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Going Electric

The Liverpool Central School District recently provided the community with information regarding the transition to electric school buses. In alignment with New York State's objective to transition all school buses to zero-emission by 2035, the district is exploring the best path forward with the help of its Transportation Committee.

Beginning in 2027, any new school bus purchased by the district must be electric, and the district's entire fleet of buses must be electric by 2035.

There are still many questions surrounding the transition to electric buses, including vital facets such as infrastructure expansion, fleet transition planning, workforce development, and coordination with electrical grid operators.

To learn more about the transition, visit the LCSD Web site at www.liverpool.k12.ny.us/departments/transportation/transportation-committee.

District to Form New Mascot Committee

With a new year on the horizon, the Liverpool Central School District has begun the process to change its Warrior mascot.

In April 2023, the New York State Board of Regents voted unanimously to approve new rules banning the use of Native American culture in schools. This regulation requires school districts which currently use indigenous team names, logos, and mascots to eliminate the use of all indigenous names, logos, or mascots by the end of the 2024-2025 school year.



While the district adopted a Roman Warrior logo 20 years ago, the NYS Education Department determined that the term Warrior is still connected to the Native American culture, and must be replaced.

At a community meeting in December, the district stated it would prefer to keep the current Roman Warrior logo and change the nickname, unless the community at large would prefer to change both. Keeping the current logo would cause less disruption in terms of branding work that has already taken place in the district. This includes signage and displays within district buildings, as well as placement on uniforms, equipment and apparel.

In January, the district will conduct an online survey seeking suggestions for a new mascot and a reason why that suggestion fits the Liverpool community. Once that survey is completed, a Mascot Committee will review the suggestions and narrow it down to a select few that will then be presented to the community for a vote.

Community members interested in joining the Mascot Committee should e-mail their name and contact information to LCSD School Information Officer Meghan Piper at MPiper@liverpool.k12.ny.us by January 5.

District Calendar Change for 2023-2024

The Liverpool Central School District Board of Education recently revised the District Calendar for the current (2023-2024) school year.

Monday, March 11, will now become a PLC Half Day. All LCSD students (K-12) will have an early dismissal that day.

Monday, April 8, will now become a Student Choice Holiday. School will now be closed for all students.

Why the change?

On April 8, Central and Western New York will experience a solar eclipse. Discus-

sions between local superintendents about what to do that day started last school year, but in recent months area emergency management offices have joined the discussions. Since this area is very close to dead center of the eclipse's path of totality (and its duration), emergency management offices expect visitors to flood the region to see the eclipse in person. With the extra added traffic and number of events being planned for the area, the district was concerned about safely transporting students to and from school that day, especially if emergency management offices need to focus

on the influx of visitors and traffic. School districts in other regions of the country that have experienced total eclipses like this have encountered those issues and the district decided to make the switch.

In addition, the eclipse will take place during dismissal for most Liverpool schools, meaning students will be walking home or on a bus during that time, which would not provide them with the necessary protection. Most districts in the area have chosen either to dismiss early or close completely that day.



Registration to Take Place February 5-16

The Liverpool Central School District is preparing for kindergarten registration for the 2024-2025 school year. All resident students born on or before December 1, 2019, are eligible to register for kindergarten for the 2024-2025 school year.

It is important for families to know that all registration forms must be submitted and approved before a spot will be held for a student.

Information Packets

In January, kindergarten information packets will be mailed to families that the district knows have a child eligible to enter kindergarten. Please contact your home school to be placed on its mailing list.

If you don't know which building would be your "home" school please visit www.liverpool.k12.ny.us/departments/student-services/school-boundaries and download the "Street Code Book" at the bottom of the page. Find your street to determine which K-2 elementary schools your child will attend in September 2024.

Four Liverpool CSD schools house students in kindergarten through second grade: Donlin Drive Elementary (DDE), Elmcrest Elementary (EE), Long Branch Elementary (LBE) and Willow Field Elementary (WFE).

If you have an eligible child, but do not receive an information packet by January 26, contact your home school (see phone numbers on this page) to request a packet.

Registration Date

Registration will be conducted by appointment only at the Registration Office (195 Blackberry Road) or online. This allows for families to have one-on-one time in the safest way possible, without having to wait in line.

Kindergarten Registration will take place on the following dates for the following assigned home schools:

- ❖ **EE & LBE:** February 5 to 9, 2024
- ❖ **DDE & WFE:** February 12 to 16, 2024

Please register online prior to your appointment (if you are able to do so)

by visiting www.liverpool.k12.ny.us/departments/student-services/student-registration and filling out all five forms found in the middle of the page (links can be found in the orange box). Required documents can be uploaded using the district's Document Attachment Form.

