From the Principal’s Desk

It is my honor to present our annual Commencement Issue of the Algonac Jr/Sr High School newsletter.

The newsletter will highlight the outstanding accomplishments of the class of 2018. Algonac Jr/Sr High School takes great pride in the quality of our programs, the effort and skills of our staff, the stature of our students, and the achievements of our graduates. The Class of 2018 is filled with fine men and women who we all can be proud of.

I hope you will join me in congratulating all members of the Class of 2018. Whether you live near or far, you will always be Muskrats!

Congratulations

"Top Ten" Class of 2018

Algonac Jr/Sr High School is proud to announce the "Top Ten" students from the Class of 2018

Students’ biographies are listed beginning on Page 2.
Algonac Jr/Sr High School names “Top Ten”

Jade N. Schwark

Jade has definitely made the most of her career at Algonac Jr./Sr. High School, participating in many academically challenging courses and extracurricular activities. She has been a member of Student Council, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), National Honor Society (NHS), Mock Trial, and the Prom Planning Committee, holding a leadership position as the secretary of NHS her senior year. She also participated in Freshman, Junior Varsity, and Varsity Volleyball during all four years of high school. During her sophomore year, Jade was also elected to attend the MyLead Leadership Conference held at Michigan State University.

Jade elected to take many challenging courses while at Algonac. She took AP Statistics her sophomore year and participated in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme during her junior and senior years taking IB Math, IB English, IB History, IB Spanish, IB Sports, and IB Music. Not only was Jade involved in her school, but she was also very involved in her community. Some of her service includes: being a member of the Junior V.A.L.O.R. League at the Algonac VFW, volunteering to serve on her church worship band, tutoring through the Algonac Tutoring Program, and participating at many other community events.

Jade finishes out her four years at Algonac High School with a 4.33 GPA. She plans to attend Western Michigan University in the fall pursuing a dual major in Electrical Engineering and Multimedia Arts Technology. She is a member of the Lee Honors College. She is the daughter of Doreen Stuart and Ron Schwark of Algonac.

Hannah Marie Stickler

Hannah is the daughter of Michael Stickler and Tami Lotz. Throughout her time at Algonac Jr./Sr. High School she participated in several sports and clubs. These include Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Track, Varsity Quiz Bowl, Student Council, the National Honor Society, Color Guard, and the AHS Symphonic band. She was also a candidate in the International Baccalaureate program. Within her activities she was a captain for the Cross Country team, Color Guard, and Track team. She was also the secretary for the student council. She was selected as a National College Match finalist. She will finish her high school career with a 4.5 GPA. She will become a collegiate athlete next fall running cross country, attending Wellesley College and double majoring in Astronomy and Chemistry.

Trenton A. Treppa

Trent is the son of Brian and Beth Treppa of Clay Township. Trent has participated in many different school activities over the course of his high school career, including Students Against Destructive Decisions (S.A.D.D), Student Council and National Honor Society. He was also an athlete on the football, basketball, baseball, and golf teams. Trent has been a part of three district football titles as well as a regional title, a district title in baseball, and qualified for regionals in golf. While being a part of these sports teams and accomplishments, he has maintained a 4.33 GPA while taking four IB classes (IB Math, IB Biology, IB History, and IB Sports, Exercise and Health) and one AP class (AP Statistics), was nominated for Academic All-State individually for football, basketball, baseball and golf, and received the Lamp of Learning award and Academic Letter for excellence in the classroom. Trent will be attending Michigan State University in the fall of 2018 to study mechanical engineering. He hopes to pursue a career in the mechanical engineering field.
"Top Ten" continued

Samantha Tirakian

During her time at Algonac Jr./Sr. High School, Samantha served as president of the National Honor Society for her senior year and drum major of the Algonac Marching Band during her junior and senior years. Samantha was also a member of the Taft Road Jazz Society for two years and a member of the Algonac Symphonic Band for all four years. She attends Bev's Dance Studio in New Baltimore where she participated in Royal Academy of Dance ballet exams, teaches, takes classes, and competes. She is a full IB diploma candidate. Samantha will attend Wayne State University, where she was admitted into the Mike Illitch School of Business and the Wayne State Honors College. She plans to major in business and mortuary science. Samantha is the daughter of Julie and Edward Tirakian.

