

Paw Prints

Sherman Central School District Newsletter



Musical

On November 5 and 6, 2021, Sherman students presented the musical "The Phantom Tollbooth" which is based on the classic children's book by Norton Juster. While masking was required due to the pandemic, it felt like a step towards normalcy being able to perform in front of a live audience, in contrast to last year's musical which could only be viewed online.



"Home of the Wildcats"

Winter 2022

Superintendent's Message

Dear Sherman Families,

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Thoughtexchange in the fall. We received valuable information about critical issues that are important to our students, families, and staff. A major take-away from the survey is that communication with students and families needs to be increased. We have made a conscious effort to update our website more frequently and to use the Emergency Notification System to provide information to the Sherman community in a more timely manner.



Danielle M. O'Connor

Suggestions that came forward from the survey for all focus groups included scheduling, increasing elementary art and music, student arrival, and the cafeteria. As a district we have begun to address these areas. Students at the elementary level are receiving more instruction in art since the beginning of the new year. We are currently working on the elementary schedule to include more time in music. All students may now enter the building at 7:30 AM or upon their bus arrival. We know we have other challenges that need to be addressed and we continue to work through them. Thank you for your patience as we do so.

As you can imagine, protocols and procedures around COVID-19 continue to change and evolve. We are making every effort to keep as many students and staff safe and in school as much as possible. The team in our Health Office has a daunting task and we appreciate your support as we manage COVID and the numerous protocols everyday.

In an effort to maintain social distancing for students during meals, we have been using seating in the hallways for students during breakfast and lunch. While not ideal for our students, it has reduced the number of students being named as close contacts from a person that is positive for COVID-19. I have learned over the past few months that Sherman has limited space and we use all that we have available to us. I am hopeful that all students will be able to be seated in the cafeteria after COVID is behind us.

Sherman is a wonderful community. Thank you for all you do to support our school.

Danielle M. O'Connor
Interim Superintendent



Principal's Message

If someone was to say that this school year has brought challenges that no public school educator has ever experienced, they would be correct! However, despite the constant adjustments to new protocols and procedures, the faculty and staff of SCS have been able to work on honing in on their instructional skills and practices this year so that Sherman Central School stays at the top of their game, despite the pandemic.

This school year, we have teachers participating in forums that are hosted and run by Erie 2 BOCES IES trainers. These forums bring teachers from the region together for New York State Education Department updates, training and sharing of best practices. These forums have representatives from all grade level bans and content areas. These forums meet three times throughout the school year. Before the pandemic, forums were hosted at an Erie 2 BOCES site, but thanks to technology, our staff has been able to attend virtually for the past two years.

Elementary level teachers have been working on the revision and creation of standards based report cards. As you may already know, report cards for grades kindergarten through second grade have been standards based, as opposed to numeral grades, for quite some time. After discussion with the elementary staff about the standards that are being assessed and the knowledge of the New York State Next Generation standards, the teachers elected to revise these report cards to reflect the language of the new standards and focus on the priority standards for each grade level. Also, the teachers in third and fourth grade believe that a standards based report card would provide families with a more accurate picture of the students' knowledge and progression throughout the school year. An IES specialist was able to come to SCS to lead teachers through this work and we are excited to unveil the updated report cards next school year.

Finally, the middle and high school staff have focused on improving their instructional practices as they pertain to teaching in the block. A curriculum leader from BOCES was able to meet with teachers in December to gain an understanding of where teachers currently are in their practice. This same trainer is working with teachers during our Superintendent's Conference Day in January to build upon their current skill set and knowledge to improve instruction for students.

Learning has been at the forefront of our daily work at SCS this school year; not just for students but for our staff as well.

Ann Morrison
Pre-K - 12 Principal



Ann M. Morrison

The year 2022 has arrived and gotten off to a fast and cold start! Both the girls and boys basketball teams have warmed up the courts with some exciting play! The girls' team is currently 4-5 on the season and hoping to rebound to a 500 record this week. The boys are 5-3 thus far and hope to keep adding wins! Good luck Wildcats!!

