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AUBURN ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Auburn Educators to Volunteer in Cameroon



*Herman Avenue students attach a well with their name on it on the wall after donating change.*

**"It doesn't matter where you come from - you are never too small or insignificant to contribute to the long-term sustainability of our planet."  
Farmer Tantoh**

At the end of March, authors Miranda and Baptiste Paul will be visiting the Auburn elementary schools to talk about their new book, "I am Farmer," a picture book biography of Tantoh Nforba, an environmentalist in Cameroon, Africa. Nforba, known throughout the country as Farmer Tantoh, will be joining the Pauls on their school visits. Farmer Tantoh started a non-profit organization called SYFA (Save Your Future Association) which funds wells, water systems and gardens in Cameroon villages suffering from a lack of clean water. Auburn students have been learning about the importance of access to clean water for more than 700 million people around the world. Three Auburn educators,

Librarians Anne Mlod (Genesee) and Victoria Calarco (Owasco), with Art Educator Jessica Rice (Herman/Genesee) will be traveling to Cameroon in late January to volunteer with Farmer Tantoh and his organization to install a water system in a local village. All Auburn schools are doing fundraisers to help pay for this water system. In addition to visits to each elementary school there will also be a program on Thursday, March 28th in the evening with the Pauls and Farmer Tantoh, thanks to support from the Auburn Education Foundation.

To learn more about the author visit, fundraiser and educator trip to Cameroon, please go to <http://www.global-since-birth.org>.



*Genesee Pride Leadership Team members Samazhay Williams, Meghan Winks and Jacob Morrell stand behind the "Water is Life" jug while a younger student makes a donation.*

## Auburn Athletic Director Ray receives honor as Director of the Year

Auburn High School Athletic Director Tamela Ray has been named Director of the Year by the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance.

Ray, an Auburn resident, has worked in the Auburn Enlarged City School District for 33 years, serving as director of health, physical education and athletics for the past 23. Previously, Ray has earned accolades such as the NYS AHPERD Professional of the Year, Council of Administrators Physical Education Director of the Year, Central North Zone Amazing Person, the Section III Service Award, and Athletic Director of the Year Award.

Under Ray's watch, Auburn has implemented fitness testing that allows students to reach specific goals, track fitness levels and work on developing fitness plans. She also serves on numerous Section III committees.

Prior to her time with the AECSD, Ray received degrees from Ithaca College, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, SUNY Cortland and Syracuse University.



*Auburn Athletic Director Tamela Ray stands with the NYS AHPERD's David Garbarino after receiving the NYS AHPERD Director of the Year Award at the Jay B. Nash award dinner at the Turning Stone Convention Center in November.*

# #FixAndFundIt

The Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee has put this website together as a way to get information out to the community regarding the Foundation Aid issues affecting the district. For more information please visit:

[fixandfundit.org](http://fixandfundit.org)

We Make a Difference!



## *Career Shadow Day* at Auburn Junior High School

On November 30, 2018, approximately 240 Auburn Junior High School 8th grade students participated in our 6th Annual Career Shadowing Day. Career and college readiness is one of our most urgent goals in education right now. One aspect of that is to gain knowledge of and exposure to a diverse range of postsecondary pathways. Not only did our students have the opportunity to shadow someone for the day, but they were also required to set up their own experience and interview their host.

As in past years, we have received a lot of positive feedback from students and from the businesses that hosted them. Career Shadowing Day is designed to give students a meaningful introduction to the world of work and to provide a context for understanding the connection between school and career. We want our students to be able to see that what they are doing in their classes every day is preparing them for future jobs.



*Heather Ferris at the Heritage Welcome Center*



*Baron Lesch at Cayuga County Court*

Our students shadowed a variety of job sites including Cornell University, News Channel 9, Beardsley Design, APD, AFD, Welch Allyn, Sysco, Xylem, Windsong Farms/Kennels, Cayuga Veterinary Services, Lascas, CCC, and ACH to name a few. Our students had a wonderful time and were able to get a true experience of what the "world of work" is all about. We would like our current 7th graders to begin thinking about where they would like to shadow next year.

We would also like to extend a huge THANK YOU to all the businesses and employers in Auburn and the surrounding communities that allowed our students to shadow and experience the "world of work" for the day. If you are an employer and would like to participate next year, please contact one of the School Counselors at Auburn Junior High School.

