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## **Auburn High School Announces Class of 2023 Valedictorian and Salutatorian**

Auburn High School is proud to announce that Caleb Riley will graduate as Valedictorian and Michael Clark will graduate as Salutatorian of the Class of 2023. Both of these young men are extremely dedicated to their studies and have earned the utmost respect of the faculty and staff at Auburn High School. Caleb is the oldest child of Timothy and Julie Riley and Michael is the youngest child of Daniel and Mary Clark. Congratulations to Caleb and Michael and their families!



*L-R: Caleb Riley, Valedictorian, and Michael Clark, Salutatorian*



## **Field Trip to Cayuga Museum**

Prior to covid, the Cayuga Museum secured a grant that allotted funds for a STEAM project in collaboration with Genesee Elementary. Teachers Julia Henery and Anne Mlod, worked with the museum to create grade level lessons that are hands-on and engaging. Now that school is back to normal, Genesee resumed their project plans by visiting the museum throughout October.

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## The Postcard Project Supports Literacy

The Postcard Project ([www.auburnpcproject.com](http://www.auburnpcproject.com)) is an initiative that started in Auburn NY. The goal is to revive the fun of sending and receiving postcards, as well as donate partial proceeds from ALL sales. The Auburn Education Foundation is one of our funding sources.

During Spring 2022, The Postcard Project expanded in two different areas. Matt Champlin (Cayuga Onondaga BOCES Computer Systems and Network Administration Master Teacher) provided 21 amazing aerial images to help design a new postcard series called "You Know You Love the Finger Lakes If ...". His stunning photographs illustrate the unique beauty and importance of our Finger Lakes Region. This year, The Postcard Project will be donating to The Finger Lakes Land Trust as well as AEF.

Finally, the Kids Collections! Zoe Hitchcock (3<sup>rd</sup> grade Herman Ave Elementary School) created a sunflower painting to honor the men, women, and children in Ukraine. Her image was used to create a postcard for the LETTERS OF HOPE FOR UKRAINE postcard series. Kevin Rivoli (THE CITIZEN) and Carey Ringwood also donated photographs for this postcard booklet. ALL PROFITS from the purchase of these booklets have been donated to Saints Peter & Paul Church – Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine. Zoe presented Father Vasile Colopelnic a check for \$1,150.00.

This holiday, please consider making purchases from The Postcard Project. You will be supporting literary efforts in this simple and joyful postcard way, as well as knowing that a donation will be made to: Auburn Education Foundation, The Finger Lakes Land Trust and Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine. For more information contact the website.