The spring sports teams are making plans to get underway. The regular spring sports season will start March 14th. The baseball team shows plenty of promise for another winning season. Anyone interested in participating should sign up outside Mr. Marino's room (room 260) ASAP. The softball team would like to make a return to the play-offs this spring and welcome new players to sign-up with Mr. Lewczyk. He is located in room 220. Track sign-ups are outside room 307 or email Coach Morano at dmorano@shermancsd.org. Interested seventh and eighth grade students should contact him as soon as possible to determine eligibility.

CSP football is starting preparations for the 2022 campaign. Students who have not participated in the past but are interested in the upcoming season should contact Coach Harper. His email is tharper@shermancsd and his cell number is 716-410-1422.

The Band and Choir students both put on Christmas Concerts that were enjoyed by many parents, friends, classmates, and other relatives. Thank you all for the holiday cheer! Both groups are currently beginning preparations for their Spring Concerts.

Fourteen of our FFA students are preparing to compete February 16th in the FFA District Leadership Development Event. This year's event will be hosted right here in Sherman! This event will include students from Chautauqua, Cattaraugus, and Allegany Counties. Good luck to all!

As the first semester winds down many of our students will be making the Honor and Merit Roll! Congratulations on all of your hard work and dedication to your academics. High school students will be starting the second semester with a new schedule and a chance to do many more great things here at SCS!

GO WILDCATS!
Mrs. Nicole Marino
Assistant Principal



Nicole M. Marino



Pre-Kindergarten

In Pre-k we are learning to say the pledge of allegiance.



Kindergarten



OUR CLASS NEWSLETTER

Week of:
January 3 –
7th



Math Unit - Geometry

We will continue with 3D shapes this week. We will review what we have learned about cubes, cones, cylinders, and spheres. We will also compare 2D and 3D shapes.

Science/ Social Studies

Topic - Where We Live

We will begin a new unit on geography. We will learn about different homes and explore neighborhoods.

Reading/Phonics

Theme - Winter

This week we will read books to explore the season of winter. I will also incorporate this theme into our journal writing.

Skills for the Week

- Initial consonant sounds/letter recognition
- Letter of the week - Ff

Power Words

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who
In

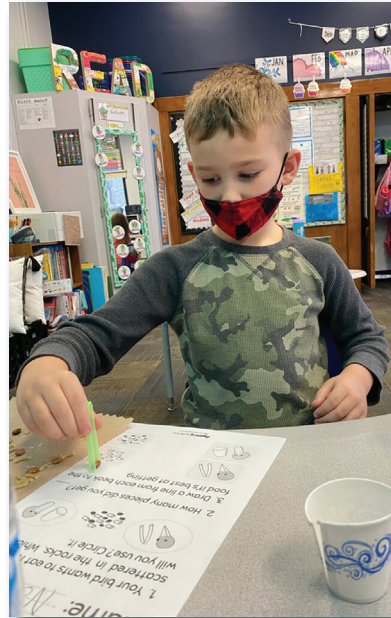
Please add the power words in your child's power word envelope.

Reminders

Please remember to pack a snack for your child each day.



First Grade



The first grade classes had a visit from the Audubon Community Nature Center to go along with our wild and endangered animal unit. The students were able to see and touch a turtle, a snake, and a fox pelt. They learned about local wildlife and endangered animals from around the world. During our animal unit, the students researched physical characteristics, behaviors, and habitats of many different endangered animals. We also learned about animal structures and survival with our Animal Superpowers Mystery Science unit.

Second Grade

In second grade, we have been very busy! For our ARC Reading program, we researched bugs and insects. Each student chose a bug/insect to become an expert on as well as created his/her own Google Slideshow to present the information they discovered. In math, we have been working on triple-digit addition and subtraction! Next, we will tackle the beginning steps of multiplication. We have been doing many experiments in science learning about the Work of Water (how to stop landslides, why is there sand on the beach, where flash floods happen, what is strong enough to make a canyon, etc.).



