

# THE POWWOW

Salamanca City Central School District Newsletter • October 2024



## DISTRICT WELCOMES NEW ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR ACADEMIC SERVICES



The Salamanca City Central School District is pleased to welcome Nicole Beaver as the new Assistant Superintendent for Academic Services. Nicole

brings 16 years of experience in education, with a strong background in elementary education and literacy. She holds a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction, and her passion for supporting educators and students is evident in everything she does.

Nicole resides in Cattaraugus County with her husband, Cole, and their five children. After serving as a principal for four years in the Salamanca City Central School District,

she is eager to step into her new role. Her dedication to the community and commitment to fostering a positive, collaborative culture will be key in supporting educators and ensuring the success of every student.

As Assistant Superintendent, Nicole will focus on empowering staff and advocating for student growth. She believes in the power of teamwork, open communication, and creating an environment

rooted in equity, growth, and excellence. Nicole is passionate about building strong, effective teams that drive lasting change and positive impact.

Her goal is to continue fostering a sense of teamwork and progress throughout the district, and she is excited to bring her energy, passion, and dedication to this role. Nicole looks forward to working closely with the community to achieve our shared vision of success for every student.

## BRINGING SCHOOL SPIRIT TO LIFE INSIDE & OUT

Our campus is getting a major facelift thanks to the talented team at the CA BOCES Printshop! They are hard at work installing vibrant murals both inside and outside our school, turning our public spaces into eye-catching works of art.

These stunning designs are not just about adding color—they're about celebrating our school spirit, creativity, and making our campus a more inspiring place for everyone. We can't wait for you to see how they're making our

school look pretty cool!

Stay tuned for the big reveal, and let's give a huge shoutout to the CA BOCES Printshop for bringing this amazing project to life!



# WELCOME NEW WARRIORS

We are excited to introduce our newest Warriors for the 2024-2025 school year! As we continue to grow and build our community, we warmly welcome these exceptional students, staff, and faculty members to the Warrior family. Together, we look forward to a year filled with learning, achievement, and school spirit. Let's make it a great year, Warriors!



