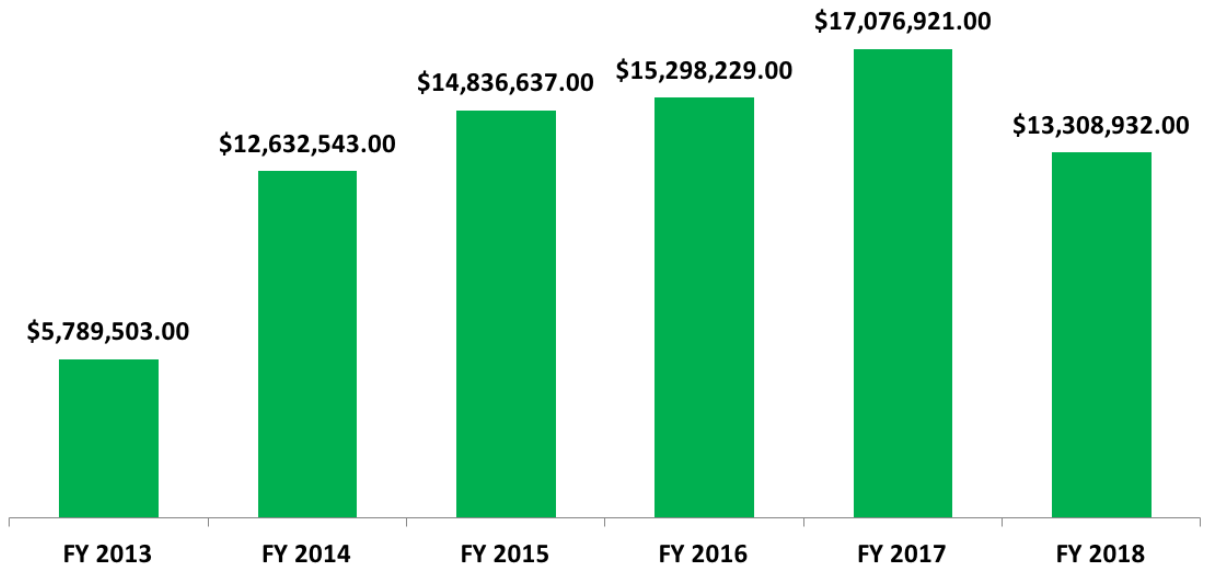
A Message from your Treasurer



Bill Parkinson
Treasurer/CFO
Willoughby-Eastlake City Schools



CASH RESERVES



Auditor of State Award
Willoughby-Eastlake City Schools

Success Academy

Making a Difference with the

North Art Club

The students at Success Academy have worked during the month of November with the students of the North High Art Club to create the snowmen that can currently be seen on Vine Street in Eastlake.

The snowmen were a part of a beautification project for the City of Eastlake initiated by Mayor Morley and the Helping Hands Eastlake Alliance. It is the mission of the Helping Hands to promote the well-being of the community through business and resident involvement.

Under the direction of Bill Kennelly, the students at Success Academy used lumber donated by the Helping Hands Alliance to create the 8-foot plywood snowmen which were then given

to the students in the art club for decorating. The students in the club, with the assistance of their advisors, Nicole Staunton and Heidi Kirschnick, developed and painted their original designs based on ideas related to local the community, service and the holiday season.

The City of Eastlake plans to make this a yearly tradition with the hope that the project will continue to grow throughout the city.



Teach Learn Grow

Willoughby-Eastlake

Receives State Accolades



The State Board of Education of Ohio recognized one district and four schools with the All A Award for earning straight A's on their 2016 - 2017 Ohio School Report Cards. In addition, 64 districts and 214 schools received the Momentum Award for exceeding expectations in student growth for the year.

"These districts and schools are doing a wonderful job providing students with the tools to succeed - and their students are rising to the challenge," said the State Board of Education Tess Elshoff. "The State Board of Education is proud to recognize these students, teachers, administrators and parents for their accomplishments."

Any Ohio school or district is eligible for the All A Award if it received A's on all of its applicable report card measures. Beginning in the 2017 - 2018 school year, the State Board of

Education will recognize any school or district that earns an A on its report card overall component score. Any Ohio school or district is eligible for the Momentum Award if it receives straight A's on all Value - Added measures on the report card. The school or district must have at least two Value - Added subgroups of students, which include gifted, lowest 20 percent in achievement and students with disabilities.