Breanna Marie Appleton

During her four years at Algonac Jr./Sr. High School, Breanna was a member of National Honor Society, Student Council, JV Quiz Bowl, JV Volleyball, Marching Band (Clarinet Section Leader 2 years), Symphonic Band, and LINKS program, served as one of the CEO’s of Public Affairs in SADD and assistant coached middle school volleyball. She was a three time Varsity Volleyball starter throughout her athletic career, earning her All-State Academic all three years, BWAC Honorable Mention her Junior year, and 1st Team all BWAC and team captain her senior year. Breanna has also participated in 4 years of travel volleyball at Michigan Elite and volunteers at youth volleyball programs. She was on the 2017 Algonac Pickeral Tournament Queens Court and participates in local community service opportunities like the Care Bag Movement. She is a Full International Baccalaureate Diploma Candidate and will graduate with a 4.5 GPA. She plans on attending Michigan Technological University, where she will major in Chemical Engineering. Breanna is the daughter of Brent and Sherry Appleton of Clay Township.

Sophia Francine Gerlando

Sophie worked to make the most out of her high school experience, participating in a variety of student activities. These included four years of Varsity Softball, Student Council, Marching Band, and Symphonic Band. She served as Varsity Football Manager and Athletic Trainer, roles she thoroughly enjoyed, her sophomore through senior year. Leadership positions Sophie held included Student Council President, Marching Band Flute Section Leader, and Varsity Softball Captain. Sophie was also recognized her junior year as a Softball First Team All-BWAC Athlete. Sophie is an IB Diploma student with a GPA of 4.41. She will attend Michigan State University in the fall, majoring in Accounting with a long term goal of becoming a Forensic Accountant. Sophie is the daughter of Charles and Amy Gerlando of Algonac.

Thomas M. Hindy

Thomas is the son of David and Judy Hindy of Algonac. He’s been involved in multiple school activities throughout his high school career, which include an athlete on the Varsity Baseball Team, an assistant on the Medical Staff for the Varsity Football Team, a member of the National Honor Society, and a member of Students Against Destructive Decisions. Thomas was a member of the 2017 District Championship Team for Varsity Baseball, has maintained a 4.33 GPA while taking four IB classes (IB Biology, IB World History, IB Math, and IB Sports, Exercise and Health) and one AP class (AP Statistics), was nominated to the All-State Academic Team for Division 2 in baseball, and has received the Lamp of Learning Award and Academic Letter for his excellence in the classroom. Thomas is going to attend Wayne State University in the fall of 2018 to study biomedical engineering, with the hope of using his degree to get into medical school following his undergraduate education. He hopes to pursue a career in either orthopedic or cardiovascular surgery once his graduate school education is completed.
"Top Ten" continued

Daniel R. Brejnak
Throughout his four years at Algonac Jr./Sr. High School, Daniel has excelled in every academic situation put before him. He has taken four second-year IB courses achieving a cumulative GPA of 4.3. Daniel was recognized this past year as a National Merit Commended Student placing him in the top 34,000 students in the nation due to his exceptional performance on the NMSQT which over 1.6 million students participated in taking their Junior year. Daniel has also achieved near-perfect scores on every state issued test, including the SAT, ACT, and the AP Exam for Statistics. Furthermore, Daniel has participated in and held leadership roles amongst numerous school and community organizations including: Student Council, SADD, NHS, Art Club, and the Algonac Varsity Bowling Team, which he captained his Junior year leading the team to the state competitive level both Junior and Senior years. Daniel will be attending either the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor or Eastern Michigan University Honors College on scholarship. He will pursue a degree in Literature and continue on for a Masters in Creative Writing. Daniel does not desire to be a good writer, but a “great author”. Daniel is the son of Kathryn Brejnak and Jeffery Young.

Madeline M. Meldrum
Madeline is the daughter of Ronald Meldrum of Clinton Township and Michele Meldrum of Clay Township. She has been the percussion section leader for the past three years in both symphonic band and marching band. She has also been playing for Algonac’s pep band and jazz band all four years, as well as making it into the districts Honors Band twice. Her musical talents have helped her obtain nearly 30 medals through festivals and competitions. Madeline has also participated in JV Basketball, Varsity Soccer, JV and Varsity Powderpuff, and Varsity Tennis, in which she led the team as a singles player. Madeline has also been a high-scoring Varsity Quizbowl player for the past three years. She is now the S.A.D.D. Secretary and has been an active member all four years. In N.H.S., she is serving her second year as the club’s historian. Madeline is a Full International Baccalaureate Diploma Candidate and will be graduating with a cumulative GPA of a 4.5. She is this year’s winner of our Brightest and Best award. Madeline is a recipient of the presidential scholarship at Oakland University and has been admitted into the Honors College where she will major in Biochemistry.

