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Sherman Central School District Newsletter



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2021



"Home of the Wildcats"

Fall 2021

## Superintendent's Message

### Dear Sherman Families,

I welcome the opportunity to lead Sherman Central School District this year. My focus this year will be to support the school district and ensure a smooth transition for the incoming superintendent. Instructional programs will be a priority in the district and ensuring the students have access to opportunities that will enable them to be successful in the future.

Everyone from the students to the faculty and staff have been warm and welcoming. The last few years have brought many challenges to school districts beginning with COVID and resulting in remote instruction, COVID restrictions and protocols, physical distancing, and social emotional issues. Our focus continues to be to provide full day in-person instruction for our students while following safety protocols and providing social-emotional support.

The faculty and staff have risen to the occasion. Everyone I have spoken to remarks on the wonderful family that comprises Sherman CSD. With that being said, I understand that we have work to do. Concerns have been expressed from students, parents and staff alike that we need to take a deeper look at scheduling, art and music at the elementary level, settling the teacher's contract, among other things. It will take dialogue and collaboration to find solutions for the district. I look forward to connecting with everyone as we address these challenges together.

If you would like to discuss a particular issue or situation, please email me or reach out to my office to schedule an appointment.

Warmest regards,  
**Danielle M. O'Connor**  
Interim Superintendent



**Danielle M. O'Connor**



## Principal's Message

Dear Wildcat Families,

In the fall of 2020, the Sherman Central School District set the goal of being open full-time, five days per week, for one hundred percent in-person instruction for the 2021-22 school year. It was a goal we reiterated every chance we could, to whomever would listen. Well, here we are. Fall of 2021 and we did it!

With a few weeks under our belt it has been great to see the smiling eyes of all of our students each and every day. It has also been encouraging to see the individual achievements of our students although such achievements may appear different for everyone. While statistically speaking, some may measure achievement through standardized tests and benchmarking, here at Sherman we are able to see the achievement through a much more personalized lens. I have seen shy students starting to come out of their shells, students who struggled with reading goals work over the summer and show off their new skills this fall, and the skills of our athletes develop from the transition of youth sports into our modified programs. The focus of student growth, in all areas of life, should be around individual growth and not the current level of achievement at a particular age or grade level; seeing students move their individual bar is one of the most rewarding and inspiring experiences that we see in schools today.

I look forward to working with staff and families throughout the school year as we coach, teach and watch all of the students at SCS grow into the best version of themselves.

Sincerely,

**Ann M. Morrison - Principal**



**Ann M. Morrison**

## Hello Parents, Families, Guardians and Community members!

The past 7 weeks have been a whirlwind of excitement as we ALL came back to school this fall. My most favorite part of all is to hear all of the kids back in the building, the laughing in the hallway, the singing, the practices in the gym, the excitement of recess as the kids leave the building, and the sound of a class answering questions in a full classroom. This is all very refreshing.

As I have visited classrooms this fall I have seen fingerpainting, apple testing, and virtual pumpkin carving. Our students are experiencing new activities everyday with smiles on their faces. We have had field trips to Pumpkinville, Goosecreek Aviation Center and a college visit day for our Juniors and Seniors.

The Fall Musical took place the first week of November. Plans and practices are also underway for Christmas concerts in both Band and Chorus. In addition, we have two students who have earned a place in the Area All State Choir.

The athletic teams have not disappointed as the Varsity football team is currently 5-2 and the JV team is currently 5-2 also. The Cross Country teams have had an exciting season as the girls team is currently undefeated and the boys are in a rebuilding year, but are having a positive experience just the same! Our Girls Varsity Volleyball team is awaiting news of where they will play in their first round of playoffs. The JV team is 13-1 and playing in an end of season tournament while the modified team spent the year learning skills and showing vast improvements!

The Agriculture Department is celebrating the four Sherman Alumni getting their American FFA degrees. We are sending 6 of our current students to the national convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, where 2 more students will receive their American FFA credential.

Our art students competed in the annual pumpkin decorating contest at the Fall Fest at Peek n Peak Resort and took 1st and 2nd place.

The High School Bowl team is starting practices and the first match is November 14th. There is a live broadcast of this for those interested in hearing this match can listen on WJTN and SE93.

Fall has been busy and exciting but we are confident the Winter at SCS will bring many new adventures for all to participate in.

