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From The Helm

May 2019

Wilson Central School District
Timothy P. Carter – Superintendent



From the Desk of Tim Carter:

Hope is Not a Plan

I shared with the students at the Champion Breakfast a story that occurred recently involving a parent. I was recently working with a parent to help solve an issue with their child. When we finally came to a point that I thought was a solution, I finished saying to the parent, “I hope this solves the problem.” The parent responded that they appreciated me taking the time to work with them but mentioned that hope cannot be the plan for solving the problem. That statement has resonated with me for weeks now. As I was doing some reading this week, I started thinking of the impact of hope is not a plan. In terms of being successful at what we do, it takes hard work, goals and an action plan to get things done. The number one factor in being successful is us and our actions. It takes our actions to move things forward. Through planning and action steps, things happen and we move forward. In Wilson our kids are not well behaved and do well academically because of hope. It takes work by all of us. It takes work, high expectations and holding people accountable. When we do these things, we will continue to be successful. Thank you for the actions you take every day to help our students be successful.



Thank You and have a great rest of the week and an enjoyable weekend with your families!! Here comes the sun, I hope!



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"Thought of the Month!"

Wilson Tourism Event-On Thursday, May 10, 2019, I had the pleasure of attending the Wilson Tourism event at the Boat House. It was a great event kicked off by our Wilson Choir singing the American and Canadian anthems. I want to thank the Wilson Tourism Committee for the invitation and thank Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Andres for making it happen. The kids did an awesome job.



Patriot's Pen Essay Writing Contest- One of our 6th Grade students, Tyler Johnston, won an award for the Patriot's Pen Essay Writing Contest for the West Seneca VFW Auxiliary. The VFW Auxiliary and members of the VFW met here Tuesday, 5/21 @ 8:15 to present Tyler with the award, certificate, and a couple checks for his essay. The Patriot's Pen essay contest encourages young minds to examine America's history, along with their own experiences in modern American society, by drafting a 300 to 400-word essay, expressing their views based on a patriotic theme chosen by the VFW Commander-in-Chief.



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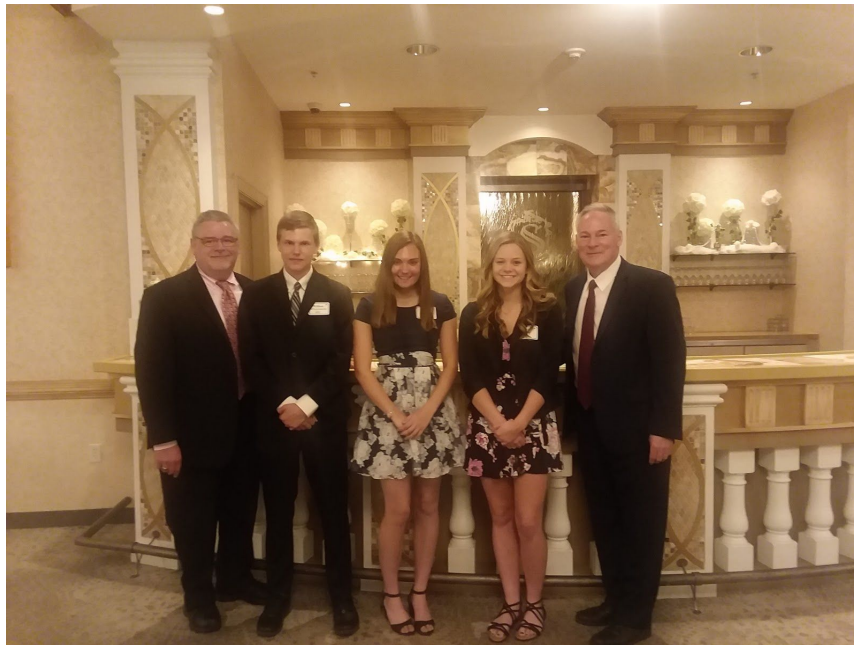


Scholastic Recognition Dinner- The Scholastic Recognition dinner was held Thursday evening, May 16, 2019 at Salvatore's Italian Gardens. Mr. Johnson and I represented the District and assisted in honoring our top three students:

#1 Sarah Lewis- Valedictorian

#2 William Schwarzmuller- Salutatorian

#3 Julie Reagan





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Champion Breakfast- On Wednesday Morning, May 22, 2019, over 85 Wilson High School students were recognized in the high school Champion program. New Niagara University coach Patrick Beilein gave the keynote address. I had the opportunity to talk to the students about the importance of having a plan in life. I also was blessed to recognize Mr. Johnson with his own Champion award for his dedicated service to the Wilson School Community.



Athletic News

- The Orangemen Award is given out each year to seniors who have participated in 12 consecutive athletic seasons since entering ninth grade. Congratulations to the 2019 Orangemen: *Aaren Horvath, Steven Frerichs, Sarah Lewis, Jacob Miller, Julie Reagan, Izzy Schultz and Brooke Wisor.*
- Both the Wilson Varsity Girls and Boys Basketball Teams have been honored by the Basketball Coaches Association of NY (BCANY) as All-Academic teams. Additionally, two players on the boys team, *Steven Frerichs and Jake Miller*, were named Academic All-State. This is Steve's second nomination as an Academic All-State player. Congratulations to *Coaches Baker and Sippel* and all the players.



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Wilson Middle School Winners- Congratulations to the MS Wilson Winners for April and May: *Rian Faery, Ben Vanderlinden, Aleena Adamczyk, Aubriana Cristiano, Sara Urban, Gracie Phillips, Catelyn Wolfe, Karina Farnham, Madisyn Wolfe, Haleigh Kopp, Madelaine Schultz, and Daniel Dozier.*

Modified Lacrosse- I along with members of the Wilson community were recognized recently at a modified lacrosse game for their impact on the team and sport. It was a great event and a great game. After the game there was a reception and awards ceremony.



Updates

Shared Decision Making Team- At this month's Shared decision making team meeting, we reviewed the results of the professional development survey that was sent around. The survey was taken by 111 people in the district. The top three professional development topics were in order of highest priority school safety and security, curriculum alignment and technology integration topics. We will focus on those three items for next year.

Capital Project Update- The Capital Project is well underway. The clinic at the elementary school has been taken apart and it is expected that next week they will start putting it back together and finish remodeling it. The site work has begun in full swing. The drainage for the new turf athletic field is almost complete. Work will continue all summer with an early fall completion goal. The guidance suite at the high school will be renovated this summer beginning in July. Also, the high school main office will go through renovations this summer.



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Capital Outlay Project 2019-2020- Our final plans have been submitted to NYSED for next year's capital outlay project. We are going to create a secure entry at the Middle School. In the big Capital Project, the Elementary School is getting a secure entrance. So with next year's project we are doing the Middle School. A secure entrance allows visitors into a vestibule without having access to the rest of the building. Along with the secure entrance, we are continuing to replace the hallway flooring in the Middle School.

*The object of education is to prepare the young
to educate themselves throughout their lives.
Robert Maynard Hutchins*