Miss.Lindahl's class received a new book from sponsors outside of the classroom! We will receive a new book each month until June. Thank you sponsors!

Mrs. Jacobson's class has been enjoying writing and receiving pen pal letters from their neighboring district, Ripley Central School. Also, the students did a wonderful job on a directed canvas painting of the Grinch!



Third Grade

The third graders have adjusted well to their new classes, teachers, friends, routines, and responsibilities! They are certainly thriving in their new environment.

Math has been exceptionally fun for the students as they have been learning how to multiply and divide. The kiddos love singing songs that help them to practice their math facts! Another great way to help them remember their facts is to make their own flash cards at home. It's a fun project and a great way to practice those facts! Keep up the great work at home families!

We had an amazing December, learning all about several different countries around the world and the traditions that they share in their cultures! We got to try some treats from Germany and had some wonderful Rosca de Reyes from Mexico. How fun it was for Isabelle Y. and Jase G. to find a baby hidden inside their bread!

Another highlight for this time of the year is always our tradition of making gingerbread houses. Mrs. Solinger's and Mrs. Liffner's kids always come up with some super creative ways to decorate their very own houses with lots of treats!



Fourth Grade



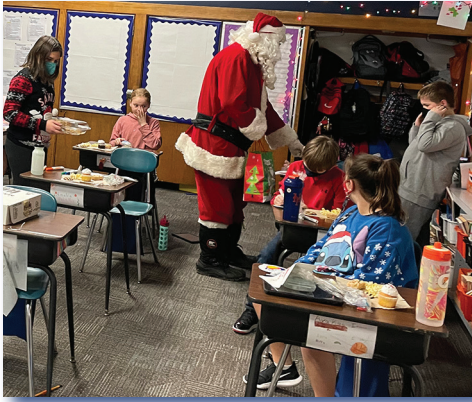
Fourth graders got into the Christmas Spirit during the Twelve-Days of Christmas.



Fourth graders are busy working on an experiment testing light and color.



Fifth Grade



Fifth grade enjoyed a well-deserved holiday party after working diligently all week on Holiday-Themed Narrative Writing pieces. Even Santa came to visit!



Dalton Reeves and Miss Archer sporting matching socks during SCS's 12 Days of Holiday Spirit



Therapy Dog Amber was all festive for the holidays!



The Fifth Grade students released a hawk on the football field this Fall. The injured hawk was found on I -86 by a concerned community member. Mr. and Mrs. Burns cared for and rehabilitated the hawk back to good health. The hawk being released back to the wild was a big thrill for all involved.

Sixth Grade

The 6th grade has begun the winter season studying different topics related to algebra. These topics include: variables, algebraic and equivalent expressions. Our next unit of study will consist of equations and inequalities.

In Science, the students will take on the role of medical students. They will first diagnose a patient and then analyze the metabolism of world-class athletes to draw connections between large-scale, macro-level experiences of the body and the micro-level processes that make the body function.

Fortunately the winter has been mild thus far allowing us to go outside for recess more than usual. The kids are excited that we have a sledding party planned for later in the winter.



Special Education

Mrs Collver's class started the year learning about the life cycle of plants including apples and pumpkins. As a culminating activity, the class traveled to Pumpkinville to get an up close experience to enhance their learning.



Check Us Out In Elementary & Middleschool Art!!



2nd Grade
"Mickey Cartoon
Drawings"



3rd Grade
"Out of this World
Cityscapes"



Pre-K
"I Can Cut and
Make Me!"



6th Grade
"CD
Weaving"

4th Grade
"Cubism Still Life
Paintings"

5th Grade
"Pastels Blending
Nebulas"



Kindergarten
"Matisse
Inspired
Paper
Cutouts"



7th Grade "Giacometti Sculptures" & 1st Grade "Pipe Cleaner Imagination Sculptures"



Sports



These are pictures from the Modified Girls Basketball team this season.

