Watkins Glen Central School District

Messenger

Summer 2026

Congratulations, Class of 2026!

Lilian Atrusa
Isaiah Bacunawa
Caelyn Baker
Kacie Barkman
Ryan Baudendistle
Albert Bauman-Hanville
Caleb Bresett
Angelina Cagle
Cyrus Card
Caleb Chaffee
Leland Cole
Wendy Coleman
Daniel Coston
Lilac Cruz
Gillian D'Alleva
Maddie Dalrymple
Ryan Dean
Logan DeBolt
Marcus Delong
Jeremiah Desrochers
Jasmine Dixon
Mark Fabrizi
Anna Franzese
Cecilia Gaines
Mackenzie Glover
Zade Gomez Fitzsimmons
Dominic Gould
Desiree Groves
Dana Guild
Caden Hall
Brianna Hatch
Jack Hayden
Caleb Hines
Lucas Hoffmann
Samuel Hohle
Emma Jones
Maulena Kamakawiwoole
Aidan Kelly
Ava Kelly
Olivia King
Enric Lin
Isabella Llewellyn
Gabriel Majors
Elizabeth McCarty
Kendall McCracken
Brock McFall
Colin McKenzie
Emily Melveney
Kamden Miller
Owen Moskal
Levi Murphy
Kamryn Notarfonzo
Vincent Ocasio, Jr.
Natalee Oliver
Austin Osborne
Madeline Pendergast
Leonard Piacentini
Carter Presutti
Michael Purpura
Riley Rafferty
Brett Rea
Jesse Rider
Grace Roney
Patrick Roney
Steven Rook
Chase Scott
Christopher Simiele
Dominick Smith
Kaylin Smith
Vladimir Smith
Erin Snow
Addison Spencer
Norah Stegner
Kahlin Steinruck
Kylie Swan
Carson Thaete
Cordelia Thompson
Lucas Thorsland
Madison Tuttle
Grace Underdown
Zoe VanNorman
Luka VanScoyk
Ariaunna Verducci
Rachel Vickio
Lillian Welch
Lucas Wise
Andre Wixson
Avah Wright
Justin Wrubel
Hannah Yaw
Kaylee Yaw



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A Message from the Superintendent

As we move through the middle of summer, I hope that you and your family have had the opportunity to relax, recharge and enjoy time together. It is hard to believe that another successful school year has come to a close, and I would like to take a moment to reflect on all that we accomplished as a school community.

First, congratulations to the Class of 2026! Graduation was a wonderful celebration of your hard work, perseverance and achievements. We are incredibly proud of all you have accomplished during your time in our schools. As you begin the next chapter of your journey whether in college, career training, military service, or the workforce, we wish you every success and happiness. We are confident that you will continue to make a positive impact wherever life takes you.

I also would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the families, friends, community members, faculty and staff who attended graduation and helped make the ceremony such a memorable occasion. Your support and encouragement mean so much to our graduates and their families.

A special thank you goes to the many faculty and staff members who came out to celebrate and support our students as they crossed the stage and marked this important milestone.

As we reflect on the past year, we have much to be proud of. The dedication of our students, the partnership of our families and the commitment of our faculty and staff continue to make our school community a special place to learn and grow. Thank you for your continued support and for all you do to help our students succeed.

While summer offers a well-deserved break, we are already looking ahead with excitement and enthusiasm for the upcoming school year. Our team is working hard to prepare for another year filled with opportunities, innovation and success for every student.

Please be on the lookout for our Welcome Back newsletter, which will be shared toward the end of the summer. It will include important information about the start of the school year, key dates and updates to help your family prepare for a successful return to school.

Until then, I wish you and your loved ones a safe, healthy and enjoyable remainder of the summer.

Thank you for being such an important part of our school community. We look forward to welcoming everyone back soon.

And always remember: United, WE SOAR!!

Respectfully,

Kai D'Alleva

Kai D'Alleva
Superintendent of Schools

Big Hearts Big Impact: Students Donate to Charity

Through their dedication, creativity and teamwork, our seventh-grade students truly made a difference this year. From energetic school dances to delicious bake sales, their fundraising efforts were nothing short of inspiring.