**Jenna Emley**  
Occupational Therapist



**Christopher Gillfillan**  
Information Technology Specialist



**Sheila Green-Callen**  
Spanish Teacher



**Amber Mohr**  
Teacher Assistant



**Jeremy O'Brien**  
Technology Compliance & Network Specialist



**Lisa Otto**  
Information Technology Specialist



**Brianna Zurat**  
School Nurse



**Edelmiro Cruz**  
Assistant Principal



**Skylar Guzman**  
12 Month Cleaner



**Krystal Lockwood**  
12 Month Cleaner



**Jenna Hendricks**  
Science Teacher



**Kristy Milczarski**  
Special Education Teacher



**Tanya Bayles**  
Elementary Teacher (Kindergarten)



**Tracy O'Brien**  
Teacher Assistant



**Jordan Sroda**  
Elementary Teacher (3rd Grade)



**Jacquelyn Bosworth**  
Speech Teacher



**Sarah Aldrich**  
Teacher Assistant



**Matthew Bosworth**  
Elementary Teacher (3rd Grade)



**Brandy Blanchard**  
Elementary Teacher (1st Grade)



**Natalie Drum**  
Teacher Assistant



**Stacy Faulkner**  
Math Teacher



**Sabrina Gilman**  
LTS Elementary Teacher (1st Grade)



**Inez Gilson**  
Seneca Language Teacher



**Matthew Kolb**  
Business Teacher



**Michelle Lloyd**  
Elementary Teacher (JPK)



**Sally Blacksnake**  
Bus Driver



**Kayla Kyler**  
Food Service Helper



**Christina LeBlanc**  
Teacher Assistant



**Christina Scott**  
LTS Math Teacher



**Stephanie Hoag**  
Elementary Teacher (5th Grade)

# WELCOME NEW WARRIORS



**Elana Pochodylo**  
Teacher Assistant



**Victoria Priest-Hines**  
Elementary Teacher (1st Grade)



**Jackie Daversa**  
Special Education Teacher



**Monique Ling**  
LTS Elementary Comp Teacher



**Nichole Rust**  
English Teacher



**Christyn Sullivan**  
Elementary Teacher (3rd Grade)



**Lee DeBo**  
Auto Mechanic Helper



**Nichole Sponeybarger**  
Teacher Assistant



**Stephanie Forness**  
Teacher Assistant



**Alexander Edstrom**  
Teacher Assistant

*Welcome to the team!*

## Salamanca High School Shines in Buffalo Bills “Huddle for Hunger” Event

Salamanca High School was among the top four schools to participate in the Buffalo Bills’ “Huddle for Hunger” food drive in partnership with FeedMore WNY. As part of the initiative, Salamanca Athletics selected four student-athletes from the fall sports season who had perfect attendance at games and practices. The selection process was conducted using an online random picker, and the lucky winners were each allowed to invite a guest to attend the Monday Night Bills vs. Jaguars game at Highmark Stadium.

Upon arrival, the students were welcomed by Morgan Foss, the Buffalo Bills Foundation manager, and treated to a special tour of the field house, followed by an on-field experience before the game.

In a pre-game ceremony, representatives from all four winning schools gathered at center field to be recognized, each holding a custom football showcasing their school’s name and logo. Following the recognition, the participants remained on the field to witness the singing of the National Anthem and the introduction of the Bills players, all while holding a massive Buffalo Bills banner.

This unforgettable experience was capped off by a thrilling Bills victory, making the night even more special for the Salamanca students. The group enjoyed prime seating just above the tunnel in Section 223, Row 11, giving them a fantastic view of the game and the action on the field.

A huge thank you goes out to the Salamanca students, staff, and community for their

generous support in contributing to the food drive and making a difference.

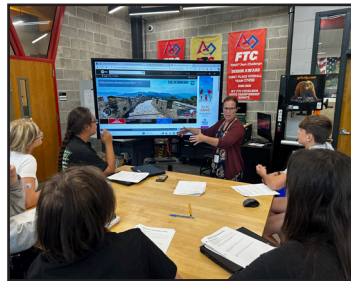


Quinten Brown, Jaxon Crouse, Shawn Blakesslee (holding the commemorative football), Mikaela Tenny, and Aubrey Domres. Back row: Ayla Newark, Levi Sponeybarger, Payton Bigler, Kasen Hardy, and Christie George.

# GLOBAL STUDIES STUDENTS EXPLORE ANCIENT RIVER VALLEY CIVILIZATIONS WITH HANDS-ON MAKERSPACE ACTIVITIES



Students in Mrs. Canale's Global Studies 9 classes spent a day in the Makerspace using different technology to learn more about the ancient river valley civilizations. Students had to rotate to 4 different stations that each focused on a different civilization. At the Egypt station, students wrote their entire first and last name in Egyptian hieroglyphics. For India, students watched a short video explaining what it is like to live in India during a wet monsoon. Students took a virtual tour of the Great Wall of China and explored what it would have been like to be a soldier stationed at the wall. For the Mesopotamia station, students re-created the river valley geography using the Makerspace sandbox technology.



## HIGH SCHOOL FORENSICS CLASS TAKES ON THRILLING 'SHREDDED EVIDENCE' CHALLENGE: STUDENTS PUT DETECTIVE SKILLS TO THE TEST!



Our high school Forensics class is diving into an exciting challenge called "Shredded Evidence," where students become detectives for the day.

In a race against the clock, they'll piece together shredded documents, relying on sharp observation, keen eyes, and clever problem-solving skills to solve the mystery first. It's a thrilling test of wit and teamwork that puts their forensic abilities to the ultimate test!



# 8TH GRADE ACCELERATED SCIENCE STUDENTS PARTNER WITH STEP UP TO STEAM FOR HANDS-ON RESEARCH WITH GLOBE'S GREEN-DOWN PROJECT

Students in Mr. Frazier's 8th grade accelerated science will be partnering with STEP up to STEAM as well as gaining valuable work experience this fall. They will be participating in GLOBE's Green-down project (News - Institute for Global Environmental Strategies (IGES) - GLOBE.gov).

