

French Trip to Canada

By: Emily Teixeira

On September 20th, 13 Watertown High School French students embarked on a four day/three night trip to Montreal and Quebec City. On this trip, they practiced their French skills, participated in fun and educational activities, and forged new friendships. The trip was organized by WHS French teacher Madam Cava. Chaperones included Swift Middle School French teacher Madam Rader, and two parents.

Madam Cava was inspired by trips taken at Swift, and she organized this one to incorporate “more high school-oriented activities.” She invited students who took French during the 2017/18 school year, hoping that this trip would encourage students to use and improve their abilities to speak French. She also hoped they would recognize that the trading relationship between the US and Canada makes speaking French a valuable skill to have. Cava also stated that there were advantages to having only thirteen students, saying “The group coalesced really nicely... everyone got along really well.”

The students themselves had many great comments to make about the trip, describing it as “wonderful and fun,” and “an awesome bonding experience.” By the time they crossed the border back into America, they had gained a plethora of new experiences. They visited the Notre Dame Cathedral, a First Nations cultural



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center, embarked on a whale watching expedition, and took a “ghost tour” of Quebec City, which offered an entertaining lesson on the infamous criminals of colonial Quebec. The participants agreed that, if given the chance, they would definitely go again.

Sports

By: Kobe Champagne

Girls' Soccer: Senior captain Alyssa Santangeli, has given insight into the fantastic season they've achieved, with a commendable 10-0-1 record. She stated that the reason they've been on such a hot streak is because “... it's a whole team effort... not just one person”, even giving a shoutout to her teammates Malina LaCapra, Madeline Daigneault, and Meadow Mancini. Alyssa reflects on her role as a captain in her teams success, she stated that; “... captains do have some influence, but it in no way would be possible without their (the team's) support.” She even goes on to say that she and her teammates have a symbiotic relationship.

Girls' Swimming and Diving: Tri- captain Emily Gursky, reflected on the season. With a current record of 5-3 Emily revealed that a big challenge to overcome; will be competing against Sacred Heart and Naugatuck at the NVL meet. Emily stated that “Our team lost to Sacred Heart by one.” Knowing this, it is easy to see why these girls must continuously practice beyond the point of discomfort if they wish to beat an opponent that only bested them by one. Naugatuck, their upcoming opponent (at the time of this writing) is described by Emily as “a really strong team.” To ensure a great record, Emily stressed “Showing up to practice every day with a positive attitude as a team.”

Field Hockey: Captain Alyssa Perugini shed light on the ladies' field hockey season. Alyssa commented on a major implication that could turn serious for the remainder of their season, saying, “We have to adjust to injuries,” Alyssa can attest to this choice of words, as her sister only recently recovered from a minor concussion that she sustained during a game. Only when the girls find a remedy as a team will they be successful. Alyssa stated that it's a “team effort” to be successful on both the field and in everyday life.

Football: Undoubtedly one of its toughest seasons that the Watertown football program has undergone. With a record of 0-5, the boys look to bounce back and be neutral (5-5) by the end of the season. Kobe Champagne stated that in order to achieve such a record, “We must implement the weight room either before or after practice as well as keeping our mental focus in check.” Kobe is a captain for the team. When asked if he is able to “rally the troops” he stated that he would fight tooth and nail for his teammates and his brothers. Ultimately, he takes a quote from his head coach, Luigi Velardi: “How bad do you want it?!”



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Watertown's New Leader

By: Alyssa Lombardo



On October 11th, Watertown High School welcomed our new principal, Mr. Carroll. He has shown that he has the experience, ideas, and leadership skills to contribute to the students and staff. Mr. Carroll grew up in Connecticut. He was born and raised in the Bunker Hill area of Watertown. Mr. Carroll attended Chase Collegiate School, formerly known as Saint Margaret's-McTernan. He attended Skidmore College in Saratoga, New York majoring in American History. As a student, his favorite subject was social studies. To this day, his curiosity and love for history continues. Administration was not his first career option, stating, “I thought I would be in college athletics as a basketball coach.” On the side, he took grad assistantships and was an assistant basketball coach at Post University for 3 years. However, his perception of athletics changed when his boss said he would be good at administration. His former positions include school counselor, athletic director, assistant principal and intern principal, as well as teaching English and social studies He was a volunteer coach for the Watertown Little League team, but stopped coaching due to grad school. He wants to be more involved with Watertown, such as reaching out to Interact.