Thanks to their hard work, the class was able to donate an incredible $1,750 to each of their chosen organizations – St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and the Schuyler County Humane Society.

This achievement highlights not only their commitment to service, but also their compassion for both children in need and animals in our community. We are so proud of the positive impact our students have made!

Rotary Students of the Month

The 2025-26 Schuyler Scholars were Wendy Coleman, Gillian D'Alleva, Anna Franzese, Samuel Hohle, Olivia King, Enric Lin, Emily Melveney, Michael Purpura and Erin Snow.

Schuyler Scholars

Lilian Artusa, Wendy Coleman, Ryan Dean, Zade Gomez Fitsimmons, Samuel Hohle, Gabriel Majors and Madison Tuttle were named Watkins-Montour Rotary Students of the Month for the 2025-26 school year.

Franzese and Hohle Named Top of the Class of 2026



Anna is the daughter of Mark Franzese and Kirra Michele. She will attend University of Pittsburgh to major in Neuroscience and Oncology.



Sam is the son of Steven and Anna Hohle. He will attend the United States Naval Academy to become an officer and future entrepreneur.

Graduation Highlights



Principal Marcy Brubaker giving the welcome address.



Superintendent Kai D'Alleva handing graduate Christopher Simiele his diploma.



Anna Franzese delivering her valedictory message.



Valedictorian Anna Franzese instructing the Class of 2026 to turn their tassels.

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Graduation Awards and Scholarships

Lilian Artusa
- Lucy E. Viglione Award
- Seal of Biliteracy

Caleb Bresett
- Watkins-Montour Rotary Club Scholarship
- The Watkins Glen Alumni Association Scholarship

Leland Cole
- Amber Brockway Award
- The Watkins Glen Alumni Association Scholarship

Wendy Coleman
- NYS Education Department Scholarship for Academic Excellence
- Northrup Foundation Award

Lilac Cruz
- The Beth MacNamara Memorial Award

Gillian D'Alleva
- Investigator Sergeant Louis A. VanCleef II Memorial Award

Ryan Dean
- Seal of Biliteracy

Logan DeBolt
- Nick Dugo Memorial Scholarship

Marcus Delong
- John L. Vona Scholarship
- The Watkins Glen Alumni Association Scholarship

Mark Fabrizi
- Maurice Costa Scholarship
- Watkins Montour Lions Club John Cook/Milford "BUD" Warner Improved Student Scholarship

Anna Franzese
- NYS Education Department Scholarship for Academic Excellence
- Frances Freer Mucklow Scholarship
- Watkins Glen Elks 1546 Scholarship
- Zonta Francis Cornell Club Award
- Seal of Biliteracy

Zade Gomez Fitzsimmons
- Freemon Family Foundation Teaching Award
- Melissa B. Wilson Sportsmanship Memorial
- Scholarship Award
- Seal of Biliteracy

Mackenzie Glover
- Zonta/Francis Van Billiard Club Award
- Seal of Civic Readiness

Desiree Groves
- Lynn Collier Business Scholarship Award

Samuel Hohle
- Seal of Biliteracy

Olivia King
- Marie Earl Award

Aidan Kelly
- Devon Shaw "Defense for Devon"
- Seal of Biliteracy

Enric Lin
- Kelly McCarthy Memorial Scholarship

Elizabeth McCarty
- Amber Brockway Award

Emily Melveney
- Ladies Wednesday Afternoon Club Award
- Seal of Biliteracy

Owen Moskal
- Debra Harrington Scholarship
- The Watkins Glen Alumni Association Scholarship
- Hector Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund Scholarship
- Seal of Civic Readiness

Natalee Oliver
- The Watkins Glen Alumni Association Scholarship

Michael Purpura
- Jimmy Combs Athletic Scholarship
- Seal of Biliteracy

Kaylin Smith
- Lake Country Players Performing Arts Award
- Nicholas P. Preston Memorial Criminal Justice Scholarship