By Jerry Salvage, School Counselor



*Brett Wilson at Weedsport Animal Hospital*



*Jani Klein at Buck Tucker's*

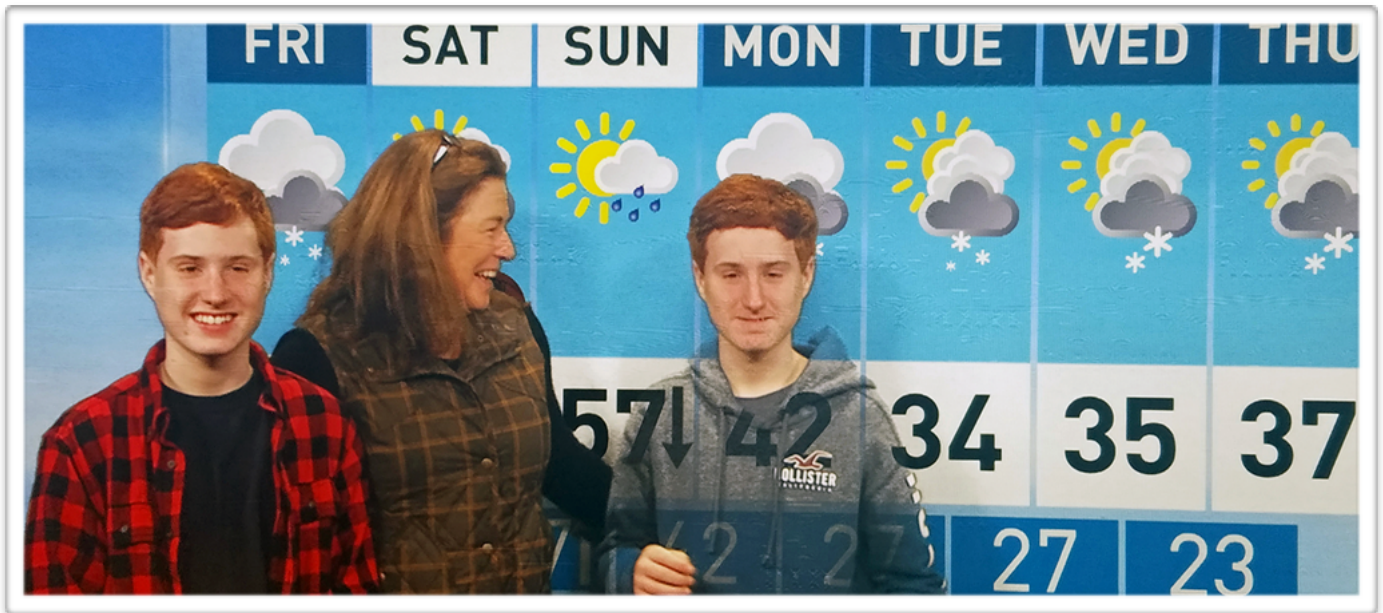
# January 2019 Exam Schedule

Updated: 12/27/18

January 22 - Tuesday	January 23- Wednesday	January 24 - Thursday	January 25 - Friday
8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m.
R- English- Mirror Room Global 9- Gym 1,2 Interm. Algebra 2- E305  <b>11:00 am</b> Earth Science Lab- E110 CCC American History-Gym 1 Psychology- Gym 1	R- US Hist. & Gov. - C318 R- Geometry- C317 Global 10/AP World- Gym 1, 2 AP US History- Mirror Room Accuplacer- E206 & E213  <b>11:00am</b> Forensics- GYM 1 Marine Bio- GYM 2	R- Global Hist & Gov- C317	R- Chemistry- C317  R- Earth Science- C317
12:00 Noon	12:00 Noon	12:00 Noon	12:00 Noon
R- Living Environment- C317 CCC Health- Mirror Room Spanish 3- Hayward C318 Spanish 3- Holm.Sull. E305 Accuplacer- E206 & E213	R- Algebra- C317  Accuplacer- E206 & E213	R- Algebra 2- C317	Admission Deadlines:  Morning Exams- 10:00 am  Afternoon Exams- 2:00 pm

**Only students who have tests will report to their specific test on Tuesday and Wednesday. Students who are not testing do not have to attend Tuesday or Wednesday. School will be in regular session and all students will attend on Thursday and Friday.**

**All busses will run as normal in the morning to school. The bus schedule home will be modified on Tuesday and Wednesday. Busses home are 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 & 4:00.**



**Auburn Junior High School eighth graders Nick and Jack Rivoli along with 8th grade health teacher Kristi Newton spent Career Shadow Day at News Channel 9 in Syracuse on November 30, 2018.**

# PreSchool Open Enrollment Begins February 1, 2019!

## Open Enrollment for Auburn Enlarged City School District's 2019-2020 Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program!

The Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program is an integral component of our District, and includes a UPK program for our 4-year-old learners and a 3PK program for 3-year-olds! Together, these programs offer comprehensive educational services to Auburn School District residents who will be 3 or 4-years of age on or before December 1, 2019, and are available at **no cost** for eligible children.

A list of our Universal Pre-Kindergarten program locations (sites) is below, and contains information regarding which sites offer 3PK and/or UPK, and which sites provide full-day and/or half-day programs. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are welcomed and encouraged to visit any of these participating sites before completing your registration packet. Kindly contact the site to arrange a visit.



Site	Program *	Full/Half Day*	Contact
Cayuga Community College	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-255-1743, ext. 2303 or 315-294-8603
Cayuga Onondaga BOCES	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-253-0361, ext.7675
Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-252-0038, ext. 260
Early Childhood Center	UPK	Full-day	315-255-0233
E. John Gavras Center	3PK and UPK	Full-day & Half-day 3PK Full-day UPK	315-255-2746
Montessori School of the Fingerlakes	3PK and UPK	Full-day	315-252-2225
YMCA	3PK and UPK	Full-day & Half-day 3PK Full-day UPK	315-253-5304, ext. 113

*\*Program offerings, and full/half day classes per site are subject to change*

Interested Parent(s)/Guardian(s) may pick up a 2019-2020 registration packet at any of the UPK sites listed above, at all Auburn Elementary schools, or at our Administrative Offices. Registration packets can also be downloaded from the AECSD website: [www.aecsd.education](http://www.aecsd.education). Registration packets should be available for pick up or download mid-January. **REMINDER: We cannot accept any completed registration packets prior to February 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## Do you have a child who will be 5-years of age on or before December 1, 2019? Accepting Applications for the 2019-2020 Kindergarten program!

Stop by and pick up a registration packet at any of the Auburn Elementary schools, or at our Administrative Offices. Registration packets can also be downloaded from the AECSD website: [www.aecsd.education](http://www.aecsd.education). Registration packets should be available for pick up or download mid-January.

**REMINDER: We cannot accept any completed registration packets prior to February 1<sup>st</sup>. Need more information about the 2019-2020 Universal Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten programs? Please contact Mary Cregg at 315-255-8825 or Michelle Kolceski at 315-255-8613.**





Auburn honored athletes at the 18th Annual AHS Athletic Hall of Fame Awards Banquet held on Saturday, November 3, 2018. Pictured are members of the 2018 Class: L-R: Chris Prentice, Jim Cranfield, David Picciano, Tia Marie Gilliam, Meghan Bishop, Ryan Blair, Peter Jones (representing Coach Dick Jones), and Jon Frederick. Congratulations to all of these very deserving inductees. The Auburn Athletic tradition continues!

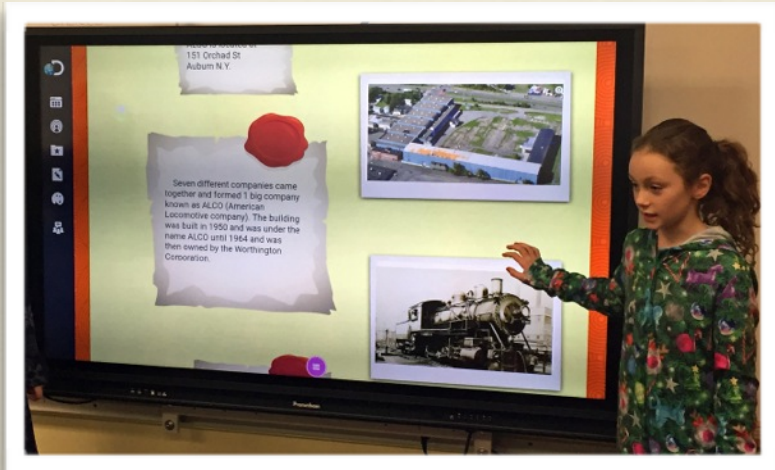
## Owasco Elementary Donates over 170 Pairs of Pajamas!



