

Campbell-Savona Central School

Creating Successful Citizens Striving to make a Difference

– District Newsletter –



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Superintendent's note

At C-S, one of our core beliefs is that the school is a vital component of the community in which all stakeholders are actively involved, aware and engaged. Recently we demonstrated that belief when we invited our community in for a Community Café. This event was a follow-up to the Community Café held in the spring of 2014, when the District last met with parents and community members to get their feedback on our strengths and areas in need of improvement. During the evening, we shared our work since our last Community Café, including the growth we have made in student achievement and our recognition as a *US News and World Report* Bronze Medal School. We also provided another chance to share thoughts on our strengths and areas we need to improve. We will use the feedback provided by

participants to guide our work for the rest of this school year and to develop our school improvement goals for next school year.

In other news, the newsletter is full of student celebrations and achievements. You also will note that we have welcomed two new members to our C-S family. Jason Rosno recently began as the District's new Director of Management Services. He replaced Tim Allard, who retired after many years of exemplary service. Officer Shawn Copp also recently began as our new School Resource Officer.

The coming of March means spring cannot be far behind. Let's hope that old groundhog, Phil, was wrong this year and we all will be welcoming an early break from winter's cold!

Kathy Hagenbuch
Superintendent



High School Principal Kelley Meade gets feedback from participants during the Community Café.

Seniors invited to join college honor society

Campbell-Savona seniors Margaret Badding, Hannah Berleue, Curtis Ellison, Nikolas Harrian, Rolf Lewis and Sarah Woolaway were offered membership into the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. Phi Theta Kappa was founded in 1918 to recognize scholastic achievement by two-year colleges. Their mission is to "Recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students. To achieve this purpose, Phi Theta Kappa shall provide opportunity for the development of leadership and service, for an intellectual climate for exchange of ideas and ideals, for lively fellowship for scholars, and for stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence."

In order to be eligible for this prestigious honor society, students must complete at least 12 credit hours of associate degree course work and earn a cumulative GPA of 3.5 in those courses. These seniors

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C-S welcomes Officer Copp

C-S recently welcomed School Resource Officer Shawn Copp. Officer Copp has served more than 20 years in law enforcement, including past service as a School Resource Officer. Below is a brief biography that Officer Copp shared with us upon his arrival.

“I have served in the law enforcement field since 1991, when I started at



School Resource Officer Shawn Copp

Corning Community College in their Public Safety Office. I graduated from the CCC Police Academy in 1992.

I have worked for the Addison Police Department, Painted Post Police Department and Steuben County Sheriff's Department during the course of my career. My last position was with the Corning Police Department, where I served for 18 years, retiring in June 2016.

During my employment at the Corning Police Department, I was the School Resource Officer at Corning East High School. Now I am the new School Resource Officer through the Steuben County Sheriff's Dept here at Campbell-Savona. I look forward to getting to know everyone. I will be here as much as I can be for staff and students.”

C-S musicians selected for festivals

Several C-S musicians were selected for this year's All-County festivals. Students prepared solos for an audition against other musicians in Steuben County. They were selected based on their technique, musicality and preparation. Congratulations!

Junior High Band: Samantha Bulkley (Clarinet), Jadyn Gardner (Bass Clarinet), Sean McKenna (Trumpet), Nicholas Prescott (Trumpet), Cadie Taylor (Baritone) and Jay Thomas (Clarinet).

Senior High Band: Margaret Badding (Bassoon), Rebecca Caudill (French Horn), Derrick Goll (Percussion), Adam Miller-Davidson (Trumpet), Corinne Morris (Clarinet), Sam Prescott (Trombone), Leah Robie (Clarinet), Jacob Stitely (Trumpet) and Lakota Swenor (Trumpet).

Junior High Chorus: Abigail Brinckerhoff, Ethan Davidson, Karri-gan Ellison, Lydia Hawken, Greg Mathews, Sean McKenna, Elizabeth Moultrup, Cain Simpson, Krista Smith, Tim Soporowski, Maddie West and Daniel Woolaway.

Senior High Chorus: Hannah Berleue, Rebecca Caudill, Kendra Ellison, Derrick Goll, Tyler Kuenzli, Tori Mapes, Emilline Peck, Ronni Robbins, Colie Smith, Corinne Smith and Jacob Stitely.