Erin Snow
- Watkins Montour Lions Club John Cook/Milford "BUD" Warner Outstanding Student Scholarship
- Schuyler County Retired Teachers Association Award

Norah Stegner
- Penn Yan Community Chorus Award

Carson Thaete
- Watkins Glen Area Dart League Math Award

Cordelia Thompson
- Schuyler County Highway Association Scholarship

Zoe VanNorman
- Janet Burger Appier Nursing Memorial Scholarship

Rachel Vickio
- Live Like Liz Award
- Janet Burger Appier Nursing Memorial Scholarship
- JoPat Paradiso Wright Nursing Scholarship
- The Watkins Glen Alumni Association Scholarship



2026 Alumni Association Scholarship recipients (L to R):, Natalee Oliver, Rachel Vickio, Caleb Bresett, Leland Cole, Marcus Delong and Owen Moskal.

High School Awards

Math
Undeniable Excellence: Xuanru Li
Outstanding Improvement: Elizabeth Ector
Undeniable Determination: Brixton Fuller-Bianco
Algebra I Regents Award: Nataleigh Rice
Geometry Regents Award: Xuanru Li
Algebra II Regents Award: Grace Weed
Ruth Warner Award: Faith Austin and Chelsea Humphreys

English
Undeniable Excellence: Michaela Wheaton
Outstanding Improvement: Isaiah Bacunawa
Undoubtable Determination: Avah Wright
AP English Language Award: Wendy Coleman, Anna Franzese and Samuel Hohle
English Regents Award: Wendy Coleman
Kate LaMoreaux "Lover of Literature" Award: Kylie Swan
Poetic Prodigy Award: Lilie Mathews
Schuyler County Excellence in Journalism: Logan DeBolt
FOWL Library Service Award: Caleb Bresett

Language
Spanish Undeniable Excellence: Anjelica Kniazeva and Mason Horrocks
Mandarin Undeniable Excellence: Xuanru Li and Julianna McKee
Spanish Undoubtable Determination: Anna Post and Luke Palmer
Mandarin Undoubtable Determination: Christopher Herforth
Mandarin Outstanding Improvement: Gabriel Crane
Spanish Outstanding Improvement: Orianna Crosby-Smith and Derek Bower
ASL Improvement and Dedication Award: Savannah LaFever, Sopheya Mathews and Bryce Bockelkamp

History
Undeniable Excellence: Owen Moskal
Outstanding Improvement: Ryan Barkman
Undoubtable Determination: Isaiah Bacunawa
Bahns-Dugo Global History Regents Award: Elizabeth Fitzwater and Samuel Hohle
Marie Fitzsimmons Student Humanitarian Award: Wendy Coleman

Science
Undeniable Excellence: Luca Mintegui
Outstanding Improvement: Lucas Wise
Undoubtable Determination: Aidan Kelly
Chemistry Regents Award: Grace Weed
Physics Regents Award: Carson Thaete
Gerald Loughlin Biology Regents Award: Nicolai Holmes
Innovation in Science: Johnathon Rice
Earth Science Regents Award: Derek Bower

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Music
Undeniable Excellence: Paisley Allen
Outstanding Improvement: Justin McClain
Undoubtable Determination: Xuanru Li
Harmonic Excellence Award: Elizabeth Fitzwater

