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Region 20 Update

Early Summer Greetings.

This past month we closed the 2022-2023 school year with several promotion events and two incredible graduations. This copy of The Litchfield Pride includes pictures of all our graduates.

What struck me the most during the graduations were the brilliant speeches of our student leaders:

- Olivia Kracht, Valedictorian
- Owen Ryan, Salutatorian
- Pierce Loughed, Class President

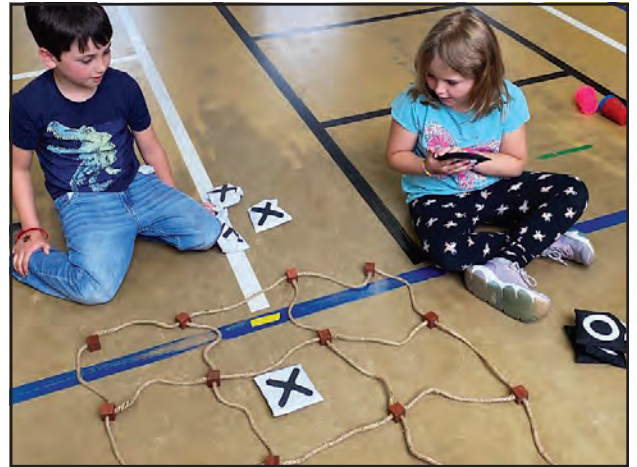
Listening to the words conveyed confirmed a previous belief that our future is strong, our graduates are poised for success, and the voices of the future are important. The speeches were reflections and how everything is a point of growth. The stories told, and the ideas conceptualized, go beyond the current and look past the horizon. There was hope that tomorrow and every day can be better.

This summer, and throughout the coming year, my goal, and one I hope others will join, is to take more time to listen and hear the ideas of the future.

My best to all,



Christopher Leone
Superintendent



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Litchfield Intermediate School

Proud to Bee LIS

By: Danielle Eichman, LIS Administrative Assistant

This April, LIS held our annual Spelling Bee. Each classroom held its own classroom-level bee and from those classroom bees, twenty-eight spellers advanced to our school-wide bee. Held in the LIS auditorium, we had an amazing turnout including an enthusiastic student body cheering on their peers as well as families of the spelling bee participants. Spellers were extremely impressive and spelled many rounds before Sophie Reynolds (winner) and Lars Joas-Cullen (runner-up) were named our two LIS winners.

This year, LIS was able to qualify eight students to the 2 Districts, 1 Bee event. We are so proud of all the students who represented us there! Congratulations to Sophie and Lars, our eight finalists for the combined bee, and all our participants! Between the amazing student body, our enthusiastic staff, and the awesome efforts of our spellers, we were reminded how proud we are to “bee” LIS!

LIS Classroom Bee Winners: Evelyn Archibald, Melanie Beach, Jonathan Beebe, Karis Beebe, Amelia Bender, Sofia Cardwell, Mikhail Carlson, Sydney Carr, Nora Cerella, Roxie Creel, Adrien Douglass, Cadence Eterginio, Charlotte Foss, Tori Gagnon, Avery Henneberry, Timothy Hunter, Caleb Jenkins, Lars Joas-Cullen, Lucas Laskowitz, Nathan MacKenzie, JP Malik, Elena Marcinko, Matilda Moore, Mira Moore, Annabella Moskowitz, Sophie Reynolds, Leah Sobek, Phoebe Szwed, Julianna Verrilli

Spellers who qualified to advance to the 2 District, 1 Bee: Lars Joas-Cullen, Sophie Reynolds, Mira Moore, Tori Gagnon, Leah Sobek, Time Hunter, JP Malik.



Family and students cheer on our spellers during the annual LIS Spelling Bee



LIS Spelling Bee Winners Sophie Reynolds and Lars Joas-Cullen proudly display their medals after the bee.



LIS qualified eight spellers to move on to the 2 Districts, 1 Bee event. From left to right: Lars Joas-Cullen, Sophie Reynolds, Sofia Cardwell, Mira Moore, Tori Gagnon (behind), Leah Sobek, Tim Hunte, JP Malik

Litchfield Center School

Grade 3 Moving Up

By: Lisa Deltano, Principal

As the school year draws to a close we are excited to wish our Third Graders well at Litchfield Intermediate School. They are ready to move on and looking forward to all the new experiences they will have, especially having their own lockers! The students are also reflecting on all the experiences they have had at Center School. They created a list of some of their favorite memories.