Everyday Heroes to be honored

The Everyday Heroes program is sponsored by First Heritage Federal Credit Union, in partnership with WENY TV-36. Awards are given to select students at 15 area high schools. Teachers and administrators from each school nominate up to five student Heroes, honoring a total of 75 students from all 15 schools. They are chosen based on community involvement, tutoring/mentoring fellow students and, most importantly, kindness shown to others. First Heritage awards each Hero a \$50 Visa gift card.

Honorees will be recognized in commercials airing on WENY-TV ABC and CBS stations during the spring. In May, First Heritage will host a Grand Prize Celebration at the Radisson Hotel in Corning, where each Hero receives a plaque to recognize this honor. Join us in congratulating our 2017 Campbell-Savona Everyday Heroes:

9th grade - Lauren Crooker
10th grade - Emily Smith
11th grade - Cassidy Black
12th grade - Cyrano Buda and Megan Lyke

The 2017 C-S Everyday Heroes are: (l-r) Emily Smith, Cassidy Black, Cyrano Buda, Megan Lyke and Lauren Crooker.



Comptroller rating Q and A

The New York State Comptroller created the Fiscal Stress Monitoring System to provide for what he calls, “an early warning of fiscal stress for communities and school districts.” Campbell-Savona has been designated as “Susceptible to Fiscal Stress” with a score of 33.3 percent for the 2015-16 school year. The four categories are:

Significant Fiscal Stress	65 - 100%
Moderate Fiscal Stress	45 - 64.9%
Susceptible Fiscal Stress	25 - 44.9%
No Designation	0 - 24.9%

Q: Does this mean Campbell-Savona is in poor financial condition?

A: No. This system looks at year-end fund balances, operating deficits/surpluses, cash position and the use of short-term debt for cash flow. According to the Comptroller’s formula for calculating fiscal stress, Campbell-Savona had a low cash to liabilities ratio and a low cash to average expenditures ratio. Approximately 13.3 percent of the District’s designation came from this category.

In 2014, the Comptroller’s office completed a full financial condition audit of the district. In the audit, the Comptroller said the District had excessive reserves and fund balance and recommended that the district reduce its fund balance and reserves. Following those recommendations, the District used fund balance and reserve money to help reduce the tax burden for the local property owners. After following those recommendations, the District was then designated as having lower than recommended fund balance and reserves, and is therefore “Susceptible to Fiscal Stress.” As you can see, the Comptroller’s recommendations are a bit conflicting.

Q: What other indicator received a score?

A: The second indicator to receive a score was operating deficit. Approximately 20 percent of the District’s designation resulted from the fiscal stress formula, indicating the District had a general fund deficit for the 2015-16 year. The formula does not take into account an accounting technicality that occurred. During the 2015-16 year, the District voters authorized a \$1.1 million dollar transfer from the Capital Reserve to the Capital Fund for expenses related to a voter authorized \$10.9 million dollar capital project. The Capital Reserve is a voter-established reserve where money can only be expended for voter-authorized purposes. In the Comptroller’s formula, this transfer shows as an expense out of the general fund, which in turn made it look like the District had ended the year with a deficit. The more accurate position is that the District had a healthy fiscal year and increased its financial position by approximately \$200,000. If this transfer had been taken into account in the Comptroller’s formula, it would have resulted in the District receiving a “No Designation” score.

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Meet our school business official

Jason Rosno began his professional journey in the classrooms of Bradford Central School, where he taught students ranging from early elementary to high school for 12 years. During this time, he received his master’s



Jason Rosno

degree in elementary education from Walden University and began studying at SUNY Brockport to achieve his CAS in Business Administration. Upon completion of the program, he was hired at Greater Southern Tier BOCES and worked as a school business official in the Elmira Heights School District for two years before being hired at Campbell-Savona in September 2016.

Seniors, continued

accomplished this remarkable feat by taking ACE courses, which are college-level courses offered in high school, at Campbell-Savona.

Membership in Phi Theta Kappa includes access to numerous benefits and opportunities, which are constantly reevaluated to accommodate the changing needs of the contemporary student, including access to many scholarship opportunities. Congratulations to Margaret, Hannah, Curtis, Nickolas, Rolf and Sarah!