Art
Congressional Art Contest: Anjelica Kniazeva

Physical Education
Undeniable Excellence: Derek Bower, Gabriel Crane, Johnny Sisana and Isaiah Bacunawa
Outstanding Improvement: Brogan Fuller-Bianco, Jack Kurtz, Kristofer Burke and Leland Cole
Undoubtable Determination: Kambrie Thorpe, Leah Teed, Grace Weed, Lucas Wise and Madeline Pendergast
Quiet Strength Award: Kassitie Clugstone
Fitness Warrior Award: Foxfire Micek
Physical Fitness Award: Lilac Cruz
Craig Cheplick Football Award: Caydin Lagramada
James Angelo Basketball Award: Christopher Simiele
T.J. O'Rourke Award: Olivia King
Coach Joseph J. Lemak, Sr. Award: Aidan Kelly and Rachel Vickio
Dr. Arthur J. Jackson Award: Anna Franzese and Samuel Hohle
Track and Field Award: Elizabeth Fitzwater and Bryce Bockelkamp
Athletic Service Award: Ryan Dean
Francis W. Blake Sportsmanship Award: Wendy Coleman and Logan DeBolt
Mike Watson Wrestling Award: Daniel Coston
Kate Lamoreaux Award: Emily Melveney
Boys Swimming and Diving Award: Vincent Ocasio, Jr.
Weightroom Hall of Fame Award: Gillian D'Alleva and Albert Bauman-Hanville
Melissa B. Wilson Basketball Award: Natalee Oliver
Water Safety Award: Carson Thaete

Elective Awards
Inclusive Impact Award: Natalie VanSkiver
The Path to Greatness – Integrity Award: Levi Murphy
You'll Reach the Stars Perseverance: Emma Jones
Unstoppable Spirit Award: Zade Gomez Fitzsimmons and Wendy Coleman
Iron-Will Achievement Award: Foxfire Micek
Set Up for Success Award: Lilian Artusa
Presidential Promise Award: Erin Snow
Tech Education Award: Lucas Hoffmann, Levi Murphy and Dana Guild
Future Entrepreneur Award: Enric Lin
Limitless Potential Award: Mason Bubb and Xuanru Li
PTO Community Service Award: Caleb Bresett and Rachel Vickio
Excellence in Work-Based Learning: Owen Moskal
Visionary Leadership Award: Anna Franzese

Election Results

Student Council Officers for 2026-27

Senior Class
President: Isabella Bellavigna
Vice President: Emma Lewis
Secretary: Michaela Wheaton
Treasurer: Grace Weed
Advisor: Rebecca Ross

Junior Class
President: Leighann Landers
Vice President: Aleah Ventra
Secretary: Xanthe Tappan
Treasurer: Paige Ells
Advisor: Kaz Popovich

Sophomore Class
President: Amelie Woods
Vice President: Kambri Thorpe
Secretary: Ethan Crane
Treasurer: Tavis McKeon
Advisor: Kelsey Wood

Freshman Class
President: Callan Schamel
Vice President: Lucas Schubmehl
Secretary: Eliza VanNess
Treasurer: Lillian Weed
Advisor: Margaret Fazzary

Grade 8
President: Mason Bellavigna
Vice President: Hank Titus
Secretary: Sydney Fields
Treasurer: Isla Durfee
Advisor: Charity Couch

National Honor Society Officers for 2026-27

President: Isaac Hendrickson
Vice President: Elizabeth Fitzwater
Secretary: Natalie VanSkiver
Treasurer: Grace Weed

Board of Education Student Representatives for 2026-27:

Isaac Hendrickson
Aurora Scott

Lake Hawk Awards

The Lake Hawk Award is a prestigious recognition presented to students who consistently demonstrate outstanding character, leadership and a strong commitment to their school community. Recipients of this award are role models among their peers, showing kindness, responsibility and integrity in their daily actions.

The award celebrates students who go above and beyond, making a positive impact both in and out of the classroom. This honor reflects the values we strive to instill in all our students and highlights those who truly embody the spirit of our school.

Congratulations to our 2026-27 recipients!

Pre-K:
Amelia Gates, Hannah Delgrosso, Lucy Wilson and Riley Otto

Kindergarten:
Tynslee Geuder, Hudson Novak, Yara Mangiagli, Gigi Herforth, Evelyn Herforth, Autumn Barton, Avery Voorhees, RaeLynn Johnson and Ireland Austic

Grade 1:
Mia Riccardi, Eleanor Rhodes, Riley Lagramada, Madison LaFever, Kenzie Karius, Lilyana Karius, Ellianna Janowski and Levi Fritz