Mr. Carroll is extremely open to the students and staff. He states, “I am here to listen, learn to lead, and fully understand the implemented changes in the High School.” He wants to assess the needs and wants of the high school similarly to when he was at Somers. The transition from Somers to Watertown, as Mr. Carroll claims, is “exciting but a little nerve-racking.” It is exciting because he is ready to accept the new challenge and is completely dedicated to the staff and student body. On the other hand, it is nerve-racking because he wants to do the best job he can in order to meet the students needs. When asked what advice he would give to his students, he answered with a quote from a movie: “Life moves pretty fast. If you don't stop and look around, you can miss it.” He encourages all of his students to stay focused in their academic and curricular lives, believing each and every one of his students has potential. Mr. Carroll believes success in high school only provides opportunities to open in the future, stating, “As an educator, looking down at a former student who is doing well and successful is the best feeling.”

Mr. Carroll has many different interests revolving around today's pop culture. He is a New England sports fan favoring the Red Sox, Celtics, and Patriots. He also loves golf and enjoys music. His favorite restaurants in Watertown include Sunset Grill, Fino, and Uncommon Grill.

Parking Pass Policy

By: Elis Hoxha

It is mandatory that Watertown High School students pay for parking. Every student that has a car and drives to school will be forced to pay \$50. Students will get a \$10 deduction if they received high honors quarter 4 last year. Students can go to the counseling office and they can get a parking form.

When asked how this rule would be enforced, Assistant Principal Thomas Hogrefe replied, “the parking will be checked by our school's Officer Desena to see if all cars have a parking pass. Students had until October 19th to turn in their payments. After that the administration will be taking actions to check who has the pass and who doesn't.” If a student gets their license halfway through the year, they are still required to obtain a pass and pay the parking fee. The money will be going back to the students for activities.

Inspired by change, influenced by tradition.

Clubs at WHS

By: Gabby Puttock and Zack Mazeika

Watertown High offers dozens of great clubs for students to join. These clubs covers a wide range of interests. Here are a few to choose from.

Student council is a student run government focused on fundraising, positive change, and student activities. Meetings are the first Thursday of every month in room 122. Exact dates will be posted outside Ms. Bellemare's room (122). Senior class president, Vinnie Basile, says it's a "fun learning atmosphere." Tune in for the upcoming Spirit Week.

Tri-M (Music Honor Society), is another organization here at WHS. Members are inducted based on high grades in their music classes. They work on fundraising to promote local and national music organizations.

Chelsea Barcial, a senior, is revamping a book club, called the Literary Circle. It will provide a fun space for people who like to read and bounce ideas off of each other. There is a 16 member cap. She hopes to raise enough money to go to BookCon, a convention for bookworms.

Have you ever seen someone in a black and yellow hoodie or tee shirt? Chances are they're from the Robotics Team, Black Magic. Their goal: build a robot in six weeks based off given challenges and go to competitions. They meet in room 137.

Last year, WHS got a new club called SAGA. SAGA is a support group for LGBT+ students to spread acceptance. To join, text @9hff8d to 81010. They plan fundraising events and discuss societal problems faced by different groups. They're currently trying to raise money to visit the True Colors Conference at Uconn.

Delta is focused on improving how Watertown High School students perceive, interact, and understand each other on a personal level. Also, Delta is interested in celebrating the diverse student body at WHS. All students are welcome. Run by Ms. Baim and Mrs. Lewis.

Future Business Leaders of America (F.B.L.A), is made up of three main components: competition & conferences, community service, and fundraising. The group meets Tuesdays during Flex in Mrs. Zimmerman's room.

Interact Club is dedicated to community service and helping those around us in the school, town, state, national, and international communities. It's a great way to make the world a better place. It is sponsored by the Watertown Rotary Club and run by Mr. Cerrato.

LINK Crew is run by juniors and seniors who apply in the spring of the previous year. Not open to new members until next year. One major event LINK Crew does is help the freshman around the school on their first day. Ms. Auclair, Mrs. Ciampi, and Ms. Loughlin are the advisors.

National Honor Society recognizes outstanding junior and senior students. Serves to honor those who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of character, leadership, scholarship, and service. NHS is run by Mrs. Sales.

Get involved- Join a club at WHS!