Over 100 students at Owasco Elementary collected over 170 pairs of pajamas to be donated to the Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency as part of a holiday giving project tied to Scholastic's Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive. For every new pair of pajamas collected, Scholastic donates a book to go along with them. The program provides new books and new pajamas to children in need, many of whom are waiting and hoping to be adopted.

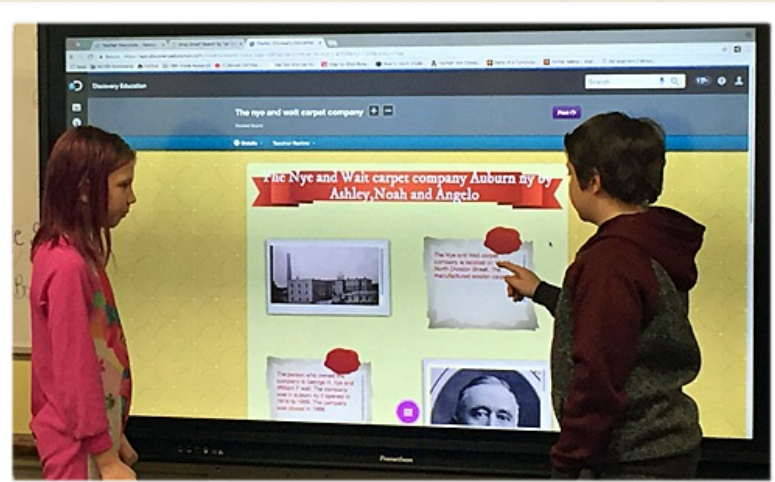
This giveaway project started at Owasco in 2016 with just fifth grade students participating. In 2016 and 2017, fifth grade students collected between 65-75 pairs of pajamas each year. This year, the entire school joined in on the endeavor, which allowed students to collect almost triple the number of pajamas for the project, providing that many more children in need with new pajamas and a brand new book.

## Herman Avenue Project: Former Manufacturing Companies that once thrived in Auburn, NY from 1800-1930's



Mrs. Crosby and Ms. Sobus worked together to do a research project with Ms. Sobus' 5th grade class on manufacturers that were once located in Auburn, NY during the early 1900's. The students worked in groups of three to research information on the following companies: ALCO, Birdsall, Columbian Rope, Dunn & McCarthy, E.D. Clapp, Nye & Wait, and the Wegman Piano Company.

Students researched information such as where the company was located, who founded the company, and what products the company made. Students took their information and created an electronic poster board using the Discovery Education database. Students presented their information to their class on December 21, 2018. The students were all engaged and found it interesting to learn about the history of their community as well as learning new ways to present their information.

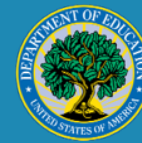


## Generous DONATION From Local Dental Office



The Auburn Enlarged City School District received a special donation from Simmonds, Brady, and Loi Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery office in December. The office staff pooled their money together and purchased 59 sets of hats and mittens for our students to help stay warm this winter.

We are fortunate to have local businesses supporting our school district's students. Superintendent Pirozzolo and Assistant Superintendent Evener were excited to receive the generous donation. The district would like to thank Simmonds, Brady, and Loi Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery for thinking of our students and supporting the Auburn Enlarged City School District.



## Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)

Students who are applying to colleges, please be aware that procedures for the confidentiality of student records within the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) have recently changed. FERPA permits school officials to disclose all education records, including disciplinary records, to another institution at which the student seeks or intends to enroll. This now also applies to post-secondary institutions (colleges), upon request.

## NEW YORK STATE SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY

You can go online to find out if any sexual offenders live near you. The New York State Sex Offender Registry is available at [www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/insor/index.htm](http://www.criminaljustice.ny.gov/insor/index.htm) whereby you can search for Level 2 and Level 3 sex offenders.