Grade 2:
Nico Leeber, Madelyn Swarthout, Victoria Sova, Ja'nya Payne, Hazel Herforth, Layla Covey, Kynslee Kelley, Aiden Schamel, Evvie Amisano and Avery Stansfield

Grade 3:
Rhoda Pendergast, Ellie Rekczis, Lena Cole, Harper Kloppel-Hale, Robin Postma and Elizabeth Mizerak

Grade 4:
Isaac Johnson, Anna Watson, Nicholas Drake, Eva Bubb, Jarrett Malysa, Noah Clifford and Lucie Martens

Grade 5:
Taylor Buckley, Samara Viera, Gemma Staub, Kenley Thompson, Colton Thomson, Emma Hoffmeier, Kingston Tomlinson, AJ Stansfield and Logan Saks

Grade 6:
Pataradanai "Tan" Chokngoen, Adelyn Weed, Faye Jaynes, Emma Munroe, Waylon Gee, Troy Brubaker and Leah Asperschlager

ESPN's 13th Annual Awards

A huge Dub-G shout-out and congratulations to the following Watkins Glen honorees recognized at this year's ESPN Ithaca Night of Champions:

Fall Coach of the Year: Jason Westervelt – Girls Swimmming and Diving
Female Athlete of the Year: Rachel Vickio – Girls Soccer, Basketball and Track & Field

ESPN Athletes of the Week

Fall Season

Ava Kelly – Girls Soccer
Mackenzie Fish – Storm Girls Swimming

Winter Season

Vinnie Ocasio – Storm Boys Swimming
Olivia King – Girls Basketball
Rachel Vickio – Girls Basketball
Jude Santos – Boys Basketball

Spring Season

Paige Ells – Storm Softball
Amy Field – Storm Softball

Dub G Athletic Awards

The Dub G Athletic Awards are presented to athletes and/or teams who have been nominated and voted on by the fall, winter and spring coaches for their excellence and performance, either as individuals or as a team, in their respective sports.

Best Championship Performance: Storm Softball Team
Female Athlete of the Year: Rachel Vickio
Male Athlete of the Year: Jude Santos
Rookies of the Year: John Williams and Sydnee McCormick
Best Upset: Varsity Girls Soccer
Coach of the Year: Kelly Sterner
Comeback Athlete of the Year: Nick Sorce
Best Record-Breaking Performance: Vinnie Ocasio
Leadership Award: Zade Gomez Fitzsimmons
Excellence in Education: Anna Franzese and Sam Hohle
Outstanding Team Award: Storm Softball Team
Unsung Hero: Erin Snow
Sportsmanship Award: Leon Lagramada
Outstanding Individual Performance: Paige Ells

NYSPHSAA Scholar Athletes

Individual Spring Scholar Athletes

Storm Baseball: Austin Preuninger, Johnny Sisana and Ayden Stevens
Storm Softball: Keira Ells, Paige Ells, Amy Field, Olivia King, Leighann Landers and Ava Stackhouse
Boys Golf: Derek Bower, Caleb Bresett, Logan DeBolt, Gavin Green, Grayson Robertson, Jude Santos, Ewan Smith and Carson Thaete
Girls Golf: Makenzie Fish, Anna Franzese, Emily Melveney and Callieondra Tohafjian
Girls Track & Field: Caeylen Baker, Wendy Coleman, Lilac Cruz, Gillian D'Alleva, Elizabeth Fitzwater, Emma Lewis, Xuanru Li, Ava Malysa, Natalee Oliver, Anna Post, Ellery Thaete, Kambrie Thorpe, Natalie VanSkiver, Aleah Ventra and Rachel Vickio
Boys Track & Field: Marcus Delong, Isaac Hendrickson, Benjamin Henry, Austen Karius, Aidan Kelly, Foxfire Micek, Luke Palmer and Emmanuel Rodriguez
Coed Tennis: Quin Artusa, Kristofer Burke, Emma Dean, Enric Lin, Sopheya Mathews, Kelcie Miller and Levi Murphy
Lacrosse: Samuel Hohle and William Peters

NYSPHSAA School of Distinction Recognition

For the second year in a row, 100 percent of sports teams have earned the prestigious NYSPHSAA School of Distrinction Recognition.