The GLOBE program is a worldwide science and education program that Salamanca's STEP program has had the

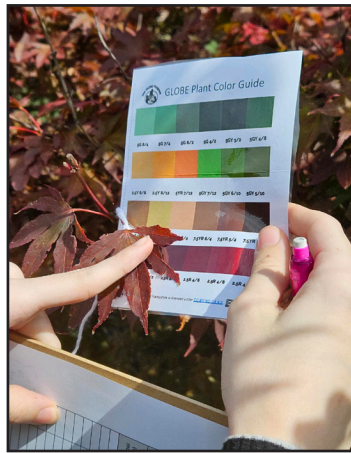
pleasure of working with this year through Dr. Michael Jabot from SUNY Fredonia.

The students will be studying trees in our campus courtyard and recording the rate of color change in leaves this fall. This data will then be reported to the GLOBE international database to help in the study of changing fall foliage over time. Mr. Schnauffer, Environmental Science teacher, is helping students with

tree identification as part of this process. Students will be gaining real-life scientist data collecting skills while contributing to this overall study. In addition, students will be monitoring daily weather: rain, humidity, temperature, etc with a weather station purchased with STEP grant funds.

Salamanca's STEP program is supported through a NYS grant administered

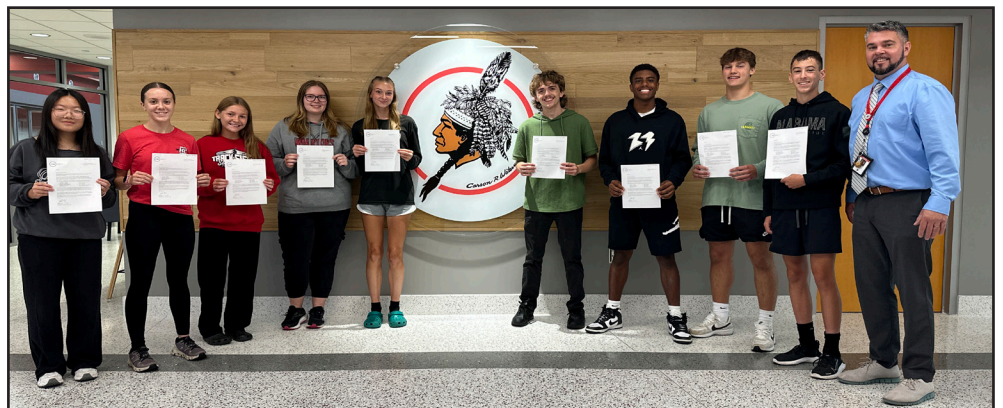
through SUNY Fredonia. Mrs. Schnauffer and Mrs. Shawl support school day activities and Thursday after-school meetings. Students are encouraged to check out the STEP up to STEAM club which meets in the HS Makerspace after school every Thursday or contact either Mrs. Shawl or Mrs. Schnauffer for more information.



## SALAMANCA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2025 STUDENTS EARN SUNY TOP 10% PROMISE RECOGNITION, SECURING AUTOMATIC ADMISSION TO SELECT CAMPUSES

Congratulations to members of the Class of 2025 who have earned recognition by SUNY's Top 10% Promise program.

These students have earned automatic admittance into at least one of SUNY's highly selective and unique campuses for Fall of 2025. Salamanca High School was invited to take part in SUNY's direct admission program launched this year and we are proud to recognize these hardworking students!



*Pictured l-r Sherry Chen, Ryanna Brady, Summer Downey, Emily Benjamin, Izabella Milks, Jerry Miller, Xavier Peters, Zach Trietley, Jacob Herrick and Mr. Lloyd Long – Principal.*

# PROSPECT ELEMENTARY CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL DOT DAY WITH CREATIVITY AND COLOR

On Friday September 13, our amazing students at Prospect Elementary celebrated International Dot Day in full swing! From creative art projects to fun-filled activities, the day was all about making their mark and embracing their inner artists. The halls were buzzing with colorful dots, big smiles, and a whole lot of creativity. Thank you



to the National Honor Society students for helping throughout the day – our Prospect littles enjoyed having you in the building.