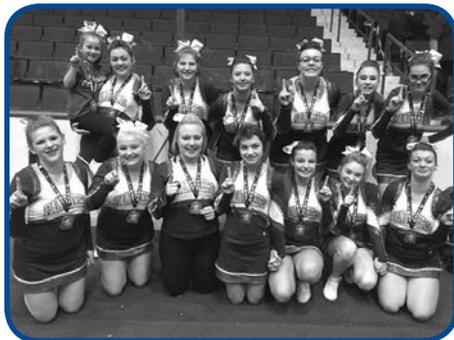
Cheerleaders take first in Rochester

The varsity cheerleading team won first place at the Greater Rochester Competition held recently at Blue Cross Arena.

“The girls worked really hard to overcome a few setbacks in the weeks leading up to the competition,” said Coach Nicole Hoag. “They showed they were stronger than ever as they hit their routine.”

The C-S team defeated much larger schools, most of which they had never seen before in competition.

Congratulations to the varsity cheerleaders and Coach Hoag!



C-S varsity cheerleaders proudly display their winning medals.

Comptroller, contd.

Q: What does the District plan to do?

A: The District will continue to plan budgets that keep the District on firm financial footing while providing an exceptional education for our students. We are always looking to comply and meet the complicated reviews by the Comptroller and will look for ways to improve our designation.

From the Elementary School

March and April is that inspiring time of year when students are able to look back and see amazing growth in their learning. Whether it be a kindergarten student finally making it into that C or D level book, a second grader shining as she shares her research and writing in an expert fair, or a fifth grader who is finally pulling together the meaning of a multistep mathematics word problem, the learning is rigorous and relevant and brings a sense of accomplishment that only hard work and effort can provide.

As we come closer to April, it is important to note that the third- through eighth-grade NYS assessments occur at different times this year. The English Language Arts assessments will take place during the week of March 27 and the mathematics assessments will be given during the week of May 1. Our students and school community share a sense of ownership and pride in the growth our children have shown on these assessments, and how our instruction has shifted to focus on the standards and a growth mindset. It is important to talk to your child and your child’s teacher if you have any questions or concerns regarding the build-up to these assessments. Our plan is to present them as a rigorous and fun challenge for students that are only one measure of learning in an entire year of meaningful classroom experiences and education.

In addition to academic learning, our school is also dedicated to the social and emotional growth of our students. To that end, we are in our second year of implementing our P.B.I.S. (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports) frame-

work. During the past two years, you have seen posters throughout the building that outline specific behavioral expectations for every part of a child’s school day, from the classroom, to the hallways, to the bus and lunchroom. We also have offered training in support of our teachers, bus drivers and cafeteria workers to teach about the function of behavior and how reinforcement of positive behavior builds a positive culture and decreases negative behaviors.

One of the key parts of P.B.I.S. is the idea of specific positive praise. All of our staff has been trained to tell the student specifically what he or she did well when giving praise. So, for example, instead of saying “great job” when a student reads a difficult text, say, “I noticed that when you ran into a word you didn’t know you slowed down and sounded the word out and then reread. Great job, that’s what awesome readers do!” It makes a lot of sense if you think about it. If a student doesn’t know what he or she specifically did well, or what needs to be worked on, then how can he or she work hard to grow and get better?

Another way to think about this is a sports analogy. If all a coach ever told his players was “great job,” they would never know specifically what they were doing right and what they needed to work on to get better and become a winning team. This, in conjunction with growth-enhancing feedback around what he or she can improve, is the cornerstone of the Growth Mindset.

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Health students serve community

Students in Mrs. Knapp's ninth grade health class are learning the value and rewards of giving back to others through community service. Each student is required to complete a minimum of five hours of community service as part of their health course requirements.

"Students did an amazing job and it was interesting to hear the variety of activities that students chose to participate in," said Mrs. Knapp. "I was impressed with how many students were already helping others through serving as a volunteer firefighter, volunteering for Meals on Wheels and Disability Dream and Do and helping within their church community."

Many freshman expressed interest in continuing to contribute on projects including working at the American Legion to help set up for Friday night dinners.



Freshman Health students proudly show examples of their community service.

Ski Club enjoys another season

"Keep Calm and Ski or Snowboard" is a suiting mantra for the Ski Club. Members include 26 students from the Jr./Sr. High School and 25 students from the Elementary School. The club hits the trails at Swain Ski Resort every Sunday for six weeks. Best of luck to our two seniors, Corrine Smith and Rolf Lewis, as they enter a new phase in their life. A special



Members of the Ski Club get ready to hit the slopes at Swain.

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Elementary, contd.

