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Auburn High School, Class of 2026, Fifty-Sixth Commencement Ceremony, Friday, June 26, 2026, at Holland Stadium. L-R Madeline Wolfgang, Valedictorian; Andrew Bennett, Salutatorian; and Matthew Smith, Senior Class President.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Auburn Enlarged City School District Retirees 2025-2026		
Name	Years of Service	Position - Building
Name	Years	Auburn High School
Mark Caron	26.5	Special Ed Teacher
Catherine Casaletta	23	Business Ed Teacher
Prin Furst	21	Science Teacher
Catherine Leader	24	Library Clerk
April Ritts	27	Health Clerk
Name	Years	Auburn Junior High
Jeffrey Alberici	25	Social Studies Teacher
Margaret Blumer	24	Teacher Aide
Diane Brown	21	Health Clerk
David Cook	23	Math Teacher
Alfred Giannone	24	Phys Ed Teacher
Deborah Leone	24	Computer Systems Tech
Karen Marsden	23	Math Teacher
Kristi Newton	28	Health Teacher
Cassondra Rigby	30	Math Teacher
Margaret Walsh	25	School Counselor
Name	Years	Casey Park
Erin Colella	19	Special Ed Teacher
Jennifer Hares	22	Elementary Teacher
Lisa Matty	11	Teacher Aide
Penelope Pitman	27	Librarian
Cindy Yale	23	AIS Teacher
Name	Years	Genesee
Judy Garrett	20	Elementary Teacher –2 nd Grade
Michael Jones	29	AIS Teacher
James Sorendo	24	Teaching Assistant
Name	Years	Herman Ave
Steven Howard	29	Music Teacher

Auburn Enlarged City School District Retirees 2025-2026

Name	Years of Service	Position - Building
Name	Years	Owasco
Jacquelyn Aversa	30	Elementary Teacher –5 th Grade
Linda Clark	22	Reading Teacher
Terri Dec	25	Teaching Assistant
Lisa Edlind	26.5	Music Teacher
Christina Lupo	17	Librarian
Colleen Welch-Walawender	26	Special Ed Teacher
Name	Years	Seward
Cherie Cooper	26	Teacher Aide
Alicia Duffy	11	Teacher Aide
Ronald Gorney	23	Principal
Peter Sikora	26	Elementary Teacher – 5 th Grade



Auburn athletes were recognized at the All-CNY Awards, from left, Owen Gasper, Ryan Maher, Kyleen Brady and Matthew Smith. Maher won the award for top boys cross country runner.

ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP: Available to Auburn High School Seniors

Kamryn Rossi is a senior and plans to attend Syracuse University to pursue a degree in Biochemistry

Chase Abdelaziz is a senior and plans to attend Nazareth University to pursue a degree in Biomedical Sciences

COE SCHOLARSHIP: AHS Seniors and Alumni

Abby Carbonaro is a senior and plans to attend the University at Buffalo to pursue a degree in Biomedical Sciences

Addison Riley is a senior and plans to attend Cayuga Community College and pursue a degree in Nursing

Hannah Blair is a senior and plans to attend Alfred University to pursue a degree in Sports and Health Sciences

Kamryn Rossi is a senior and plans to attend Syracuse University to pursue a degree in Biochemistry

Lauren Sincebaugh is a senior and plans to attend North Carolina State University to pursue a degree in Nutrition Science

Magdaline Hill attends SUNY Geneseo and is pursuing a degree in Neuroscience

Nora Burroughs attends Hamilton College and is pursuing a degree in Biology

Olena Malarek is a senior and plans to attend Elmira College to pursue a degree in Biology

CHARLES MAIN SCHOLARSHIP: AHS Seniors and Alumni

Addison Riley is a senior and plans to attend Cayuga Community College to pursue a degree in Nursing

Andrew Bennett is a senior and plans to attend Georgia Institute of Technology to pursue a degree in Environmental Engineering

Angelia Bartolotta is a senior and plans to attend Siena University to pursue a degree in Early Childhood Education

Anthony Mancuso is a senior and plans to attend St. John Fisher University to pursue a degree in Finance and Accounting

Ella Losani is a senior and plans to attend Hobart & William Smith Colleges to pursue a degree in Psychological Science

Emma Mahunik is a senior and plans to attend SUNY Cortland to pursue a degree in Speech Therapy

Hannah Blair is a senior and plans to attend Alfred University to pursue a degree in Sports & Health Sciences

Jacob Ackerman attends Clarkson University and is pursuing a degree in Electrical Engineering

Kamryn Rossi is a senior and plans to attend Syracuse University to pursue a degree in Biochemistry

Madeline Wolfgang is a senior and plans to attend Cornell University to pursue a degree in Human Biology, Health, & Society