- **Momentum Awards (Straight A's in Value - Added) 2nd Year in a Row!**
Eastlake Middle School
Willoughby Middle School
Willowick Middle School
- **All A Award (A's on Report Card Measures)**
School of Innovation (one of only four schools in Ohio)

South High School

Noises Off

The students at South High performed the play, Noises Off, written by the English playwright, Michael Frayn.

This play is the story of a play within a play. The audience watches as the actors and actresses move through their productions. The show begins with the thespians presenting their dress rehearsal and in the second act, the audience is able to view the activities that take place "backstage" during the play. Finally, in the third act, the students perform the play, which is now coming to its final days.

Advisor Rob Stohlman stated, "It is always exciting to work with the students at South High. The seventy-two students that participated in the show have a common thread, they all love the theatre. Off the stage their interests are extremely diverse. They engage in varsity sports, they are members of the homecoming court, student government and many of the other clubs in the school. Seeing these



students come together to accomplish a common goal is extremely rewarding and fulfilling."

Congratulations students on a performance well done!

PROJECT UPDATES

Thanks to the mild Fall, the construction at North, South and Longfellow continues to be on time and on budget. At Longfellow Elementary School, the building pad is completed and the water line for the first phase is also complete. The installation of the storm line at Longfellow has also been finalized along with extra paving at the parent pick up and drop off points. In



South High School



Longfellow Elementary School

addition to this work, two fire hydrants have been installed on this site and the FDC (Fire Department Connection) at the building will be set this week.

At North High, the storm tie ins at Glenn Drive will soon be complete and the testing will be done once that work is finished. During the next week, water lines will be put in place to the new building and the foundations for the building will begin to be constructed.

At South High, the site excavation continues along with necessary remediation. It is expected that the building pad will be completed during the next week. The utility materials (piping and storm detention structures) will continue to be installed along with the material lay down areas and road excavation.

At a recent City Council meeting, the City of Willoughby authorized the construction of the Senior Center. This portion of the construction will be paid for by the City of Willoughby.

If you would like to see live camera feed, you can find it on the construction tab on WEschools.org.



North High School

Willoughby-Eastlake

Across the District



Edison and Grant both earned a Bronze PBIS (Positive Behavioral Intervention & Supports) Award from the Ohio Department of Education.



Willoughby Middle students performed for Breckenridge.



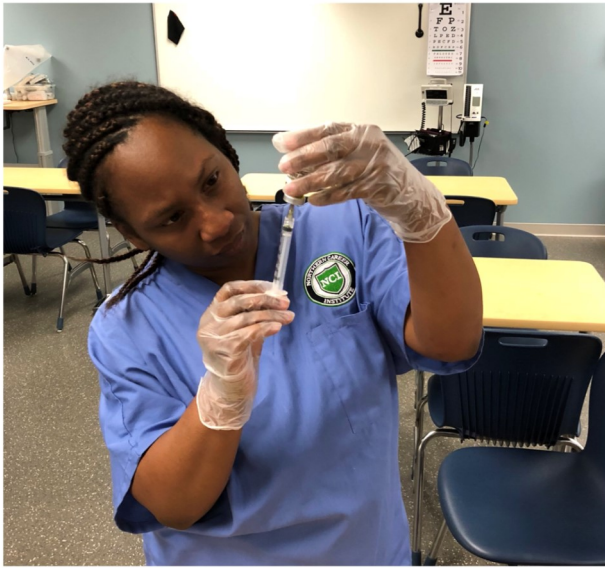
Jefferson students visited Lake Metroparks.



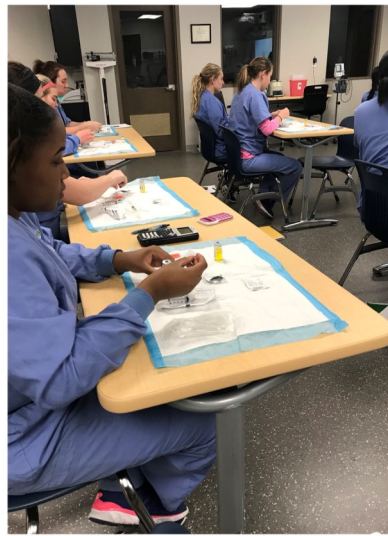
W-E Schools

Willowick Middle students raised \$1,126.44 for the Miracle League Playground.