Go Wildcats!

**Mrs. Nicole M. Marino**  
Assistant Principal



**Nicole M. Marino**



## Pre-Kindergarten

Every Friday Mrs. Swanson comes into our PreK classes to introduce a new letter of the alphabet. The children use wooden pieces to form the letters. Also, they are learning letter-sounds.



## Kindergarten

The Kindergarteners have been busy exploring signs of autumn.



## First Grade

The first-grade class enjoyed a week of apple exploration at the beginning of October. The three classes engaged in a week-long science unit revolving around the juicy fruit. The students learned the anatomy, history, and the differences in apples. The culminating activity for the first graders was an apple tasting day on Friday. Ms. Francis, Mrs. Goldberg, Mrs. Boatwright, and Mr. Marino led an activity where students were able to taste six different kinds of apples ranging in sweetness and juice content. The students were also able to taste homemade apple sauce and homemade apple cider.



## 2nd Grade

It has been a 'Touchdown to Second Grade' for sure! We have already done so many things! In ELA, we are learning about poetry! We have been writing our own acrostic poems and poems with shapes! In Math, we have done a lot with measurement (centimeters and meters) and place values with numbers. In Science, we have been learning all about Matter. We have built structures with marshmallows, candy, toothpicks, cups, plates, and built our own bridges on our ipads. We are learning how to code! We even got to make Oobleck!



We (my second grade class) are doing penpals this year with Ripley School. We have our first letters here by the fence.



The picture above is of our Ripley penpals!



## Mystery Science Fun in Third Grade!

Students in Mrs. Solinger's and Mrs. Liffner's third grade classes have really enjoyed their new science curriculum simply called "Mystery Science." In their first unit Animals Through Time, students have been presented with Central Mysteries of Where can you find whales in the desert, how do we know what dinosaurs looked like, and can you outrun a dinosaur? With each Central Mystery, students recreate the process of scientific discovery in the classroom using the Five Es of Science. (Engage-with an interactive video, Explore-with a hands-on activity, Explain-using discussion questions & supplemental reading activities, Elaborate-using online extension activities, and Evaluate-with a Mystery Lesson assessment.)

Students in these pictures enjoyed an extension activity where they designed their own dinosaurs with traits and features they had learned about in previous lessons. Students were also able to explain why each feature on their creatures was chosen.



## Fourth Grade

Fourth graders released crayfish after studying how their structures support growth and survival as part of the Plant and Animal Structures science curriculum.

Fourth grade students participated in the Fire Prevention Program on October 7.



## Fifth Grade

Photos from Ms. Archer's 5th grade class having fun outside, including at the Grandparents' Day parade. Amber, Mr. Burns' Golden Retriever therapy dog, watches intently as they play.



## Sixth Grade

The 6th grade has begun their year reviewing Math concepts that they learned last year. Some of the topics being reviewed are multiplication and division of multi-digit numbers, greatest common factors, and least common multiples. In addition, no pun intended, we have also been reviewing fractions.

In Science, students are learning about the trillions of microorganisms that live on and in the human body, which all together are called the human microbiome. As they figure out what's going on with one patient's microbiome, students get familiar with the practices of science, including the specific ways that scientists investigate, talk, read, write, and argue. These practices will be important as students study science throughout the year, and beyond.



ELA - Sixth graders are wrapping up the novel *Harry Potter and Sorcerer's Stone* and the American Reading Company Unit 1. We started the year by briefly reviewing authors, genres, and text designs. In addition, we spent time discussing how to summarize fictional and informational texts. We will finish the unit by exploring vocabulary, figurative language, and essay writing. Next, we will begin our second unit which will be a research project on The American Revolution.

SS - Sixth graders began the year by reviewing basic map skills. Then, for about two weeks, we participated in the writing contest called the Patriot's Pen. For this contest students are asked to respond to a prompt and write a 300-400 word essay. This year the prompt was "How Can I Be a Good American?". The contest was optional, but the essay was not. Currently, we are exploring how people lived prior to the development of civilizations. As the year progresses we will build on the ideas of how people lived and survived during ancient times. However, when we begin the American Revolution unit in ELA, we will take a break from ancient history and spend time in SS learning about the history of the war. This will greatly help our students with their ELA research.