Kyle R. Allen
Kyle participated in many school activities throughout his time in high school, including Students Against Destructive Decisions (S.A.D.D.), National Honor Society, Student Council, and sports. The sports he participated in all four years of high school included: football, basketball, and baseball. He also won many awards while playing football and baseball, including Academic All-State Individual and Team in football, Academic All-State for baseball, and winning districts and a regional game in these two sports. Kyle was a part of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, taking IB History of the World, IB Biology, IB Math, and IB Sports, Exercise and Health, while also taking AP Statistics. Kyle finished his studies at Algonac Jr./Sr. High School with a 4.31 GPA. He has performed multiple community service jobs during high school, like helping the youth sport programs, church, and at the local Park and Recreation. He will be attending the University of Michigan, currently undecided on his major. Kyle is the son of Michael and Laurie Allen of Ira Township.
Algonac Seniors Shine
Channel 7
“Brightest & Best”

AJSH is pleased to announce that Madeline Meldrum is the "Brightest and Best" of the class of 2018! Madeline was selected for this distinguished award based on her course rigor, cumulative grade point average and her SAT score. Madeline attended a luncheon and also a video shoot and picnic breakfast with all the other nominees from across southeast Michigan on Saturday, May 12, 2018 at WXYZ-TV Broadcast House in Southfield, MI. Commercials of the "Brightest and Best" will run throughout the spring on WXYZ (Channel 7).

BWAC Academic All-Conference Team

Named to this year’s Blue Water Area Academic All-Conference Team are graduating seniors:

Madeline Meldrum
Daniel Brejnak
Kyle Allen
Hannah Stickler
Thomas Hindy

Students are selected based on a mathematical formula that takes into account grades and ACT scores.

This year's group attended the annual luncheon on April 26th, where the honorees received certificates of achievement and medals at the ceremony. The banquet is held for the top academic achievers in the BWAC area.

Also honored at the luncheon were the top female and male athletes:

Shelby Kapanowski
Steven Rose

Hannah Stickler was named the 2018 Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) “Good Citizen” recipient. The DAR “good citizen” is chosen based on the qualities of:

1.) Dependability – which includes truthfulness, loyalty, punctuality;
2.) Service – which includes cooperation, courtesy, consideration of others;
3.) Leadership – which includes personality, self-control, ability to assume responsibility; and
4.) Patriotism – which includes unselfish interest in family, school, community and nation.

We are very pleased to have Hannah Stickler as our “good citizen” for the Class of 2018.
International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme

Please join us in congratulating the students who have completed all work necessary to be eligible for the International Baccalaureate Diploma. These students not only completed six IB courses (including Language and Literature; History, Biology, Math, French or Spanish and an elective of Psychology, Music or Sports Exercise and Health Science) over their junior and senior years, but also completed a Theory of Knowledge course, an original research Extended Essay and the requirement for Creativity, Action and Service. The commitment and fortitude to complete this rigorous program is noteworthy.

This year’s IB Diploma Programme students are:

Breanna Marie Appleton, Noah M. Dragonette, Sophia Francine Gerlando,
Madeline M. Meldrum, Hannah Marie Stickler, Samantha Tirakian

Congratulations to all of you for a job well done!

Algonac Jr/Sr High School Mission Statement

It is the mission of Algonac Jr./Sr. High School to provide a supportive, rigorous, and internationally minded learning experience for students of all abilities.

Upon graduation, Algonac Jr/Sr High School students will possess the ability to:

- Succeed in a post-secondary educational setting
- Compete, thrive, and philanthropically contribute within the emerging global society
- Exhibit exemplary moral behaviors

International Baccalaureate Mission Statement

The International Baccalaureate aims to develop inquiring, knowledgeable and caring young people who help to create a better and more peaceful world through intercultural understanding and respect.

To this end, the organization works with schools, governments and international organizations to develop challenging programmes of international education and rigorous assessment.