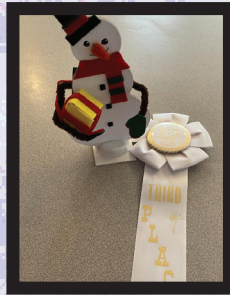


College Visits

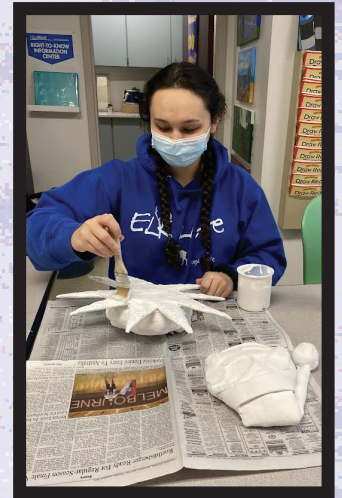
On October 18, juniors and seniors went on a college visit to the University at Buffalo and SUNY Fredonia. They visited the north campus at UB and went on an extensive, guided tour. On their way to Fredonia, they drove through the Canisius College campus. Mrs. Svenson led a walking tour at SUNY Fredonia and the students were able to see the stark contrast between a large university and a medium sized college.



What's happening in High School Art?



snowman design contest



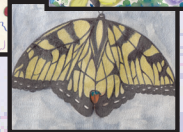
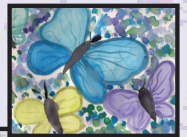
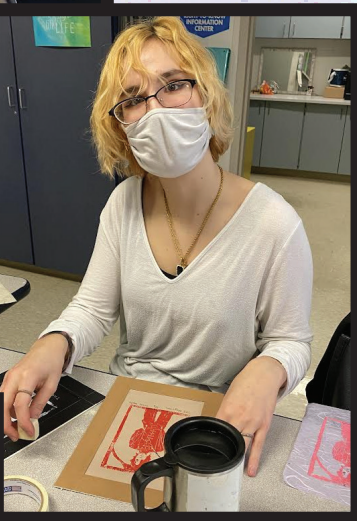
plaster sculpture



printmaking & mat cutting



butterflies for HOSPICE



Spotlight Artist



Loyea Spacht



graphite

Hello, my name is Loyea Spacht and I am a senior this year at Sherman Central School. I have been doing art basically my whole life, at least from what I can remember. My favorite subjects throughout middle school and high school have been involved with music & arts. The arts have inspired me so much during my time at Sherman that I will be going to college in fall of 2022 to get a BFA with a concentration in graphic design.



watercolor



logo design



peek n' peak pumpkins



clay



High School Bowl

High School Bowl is an area “Quiz Bowl” style competition organized by the well-known radio personality, Dennis Webster, of the Media One Group. Teams of schools from 21 districts throughout Chautauqua and Cattaraugus Counties in New York, and Warren County in Pennsylvania compete at Jamestown Community College where the matches are recorded and aired on local radio stations which include: WJTN 1240 AM, 101.3 FM, and WWSE 93.3 FM. Teams are presented with questions that span all the subject areas, including the arts, sports, and pop culture.

After the 2019-2020 High School Bowl season was cut short due to the Covid shutdown and then the 2020-2021 season was canceled, this past fall, Sherman Central’s High School Bowl team was finally able to resume competing again! The team is coached by Mrs. Stormer and assistant, Mr. Hindman. Taryn Palmatier serves as Team Captain. She has been a member of the team since 8th grade. Members also include junior: David Maleski; sophomores: Memphis Kopta, KaMari Lilley, Sophie Lindsey, Olivia Maleski, Ryan Perry, Ivy Yokom; 7th grader: Abby Mellors.

The team’s first match was on November 17th. They faced Jamestown High School and did an excellent job handling the pressure! It was truly a team effort! Many members buzzed in and attempted answers. It was an extremely close game. In the end the team lost, but it was a very exciting match to watch! Both teams were tied in the last seconds, and then Jamestown buzzed in for 5 points and the win. The final score was Jamestown, 38 and Sherman, 33. Players of the Match for Sherman were Memphis Kopta and Ryan Perry.