To qualify, a team must have an average GPA of 90 percent or higher, calculated using 75 percent of the team's individual GPAs. When this standard is met, the team receives the Scholar-Athlete Team Award for that season.

Again this year, every Watkins Glen team achieved this honor across all sports seasons– fall, winter and spring.

Congratulations to our dedicated student-athletes, coaches, teachers and families for making this incredible achievement possible. Your commitment to excellence in both academics and athletics is truly inspiring!

A Year of Championships, Records and Academic Excellence

This was an outstanding year for Watkins Glen student-athletes, with remarkable success across Lake Hawks and combined Storm teams. Throughout the fall, winter and spring seasons, our programs captured League, IAC and Section IV championship titles, while numerous individual athletes advanced to compete at the New York State level.

Academic excellence continued to be a hallmark of our athletic programs. Watkins Glen student-athletes dominated the NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Team Awards and Individual Scholar-Athlete recognitions throughout the year. Of the 298 student-athlete participants, 57 percent earned individual scholar-athlete honors. Their commitment to excellence both in competition and in the classroom has once again earned Watkins Glen the prestigious NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete School of Distinction Award for the second consecutive year.

The year also was highlighted by eight student-athletes being recognized as ESPN Ithaca Athletes of the Week. Ava Kelly started the fall season with the honor after scoring the lone goal in the IAC Championship victory for the Varsity Girls Soccer team. Makenzie Fish was recognized for her exceptional performances at the IAC and Section IV Swimming Championships, earning her a trip to the State Championships.

During the winter season, Jude Santos, Rachel Vickio and Olivia King were honored for their outstanding performances and accomplishments on the Lake Hawks Boys and Girls Basketball teams. Vinnie Ocasio earned recognition for his dominant first-place finishes at the Section IV Championships for the Storm Boys Swimming team.

Closing out the spring season, Paige Ells and Amy Field of the Storm Softball team were recognized for their contributions in leading the team to sectional competition and helping make history for the newly-combined Storm program.

In addition, numerous Watkins Glen athletes received nominations for WETM Athlete of the Week and the Star-Gazette Guthrie Athlete of the Week awards. Rachel Vickio was named ESPN Ithaca's Female Athlete of the Year during the Night of Champions awards ceremony.



Storm Girls Swimming Coach Jason Westervelt also was recognized for his tremendous leadership, earning Fall Coach of the Year honors.



The annual Dub-G Awards once again proved to be a tremendous success. The event featured a video presentation showcasing outstanding performances and accomplishments by student-athletes and teams throughout the school year. A record number of awards were presented by the athletic department across a variety of categories.

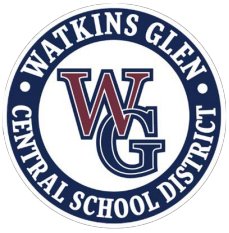
Among the top honors, Rachel Vickio and Jude Santos were named Female and Male Athletes of the Year, respectively. Indoor and Outdoor Track & Field Coach Kelly Sterner received Coach of the Year honors, while Anna Franzese and Sam Hohle were presented with the Excellence in Education Award. Eleven additional awards were distributed, making it a memorable evening attended by a large and enthusiastic crowd celebrating Watkins Glen and Storm athletics.



Excellence in Education Award recipients Sam Hohle and Anna Franzese.

As the spring championships concluded, the Varsity Storm Softball team had a historic season, capturing the Large School South Division Title and the IAC Championship before advancing to the Section IV Championship Finals, where they finished as runners-up.

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Dear Parent, Guardian, and Watkins Glen CSD Staff:

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

Watkins Glen CSD is required to maintain a registry of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are **not** subject to prior notification requirements.