## Sports

### Clymer/Sherman JV Volleyball

Jv Volleyball has had a successful season with 17 participants growing their team and athletic skills. We managed a 10 - 1 record and a hard fought 2nd place finish in the VolleyBash Tournament at St. Bonaventure University. We are now preparing for the end of the year playoff tournament!

Participants from Sherman are: Kenadi Long, Teagan Gratto, Jayden Zenns, Isa Kioko, Kelsey Wagner, Lily Martin, Faith Gormley and our manager Kendall Martin.



### Fire Prevention Day at SCS

On Thursday October 7th, 2021 the Stanley Hose Company held their annual fire prevention program at Sherman Central School. Grades Kindergarten through 6th Grade travelled to 6 stations set up at the SCS Park. At each station, they learned a valuable lesson on fire safety from SCS high school student volunteers. After the lesson at each station, they were given a tour of the fire truck by a member of the Stanley Hose Company. The Stanley Hose Company encourages parents to take time to talk to their children about fire safety.

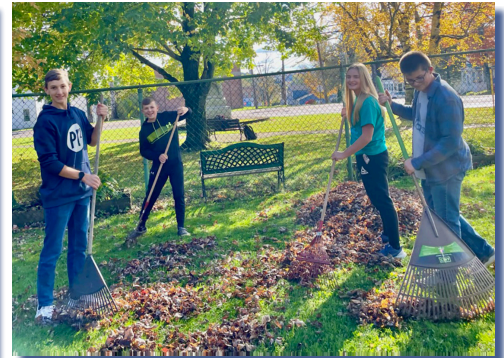
## College Fair

The Western New York College Consortium came to Sherman for a College Fair on October 5. Admissions representatives from 15 area colleges and universities spoke with our juniors and seniors. Special thanks to the Stanley Hose Company who hosted the event in order to meet safety guidelines.



## SCS Cares!

The annual SCS Cares leaf raking project took place on October 27th at the Sherman Yorker Museum. Members of Student Council and National Honor Society took advantage of this community service opportunity along with several other students just looking to help out for a good cause. Several SCS staff members were also present to help. As they say "many hands make light work" and with all the help the Yorker grounds were raked up in about an hour. Mr. McKane, the organizer, thanks all who participated



## H I G H S C H O O L A R T



Sherman art students participated in the annual Hospice Butterfly Art & Charity Auction which was held virtually this year. Every Friday in October, starting October 1st they put up items for auction, and left that group up for one week. (Auctions started & ended every Friday of October at noon). Check it out on Facebook.



Sherman art students painted pumpkins for the annual Fall Fest held at Peek n' Peak. All classes participated and created some wonderful masterpieces. Awesome prizes were awarded.



*Mattelynn Joint  
1st place*

*Desiree Mercado  
2nd place*





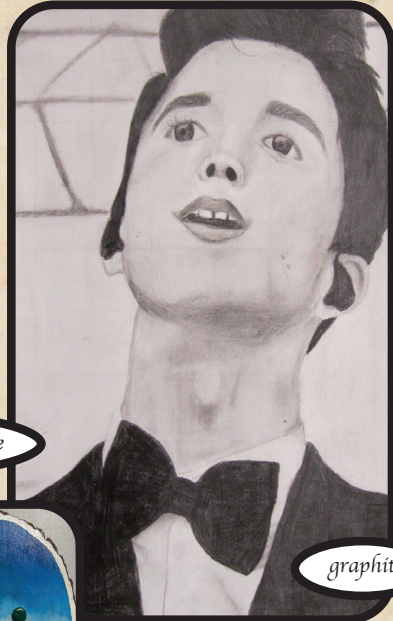
# Spotlight Artist



Jordyn Maynard



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**H**i, my name is Jordyn Maynard and I'm a Senior at Sherman Central School. I have taken many courses in art. I took Studio in Art, Drawing/Painting and Crafts in the past. I am currently in Ceramics/Sculpture and Advertising. I am pretty darn good at it!

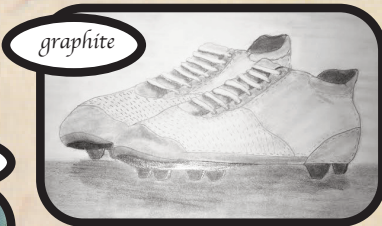
While at SCS, I participate in the musicals each year & I also play softball. I will be attending JCC in the fall, majoring in business.