What we loved and will remember about Center School

- Making friends
- Visiting the Institute for American Indian Studies Museum
- Field Days
- Bunnell's Farm
- Puppy and Snaily in Second Step
- Quassy with the whole school
- Scarecrows in the Meadow
- Fantastic FriYay
- Third Grade Mall
- Playing the ukulele
- Our Teachers



Students in Mr. Harris's Environmental Sciences class at LHS came to teach us how to compost our food waste at lunch. We are working hard to reduce our waste and our impact on the environment. From L-R Riley Southard, Jasmina Guaman, Erika Curtis, Leah Sepples, Avery Southard, Claire Olmstead, Livia Perusse



The Connecticut State Police from Troop L stopped at Center School during the Torch Run for the Special Olympics. The students were able to cheer them on! Students in Preschool and kindergarten received special Junior Trooper hats.



Josiah Louis and Ryan Deeley challenged each other to a game of Connect Four, or is it 7?



Gregory Youmans, Carter Ulrich-Trozzi, and Andrew Owler try to build the highest tower they can.

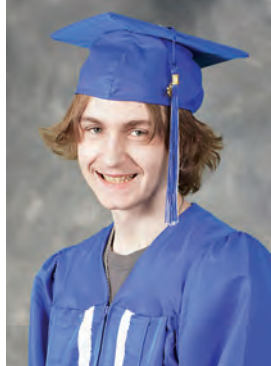
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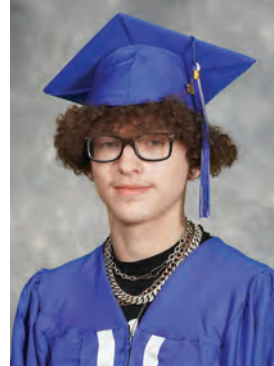
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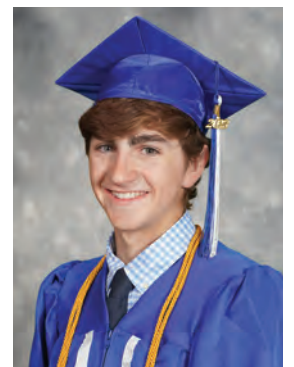
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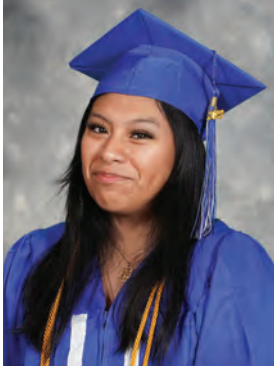


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John Gostkowski

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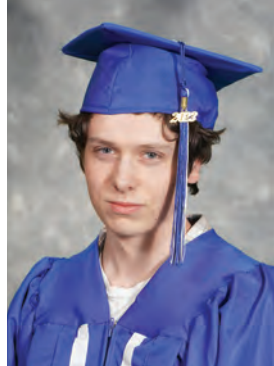
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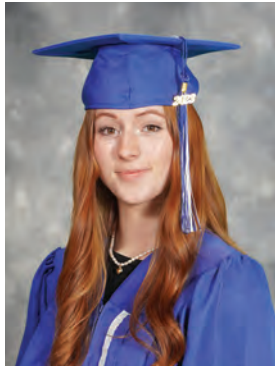
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Alana Janssen



Troy Kaiser



Erin Kinahan



Olivia Kracht



Brynn Lamoreaux



Timothy Lapointe



Leo Laure



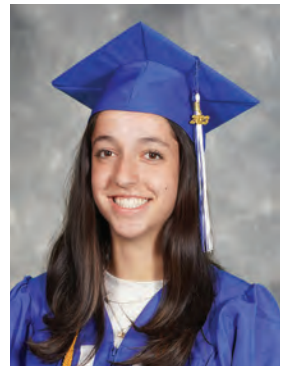
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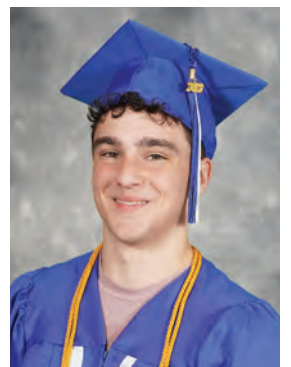
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Tommy Pacheco