The team’s second match was January 12th where they were slated to compete against Sheffield. Sheffield was unable to attend, however, so Sherman was the automatic winner of that match. They stayed on to face Panama Central School, the winner of the first match of the day. It was another exciting one! At the end of Round 2, Sherman was behind, but thanks to David Maleski, the team mounted a comeback, and by the end of Round 3, they claimed the win with a 46-39 score! David Maleski was named Player of the Match!

Sherman will return to JCC on March 2 to face either Chautauqua Lake or Ellicottville. We wish them good luck at their next match!



(L to R): KaMari Lilley, David Maleski, Taryn Palmatier, Ivy Yokom.



(L to R): David Maleski, Taryn Palmatier, Memphis Kopta



Sherman Central School Honor/Merit Roll - 1st Quarter

12th Grade Honor Roll

Nova Best, Gerald Carris, Celso Cruz-Lopez, Christopher Eades, Jenna Fisher, Nikki Head, Samantha Henning, Elijah Kioko, TreyVon Kopta, Nicholas Lilley, Kaitlyn Lindsey, Jordyn Maynard, Jocalyn Mook, Harmony Polach, Iron Rivera, Loyea Spacht, Ellie Stevens, Makenna Tallman

12th Grade Merit Roll

Braeden Coccarelli, Maddison Eastham, Jameson Irwin, Carlie Phelps

11th Grade Honor Roll

Karagan Ayers, Reagan Bates, Colton Courtney, Nicholas Devine, Gary Fisher, Hayden Fisher, Cora Goldberg, Paige Gratto, Brayden Hayes, Lillian Heverley, Mattelynn Joint, Nellie Kopta, Emilie LaVoice, David Maleski, Desiree Mercado, Marissa Powell, Curtis Smith, Gabriel Snow, Leighanne Swan, Camdin Trask

11th Grade Merit Roll

Kegan Ayers, Alex Carlson, Haleigh Christensen, Natalie Davis, Elisabeth Gibbons, Izaya Kelly, Destiny Mercado, Trenten Phelps, Jarrett Rhebergen, Jacob Swabik

10th Grade Honor Roll

Jacob Allen, Devin Johnson, Memphis Kopta, Zachery LaVoice, Kamari Lilley, Sophie Lindsey, Olivia Maleski, Lily Martin, Daniel Meeder, Taryn Palmatier, Ryan Perry, Tayden Persons, Brady Pugh, Aziriel Rivera, Brandy Safford, William Scadden, James Sheare, Elliot Thompson, Kinsey Witherow, Ivy Yokom

10th Grade Merit Roll

Collin Best, Lexus Eschenbach, Faith Gormley, Chloe Kopta, Aziel Rivera

9th Grade Honor Roll

Dylan Carey, Kellie Christensen, Erin Elder, Teagan Gratto, Max Guzman, Joseph Issler, Kenadi Long, Jonah Martin, Andrew Perry, Brady Phelps, Carson Pinzok, Zachary Schmitz, Aaron Stevens, Logan Swan, Kelsey Wagner, Jayden Zenns

9th Grade Merit Roll

Mason Chambers, Miriam Dye, Carson Gibbons, Brenna Livermore, Kendra Thornton

8th Grade Honor Roll

Albert Burkett, Troy Chambers, Jacob Ferranto, Mary Fuller, Olivia Lindsey, Kristi Mecusker, Hannah Phelps, Allison Rhebergen, Larsen Swan, Brookelynn Wright

8th Grade Merit Roll

Elias Armes, Joseph Davis, Kamryn Heinert, Scott James

7th Grade Honor Roll

Isabella Barton, Caleb Cook, James DeLellis, Gracen Eddy, Madison Emory, Jasper Eschenbach, Adrienne Eshelman, Evan Gratto, Kaden Hallowell, Megan Hawkins, Faith Hooks, Gabe Kopta, Kihomi Lilley, Emily Mecusker, Abigail Mellors, Elias Mendoza, Bria Palmatier, Talon Persons, William Spitzer