- A school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72 hours following an application
- Anti-microbial products
- Nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children
- Nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children
- Silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children
- Boric acid and di-sodium octaborate tetrahydrate
- The application of EPA designated biopesticides
- The application of EPA designated exempt materials under Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 152.25
- The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps and hornets

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification registry.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur at your school, please complete the form below and return the following form to Daniel DeLano at 706 S. Decatur Street, Watkins Glenn, NY 14891

Please note, four times per year via newsletter or equivalent, a written announcement concerning impending pesticide applications, pesticide use, “emergency” applications and any other associated pesticide use will be provided. This will occur at the beginning of the school year, at the end of the winter recess, the end of the spring recess and the end of the school year.

Please feel free to contact Daniel DeLano at 535-3271 if you have any questions or require further information concerning these requirements.

48-Hour Pesticide Application Prior Notification Form

Watkins Glen CSD Request for Pesticide Application Notification (please print)	
School Building (or field):	
Name:	**Address:**
Day Phone:	**E-Mail Address:**

Is e-mail an appropriate method for notifying you of an impending pesticide application?

Yes **No**

If not, you will receive a brief notification letter 48-hours prior to an impending pesticide application. Every effort will be made to ensure the notification reaches you 48 hours (or more) in advance of the pesticide application. This time may vary slightly due to postal conditions beyond the control of the district.

Excelsior Scholarship Application Now Available

The Excelsior Scholarship Application is available for 2026 graduates who will be attending SUNY or CUNY. The program enables students from families earning $125,000 or less per year to attend a state-operated collee tuition-free.



Eligibility requirements, including:

- Be residents of New York State
- Plan to attend a SUNY or CUNY two or four-year college
- Complete 30 credits per year towards their program of study
- Graduate with an Associate degree in two years or a Bachelor's degree in four years

Application deadline for Fall 2026 is August 31. For additional information and to apply, please visit: *www.hesc.ny.gov.*

Sports Sign-ups and Physicals

Sign-ups for 7th-12th grade interscholastic sports are now open for the 2026 fall season. Sports available: Modified/Varsity Girls Swimming and Diving, Modified/Varsity Boys and Girls Soccer, Modified/Varsity Football, Modified/Varsity Sideline Cheer, JV/Varsity Girls Volleyball and Modified/Varsity Boys and Girls Cross Country.

Sign up through Final Forms at *www.finalforms.com.* First football practice is August 17. All other sports (modified, JV and Varsity) will begin on August 24.

All Final Forms and a current school physical will need to be completed prior to the first day of practice.

Physicals will be held at the school on August 11 from 10 a.m. to noon. Please call the athletic office at 607-535-3280 to schedule an appointment.

Student Device Distribution

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, please note that student devices will not be distributed during the summer months as we have done in the past. Devices will be provided to students after the school year begins as part of our back-to-school process.

The Watkins Glen Central School District has successfully completed the inspection of all school buildings in accordance with asbestos laws and is in full compliance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act. For details or to obtain a copy of the management plan, contact the Director of Facilities at 607-535-3271, ext. 1141.

Championships, Records and Academic Excellence *(continued)*

The Varsity Track & Field team enjoyed tremendous success at the State Qualifiers. The boys' 4x100-meter relay team of Aidan Kelly, Gabe Crane, Leon Lagramada and Noah Wright broke the school record, while Natalee Oliver shattered her own school records in both the 800-meter and 1500-meter runs and earned a berth at the State Championships.



Natalee Oliver celebrates her record-breaking runs.

On the golf course, the Varsity Boys Golf team finished fourth at the IAC Championships, while the Varsity Girls Golf team advanced to sectional competition, where Emily Melveney placed 13th overall.

The Varsity Storm Baseball team also put together a strong season. Seeded sixth in Section IV, the team advanced to the sectional quarterfinals before finishing with a 9-8 record. With a young roster returning, the future looks bright for the program.

The Varsity Lake Hawks Tennis team enjoyed an exceptional season under the leadership of Coach Ben Connelly and Assistant Coach Rob Wixson.

The team reclaimed both Division and League Championship titles and advanced several players to regional crossover competition. Strong performances were delivered by senior doubles partners Ryan Baudendistel and Andre Wixson, as well as singles standout Levi Murphy.