Freshman Student of the Month

By: Emily Gursky



The WHS English department has chosen Erica Gugliotti as the Freshman Student of the Month. Erica feels that being recognized for hard work is extremely rewarding.

In general, Erica enjoys the interesting classes and friendly environment that WHS offers. She feels that high school has already helped her boost time-management skills and become more mature. Her interest in English has pushed her to challenge herself. This year, Erica takes honors courses that keep her on her toes. She is also known for exceeding expectations. In addition to what was given as summer work for her English class, Erica wrote an essay of her own! One challenge for Erica has been adjusting to the fast-paced style of honors classes. However, her ambition has only grown. She is actually working on writing her own novel. Outside of English class, Erica loves being a part of FBLA, Model UN, Leo Club, SAGA, Interact, as well as the Fall Play. She is also passionate about working with the Ready program, lead by a team of teachers and students that discusses problem-solving in the real world. Throughout the remainder of high school, Erica aims to work toward creating more clubs.

When she is not in school or at a club, Erica loves hanging out with her friends, and playing video games. She hopes to attend college and may pursue a career in Law, but is keeping her options open in the meantime. Her advice to peers is to, "make every piece of work your best work."

Sophomore Student of the Month

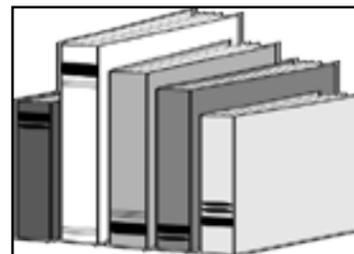
By: Jillian DiVergilio



Kelly Duffany has just been named Student of the Month by the English Department for her academic successes. Kelly is a student who was chosen as the sophomore who showed the most willingness to learn. She was chosen out of all the students in her graduating class, which came as a shock to her.

When Kelly first found out she was Student of the Month, she didn't expect to be chosen but was happy she received the recognition. Kelly believes she got Student of the Month because she "participated a lot, worked hard, and tried." Kelly has been influenced by many role models in life. "Mr. Lewis, an English teacher, made class fun. My parents are also my role models because they aren't strict with my grades. They're happy when I get high grades but don't put too much pressure on it." When Kelly is not doing her work, she participates in field hockey as well as karate. She also enjoys seeing friends. "I like to hang out with friends and go to the movies." Kelly also has big plans for the future.

Kelly hopes to attend college after high school. "I want to get into a good college, hopefully Cornell." She also hopes to become a veterinarian after finishing college.



Junior Student of the Month

By: Zack Mazeika



Junior Student of the Month for the English department Joe Lucarelli is happy to have won the award. Joe feels that he won because he is responsible, does all of his work on time, and is encouraged by his parents to do well in school. Also, since he is not involved in any extracurricular activities, he can devote more energy to his schoolwork.

Although Joe was chosen as the English Student of the Month, his favorite subject in school is math. He likes math because of the challenge it provides. Being chosen as Student of the Month makes Joe feel confident in his approach to his academics. He looks to build off of this award, using it to motivate him to pass all of his classes and eventually graduate.

In his free time Joe enjoys playing Fortnite. He says that playing video games may have helped him win Student of the Month by promoting good strategies and learning skills. Joe plans on striving to do his best in hopes of winning the award again.

Senior Student of the Month

By: Phill McDaniel



Emma Zaccagnini was elected Senior Student of the Month by the English Department. Mr. Deziel, who teaches Fiction to Film, described Emma as "intuitive and insightful," and no doubt this led to her being chosen. Being recognized as Student of the Month doesn't come easy, as Emma stated her biggest challenges are managing time between both sports and academic studies. AP Bio is her greater challenge she has faced throughout the year. Emma enjoys math as she states, "I like to answer a question with just one answer, so there's no debate."

Outside of the classroom, Emma enjoys kicking it with friends and playing soccer (something she's pretty talented at). Whether with friends or by herself, Emma breathes soccer, having played it since her youth days. Once high school has ended, Emma plans on continuing soccer and embarking into the study of Physical Terminology, a field that suits Emma just fine on account of her work ethic. Ethics play into goals, and in Emma's case this is a prime example; she is working to achieve all of the college credits required to graduate. In doing so, she delves into A.P courses to ensure she's learning at the highest level. Emma concludes with these simple yet impactful words: "Work hard and be respectful."