7th Grade Merit Roll

Hayden Chambers, Caden Christensen, Aria Estock, Carlie Gable, Andrew Houser, Andrew Keith, Parker Kopta, Calli Luden, Kyle Maynard, Jasmine Osterhoudt, Taylor Pinzok, Brianna Reeves



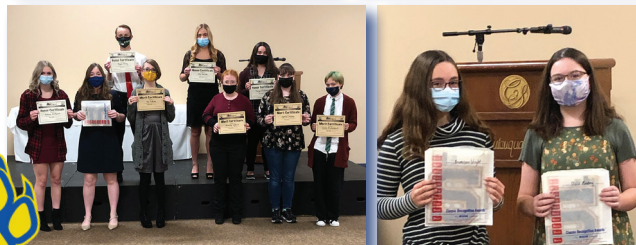
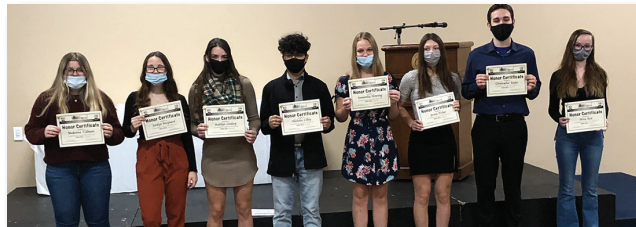
BOCES Visit

Mrs. Svenson brought interested 10th graders to the BOCES Hewes Center to explore their career and technical education programs. Students in grades 11 and 12 can attend Hewes to gain valuable skills and career experiences, while earning a high school diploma. They offer 11 programs including Auto Technology, Culinary, Small Animal Science, Construction Technology, Information Technology & Cosmetology. We were able to see some SCS juniors in action during our visit.



Honor/Merit Banquet

Every year, with the exception of 2020 due to the pandemic, Sherman Central School holds an annual Honor/Merit Banquet. On November 3, 2021 SCS held its 41st banquet. The concept of the banquet is to celebrate the academic achievements of our students who remained on either Honor or Merit roll for all 4 quarters during the previous academic year. Those noted as Honor students had to be on Honor roll for all 4 quarters of the prior academic year, while those noted as Merit students had to be on either Merit or Honor roll for all 4 quarters of the prior academic year. The banquet was held at Chautauqua Suites in Mayville and included musical performances by students and table decorations provided by the FFA. While SCS did have to limit the number of guests due to social distancing requirements, the event was well received and everyone was happy to see the return of this celebratory occasion. The keynote speaker was Emily Eckwahl, SCS teacher of health and fitness. This year, SCS recognized the following students:

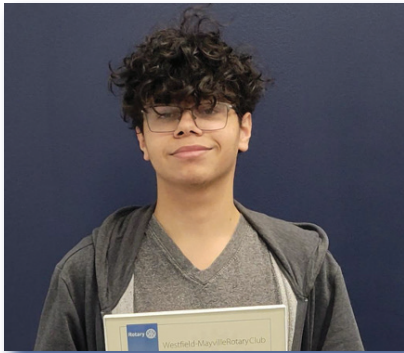


Honor Students:

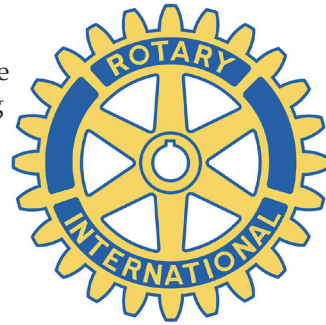
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|-------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|
| Nova Best | 12 | Taryn Palmatier | 10 |
| Albert Burkett | 8 | Andrew Perry | 9 |
| Christopher Eades | 12 | Ryan Perry | 10 |
| Jacob Ferranto | 8 | Tayden Persons | 10 |
| Hayden Fisher | 11 | Brady Phelps | 9 |
| Jenna Fisher | 12 | Harmony Polach | 12 |
| Mary Fuller | 8 | Larsen Swan | 8 |
| Cora Goldberg | 11 | Makenna Tallman | 12 |
| Teagan Gratto | 9 | Elliot Thompson | 10 |
| Brayden Hayes | 11 | Camdin Trask | 11 |
| Nikki Head | 12 | Kelsey Wagner | 9 |
| Samantha Henning | 12 | Kinsey Witherow | 10 |
| Lillian Heverley | 11 | Brookelynn Wright | 8 |
| Mattelynn Joint | 11 | Jayden Zenns | 9 |
| Memphis Kopta | 10 | | |
| Trey Von Kopta | 12 | Merit Students: | |
| Nicholas Lilley | 12 | Lexus Eschenbach | 10 |
| Kaitlyn Lindsey | 12 | Paige Gratto | 11 |
| Olivia Lindsey | 8 | Joseph Issler | 9 |
| Kenadi Long | 9 | Sophie Lindsey | 10 |
| David Maleski | 11 | Allison Rhebergen | 8 |
| Olivia Maleski | 10 | Brandy Safford | 10 |
| Jonah Martin | 9 | William Scadden | 10 |
| Lily Martin | 10 | Aaron Stevens | 9 |
| Jordyn Maynard | 12 | Ivy Yokom | 10 |
| Daniel Meeder | 10 | | |



Rotary Students of the Month



Nicholas Lilley is the Rotary Scholar of the Month for September. Nick is the son of Nicole and Christopher Lilley. They are a Military family with Nick's dad serving in the Navy for 20 years. Nick has participated in the Relay for Life event to raise funds for people battling cancer. He plans to attend the University at Buffalo to study history and continue his education to become a lawyer.



TreyVon Kopta is the Rotary Scholar of the Month for October. TreyVon is the son of JoAnn and Josh Kopta. He has 4 siblings who are an integral part of his life as he credits them for helping him become the person he is today. As a sophomore, he received the Academic Excellence Award. His junior year, he was named the JCC College Connections Student of the year for Sherman Central School. He was also awarded the Wells College, 21st Century Leadership scholarship. At school, he is a member of the football, basketball and track and field teams. He is actively involved in the FCS club and Teens on Fire. In his spare time, TreyVon likes to listen to music, ski, and hunt. TreyVon plans to attend SUNY Brockport to major in accounting and would like to be on their football team.



Christopher Eades is the Rotary Scholar of the Month for November. Chris is the son of David and Cherie Eades. He has been an Honor Roll student every quarter since his freshman year. As a junior, Chris was awarded the University of Rochester's Award for Innovation and Information Technology. He has enjoyed being in the Musical Club throughout his high school years and just performed in his final production. Chris enjoys working at our local pizza shop. He has always had a love for technology and computers, so after graduation he plans to attend Jamestown Community College to major in cybersecurity. He will then transfer to a 4 year college to complete his bachelor's degree.

Students of the 1st Quarter



Kaden Hollowell

Sherman Central School's Junior High Student of the First Quarter is Kaden Hollowell. Kaden is the son of Herman and Shannon Hollowell. His favorite courses are Science and Gym class. Kaden enjoys Hunting and fishing in his spare time. He would like to become a carpenter after he graduates.



William Scadden

Sherman Central School's Senior High Student of the First Quarter is William Scadden. William is the son of Jeffrey and Stacey Scadden. His favorite courses are Art and Global History. William enjoys painting, drawing and playing video games. After graduating his career interests are video game designing.



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National Honor Society

The Sherman Central School Chapter of the National Honor Society held its annual induction of new members on November 10, 2021. Thirteen students who met the criteria of scholarship, character, leadership, and service participated in the ceremony. Those students include Nova Best, Hayden Fisher, Cora Goldberg, Paige Gratto, Brayden Hayes, Nikki Head, Samantha Henning, Kaitlyn Lindsey, David Maleski, Jordyn Maynard, Leighanne Swan, Makenna Tallman, and Camdin Trask. We look forward to the talents and skills our new members will bring to the Sherman Chapter in the years ahead!