*-Teresa Hoercher*



# DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

- The district's DEI Task Force completed its second session on October 3 by tackling sub-committee specific objectives that sought to further define each group's overarching themes that will be applicable to each school in the district. There are five distinct work groups facilitated by Amy Mahunik, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Dr. Reneé Burgess, DEI Executive Director; and Bill Berry, Jr. DEI Consultant.
- The United Way of Cayuga County (UWCC) in partnership with the AECSD DEI initiative will start a new student club, the Student United Way (SUW) to engage AHS students. The first meeting occurred on October 25 and the purpose is to have SUW in partnership with the UWCC address certain critical needs in the high school student body as well as the local youth community. Such club activities can include addressing youth literacy, healthy habits, food security, community service volunteering and more. Dr. Burgess and Bill Berry in collaboration with the Executive Director of the United Way of Cayuga County will serve as club advisors.
- District administrators Jeff Pirozzolo, Superintendent of Schools; Sarah Cupelli, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel; Amy Mahunik, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Dr. Reneé Burgess, Executive Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Instruction; as well as Tessa Crawford, Treasurer, participated in the October 13<sup>th</sup> UWCC "100 Years of Living United" Gala celebration held at Chantelle Marie in Auburn. Proceeds from this event will support the AHS SUW initiative, a strategic program by the UWCC and the school district to further develop and empower the next generation of community leaders.
- The Cayuga County Sheriff's Office recently formed a Community Collaborative Advisement Committee, of which Bill Berry is a founding member. The committee plans to welcome and host AECSD Superintendent Jeffrey Pirozzolo, at its January 2023 meeting. That session will focus on strategies and operational pathways for several diverse community agencies to collaborate with the district on issues that affect and impact students to further engagement, equity, and inclusion in an array of city and county-wide community services for students.
- Dr. Burgess and Bill Berry convened the second Demanding More book club at Auburn Junior High School with eight staff members.
- Dr. Burgess and Bill Berry conducted 14 classroom visits at Genesee Elementary School where they read "The Day You Begin" by Jacqueline Woodson and engaged students in a post-reading discussion.
- A DEI Panel was conducted on October 21 during AECSD's staff development day. The panelists consisted of Dr. Burgess, Bill Berry, and Lindsey Kurak, Assistant Principal of Seward Elementary School. The session was moderated by Amy Mahunik. This panel session allowed staff in the district to hear about the district's DEI initiatives and developments, as well as ask any questions they had for the panelists.
- Luisa Aparisi-França, writer and poet currently residing in Georgia after years in Miami, FL, spoke to AHS students in Ms. Jeanette Oliver-Carr's Women Studies class on a wide variety of writing and self-discovery topics.
- On October 24 and 25, Jack Hardy, chair of the Auburn Civil Service Commission (CSC), accompanied by civil service commissioner Mike Zank, and clerk of the commission, Jeff Whiting, delivered an informative presentation on the role and scope of the CSC as well as career opportunities available through civil service participation to AHS government and business classes. This specific collaborative partnership between the CSC and district's DEI initiative sought to enhance and broaden the overall education, career, and community opportunities available to AHS students. The civil service team responded to student questions and offered continued assistance to interested students.

*Dr. Renee Burgess, DEI Executive Director*



## Fire Protection Week

October 9-15, 2022

A HUGE thank you to the Auburn Fire Department for coming to Herman Avenue and teaching students about fire safety. This was the 100th Anniversary of Fire Prevention Week!

*Brianne Batis, Assistant Principal, Herman Ave*



## Auburn High School P-TECH Student News



Auburn High School P-TECH students in partnership with the Manufacturing Association of Central New York (MACNY) toured the WestRock Paperboard Mill in Solvay, New York. Students were able to walk through the process of receiving recycled paper to a finished three layered paperboard for various companies around the world. Students spoke with engineers throughout the line as they described their responsibilities in the process. Students also met with the human resource department to learn about the inner-workings of the company. The company focused on the importance of team and stressed the values of integrity, respect, excellence and accountability. Auburn P-TECH students were engaged in the presentation asking questions that may help benefit a better understanding of the engineer career path. Students will take the knowledge gained back to their class at Cayuga Community College. Students are also preparing a presentation for the Owasco 5th grade students on engineering. The high school P-TECH students will work with the 5th graders to build something unique from recently donated cereal boxes.

*Jonathan Roberts, P-TECH Coordinator*

## SCHOOL TAX INFORMATION

2nd installment due:  
December 2, 2022

Last day the collector will accept taxes is December 2, 2022

Questions about your bill?  
Call 315-255-8836  
or e-mail:

[LisaGamardo@aecsd.education](mailto:LisaGamardo@aecsd.education)

You can also look up your bill online at:

[www.taxlookup.net](http://www.taxlookup.net)

Location to pay in person:  
**FIVE-STAR BANK**  
345 Genesee St, Auburn, NY

Address to mail payments:  
**AECSD Tax Collector**  
P.O. Box 241  
Warsaw, NY 14569

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### Cross Country: Manhattan Invitational

The Auburn varsity cross country teams competed in the Manhattan invitational Eastern states championship race. The girls team placed 19th out of 24 Teams. The top finishers were 13th place, Kyleen Brady with a 15:18, Ali Pineau was 34th with a 15:47, Madison Baldwin was 138th with a 19:19, Analicia Scoggins was 142nd with a 19:40, and Sara Alberici was 143rd with a 19:59.

