# BOULT JALLES CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



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# Griffin Spotlight





## **Student-athletes enjoying success**

The Boquet Valley Athletic program entered the winter sports season coming off a strong season not only on the field but in the classroom, where both the varsity girls and varsity boys soccer teams were named New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) Scholar Athlete Teams.

Out of 35 Griffin Student-Athletes who competed in fall sports, 32 were named as NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athletes.

Over the winter sports season, we have seen over 100 students participate in basketball, weightlifting and archery.

For the second season, middle school interest in basketball required two modified teams, with a Gold and Blue team for both the boys and girls. Both varsity basketball teams have been ranked in the top 20 Class D teams in the state by the New York State Sportswriter's Association at some point during the 2022-23 season. All teams have been playing well and continue to work hard on the court and in the classroom.





## Superintendent of Schools Message: Joshua R. Meyer

Dear Parents, Students, and Community Members,

Boquet Valley Central School District remains committed to improving communication.

Significant changes were made this fall moving to ParentSquare as our primary tool to reach our student and parents. In an



effort to improve communication with our community we are restructuring our newsletter to be electronic and occur monthly. We understand that clear and transparent communication is essential for building trust and ensuring that our community is informed about the progress and plans for our schools.

In the coming months, we will be ramping up our efforts to engage with parents, students, and community members through a variety of channels. This will include regular updates via our district newsletter and website, as well as informational meetings and town halls. We will also be utilizing social media and other digital platforms to keep you informed and answer any questions you may have.

We are excited about the future

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## Mountain View Top 5

#### **Skiing at Whiteface**

1. Know your limits and ski beyond them! We've been able to send nearly 40 students skiing at Whiteface Mountain already this year. This is something that other schools and communities can only dream about. Outstanding job to our Griffins giving this a try for the very first time. We truly are proud at Mountain View.

#### **NYS Theatre Educators Association Conference**

2. Let's get the show on the road, and we did! Our students were afforded the opportunity to participate in The New York State Theatre Educators Association Conference this year, with other students around the North Country. This trip was done in collaboration with the Depot Theatre Academy. What an extraordinary opportunity in celebration of the arts!



#### **Winter Solstice Celebration**

3. "If winter comes, can spring be far behind?" - Percy Bysshe Shelley - We celebrated the Winter Solstice with hot cocoa, sledding, and reindeer games. The annual Faculty vs. Seniors volleyball games are always a sweet set!



#### **Chinese New Year**

4. I'm a Dragon, what's your Chinese Zodiac sign? In an effort to diversify our celebrations, students in The Art Club, 6th and 9th grade donned our lobby with beautiful Chinese lanterns, celebrating the Chinese/Lunar New Year.

#### **College Visits**

5. College, Career, Military, oh my! Our students have had a multitude of experiences visiting colleges, being exposed to career opportunities and military recruiters. Some fan favorites were the Junior's visit to Canton and the alumni panel with recent BVCS graduates

## Lake View Top 5

#### **Veterans Day**

1. We were excited to host our local World War II Veteran Mr. John Neggia to speak to our students. Mr. Neggia spoke to our students about his involvements in World War II, sharing experiences from basic training to returning home.

#### **Spelling Bee**

2. After more than 25 rounds of competition our Spelling Bee winners were determined. Our 5th grade champion is Calen Duso and representing the 4th grade and overall Lake View Champion is Mason Peck. Congratulations to all of the participants and a special thank you to the student's and faculty who supported all of the competitors.

#### **Winter Solstice**

3. The Beatles hit, "Here Comes the Sun", was played as our students wishes for the new year lit up the gymnasium during our Solstice celebration. The Winter Solstice is noted for having the shortest day of daylight of the year, also helps us recognize that everyday after that will have more light than the day before.

#### 100th Day of School

4. We have had a wonderful school year with so many activities returning for our students. Our faculty and students are starting to organize as we prepare to celebrate our 100th day of school. The 100th day is a great opportunity to look back on the success and growth our students have had so far this year. Great job everyone and I look forward to what the rest of the year brings us.

#### **Winter Concert**

5. On February 16th we look forward to welcoming parents and friends to our inaugural Winter Concert. Our students in grades K – 2 will be showing off their hard work and skills. Our friends in grades 3 – 5 will have their opportunity coming up in the spring.

#### **Lake View Principal Daniel Parker**

We have experienced an exciting beginning to 2023 at Lake View. Our annual Spelling Bee competition was a great exhibition by our competitors that lasted more than 25 rounds. We are now looking forward to the celebration to come forth here in February of our 100th day of school. As winter start to show up with more traditional weather of below freezing temperatures and snow, we will be outside enjoying the snow and our sledding hill, please remember to have the kids pack their snow gear.



#### **Mountain View Principal Message: Elaine Dixon-Cross**

2023 has been off to a great start in grades 6-12. To date our students have accomplished a great deal and have had some amazing experiences! We're heading into January Regents week and have recently completed our progress monitoring with IReady in grades 6-8. Be on the lookout for our OASIS summer programming. We'd like to offer opportunities this summer in academics, exploration and discovery. Please consider what we have to offer and sign up for one of our programs. I'm looking forward to the remainder of the school year and all of the adventures that it will bring. Each day we will continue to explore ways to improve our academic success, strengthen our Griffin pride and traditions, and create meaningful middle and high school memories. As a reminder, our teachers, counselors and administrative team are available to provide assistance.

#### ...Superintendent of Schools Message Continued

of our district and the positive impact that our upcoming goals and projects will have on our students and community. We will be engaging in conversations so we can work together to ensure that our school district is the best it can be for generations to come.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working with you to shape the future of education in our community.

Sincerely, Joshua R. Meyer

### **Scenes from Boquet Valley**









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