Longfellow students built the Mayflower during their Thanksgiving STEM rotations.



The students at NCI Eastlake were busy practicing injections.



Royalview DARE students had a special visit from the Drug Enforcement Agency.



The School of Innovation students qualified for the Regional FIRST Lego League competition!



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South High School



Where Service Matters



The students at South High have been hard at work completing service projects throughout the school.

The students in the National Honor Society collected food for the WECP (Willoughby-Eastlake Classified Professionals) food bank. Their tremendous efforts will impact families throughout the district.



In addition to the Honor Society, students in the South High Key Club, Student Council and Rebel Grow Mentoring Program engaged in their own service projects by gathering toys for the Salvation Army and collecting for local food banks.



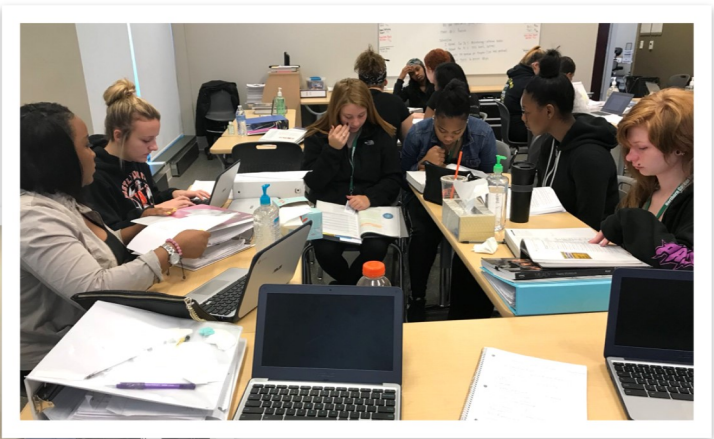
Great job Rebels!

NCI Willoughby

Excellence in Cosmetology

On October 26th, the Ohio State Board of Cosmetology conducted a surprise inspection of the NCI Willoughby Cosmetology program. The board reported that the program was 100% in compliance and had zero warnings and zero violations!

Congratulations to the staff and students of the Cosmetology program!



North High School

Football History

On October 27th, the North High football team made history when they beat Chardon and qualified for the Division II playoffs. This was the first time in the history of the school that the football team had won the opportunity to move to the state playoffs.

“This year our players showed their true character as they overcame adversity and injuries,” stated Coach Shawn Dodd. “They remained incredibly focused and driven as they worked through the season, week after week. The group was fun to be around and fun to coach. I am proud to be a part to Ranger history with the team, and especially proud to have coached my own son as a part of the team. I am looking forward to next season and I am confident that our team will make all Rangers proud of their performance once again!”

Congratulations Coach Dodd and Ranger football players!



Eastlake Middle

Gearing up for NESS

The Student Council at Eastlake Middle School raised \$3,500 during their recent “Jail the Teacher” event.

The members of the Student Council plan to assist to fund activities in their school and in the community. In school, the money will be used to defray the costs of the end of year incentives and celebrations, PBIS awards and other incentives throughout the year. In the community, the money raised will be used for the Adopt A Family program and to help run the Eastlake Middle Annual Autism Awareness Dance A Thon.

The Lakers invite you to join them on April 28, 2018, at their 9th Annual Autism Awareness Dance. The students have raised more than \$12,000 each year and have generously donated those funds to aid in the research of autism.



Important Updates



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OUR MISSION

IMPROVE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

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| December 9, 11:00 a.m. | Candy Cane Lane at Grant Elementary |
| December 13, 11:00 a.m. | North Band & Choir Performance at Great Lakes Mall |
| December 21 to January 2 | Winter Break No School |

This is not an inclusive list of all events during the upcoming month. For a more complete list, please check our district calendar or follow us on Facebook. Facebook is now being updated to include weekly events.

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