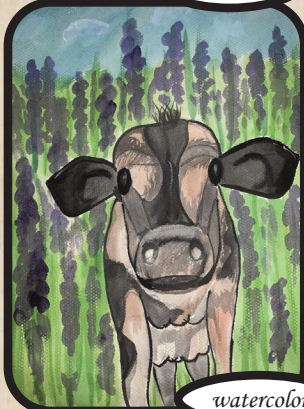
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## New Teachers Fall 2021



### Emily Archer

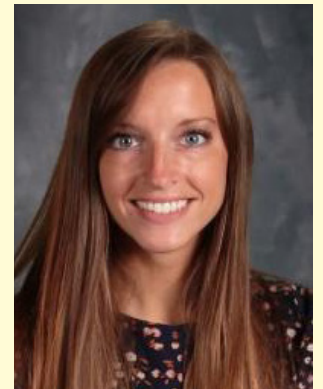
Graduated from Westfield Academy and Central School. Penn State Behrend: Elementary and Early Childhood Education, minor in Special Education. New York University: K-12 School Counseling.

I completed my graduate school internship here at SCSD during the 2020-21 school year in the counseling department. I could not be more thrilled about returning to Sherman this year to teach 5th Grade ELA and Social Studies.



### Aimie Boatwright

Mrs. Boatwright graduated with a bachelor's degree from Indiana Wesleyan University, and a master's degree from Florida International University. After teaching in Florida for the past several years, she is excited to be returning to Chautauqua county, and thrilled to have joined the Sherman team!



### Greg Cross

Hello! My name is Greg Cross and I am extremely excited for the opportunity to teach 7th, 8th, 11th, and AP U.S. History here at Sherman. I hold an Associates Degree in Social Science from JCC in addition to my BA in HIstory and MS in Secondary Education from Mercyhurst University. While music and the Buffalo sports teams dominate my personality, there is nothing I value more than instilling an appreciation and awareness of history in the minds of students, and I look forward to continuing to work within this school and community.



### Mary Francis

My name is Mary Francis and I graduated from SUNY Fredonia with a degree in early childhood and childhood education. I am so thankful to be teaching my dream grade here at Sherman! In my free time I love to camp, garden and read. Lately my time has been filled up with wedding planning and a new puppy! I can't wait to meet some of the Sherman families this year!



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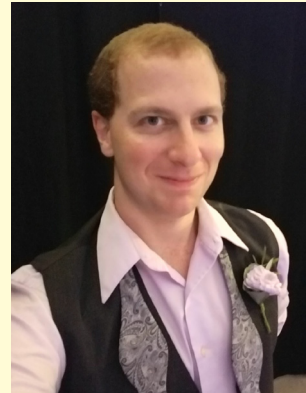
### Kylee Lindahl

I am so excited to be here at Sherman Central school as well as teaching second grade! I graduated from SUNY JCC with my associates degree and then transferred to complete my bachelors in Education at SUNY Fredonia. I spend most of my freetime with my fiancé Dalton and our three labs, Pepper, Shaker and Evelyn. I enjoy being outdoors as well as teaching my students how to be strong independent leaders both inside and outside my classroom. I am very thankful for how supportive and encouraging the Sherman staff have been throughout the past weeks! I look forward to becoming closer to Sherman's families and students!



### Thomas Nedimyer

Mr. Nedimyer graduated from Alfred University and has taught at almost all grade levels in math and grades 7 through 12 science at public and private schools both domestically and abroad. He likes to cook, bake, read, exercise, play board games, and teach students how to solve the Rubik's Cube.



### Jason Rappold

My name is Jason Rappold. I am a Technology Integrator for Sherman CSD. I am originally from the North Buffalo area, but currently reside in Erie, PA with my wife, daughter and two dogs. I studied at SUNY Fredonia and Buffalo State College. I enjoy being creative, spending time with my family and golfing in my free time.



# Welcome New Teachers



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JANUARY 25 TUESDAY	JANUARY 26 WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 27 THURSDAY	JANUARY 28 FRIDAY
8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
English Language Arts	Algebra I Physical Setting/Physics*	Global History & Geography II	Physical Setting/ Earth Science Physical Setting/ Chemistry
12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	Please note that if you have a child in grades 7-12 that they will be home during these dates unless they have a scheduled exam
Living Environment	Geometry	Algebra II	