Class of 2022 Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Mr. Scott Costantini, Principal of Panama Central School, has announced Miss Halle Karlson as Valedictorian and Mr. Kurtis Olson as Salutatorian of the Class of 2022.

Halle is the daughter of Benjamin and Jennifer Karlson. Halle was inducted into National Honor Society her sophomore year. She was class historian for the class of 2022 and is currently serving as vice-president. Halle has been a member of Student Council throughout high school. Since 9th grade she has participated in school musicals, Senior High Band and Senior High Chorus. Halle has been a member of Trap Club, IMPACT, Women in Leadership and 5 & 2 Ministry. Halle has been a member of the swim and tennis teams at Panama. She received the Christine Wood Award for swimming this year and was team captain. She has participated in 4-H, volunteered for Thanksgiving dinners, and community clean-up. Halle plans to attend Houghton College and has not decided on a major.

Kurtis is the son of Steven and Theresa Olson. Kurtis was inducted into National Honor Society his sophomore year. He has been President of the Class of 2022 and is currently serving as Treasurer. He was a member of Student Council and Senior High Band. Kurtis has participated in baseball, basketball and football. He was named to the WNY All-Academic Team for football this past Fall. Kurtis will be attending Mercyhurst University and will major in Cybersecurity.

Reflections 2021-2022

Bert Lictus, Superintendent

As we reflect on this school year, I want to thank the members of the Panama Central School community and the community at large for the support they have shown during this tumultuous time. Thank you to the students, parents, grandparents, guardians, staff and others for making this year one to remember! We couldn’t have done it without everyone contributing.

While many communities were in chaos, Panama stood strong. While we did not all agree on Covid protocols, the people of the Panama CSD stood in support of their school and our students. I believe we were a model to follow, showing we could agree on our intended outcome which was student success. I’m proud to be a Panama Panther!

As we move into summer let’s keep our fingers crossed that we are returning to our new normal. As we have learned, things are always changing. Panama will always be the “silver lining” to any storm clouds we may face.

Thank you for making this schoolyear one to remember. Thank you for choosing Panama as a place to raise your children. On behalf of the Board of Education, administration, and staff at PCS, “thank you” for all you do. Enjoy your summer, we’ll see you in September.
# LIFE AFTER PANAMA

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The Class of 2022
Carolina Delahoy & Kaitlin Ring

As we approach graduation for the Class of 2022, we, the Senior Class Advisors, would like to extend our gratitude to the parents/guardians, PCS staff, and, most importantly, the seniors who have made this year a great success. The seniors’ high school experience has been a series of trials and tribulations. They faced a school shutdown, dealt with rescheduling their Junior Prom, and missed out on class activities over their high school years. However, we were fortunate enough to have a "normal" senior year that included Battle of the Classes, the Powderpuff Game, Prom, the Senior Awards Dinner, and traveling to Lake George, NY, for their senior trip.

As advisors, we also want to take this opportunity to wish the seniors the best of luck in their future endeavors. You are all exceptional individuals and capable of great things. We know you will make Panama proud!

Senior Recognition Dinner

The senior dinner was held on Thursday, June 9, 2022. Scholarships and awards were given to many members of the senior class. We had a nice dinner catered by Sandee’s Catering and Deli. We would like to thank the Connections program for making placemats for all of our seniors.

The seniors held a Baccalaureate service at Panama United Methodist Church on Tuesday, June 21st. The class members would like to thank Pastor Steve Taylor and the others who helped to make this evening special.

Commencement will be held on Friday, June 24th at 7:00pm in the school auditorium.

Please help us congratulate the Class of 2022. We wish you the best as you go into the world to make your mark. You will be missed!

Class Motto
"Clap your hands, stomp your feet, class of 2022 can’t be beat"

Congratulations to our Retirees!

Teachers:
Anne Dolce 1991 – 2022
Cheryl Honey 1991 - 2022
Lisa Minton 1991 – 2022
Concetta Young 1992 – 2022

Teacher’s Aide:
Debby Newton 2001 – 2022

Cleaner:
Cathy Griffin 2006 – 2022

Head Custodian:
Kevin Miktuk 1999 - 2022

Thank you for your years of service to the Panama District!
We wish you all the best!
Time to ROAR!