The boys were 20th out of 27. Top finishers for the boys were Chris Howard who was 38th with a 13:19, next Owen Gasper was 77th with a 13:43, Ryan Maher was 115th with a 14:11, Keegan Brady was 124th with a 14:21 and Austin Ferrin was 134th with a 14:32.

Nora Burroughs was 2nd in the sophomore race 17:05.



### Girls Soccer Team: Awareness

The Auburn Girls Varsity Soccer team organized an Awareness game in October. They raised money to donate to the CNY chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Captain Ari Bartolotta spoke before the game and thanked the community for their gracious generosity for this cause.

The school district is pleased to continue our partnership with Anonymous Alerts®, the anti-bullying and safety reporting app and system. This safety communications tool is a way for our students to quickly communicate anonymously with school officials and engage in anonymous 2-way communications to share more information about incidents. Types of concerns that may be reported include, but are not limited to, bullying, harassment, drug-related issues, fighting, weapons, threats, and more. The goal of this reporting system is to help maintain a safe school climate while giving students ample opportunity to securely communicate with school administrators without fear of retribution by their peers. The system will be monitored during school days between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

To send a report online:

[www.anonymousalerts.com/](http://www.anonymousalerts.com/auburncsd)  
[auburncsd](http://auburncsd)

- Download the Anonymous Alerts® app
- Start the app, enter Activation Code: **auburncsd**
- Send important reports to school officials
- Add a screenshot, photo or video about the incident

# November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	 <i>November Artwork John Smith, Gr. 2</i>	 <b>1</b> FIRST 11:30AM Early Release Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences: 12:30-3:30pm and 5:30-7:30pm Winter JV & V Sports Physicals, Boys 2:26PM	<b>2</b> AHS & AJHS School Picture Retake Day AJHS PTO Mtg. 6:00PM Winter JV & V Sports Physicals, Girls 2:20PM	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	 SAT Exam AHS 7:45AM
 <b>6</b> Daylight Saving Time Ends	<b>7</b>	 <b>8</b> FULL Election Day Beaver Moon	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> K-8 Marking Period 1 Ends	 <b>11</b> Veterans Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 	<b>14</b> Winter Tryouts: JV/Varsity Sports Marking Period 2 Begins AJHS & Elementary American Education Week	<b>15</b> Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM <b>America Recycles Day</b>	 <b>16</b> LAST	<b>17</b>  AHS Drama Club Show 7PM @ Auburn Pub.Theater	<b>18</b> 12:00PM Half Day Early Release Elementary Junior High Report Cards CCMEA Fall All County @ Southern Cayuga AHS Drama Club Show 7PM @ Auburn Pub.Theater	<b>19</b> CCMEA Fall All County @ Southern Cayuga Gettysburg Address Anniversary AHS Drama Club Show 7PM @ Auburn Pub.Theater
<b>20</b> National Native American Heritage Month	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  NEW	<b>23</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>24</b>  Thanksgiving Day <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>25</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b> For updated events please check the online calendar at our new website: <a href="http://www.aecsd.education">www.aecsd.education</a>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  FIRST	 <b>30</b> AHS Choral Concert 7:00pm @ Auburn High School	 <i>Grateful</i>	October 2022 S M T W T F S 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	December 2022 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31



## Pumpkin Activity @ Herman Ave Library

A Storybook Pumpkin Patch sprouted in the Herman Ave. Library! Students and families had fun creating pumpkins at home to look like a character from their favorite book. Pumpkins were on display in the library throughout the month of October. Thank you to all who participated in this fun activity!

*Michelle Crosby, Librarian*

# TIPS FOR PACKING A HEALTHY SCHOOL LUNCH

## INCORPORATE ALL FOOD GROUPS

A balanced diet includes all of the food groups. Use MyPlate as a visual to help you structure what should go into your child's lunch. Luckily, there are so many different ways to enjoy each food group.

### GET THE KIDS INVOLVED

Give your kids healthy food options from each food group and let them make the final decisions on what goes in their lunch.



Take your child grocery shopping with you and let them have a say (to a certain extent) in what goes into the cart. This promotes feelings of responsibility and empowerment.