We're so proud of our students for participating and expressing themselves in such unique ways. Dot Day reminds us that every mark we make can inspire something wonderful!



**FAMILY**


**Top things a Foster child wants:**  
 I want food and water. Nice clean clothes.  
 Don't hit on me. Clean house. Toothbrush.  
 I want love.

Do you think you could give these things to a child? Have you ever thought about being a foster parent but have questions? We'd love to answer them for you.

Please contact Amanda (716-338-3016) for more details.

**CATTARAUGUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**



**Road Map to Foster Parent Certification**  
 What steps do I need to take to become a certified foster parent?

1. Call the Foster Care Home Finder, Amanda (716) 338-3016
2. Attend an Informational Meeting to learn more about the certification process
3. Begin MAPP/GPS training process (we meet once a week for 10 weeks)
4. Start the home study process. Two home consults will need to be completed.
5. Complete background checks on all adult members 18 and older in the household. This includes fingerprinting, SCR (child abuse) clearance and justice center clearance.
6. Provide at least 3 references and employment verification
7. Home Finding team meets to review the home study and make approval decisions
8. Complete MAPP/GPS.
9. Certification Process is complete!

**S.Y.D.**  
**Seneca Youth Dancers**

Come join us to learn about traditional Hodinöhsyo:nih songs & dances.  
 Instructed by:  
 Hilton "Hiltz" Johnny-John

**Open to all students in the district!**

**SYD dates throughout the school year!**  
 (Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 19, Jan 16, Feb 13, Mar 20, Apr 10, May 15)

@  
**The High School Library, 6:00 pm-7:00 pm**  
 (times and location are subject to change)  
 Salamanca City Central School District  
 50 Iroquois Dr., Salamanca, NY 14779  
[Sign-up in the HS/Seneca School Office!](#)



Info/Help, contact:  
 Aaron Miller  
 716-945-2400 x4947  
 amiller@salamancany.org





# Salamanca City Central School District

# EVERY MOMENT MATTERS

Attendance Reminders for Parents:

## Excused Absences

Your child's absence, tardiness, or early departure can be excused for the following reasons:

- Pre-approved school-sponsored activities
- Death in the immediate family
- Religious observance
- Quarantine
- Required court appearances with documentation upon return
- Doctor or health clinic visits with documentation upon return
- Pre-Approved college visit with documentation upon return
- Approved cooperative work programs
- Military Obligations with documentation upon return
- In-school suspension
- Out of School suspension (if the student accepts and receives instruction)

## Unexcused Absences:

- Absences not listed above are considered unexcused. This includes out-of-school suspension when the student refuses alternative instruction.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

- ✓ **Ensure Attendance:** Make sure your child arrives at school on time every day.
- ✓ **Report Absences:** If your child misses the bus, please call the main office of your child's building. Prospect 945-5170, Seneca Intermediate 945-5140, HS 945-2404
- ✓ **Documentation:** Provide a note to the child's school main office for any tardiness or absence.
  - Notes should be submitted within **one week** of the absence
  - Parent/Guardian notes may not always qualify the absence as "excused"
- ✓ **Appointments:** Schedule appointments outside of school hours when possible.
- ✓ **Meetings:** Attend meetings with the Attendance Officer/Principal if requested to discuss support for your child's attendance.

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## Homeroom Times | School Start Times

Ensure your child is in school by the following times to avoid being marked tardy or absent

Prospect Elementary: 8:30 am      Seneca Intermediate: 7:45 am  
Salamanca High School: 7:45 am

For more information or assistance with attendance concerns, please contact Steve Brundage, District Attendance Officer: 716-801-1704 or [SBrundage@salamancany.org](mailto:SBrundage@salamancany.org)

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