Children do not need to be present for any part of the registration process.

Registration must be completed by the resident parent or legal guardian.

Any in-person registrations will take place at the District Office (195 Blackberry Road).

Note: Children who will attend a private, parochial or charter school need to be registered at the District Office during normal business hours (7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.).

Screening

According to NYS law, children entering kindergarten are asked to complete several small tasks called "kindergarten screening." Upon registration, parents will be notified of the scheduled screening dates in May.

What Do I Need to Register My Child?

Begin the registration process by visiting our secure online Web site (www.liverpool.k12.ny.us/departments/student-services/student-registration). Complete the required forms before registration day to expedite your registration experience. ***In addition, the following documents are needed to register:***

❖ **Birth Certificate (Original)**

❖ **Immunization Record from Doctor**
Signed by the medical provider

❖ **Proof of Residency**

Two of the following examples: current utility bill (electric), cable/satellite bill, water bill, mortgage, signed lease

❖ **Parent Photo Identification**

Resident parent must register child in person

Certain cases may require additional documentation. These include residency affidavits, court issued custody documents, Individual Education Plan (IEP), or Foster Parent Form (DSS-2999).

Elementary Buildings & Phone Numbers

Donlin Drive Elementary
315-453-0249

Elmcrest Elementary
315-453-1252

Long Branch Elementary
315-453-0261

Willow Field Elementary
315-453-1196

Office of Registration
315-622-7193



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LHS Seniors Nominated for Presidential Scholars Program

New York State Senator John W. Mannion has nominated Liverpool High School seniors Lauren Ragonese, Andrew Wadie and Hunter Eichholz for the prestigious Presidential Scholars Program. Wadie and Ragonese were nominated for their outstanding academic success and involvement in school & community service. Eichholz was named a career and technical education nominee based on his academic rigor, technical competence and employability skills. Senator Mannion's nominations will be sent to the New York State Education Department to determine which nominees to share with the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars.

Fine Arts Hall of Fame Seeks Nominations

The Liverpool Central School District is seeking nominations for its Fine Arts Hall of Fame.

The Fine Arts Hall of Fame was established in 2003 through the efforts of VITAL (Vision In The Arts at Liverpool), a not-for-profit organization dedicated to supporting the arts in Liverpool.

The Fine Arts Hall of Fame seeks to honor those who have contributed to the arts (music, visual arts, dance and theater). There are three categories in which individuals may nominate someone for this award:

- ❖ **Contributor:** A person who has given time, talent or resources to the fine arts program of Liverpool, its staff and students.
- ❖ **Mentor:** A former or retired Liverpool fine arts staff member or administrator who has provided leadership, guidance, inspiration and innovation to the fine arts at Liverpool.
- ❖ **Alumnus:** A person who graduated from Liverpool High School and participated in the LHS fine arts program (academic or extra-curricular LCSD sanctioned activities). The graduation year must be 2018 or before.

Nominations will be accepted through March 1, 2024. An induction ceremony will take place on Sunday, June 9, at 2 p.m. in the LHS Auditorium.

Please download the nomination form found on the LCSD Web site at www.liverpool.k12.ny.us/departments/fine-arts/fine-arts-hall-of-fame, and send the completed form to Adam Shatraw, director of fine arts, Liverpool High School, 4338 Wetzel Road, Liverpool, N.Y. 13090.

Please direct any questions to Shatraw at 315-453-1500 ext. 6929.



LCSD to Offer Pre-K Program for 2024-2025 School Year

The Liverpool Central School District offers a Pre-K Program for four-year-olds. To be eligible for the 2024-2025 school year, a child must:

- ❖ Have a birthdate between December 2, 2019 and December 1, 2020
- ❖ Reside in the Liverpool Central School District

This program is partially funded by a state grant and is subject to the passage of the New York State budget. If your child qualifies for the program and is given a seat through our random lottery numbering system, they will be enrolled at one of the following sites.

- ❖ County North Children's Center, Inc. (Full Day)
- ❖ Northminster Early Childhood Center (Full Day)
- ❖ PEACE, Inc./Head Start (Full Day)
- ❖ Shining Stars Daycare, Inc. (Full Day and Half Day)
- ❖ True North Center for Children (Full Day)

All programs are five days a week and follow the Liverpool Central School District calendar. Instruction is consistent with New York State Pre-Kindergarten learning standards which focus on a child's social/emotional, cognitive and physical development.

Transportation to and from the program is the responsibility of parents/guardians and students must attend the program five days a week to maintain their seat. The Liverpool Central School District does not provide transportation.