These programmes encourage students across the world to become active, compassionate and lifelong learners who understand that other people, with their differences, can also be right.
Collegiate Cum Laude Ranking System

Class of 2018 Honors Graduates Recognized

The Cum Laude System allows students to challenge themselves by taking rigorous courses such as Advanced Placement classes without the fear of one grade preventing them from graduating with honors. Another benefit is the potential to honor more students.

The Cum Laude System has three categories: Summa Cum Laude (4.0 to 3.67 G.P.A.), Magna Cum Laude (3.66 to 3.3 G.P.A.) and Cum Laude (3.29 to 3.0 G.P.A.) Each category will be represented by a different colored honor cord to be worn at graduation. Listed below are the 2018 Algonac High School honors graduates, according to the Collegiate Ranking System of Cum Laude.

Summa Cum Laude
- Kyle R. Allen
- Morgan Sierra Allen
- Breanna Marie Appleton
- Sasha Lynne Baitinger
- Daniel R. Brejnack
- Noah M. Dragonette
- Jordan M. Epperson
- Amber Lynn Furtah
- Jagger A. Geck
- Sophia Francine Gerlando
- Kaitlyn Elizabeth Goodman
- Thomas M. Hindy
- Shelby Rose Kapanowski
- Abigail Marie Kochan
- Aspen Elaine Koehler
- Carmella Daniel Ladd
- Connor James Lewis
- Erica Lynn Malburg
- Lexus M. Meadows
- Madeline M. Meldrum
- Hayley E. Richardson
- Andrew Robinson
- Kaitlyn Rochette
- Steven J. Rose
- Jade N. Schwark
- Julie F. Schwark
- Ashley Lyn Schweiger
- Luke M. Stephenson
- Hannah Marie Stickler
- Anderson Reed Strunk
- Blake A. Sykes
- Mitchell A. Thomas
- Samantha Tirakian
- Trenton A. Treppa
- Evan G. Turner

Magna Cum Laude
- Molly Bartolomucci
- Thaddeus Beadle*
- Andrew L. Becker
- Olivia Michelle Blassczak
- Erica Boughner*
- Alexandria N. Boydon
- Hannah E. Brown
- Gavin N. Carrigan
- Emily Rose Cross
- Ronald Joseph English, II
- Georgia R. Even
- Evan Gore
- Joley K. Hoyt
- Cara Lee John*
- Jayden K. Kennison
- Ozzy A. Kinch
- Katy Rose Kuhr
- James Allen Ladd, Jr.
- Madeline Jean Reed
- Mya L. Reese
- Kassandra L. Sepanski
- Jada Strickland*
- Lauren E. Swepy
- Nathanal F. Thorson
- Noah R. Todino
- Alivia Catherine Trombly
- Cameron T. Ulrich
- Madisyn N. Wilson
- Quinn Wojtowicz

Cum Laude
- Miranda L. Beadlescomb
- Hannah Blackburn
- Gianna G. Bommarito
- Carly Brandt*
- Brendan J. Budzeak
- Benjamin J. Burgess
- Noah Dresbach
- Nathan Gillette*
- Drake Robert Hiltunen
- Toni Renee Kruger
- Amber Kurrle*
- Tanner Allen Kurtz
- Keith Michael McCann
- Joseph G. McKenzie
- Kyle Mehl*
- Faith Orlando*
- Jessica Pokorny
- Matthew M. Privaloff
- Junior E. Renkert
- Morgan A. Shelton
- Kylie Shimmell*
- Rose L. Stepnioski
- Sarah Wenzloff*

* Blue Water Middle College Student
**Senior News**

### Senior Awards Ceremony

The Senior Awards Ceremony will be held in the high school gymnasium on Friday, June 8, 2018, beginning at 8:00 a.m. The ceremony will acknowledge the numerous accomplishments of students in the Class of 2018.

A variety of awards and scholarships will be given to graduating seniors during the ceremony. Some awards are voted on by the senior class while some are voted on by the high school staff. Other awards are given by various departments within the high school to honor achievement and excellence in an academic area. Local scholarships are applied for and are received from community members who attend this special ceremony.

This ceremony is a fantastic way to end the school year and to acknowledge the achievements of this graduating class.