Designate a part of your kitchen as the "lunch packing station" and spend some time there with your kids the night before to get lunch ready for the next day.



### ENCOURAGE HYDRATION

It's recommended that school-aged kids drink between 6-8 cups of water a day (even more in hot weather or if their activity level is high).



Let your child pick out their favorite water bottle and encourage them to drink the whole thing at least twice at school. They'll be more inclined to do it if they feel like they are completing a challenge!

If the "flavor" of water is too boring for them, throw in a few pieces of frozen fruit to sweeten it up and keep it cooler.



### FRUIT

Fresh, frozen, dried, canned, baked (think apple chips!) or pureed.



### VEGETABLES

Fresh, frozen, or baked (think kale chips!)



### LEAN PROTEIN

Baked chicken, deli meats, hard boiled eggs, beans or nuts (make sure you're aware of nut allergy regulations at your child's school).



### LOW-FAT DAIRY

Milk, cheese or yogurt.



### WHOLE GRAINS

Pita, sandwich bread, tortillas, wraps, and pastas.



### MAKE YOUR OWN SNACKS & LIMIT PROCESSED ONES

Kids rely on snacks to keep their energy up, but the type of snack is important to consider. Packaged snacks tend to lack important nutrients and can be high in sugar, sodium and saturated fats. Take control of what is in your kids' snacks by making them yourself!

#### NO BAKE ENERGY BITES



#### ANTS ON A LOG



#### FRUIT LEATHERS



#### YOGURT COVERED RAISINS



### TURN HEALTHY FOODS INTO FUN FOODS

Use cookie cutters to make shapes out of bread, deli meat, cheese, or a melon-baller for fruit.



Use kid-friendly skewers to make colorful food kebabs.

Create a lunch theme for the day and have all of the foods in their lunch relate to the theme (i.e. pirate theme, rainbow theme, etc).



## COOKSMARTS helping home cooks live happier, simpler, smarter in the kitchen

## It is Dino-Vember at Seymour Library!

Explore dinosaurs all month long with fun activities and books! Stop by the library in November and search the Family Space to complete a dinosaur scavenger hunt and win a prize!

Seymour Library offers a vast collection of books, graphic novels, games, DVDs, Discover! Kits, learning backpacks, playaways, museum passes, and more! You can also use your library card to access digital content on Hoopla, Kanopy, and Libby! **All for FREE!**

The library is open: Monday - Wednesday, 9 am - 7 pm, Thursday & Friday, 9 am - 6 pm, Saturdays, 9 am - 5 pm.

**November Holiday Hours:** The library will be closed on November 24 & 25 for Thanksgiving.

Visit [www.seymourlibrary.org](http://www.seymourlibrary.org) for updates on programming & events, or follow us on Facebook at @SeymourLibrary.

# Seymour Library

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



## 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](https://e-cigarettes.surgeongeneral.gov/documents/SGR_ECig_ParentTipSheet_508.pdf)



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## #FixAndFundIt

The Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee has put this website together as a way to get information out to the community regarding the Foundation Aid issues affecting the district.

For more information please visit:

[fixandfundit.org](http://fixandfundit.org)



### 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](http://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](http://www.everystudentpresent.org/parents)

Check out #EveryStudentPresentAECSD on social media.





**All events and activities are subject to change. Please check the website for the latest updates:**  
**[www.aecsd.education](http://www.aecsd.education)**

The **Auburn Athletics Calendar** for all sports can be accessed on our website at:

**<https://aecsd.education/districtpage.cfm?pageid=1941>**



Also on **Schedule Galaxy** which will soon be called Aktivite.

**Former Casey Park student, Davonte House,** came to meet with students. He is currently a professional dancer and musician. His brother Ajani also joined him. Davonte discussed following your dreams. He encouraged students to stay consistent, stick to a schedule and do their best in school. He told students to not let bullies get them down. Students were also able to learn a dance, have dance battles and arm wrestle.

Davonte also got to say hi to his former teacher, Mrs. Querns.



*By Kiley Kustyn, Sixth Grade Teacher, Casey Park Elementary*



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