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*Valedictorian  
Rachel Coombs*



*Salutatorian  
Elizabeth Fitzgerald*



*McGraw Class of 2018*

## From the High School Principal's Desk....

It has been a great year with a wonderful group of students. I am excited to see these young adults go out into the world to continue their journey in life. Although bidding farewell to the Class of 2018 is bittersweet....I have faith and confidence in their abilities to do great things with their future aspirations! With that being said, GOOD LUCK and always strive to "Reach the Stars" and make us proud at McGraw Central Schools!

*Mark Dimorier, Secondary Principal*

## Class of 2018

Donovan B. Avery	Employment
Jacob M.V. Benedict	Employment
Jeanne Mary Beveridge	Clarkson University, Engineering
Hanna Marie Bilodeau	TC3, General Studies
Tarra Brown	Employment
Rachel Elizabeth Coombs	Nazareth College, Physical Therapy
Makayla Ann Cortez	LeMoyne College, Nursing
Jazmine Craig	Herkimer CC, Crime Analysis
Angel S. Davis	TC3, Graphic Design
Cheyen Emery	Onondaga CC, General Studies
Elizabeth Anne Fitzgerald	SUNY Geneseo, Biology
Zachary Gaffney	Undecided, Criminal Justice
Justin Daniel Grant	Employment
Marissa Ann Jenney	Kings College, Biology
Brandon Jones	TC3, Computer Science
Mason Jones	Employment
Larissa Lynn Little	Employment, Family Business
Zachary Lyon	Employment
Tia Mabry	Employment
Abigail J. Maricle	Utica College, Cybersecurity
Kiara McFall	TC3, General Studies
Tristin McGuinness	Broome CC, General Studies
River Allen Milsapp	SUNY Cortland, General Studies
Lyndsie J. Neville	TC3, General Studies
Kevin Shorts	Keuka College, Management
Dakota P. Stauber	TC3, General Studies
Jerred Jacob Stedwell	Alfred State, Culinary Arts
Trinity Noelle Christine Tanudjaja	RIT, Film and Animation
Christopher Stephen Tobias	Employment
Taylynn Mary Tryon	SUNY Geneseo, Biology
Jade Katherine VanWagenen	TC3, Human Services
Makenzi M. Whible	Employment

### From the Superintendent's Desk....

Collaboration and innovative thinking abounds at McGraw Central School District. When learning ties in to real life experiences and correlation between content areas exist, the academic outcomes are substantial. The teachers have made a conscious effort to make this happen for our children. We are truly fortunate to have educators of such high caliber in our midst.

Many exciting student programming discussions have taken place this school year. All will have a direct impact on our students in the coming years. Everyone has really pulled together as a team to make incredible ideas come to fruition. A New York State Education Department representative recently complimented McGraw School District on our ability to “think outside the box” to improve student programming and better prepare students for the real world in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Many discussions have occurred both at our district level and within the State Education Department about the need for preparing our students for careers with life skills that are pertinent in today's world. McGraw is looking to prepare our students for desirable careers with advancement opportunities. Some of these careers will require college, while others may not. We are dedicated to providing a series of pathways that best meet a student's talents and goals.

One new opportunity that will open up to our students beginning in 2018-19 school year will be a Computer Applications Career and Technical Endorsement (CTE). This will be a sequence of courses offered in-house with many of the courses being eligible for concurrent enrollment with TC3 college credit. Students may complete assessments that will allow for this endorsement on their diploma that opens up additional opportunity in the work force or paves the way to further college aspirations. This state approved program will be only one of two in the entire state.

We anticipate creating additional state approved CTE programs in the coming years that may include such courses as Robotics, Coding, Drone Applications, and Agricultural Technology. The district is researching well-paying technical job opportunities and plans to offer educational programming to meet those needs. Community organizations, local businesses, and families offer a level of support and assistance that has assisted with this process.

The McGraw Mathematics Department met earlier this school year and realized that we have several students pursuing careers in engineering and science fields that require high level mathematics courses. The team found a way to utilize our existing staff to ensure that Calculus will again be offered for our most advanced students as a course offering. Students interested in taking Calculus next year are encouraged to sign up for the Pre-Calculus course being offered at school this summer.