### Senior All Night Party to be held on Saturday, June 9th

*The Class of 2018 Senior All Night Party will be held on Saturday, June 9, 2018. The party has been organized by parents of senior students and will be held at the high school.*

*Parents & students: If you have any questions or would like information, please contact Heather Rawlins @ 586-624-6124.*

*The doors open at 10:00 p.m. on June 9, 2018 and runs until 5:00 a.m. on June 10, 2018. All graduates must stay for the entire party unless signed out by a parent/guardian.*

### Senior Students/Parents:

Caps and gowns will be distributed the week of May 21st during lunches.

There are a number of students who have not placed an order. If you have not ordered your cap and gown yet, you should see Mrs. Landrum as soon as possible. You will not be able to walk at graduation if you do not have a cap and gown.

### 4th Annual Color Run

The 4th annual Color Run took place on Saturday, May 12th. Participants walked/ran 4.1 miles and braved the chilly/rainy day to raise money to benefit a local family who is battling cancer. A big thank you to all who participated.
Algonac Jr/Sr High School presents the "Class of 2018"


*Denotes Blue Water Middle College Student - Students are ceremonially walking with their classmates. They will receive their diplomas from Blue Water Middle College upon completion of their courses next year.

Senior Information

Last School Day for Seniors

Friday, May 25, 2018

Senior Exams

Wednesday, May 23, 2018
5th & 6th Hour Exams
Thursday, May 24, 2018
3rd & 4th Hour Exams
Friday, May 25, 2018
1st & 2nd Hour Exams

Graduation Practice

Thursday, June 7, 2018
1:00 PM—AHS Cafeteria

Students must be in attendance at practice to participate in the graduation ceremony.

Senior Awards Ceremony

Friday, June 8, 2018
8:00 a.m. at AJSH

Graduation

Friday, June 8, 2018
6:00 p.m. at AJSH

Senior All Night Party

Saturday June 9, 2018
at Algonac Jr/Sr High School
Algonac Football “Muskrat Scramble”

The Algonac Varsity Football team had tremendous success this year. Our student athletes compiled a school record 10-win season that propelled them to a BWAC Championship and a District Title. The future looks bright because our JV and Freshman teams also had a winning season. In support of our football program, please join us for the Annual Algonac Muskrat Scramble Golf Outing on Saturday, June 9th at St. Clair Country Club.

When: Saturday, June 9, 2018
Where: St. Clair Country Club (Proper Golf Attire—no Levi’s)
Time: 11:00 a.m.—12:45 p.m. Registration & Buffet Lunch with beverage, Putting Contest, Driving Range
1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start
Format: 4-Person Scramble (Men’s, Lady’s & Mixed Division)
Price: $110 per person which includes:
- 18 Holes and Cart
- Buffet Lunch
- Steak Dinner
- Driving Range
- Putting Contest
- Raffle & Prizes

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810-794-3302 (Fax)
chuckbusuttil@hotmail.com

Please make check payable to: Algonac Football Muskrat Scramble

Come Support Algonac Football

Semester II Exam Schedule
June 2018

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**E2020 Credit Recovery & Student Schedules**

**E2020 CREDIT RECOVERY – SUMMER**

All high school students who have e2020 credit recovery classes should continue to work on those classes throughout the summer. Students may work on the classes from any computer or tablet with a high speed internet connection. The computer lab at the high school will also be open periodically during the summer for students to come in and work on their classes. Check the high school website under “Services,” - “e2020 Credit Recovery” tab to find lab hours. The Online Coordinator/Graduation Coach, will be available during scheduled lab hours throughout the summer. He can be contacted by calling 810-794-4911 or by email at john.loper@acsk12.us.

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**Student Schedules**

With the assistance of teachers and counselors, high school students chose classes for the 2018/19 school year in March. The Master Schedule for 2018/19 is nearly done and the portal to view schedules through Skyward will be opened back up when kids and parents are able to see them.

Ms. Blair’s last day of school is the same as the students, June 13. She will return in August, during Orientation, to make schedule changes. Questions about the Blue Water Middle College Program should be directed to Mr. Pete Spencer, the principal of the program. (810) 989-5805 or spencer.pete@sccresa.org

Questions about the IB Program should be directed to Mrs. Adams—aadams@acsk12.us

St. Clair TEC applications were due in February. TEC placements have been determined and the students that were selected have been notified.

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**Students will receive schedules for the 2018-19 school year at Orientation, which will be held in August.**

**Student scheduling changes can be made to course requests by contacting Ms. Blair at: kblair@acsk12.us**