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Livia Perusse



Christian Prindle



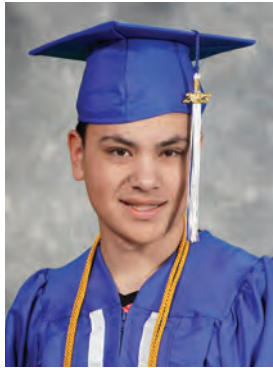
Maya Raggio



Nathan Reiter



Ethan Rogozinski



Owen Ryan



Leah Sepples



Emily Simone



Isaac Sobek



Avery Southard



Emily Triscele



Thomas Vailionis



Emma Vinisko



Annalisa Wall



Spencer White



Liana Zayas

Litchfield Middle School

Middle School Celebrates a Friday Fun Farewell

By: Tammy Knox, LMS/LHS Admin office

The LMS Link Crew club hosted a Friday fun afternoon for all middle school students at the end of May. The celebration provided a great opportunity for the two classes to mix and mingle before saying farewell to our rising 9th graders! Students enjoyed themed activities, crafting, karaoke singing, indoor and outdoor games, all while celebrating the end of the school year.



Olivia Fletcher, Eliana Mexhauni, Piper Relihan, and Brooke Shafer enjoy the performances.



Sam Barton and Celina Couch present their pinwheel crafting skills.



Mr. Eckert, classroom teacher, with Luca Devaux and Nate Stull work out a song on guitar.

Litchfield High School

AP Spanish Class Makes History and Earns Seal of Biliteracy

By: Owen Ryan, LHS Senior and Member of the Spanish Honor Society

Litchfield High School's AP Spanish class became the first class in LHS history to take the AAPPL (ACTFL Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages) Seal of Biliteracy test. The test measures each student's ability to read, listen, write, and speak in Spanish. Students must demonstrate proficiency in each area to earn the Seal of Biliteracy, which can go on transcripts, and tells employers and colleges that the student can communicate in two or more languages. All four students passed with the highest scores, meaning that they have gained mastery in two languages, a remarkable achievement and a testament to the work done by all four students and Sra. Hogan. Congratulations to the AP Spanish class!



LHS Seniors in Sra. Hogan's AP Spanish Class pictured (L-R) Pierce Lougheed, Jasmina Guaman, Olivia Kracht, and Owen Ryan have successfully earned the Seal of Biliteracy Award.

Alumni Spotlight: Dr. Brian Coffill

By: Sara and Katelyn, Journalism students

Musician and educator Dr. Brian Coffill, D.M.A., (LHS '03) began his playing career at Center School on the recorder, later playing French Horn and singing in the choir at Litchfield Intermediate & High Schools. Encouraged by directors Stephen Brookes (band), Maurice Steinberg (choir), and area vocal teacher Laura Mashburn, Brian's musical endeavors included selection to All-Berkshire League, All-Connecticut Northern Region, All-State, and All-New England bands and choirs.

After LHS, Brian pursued music education at UConn, where he performed everywhere from Gampel Pavilion and Rentschler Field to Carnegie Hall and the Final Four, and spent two years as the Head Drum Major of the Marching Band. He graduated in 2008 with a B.A. in Music and B.S. in Education, taking positions conducting high school bands & orchestras in Arlington, Virginia, and, later, Sykesville, Maryland, and studied instrumental conducting at the University of Illinois (M.M.) and the University of Maryland (D.M.A.).

In 2018, Brian joined the faculty of Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia, as the Founding Director of Instrumental Ensembles, tasked with starting an instrumental music program. The program now includes a Wind Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, Jazz Improvisation Laboratory, New Orleans Brass Band, Pep Band, and Chamber Ensembles, all housed in RMC's new Center for the Performing Arts. He has been recognized for his vision, unique approach to musical problem solving, and commitment to promoting an inclusive, modern repertoire through the American Prize Foundation's 2020 Vytautas Marijosius Memorial Award for Orchestral Programming.

Brian's scholarship is devoted to shaping the future of instrumental performance through equity and inclusion, in addition to the works of Connecticut composer Charles Ives and the many connections between Baseball and the American Wind Band. He is active nationally as a scholar and musician, and has presented his research at the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

A die-hard Red Sox fan, Brian has also lived across the river from Nationals Park, down the street from Camden Yards, and deep in Cubs-Cardinals territory. He currently resides near the AA Flying Squirrels ballpark in Richmond, Virginia, with his wife, Caroline, and their two highly-regarded young prospects.



Dr. Brian Coffill is in his element at Randolph-Macon College School of Performing Arts, where he is a celebrated conductor and faculty member.