The second-year combined Watkins Glen-Notre Dame Lacrosse team continued to build momentum, earning the fourth seed in Section IV Class D and making a strong appearance in sectional competition.



The 2025-26 school year was truly one to remember, filled with championship performances, academic achievements, individual accolades, record-breaking accomplishments and unforgettable moments that showcased the dedication, perseverance and excellence of Watkins Glen and Storm student-athletes.

End-of-the-Year Send-Off

It's always bittersweet on the last day of school as we watch those familiar faces head off for summer.



At WGCSD, staff proudly escort students to the buses for a proper sendoff. As they make their way outside, teachers and staff line the sidewalks, offering high fives, hugs and big smiles to send everyone home on a high note.

This special tradition marks the close of the school year – celebrating the growth, memories and accomplishments of all our students while wishing them a safe, fun and well-deserved summer.



PTO Kicks off Summer

The end of the school year is always full of bustle and excitement in the elementary halls, and the WG PTO brought it all to a perfect close with a fantastic "Summer is Here" kickoff for our Little Lake Hawks.

A huge thank you to our local fire departments for taking the time to spend the day with our students, to the PTO for the incredible bouncy houses and water slides and to all the WGCSD staff who joined in the fun. It was a wonderful way to celebrate and send our students into summer the right way.





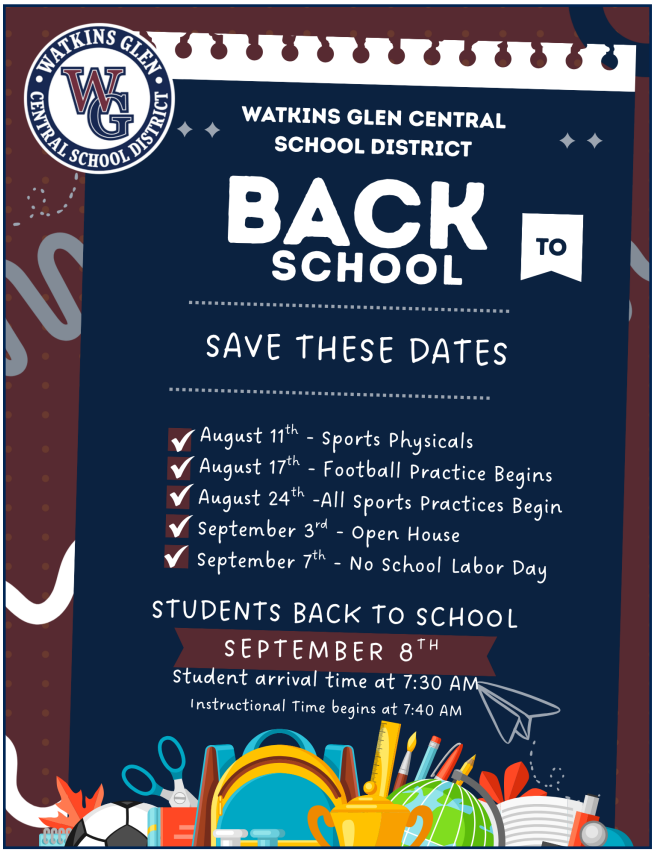




Fall 2026 Calendar Preview

September 2-3 ..... Professional Learning Day for Staff
September 7 ..... Labor Day
September 8 ..... First Day of School for Students
September 11 ..... Professional Learning Day for Staff
No School for Students
October 9 ..... Emergency Early Release Drill
Students Dismissed 15 minutes early
October 12 ..... No School: Columbus Day
October 30 ..... Early Release Day for Students
November 5 ..... PM Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 6 ..... No School: Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 11 ..... No School: Veterans Day
November 25-27 ..... Thanksgiving Recess

*Watch your mailbox! Watkins Glen Central School District 2026-27 calendars will be arriving soon.



Stay Up To Date

For the latest news and information within our school district, visit our website: www.wgcsd.org.

You also can download the official Watkins Glen School District free app. Search "Watkins Glen CSD" on Apple or Android play stores.



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