In addition, we have expanded our music program by the creation of the Elementary Piano Lab. We were told that the only school nearby that has anything like this is SUNY Cortland! Our students Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade participated in piano lessons in their weekly music classes. We are looking to expand music appreciation and instrumental lessons at the elementary school for next year. Elementary Concert Band will be offered weekly for those students signed up for instrumental lessons. It is well known that by participating in music and the arts, students' attendance and overall school performance is often improved.

The District secured a grant to cover Pre-kindergarten programming in the amount of \$260,512 this year. This is an annualized award that will continue for the district. The first Pre-kindergarten class was a great success with exceptional instruction and relevant experiences preparing the attendees for future school success.

I want to thank all of the wonderful families of the McGraw School District for your support of our school and the academic progress of our students. Enjoy the quality time with your children this summer and know that we are working hard to prepare for another successful school year next year!

*~Melinda McCool, Superintendent—Class of '84*



## From the Director of Special Education....

**Care Management** is a relatively new service provided by Elmcrest ([caremanagement@elmcrest.org](mailto:caremanagement@elmcrest.org)). This service provides children (ages 0 - 21 years) who have mental health, developmental, and/or medical disabilities a single point of contact to assist in managing the specific behavioral, social, and medical needs of families. Care Management ensures **Care Coordination** by arranging for appointments and making referrals as well as accompanying children and families to appointments as advocates. Care Management will also ensure **Communication** between the school, mental health and medical communities regarding children's needs and services. **Collaboration** with families and providers through a single point of contact makes meeting children's needs easier. Please refer to the next page for additional information about Care Management including who is eligible to enroll. You may also contact me at (607) 836-3669, if you have additional questions about enrolling in this service.

*~Karen Genzel, Director of Special Education / Curriculum*




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**Care Management** is a service for children with mental health, developmental, or medical disabilities. This service provides a single point of contact to manage, on a continuous basis, all of the unique medical, behavioral, and social needs of families. **Care Management** is an opportunity to not only ensure the services your child needs are coordinated and communicated between the family, the school and the medical community serving your child, but also an opportunity for families to receive the help they need in order for their child to stay healthy and be successful in school and in the community.

#### **Communication. Care Coordination. Collaboration.**

**Communication** is key... parents or guardians, schools, medical providers and more. Let us facilitate the conversation with key constituents as a means of providing the best care possible for your child.

**Care Coordination...** We will set appointments and make referrals; accompany children and families to those appointments; advocate and partner.

**Collaboration...** We'll serve as a single point of contact for families and providers making your life easier.



#### **WHY WOULD I WANT TO ENROLL MY CHILD IN CARE MANAGEMENT?**

**Care Management** will benefit your family, your child's teachers and the medical professionals your child relies on. Imagine your life without having to worry about the stresses of where your child will get necessary services from. Perhaps he/she needs glasses, or expensive prescriptions. With Managed Care, you won't have to worry about going at it alone.

##### **FAMILY**

- Your child will have access to a greater range of services.
- Your child will have better care, with better outcomes.
- You'll spend less time seeking services and have more time for your family and yourself.

##### **SCHOOL**

- The school system can be both confusing and intimidating for families. We don't want your child's needs to be lost among the many students competing for educational opportunities, extra-curricular activities and supportive services. We will create a clear path for both you and the educational professionals to help your child succeed in school.

##### **MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS**

- Remembering appointments, medical instructions, understanding your benefits, contacting insurance companies...the list goes on and on. We can help.

#### **WHAT TO EXPECT?**

A Care Manager will contact you via telephone to set up a time to meet in person. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the program, your child's needs and complete any required documents to get started. Typically, you and the Care Manager will meet or talk on the phone several times within the first 2 months. This allows you to get to know your Care Manager and them to know you!

#### **WHAT DOES A CARE MANAGER DO?**

Your Care Manager acts as a single point of contact for your family. Care Managers will create an individual plan of care based on your child's needs and strengths and will support the family as the child's natural care manager.

#### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO ENROLL?**

Care Management is available to any child or young adult aged 0-21 who has experienced trauma or who has serious health or behavioral issues **AND** has or is eligible for Medicaid.

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From the Elementary Principal's Desk....