Magdaline Hill attends SUNY Geneseo and is pursuing a degree in Neuroscience

Nora Burroughs attends Hamilton College and is pursuing a degree in Biology

Olena Malarek is a senior and plans to attend Elmira College to pursue a degree in Biology

Owen Bennett is a senior and plans to attend Cornell University to pursue a degree in Industrial and Labor Relations

Owen Gasper is a senior and plans to attend SUNY Binghamton to pursue a degree in Electrical Engineering

Ryan Maher is a senior and plans to attend the University of Massachusetts at Amherst to pursue a degree in Biology

Samantha Carr is a senior and plans to attend Purdue University to pursue a degree in Political Science

Vienna Ritter-Yelle is a senior and plans to attend Hobart & William Smith Colleges to pursue a degree in Architectural Studies

Learning CPR Could Help Save a Life

Every year, thousands of people experience sudden cardiac arrest outside of hospitals. In many cases, the actions taken during the first few minutes can make the difference between life and death. One of the most valuable skills anyone can learn is Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, better known as CPR.

When cardiac arrest occurs, survival chances decrease by about 7–10 percent for every minute without intervention. Emergency responders may take several minutes to arrive, making bystanders the first and most important line of defense. Immediate CPR can double or even triple a person's chances of survival.

Many people hesitate to learn CPR because they believe it is difficult or only for healthcare professionals. In reality, CPR courses are designed for everyone. Training programs teach participants how to recognize cardiac arrest, perform effective chest compressions, and use an **Automated External Defibrillator (AED)**.

Benefits Beyond Emergencies

Learning CPR offers more than lifesaving skills. It builds confidence, promotes community safety, and encourages people to take an active role in helping others. Organizations and workplaces that provide CPR training contribute to creating safer environments for everyone.

Take the First Step

A few hours spent in a CPR training class could prepare you to respond when every second counts. Consider enrolling in a local CPR certification course and encourage family members, friends, and coworkers to do the same. You never know when the knowledge you gain today could help save a life tomorrow.

Remember: In an emergency, staying calm, calling emergency services, and beginning CPR immediately can make a profound difference.



**Respectfully submitted by Kristi Newton, Health Teacher, AJHS,
in Honor and Memory of Samantha Rose Whitaker, AHS Class of 2006**



The Genesee Kindergarteners in Mrs. Musso's and Mrs. Barry's class enjoyed reading together and fun in the sun outside activities like picnics and games during the last weeks of school.

PBIS Celebration Day at Genesee Elementary School

Kindergarten classes at Genesee Elementary have spent the year working with their 4th and 5th grade buddies. For PBIS celebration day, some classes had a pizza party to celebrate their hard work throughout the school year and wish the big kids luck on their upcoming state tests! We also got together in March for reading month and shared stories with each other.

Ettie Barry
Kindergarten Special Education Teacher



In early June, the students at Genesee Elementary participated in a very special tradition as the 13th class to take part in a residency with the musical duo Magpie. For the past 13 years, Greg Artzner and Terry Leonino have traveled to Auburn to work with Genesee's 4th graders, helping them write and perform an original song about Harriet Tubman.



This year's song focused on **Harriet Tubman's Christmas Rescue**, when she courageously helped rescue three of her brothers from slavery. In just one week, the students worked alongside Greg and Terry to write lyrics, learn the music, and perform the finished piece for families and community members. During their visit, Greg and Terry had a memorable experience downtown when they were recognized by a former Genesee student who had participated in the residency 13 years ago. He excitedly shared that he still remembered writing and performing the song with Magpie as a 4th grader, a touching reminder of the lasting impact this project has on students year after year.

We are incredibly grateful to Greg and Terry for continuing this meaningful tradition and for sharing their talents, passion, and love of history with our students each year.

Claire Minnoe, 4th Grade Teacher, Genesee Elementary School



The Genesee Kindergarteners in Mrs. Musso's and Mrs. Barry's class enjoyed field trips and fun in the sun outside activities during the last weeks of school.

Seymour Library

Seymour Library | 176-178 Genesee Street | Auburn, NY | 315.252.2571

Visit www.seymourlibrary.org for updates on programming & events.

Unearth a Story and Discover Summer at Seymour Library with our Summer Reading Program from July 6 to August 15.

Unearth S.T.E.A.M. Book Club

Tuesdays at 5:30 pm

July 7, 14, 21, & 28 and August 4 & 11



Explore science, magic, history and adventure through the popular series, *Zoey and Sassafras* by Asia Citro and *Magic Tree House* by Mary Pope Osborne. At each session we will focus on one of the books from the featured series, reading a section of the book together, followed by some fun hands-on STEAM activities!