I am incredibly proud to report to you the success of a new initiative that some of our students have been taking part in this school year. Over the past five months our 7th and 8th grade students have been taking part in the R.O.A.R. program. In the ROAR program, students were placed into groups of 5-6 students and were assigned to one of twelve staff members as their advisor. These advisory groups met bi-monthly and focused on activities designed to help students be responsible decision-makers, promote open-mindedness, be accountable for their actions, and develop healthy and supportive relationships. While many of our staff members invested time and energy into putting this program into action, Mrs. Pam Warner and Mrs. Kaitlin Ring are the main architects of this initiative.

During our most recent ROAR session, Mrs. Warner and Mrs. Ring, with the support of the middle school staff, put on a Career Gallery Walk. During this activity, students rotated from room to room to visit with professionals from a variety of careers. Students were able to hear from and ask questions of a firefighter, a JPD police officer, a marine biologist, the owner of the Jackals, a lawyer, an athletic trainer, a social worker, a pipeline operator, a welder, a US Navy veteran, an employee for the resource center, and a physician's assistant. Prior to the event, students were given the opportunity to select which careers they were interested in. These preferences were used in making an individualized schedule for each student. The feedback from the students and the staff was very positive. Using this model, we hope to put on a career day in the fall for students in grades 9-12!

Thanks,

Scott Costantini
Secondary Principal

Honor Society Students Help at Special Olympics
Helen Keefe

The sun was shining brightly on Tuesday, May 24th as members of the Panama National Honor Society helped at the Special Olympics event held at Strider Field in Jamestown. NHS members helped athletes in various events such as running and jumping. Some members even stayed with students all day to ensure their competitions were a success. Honor society students who participated were: Caroline Apthorpe, Brody Bimber, Scotlynn Fegley, Julia Golden, Sarah Harvey, Stephanie Hovey, Halle Karlson, Brandon Keefe, Lucas Lisciandro, Maddie Lisciandro, Landyn Moore, Ashton Munson, Lilly Odell, Kurtis Olson, Bridgette Rourke, Donovan Schnars.
JCC Public Speaking  
Helen Keefe

Students in JCC Public Speaking attended a speech competition at JCC on April 27th. Twelve students from local schools competed, including Panama's very own Peyton Range. All competitors wrote a speech on the topic "Where Can Your Generation Find the Best Education." Although Peyton did not place, her speech about life experiences leading to the best education for her generation was beautifully written and performed.  

(left) not pictured: Abby Becker and Kate Kester

JCC students also participated in a panel discussion on June 6th in front of an audience of their peers. Their panel topic was "Psychopaths are made not born." Students were tasked with finding answers to the moderators' pre-assigned questions through various research efforts. Students also had to be prepared to answer impromptu questions about their side of the argument.

SADD Assembly with Message  
Helen Keefe

On May 19th, SADD hosted a PROM (Please Return on Monday) assembly for students in grades 9 through 12 which shared a message about making good choices and decisions, not only during special events like Prom and Homecoming, but every time they are driving a car or riding in a car as a passenger. Student organizers Maddie Lisciandro, Meadow Meredith, and Mandy Brink developed a thought-provoking assembly for their peers, complete with two guest speakers and videos. Panama Fire Chief Vernon Sheldon and guest Tom Sturges spoke earnestly to the audience, making sure students were aware of how their negative decisions often lead to negative and fatal consequences. Students watched two videos that detailed the grim aftermath that families face after fatalities occur. Students also pledged to make good choices on prom night by leaving their handprints and their names on a banner that was later placed in the main hallway of the school.
Students of the Third Quarter

The 7th grade student of the third quarter for Panama is Alyvia Remington. Alyvia is the daughter of Michelle Remington and Jason Flasher of Panama. Alyvia is a member of the Panama Modified Softball team, Amherst Lightning Softball, Middle School Band and Core Athletix Cheerleading. Alyvia is 28th in the world for cheerleading. She is also on the Honor Roll. She enjoys spending time with friends and family, taking pictures of birds, binge watching TV shows and TikTok traveling. Her favorite subject in school is social studies, favorite music groups are Blackstreet, Chris Young and Luke Combs and favorite TV shows are *The Walking Dead* and *Criminal Minds*.

The student of the third quarter for 8th grade is Ava Lawson. Ava is the daughter of Tomas and Laci Lawson of Asheville. Ava is a member of Chorus, MS Student Council, Art Club and performs in NYSSMA. Ava enjoys biking, reading, listening to music and playing with her pets. Her favorite subjects in school are ELA and Chorus, favorite female singer is Taylor Swift and favorite TV show is *Alexa & Katie*.