Families who have completed the interest form and completed the registration process by midnight on April 7, 2024, will be part of a random lottery numbering system.

Acceptance into the program is NOT on a first-come first-served basis. Unfortunately, not everyone will get a seat in the program.

Families receiving a number beyond the seats available, will be placed on a wait list. Registrations received after midnight on April 7, 2024, will not be included in the lottery.

Completed registrations after the lottery will be added to a waitlist and parents will be notified if/when an opening occurs.

The Pre-K Interest Form will be available online beginning January 8 at www.liverpool.k12.ny.us/schools/expanded-pre-k/index.



Fourteen Participate in NLI Signing Day Ceremony

Fourteen Liverpool High School seniors recently participated in a National Letter of Intent Signing Day ceremony at the school. Signing letters of intent or commitment were:

- 🏆 Kaitlyn Thompson - Le Moyne College (swimming & diving)
- 🏆 Nathan Alexander - St. Michaels College (swimming & diving)
- 🏆 Mia Berthoff - Robert Morris University (girls lacrosse)
- 🏆 Addyson Graham - Marquette University (girls lacrosse)
- 🏆 Addison Sullivan - College of Saint Rose (girls lacrosse)
- 🏆 Cali Brancato - College of Saint Rose (girls lacrosse)
- 🏆 Mackenzie Frani - St. Bonaventure University (softball)
- 🏆 Owen Michaud - Fairfield University (boys lacrosse)
- 🏆 Owen Salanger - University of Massachusetts Amherst (boys lacrosse)
- 🏆 Dominick Osbeck - University of Albany (boys lacrosse)
- 🏆 Breanna Puccia - D'Youville University (field hockey)
- 🏆 Sophie Sageer - College of Charleston (beach volleyball)
- 🏆 Tyler Vivacqua - Niagara University (baseball)
- 🏆 Grace Muller - Sacred Heart University (girls soccer)



LHS Senior Earns Perfect SAT, ACT Scores

The odds of receiving a perfect score on ONE standardized test are small, but to do it on TWO? That's exactly what Liverpool High School senior Matthew LaCombe has accomplished.

LaCombe received a perfect 1600 on the Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT), as well as a perfect composite score of 36 on the American College Test (ACT). Less than 1% percent of students taking each test achieve those scores.

The LHS Class of 2024 salutatorian, LaCombe also is a National Merit Semifinalist, one of approximately 16,000 students who received the designation after taking the PSATs.

Fire Inspection Notice

Notice is hereby given that the annual inspection (for the 2022-2023 school year) of the Liverpool Central School District (all buildings) for fire hazards which might endanger the lives of students, teachers, employees therein, took place and was completed between May 15 and June 15, 2023.

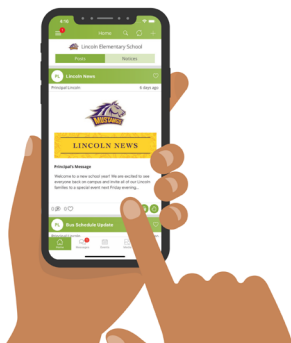
The report thereof is available at the Maintenance Center, 710 Seventh Street, Liverpool, NY, for inspection by all interested persons.

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Tax Forms Require #348

New York State income tax forms include a space in which taxpayers record their school district of residence.

Liverpool Central School District residents should write in the number "348" in the appropriate space provided on the form to indicate they live within LCSD boundaries.

By filling in this space, residents ensure that the district will receive the correct amount of state funding, which is determined by population.

This information applies even if:

- ❖ you were absent temporarily
- ❖ if the school your child attended was not in your school district
- ❖ if you had no children attending school

BOE Adopts 2024-25 Budget Calendar

The Liverpool Central School District Board of Education recently approved the budget calendar for the 2024-2025 budget year.

The date for the annual LCSD budget vote and election of Board of Education members is Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

Budget-related activities are as follows, but are subject to change:

- ❖ **January – February 2024 (TBD):** Meetings with Budget Originators
- ❖ **Tuesday, March 11, 2024:** Draft Budget Review by the Board of Education
- ❖ **Monday, March 25, 2024:** Budget Review by the Board of Education
- ❖ **Monday, April 17, 2024:** Adopt Budget and Property Tax Report Card
- ❖ **Thursday, May 9, 2024:** Public Hearing on Proposed Budget
- ❖ **Tuesday, May 21, 2024:** Vote

The entire budget calendar has been posted on the LCSD Web site at www.liverpool.k12.ny.us/budget/2024-2025-information. Throughout the budget process, the district will share budget-related information in the *School Bell*, on the District Web site and through ParentSquare.