Dino-RIFFIC Saturdays



July 18 at 3 pm:

Jeff the Magic Man Presents: DINO Tails & Tales

Join Jeff the Magic Man on a prehistoric adventure where a mysterious dinosaur egg is getting ready to hatch. Along the way, we'll experience prehistoric magical surprises, playful moments, and dino-tastic balloon creations for everyone to enjoy!

July 25 at 11 am:

DinoMagic Mystery Show with Magician Ron Cain

Explore ancient mysteries with Central New York magician Ron Cain and his dinosaur pal, Presto! Cain and Presto use magic to take children on an imaginary trip to lost civilizations and wonders of the world.

Discover Summer Celebration

Saturday, August 15 at 11 am- 12:30 pm



Join us for a special end of Discover Summer DINO-celebration featuring books, games and activities! The event will take place outdoors, weather permitting. If there is rain or excessive heat the event will be moved indoors.

FOR TEENS! (ages 12+)

Table Top Tuesdays

Tuesdays at 3 pm

July 7 & 21 and August 4 & 18 at 3 pm



Join us every other Tuesday during July and August to play a variety of table top games with friends! From Monopoly to UNO, bring a friend and challenge them to a game of your choosing! (12+)

Teen DIY: Tote Bag Paint Party

Friday, July 10 at 3 pm

Relax, listen to tunes and sip on some lemonade or apple juice while painting a reusable tote bag!

Magic the Gathering for Teens

Friday, July 31 and August 28 at 3:30 pm

Learn how to play Magic the Gathering! This program is designed for beginners.

No registration is required for these free programs!

Visit www.seymourlibrary.org to view the complete list of Discover Summer events.

NOW OPEN!**Open Enrollment for Auburn Enlarged City School District's 2026-2027 Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program**

The Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program is an integral component of our district and includes a UPK program for our 4-year-old learners and a 3PK program for 3-year-olds. Together, these programs offer comprehensive educational services to Auburn School District residents who will be 3 or 4 years of age on or before December 1, 2026, and are available at no cost for eligible children.



Site	Program	Full/Half Day	Contact
Cayuga Community College-81 Wall Street	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-294-8603
Cayuga Onondaga BOCES-1879 W. Genesee St. Rd.	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-255-0075
Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency-89 York St. and sites at several AECSD schools	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-252-0038
Early Childhood Center-1110 Corporate Dr.	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-255-0233
E. John Gavras Center-182 North St.	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-255-2746
Montessori School of the Finger Lakes-6734 Pine Ridge Rd.	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-252-2225
YMCA- 27 William St.	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-253-5304

A list of our Universal Pre-Kindergarten program locations (sites) below contains information regarding which sites offer 3PK and/or UPK full-day programs. Parents/guardians are welcome and encouraged to visit any of these participating sites before completing your child's registration. Kindly contact the site to arrange a visit. **Spaces are limited.**

Parents/guardians can register their child online and upload the supporting documentation

The 3PK and UPK 2026-2027 online student registration is now open. Please register your student using the online enrollment form located at the link on the Auburn Enlarged City School District website, www.aecsd.education, under Student Registration.

Parents/guardians who prefer to submit their student's registration in person may pick up a 2026-2027 registration packet at any of the UPK sites listed above and also at any Auburn Elementary School or our Administrative Offices.

Registration packets are available for pick up now.

Completed applications should be submitted to your child's current Pre-Kindergarten site or to the Harriet Tubman Administrative Offices at 78 Thornton Ave.





Talk to your teen about **VAPING**

Click below to read the
**US Surgeon General's
Tip Sheet for Parents:**



https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/documents/SGR_ECig_ParentTipSheet_508.pdf

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Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)

Students who are applying to colleges, please be aware that procedures for the confidentiality of student records within the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) have recently changed. FERPA permits school officials to disclose all education records, including disciplinary records, to another institution at which the student seeks or intends to enroll. This now also applies to post-secondary institutions (colleges), upon request.

NEW YORK STATE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

You can go online to find out if any sexual offenders live near you. The New York State Sex Offender Registry is available at www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/nsor/index.htm whereby you can search for Level 2 and Level 3 sex offenders.



Keep Your Child on Track With Schoolwork

Supporting Children's Learning: Children who are struggling with schoolwork can become frustrated and look for ways to avoid going to school and participating in school. Our goal is to provide them with the support they need so they feel good about learning and good about themselves. Parents and teachers need to work together to help children succeed in school and feel connected. Find out more at:

www.everystudentpresent.org/parents

Check out #EveryStudentPresentAECSD on social media.

Fair Weather Friends



Our **Casey Park kindergartners** had a wonderful time welcoming *Meteorologist Kate Thornton* from **News Channel 9** after finishing their weather unit! Kate talked with the students about weather, shared what meteorologists do, and led some fun hands-on activities.

Mrs. Mitchell,
Kindergarten Teacher ☀️



Herman Avenue first graders help plant flowers with the help of district retirees at Hoopes Park.



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