## **McGraw Elementary Summer Program and Feeding Program**

Summer is finally here (hooray!!!) and it's time for the McGraw Elementary Summer Program. The program will take place on July 9<sup>th</sup>—August 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 AM—12:00 Noon for incoming Kindergarteners through our exiting 5<sup>th</sup> graders at the Elementary School. Breakfast and lunch will be included through the summer feeding program.

The Elementary School will also be an official summer feeding site for any children in the local area ages Birth through 18. The Summer Feeding Program will be open Monday—Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup>—August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Breakfast will be served from 8:00—8:30 AM and lunch will be served from 11:30 AM—12:00 Noon in the Elementary School cafeteria.



### **Summer-fun Learning Ideas**

Keep the learning going with some fun and educational activities this summer...

- Attend the Friday Summer Reading Programs at the McGraw Community Center sponsored by the Lamont Library.
- Play “old fashion” board games such as: Uno, Monopoly, Boggle, Scrabble, Yahtzee, Apples to Apples, etc.
- Visit a local zoo- there are many in the area: Burnet Park Zoo in Syracuse, Ross Park Zoo in Binghamton, or The Wild Animal Park in Chittenango
- Plan a cool mystery trip to somewhere special and have the students keep a journal of their trip.
- Try some fun fitness activities: hiking, swimming at the different local parks and pools, kayaking, etc.
- Continue practicing the basic math facts- addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division using flash cards or simple playing cards.
- Try new and different easy recipes that involve measuring and counting such as: “Ants on a Log” – peanut butter stuffed celery with raisins on top, or “Inexpensive Peanut Butter Cookies”: 1 cup sugar, 1 cup peanut butter, 1 egg, and ¼ tsp. vanilla. Mix together and form into small ball shapes- press with a fork in a cross pattern, and bake at 350° for 12-15 minutes.
- If your student enjoys computer time, below are some suggested educational websites that we use here at school: PBS kids, Mathblaster.com, ABCMouse.com, Funbrain.com, Learninggamesforkids.com, Starfall.com, or Prodigygame.com.

Enjoy the Summer!!

~Susan Prince, Elementary Principal

## Junior/Senior Prom

The 2018 King and Queen of the Prom, “Paris at Night,” are Sam Parks and Brianna Cook. The Prince and Princess are Chris Pickert and Mia Underwood. It was a beautiful and memorable evening with fun had by all. A heartfelt “thank you” goes to all of the churches, businesses, agencies, and individuals who donated to the after-prom party. It was through your generosity that we were able to offer this wonderful opportunity to make memories that will last a lifetime.

## Senior Walk

On their final day as high school students, the Class of 2018 visited the elementary school in the third annual “Senior Walk.” This tradition has the graduating seniors walk through the hallways of the elementary school while the younger students cheer, hold signs, and give high fives. This event aims to inspire the younger students to work hard and lets them participate in congratulating the seniors on completing their thirteen years as McGraw Eagles. It allows the older students to serve as role models and gives them a chance to revisit the building where they first began their education. After the walk, the Class of 2018 took a group photograph with Mrs. Dimorier’s Pre-K class - the McGraw Class of 2031.



## Senior Class Trip

On June 8-10, students from the senior class traveled to Cleveland, OH for the annual senior trip. Students spent Friday at Kalahari, Ohio’s largest indoor waterpark, where they had a blast on water slides like the “Zimbabwe Zipper,” the “Serengeti Sidewinder,” and the “Extreme Rush.” On Saturday, students visited the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. At the zoo, students fed giraffes, watched an African elephant crossing, visited the Rain Forest, and viewed more than 600 different plant and animal species. On Saturday evening, the students engaged in some friendly competition between each other and their chaperones as they played indoor glow-in-the-dark laser tag and whirlyball, a game that combines bumper cars, lacrosse, and basketball into one fun event. The trip concluded with an adrenaline-filled day at “America’s Roller Coast” - Cedar Point Amusement Park. Cedar Point has seventeen roller coasters - the second most in the world - and six roller coasters taller than 200 feet. The students were on a mission, trying to conquer as many rides as possible before the torrential downpours on Sunday afternoon ended the trip a little earlier than expected! While the students had a great time and likely made lasting memories with their friends, they also did an amazing job of representing McGraw while away from home.

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