The Freshman Student of the Quarter is Ava Ecker. Ava is the daughter of Tosha Ecker and Brian Ecker of Asheville. Ava is the secretary for SADD. She plays percussion in the PCS Band and is a member of chorus; she also dances outside of school. Ava is an Honor Roll student. She enjoys listening to music, baking, painting and cheering. Her favorite subject in school is English, favorite music singer is Billie Eilish and favorite TV show is *Gravity Falls*.

The 10th grade student of the third quarter is Elizabeth Anderson. Liz is the daughter of Raymond and Marlene Anderson of Panama. Liz is an Honor Roll student. She participates in CSP Cross Country and Track and plays JV Basketball. Liz plays the flute in the band, has been in school musicals, a member of High School Bowl and was recently inducted into the National Honor Society. Liz is a member of SADD, IMPACT and Student Government. She likes to travel and enjoys animals. Her favorite subject in school is art.

The Junior student of the quarter is Nolan Gunnell. Nolan is the grandson of Bradley and Martha Gustafson of Asheville and is the son of the late Ryan Gunnell. Nolan is a member of Envirothon and the PCS Trap Club. Nolan loves the outdoors. He enjoys hunting, fishing and being in the woods. He enjoys spending time with his friends and family. Nolan’s favorite subject in school is science and he enjoys listening to country music.

The Senior student of the third quarter is Connor Tremblay. Connor is the son of Genesis Moore of Panama and Dale Tremblay. Connor is a National Honor Society member. He is a member of High School Bowl, Envirothon and is on the Honor Roll. Connor enjoys volunteering in the community. Connor loves to learn about Terraformation, Anatomy, Chemistry, Psychology and Forging. He enjoys reading about Astrophysics and Theorization. His favorite subject in school is science, favorite music group is Unlike Pluto and favorite TV show is *House MD*.
Cross-Age Mentor Program - An Exciting Opportunity
by Nikki Brunecz

It is with much excitement that members of the Wellness Team announce a pilot program that has been established at PCS during the 21-22 school year - a Cross-Age Peer Mentoring program. Mentoring programs have existed throughout history at PCS and was something that stood out as a need within elementary and middle school students who needed more positive outlets during school. With permission from parents, elementary and middle school students were identified who would benefit from working with an older, high school student on a once a week to biweekly basis. These meetings included playing board games, card games, arts and crafts while talking to their mentor about various life topics. The older peer mentors were trained on confidentiality and the importance of their roles were clearly defined. The School Social Worker was on hand if needed during any mentoring sessions. There have been many skills both mentors and mentees have gained from meeting with one another including feeling more of a connectedness to school, intra and interpersonal skills, and self-esteem to name a few. Huge shout outs to Kyle Ryan (senior), Alex Barmore (freshman), and Bryce Hinsdale (freshman) who have volunteered their time (which is already very limited with their demanding academic schedules) to mentor students this year. They have gone above and beyond the expectations of this role and are great role models to the students they mentor. They have shown flexibility, dedication and have made a huge difference in their mentee’s 21-22 school year. Thank you, Kyle, Alex, and Bryce, for all that you have done to make this program a huge success! We will miss Kyle next year and wish him the best of luck in his next adventure at Allegheny College!

We are so excited to grow this program in the upcoming years! If this is something you would like more information about, please reach out to Nikki Brunecz, School Social Worker at nbrunecz@pancent.org.

PCS Summer Camp
Kaitlin Ring

Panama will once again be hosting a summer program for students entering grades 1 through 6. The program will run from July 18th to August 11th. Students will have the opportunity to participate in various activities, including math, phonics, art, health and wellness, and more! In addition, field trips will take place on Thursdays and include traveling to the Audubon and the Martz Observatory. We are excited to share this time with our Panama students! Registration forms have been sent home with students, and regular attendance is strongly encouraged. If you have any questions about the summer program, don't hesitate to contact Kaitlin Ring at kring@pancent.org.
Panther Tennis
Chris Payne