## NOTICE OF REFERENDUM VOTE

# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT VOTE



**Tuesday, January 8, 2019**  
**7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

*Voting will be held at two polling places for all Auburn Enlarged City School District Residents*



Legislative District 10 votes at  
Casey Park Elementary School  
101 Pulaski Street, Auburn, New York



All other legislative districts vote at  
Seward Elementary School  
52 Metcalf Drive, Auburn, New York 13021

*Scope of the project includes priority one items from the Facilities Plan identified by their connection to the health and safety, security, preservation, code requirements as well as infrastructure and building systems that are at the end of their expected lifespan. Priority one items also include various code-required upgrades identified by the Facilities Plan. Additional categories of reconstruction projects at the sites include: lighting, plumbing, windows and doors, heating, and ventilation projects, flooring, building infrastructure including masonry and concrete work and other miscellaneous upgrades.*



### 23rd Annual SEWARD Elementary Circus!

On Friday, November 30, 84 Seward Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> grade students performed in the school's 23rd annual circus. This year's theme was "Hollywood Circus" and it drew in a full gymnasium of spectators. The event included games and refreshments capped off with a fantastic performers by the fifth graders. The school's physical education teachers, Mrs. Mazza and Mr. Patchett, organized a week-long of preparation that included a school-wide assembly on Monday, circus skills instruction in all of the physical education classes and extended periods of practice for the fifth grade performers. Circus skills learned and performed were the spinning plates, Chinese Diabolos, juggling, stilts, devil sticks and globes.

**Seward Elementary** would like to extend a special thank you to the Seward Elementary School's PTA for their continued financial support to ensure the tradition continues; Larry Rundle (aka "The Incredible Larry") and Joshua Edelman (aka "Joshua J. Superstar") for working with all of the Seward students all week long to perfect their circus skills; the Bartolotta family for the donation of a new wooden circus ticket booth; and the many parent volunteers that worked to make the night such a great success!



# January 2019

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	<p>1 year = 365 opportunities</p>	 <p>1 New Year's Day <b>NO SCHOOL Holiday Recess</b></p>	<p>2 <b>NO SCHOOL Holiday Recess</b></p>	<p>3 Winter Tryouts: Modified Girls Basketball Modified Boys Wrestling Genesee PTP Mtg. 6:00PM <b>School Resumes</b></p>	<p>4 NEW MGR @ Casey Park Gr.3-5</p>	<p>5 NEW</p>																																																																																										
<p>6 For updated events please check the online calendar at our website: <a href="http://www.aecsd.education">www.aecsd.education</a></p>	<p>7 District Parent Council Mtg. 6:30PM @ Tubman</p>	<p>8 Capital Project Vote 7:00AM - 9:00PM District 10 vote at Casey Park All other legislative districts vote at Seward Elementary</p>	<p>9 Casey Park CPTO Mtg. 5:30PM AJHS PTO Mtg. 6:00PM Board of Education Mtg. AHS Library @ 7:00PM</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>																																																																																										
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## ATTENDANCE MATTERS!



**If I'm not here,  
I can't learn.**

Missing just a few days of school a month can hurt a child's math and reading skills or even their chance of graduating. Please help us reduce chronic absence. Find out more at:

[www.everystudentpresent.org/parents](http://www.everystudentpresent.org/parents)

**Check out  
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## POSTAL CUSTOMER/BOX HOLDER



### Enhanced STAR Exemption for Senior Citizens

Senior property owners who already have a Basic STAR Exemption on their primary residence may be eligible for the Enhanced STAR Exemption when they are 65. You should apply when you are 64 so that, if you qualify, you may receive the exemption beginning the year that you turn 65. Auburn city residents should contact the Assessor's Office at City Hall on South Street (255-4125). Other Auburn (Aurelius, Throop, Owasco, Sennett, Fleming) and Cayuga County residents should contact their local assessor's office. The deadline for applications for Auburn city residents is February 1. Other Auburn and Cayuga County residents should check with their local assessor.

The Enhanced STAR program for senior citizens provides eligible seniors an exemption from school property taxes for owner-occupied, primary residences. To be eligible for this exemption, a property owner must be 65 years of age or older on December 31, 2018, with income not exceeding \$86,300.

STAR provides qualifying households with up to a \$66,800 exemption on the full value of their property. Qualifying residents owning a home with a full value of \$100,000 will recognize an estimated \$1,181 in Enhanced STAR tax savings in 2018-2019.



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