The Panther Tennis team returned to the PCS home courts for the first time in over a decade. The team broke the courts in with a victory in the very first match over Falconer. The team returned only 2 players from last year’s team and brought in 14 new tennis players. The two returners from last season were Evelyn Montagna and Caroline Apthorpe. Evelyn played 1st and 2nd singles this season and got better every match. She became a savvy and consistent player. Caroline spent most of her career as a double player but moved up the ladder and played 2nd and 3rd singles this season. Also starting as singles players were Kadyn Abers and Jo Bailey. Kadyn doubled up with modified baseball this season and showed a lot of grit on the court. Jo was a very consistent and steady player and if her serve was on she was tough to beat. The doubles teams rotated a lot this season as we were trying to find the right pairings throughout the season. Senior Halle Karlson, Mackenzie Greene, Lauren Gibbs, Lincoln Gibbs and Danielle Scolton started matches in doubles. All of these players showed vast improvement in all areas of their games. In fact Halle Karlson and Lincoln Gibbs sealed the first win over Falconer with a come from behind victory. The rest of the team competed each match as exhibition teams. Connor Horner, Orion Glover, Leanne Lisciandro, Annie Becker, Tim Johnson, Owen Johnson and Angelise Campbell all competed hard this year. Alexis Becker managed for the team and helped us during the year. Earning trips to the County meet in singles were Evelyn Montagna, Caroline Apthorpe and Jo Bailey. The Panthers were represented by these doubles teams. Evelyn Montagna and Jo Bailey, Caroline Apthorpe and Mackenzie Greene, Kadyn Abers and Halle Karlson as well as Lincoln and Lauren Gibbs. Tennis is a great lifelong sport for the students at Panama. I would like to thank all the players for their hard work and enthusiasm throughout the season. One thing about tennis is that you have to keep playing and keep learning. I hope all the players take advantage of the courts this summer to improve their games. YEAH TENNIS!
**Softball**

Tammy Hosier, Coach

The softball team finished with a 3-11 record, but our record is not indicative of the season we had. Last year we graduated our pitcher-catcher duo, Ashlyn Harvey & Marra Hovey, who were a huge reason for us winning the Class D Section 6 title in 2019, and for getting us to the sectional championship game last season. We were very young with only one senior. Our starting pitchers were a 7th grader and a freshman, both first year varsity players. With that being said, out of our 11 losses, 7 of them were close games. These ladies will be a force to reckon with in the future!

The 2022 Softball Team is also a great representation of student-athletes! It is an honor to announce that we were once again named a NYSPHSAA Scholar Team. To earn this award a team must have a combined average of 90% using 75% of the roster. The girl’s overall overage was 96.39! Congratulations to Madelynn Lisciandro for being selected as All-WNY individual Scholar Athlete winner!

We had two players recognized by our league; Madelynn Lisciandro received honorable mention and Sharayah Fuller was awarded the individual sportsmanship award. The league also voted Panama as the league’s team sportsmanship winner.

**Softball Senior**

The softball team and coaches would like to thank our one and only senior, Madelynn Lisciandro for the LEADERSHIP and FUN she brought to the softball program. We will cherish the countless memories we have of you! We will miss you and wish you the best of luck always! "Once a Panther, Always a Panther!"

**Fall Sports**

Fall Sports are just around the corner. In the fall we offer Varsity, JV and Modified Football and Varsity and Modified Cross Country as members of the CSP Wolfpack. We also offer Panther Girls Varsity and JV Volleyball as well as Girls Swimming which is merged with Maple Grove and Clymer.

The start dates for JV and Varsity Football are 8/20. Volleyball, Swimming, Cross Country and Modified Football begin August 22. Students that showed interest in Fall sports should receive a schedule before the end of school. All teams will be communicated through our google classrooms.

If you are interested in participating in a fall sport you need to have an updated physical (within 1 year). You will also have to sign up on our FAMILY ID registration program. The Site will be ready to go on June 15th and be open until August 19. Go to [www.pancent.org](http://www.pancent.org), Go to athletics, Go to Family ID registration and follow the process.
Mission Statement
Panama Central School...where we learn and grow together through shared effort and support.

We Believe . . .
- Every individual is important and deserves respect.
- Learning occurs at home, in school, in the community and through many resources
- Education includes intellectual, emotional, and social learning
- Learning is a continuing life-long process
- Every individual is entitled to opportunities to reach his/her potential
- In a safe, supportive, and productive environment
- Every individual is responsible for his/her own choices
- Communication within the educational community is vital to success of the system.

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