As we continue on this journey together, you will be seeing more and more of our ROARS language in our community. We even have some of our acronyms and posters hanging in our local businesses. This is another example of our effort to work together as a community to meet the needs of the next generation by building strong, successful citizens who will make a positive difference in our school, community, country and world. Thank you so much for your continued support.

James E. Anderson
Elementary Principal

Bus safety info.

In January, a survey was conducted to calculate the number of incidences that motorists illegally passed stopped school buses during one day. The results of the survey must be addressed.

In the 35 school districts that participated, 878 school bus drivers reported they were passed a total of 727 times, including 88 passes on the passenger (or right) side of the school bus.

These numbers are alarming and we see this happen in our district on a regular basis. Our drivers are trained to do all they can to keep our kids from harm and to get them to school and home every day safely. When the RED lights are flashing, this means the driver is in the process of unloading or loading the children. We ask motorists to pay attention and keep our children safe by following the law that requires them to STOP for the red lights.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Students host breakfast for staff

On Friday, December 23, Student Council hosted a breakfast to show their appreciation for the Campbell-Savona faculty and staff. "Student Council was discussing how much our faculty and staff do for us," said Student Council member Leah Robie. "We felt that teacher appreciation wasn't enough, so we wanted to thank them in a special way."

Student Council members made waffles, toasted bagels and served donuts, yogurt, coffee and juice to the staff in the IDEA Lab in the High School building. At the end of the meal, students passed out envelopes to each staff member with thank you letters and Christmas cards written by students. In addition, they showed a video that was recorded and edited by Student Council President Taylor Scott and Vice President Kendra Ellison to show the staff why they are so special to the students in the high school building.

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Faculty and staff enjoyed a special breakfast prepared and served by Student Council.

From the Jr./Sr. High School

The first half of the school year has successfully come to an end and the third marking period is underway. It's that time of year when we begin to think about and plan for next school year. Mr. Burns and Mrs. Sullivan will go into classes in March to meet with students regarding their course requests for next year. Our course description book can be found on the district's website. I encourage students to work with their parents, teachers and guidance counselors to choose the best courses to meet their needs.

We would like to invite all of our eighth-grade students and their parents to our eighth-grade Transition Night, scheduled for Wednesday, March 15 at 6 p.m. in the LGI. This night will help students plan for the upcoming school year. We will discuss important topics such as high school graduation and NYS testing requirements, diploma types, the course selection process and what a ninth-grade schedule may look like. Students will also be able to meet with some of their ninth-grade teachers and hear about their expectations.

Sophomores will have an opportunity to tour the GST BOCES Coopers Education Center on Tuesday, February 28. This is a great chance to see what is offered at BOCES and gain a better understanding of the opportunities available. On March 15, sophomores will attend the annual Sophomore Career Day at Alfred State College. Students will select four career presentations to take part in that day.

March is also "Music in Our Schools Month," and the C-S Mu-

sic Department has a few exciting music events coming up. We hope you are able to come out to support our student musicians at the awesome performances that they work so hard to prepare for! Dates include:

- March 3 and 4: Steuben All-County Festival A (6th grade chorus/Jr. High Band/Sr. High Chorus) - Corning-Painted Post Middle School, 3 p.m.
- March 17 and 18: Steuben All-County Festival B (6th grade band/Jr. High Chorus/Sr. High Band) - Bath CSD, 3 p.m.
- March 14: Vocal Music Concert with the Jr. Chorus/Jr. Select Chorus/Impressionists/Sr. Chorus/Choir.
- March 21: Instrumental Music Concert

As the spring weather approaches, we are starting to think about spring sports. The first day of spring practices will be Monday, March 6 for junior varsity and varsity teams and Monday, March 13 for modified teams. There is a make-up handbook meeting scheduled on February 28 at 5:30 p.m. for any athletes in grades 7-12 and their parent who haven't already attended a meeting this year. Team meetings with coaches are on the same night at 6:30. Students in need of physicals should contact our school nurse, Lisa Fleet, to arrange a physical by February 28.

As we round out spring, the junior and senior classes have some great events lined up. The junior class is busy putting the finishing touches on this year's prom and is

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Swimmers have successful season

The Campbell-Savona varsity swimming and diving team had another successful season, with an overall record of 12-2 and an 11-0 dual meet record. For the fifth consecutive season, the team was crowned the Steuben County League Meet Champions. This year also marked the second time C-S swimmers were recognized as the Steuben County League regular season champions. Other awards included the team sportsmanship award that is voted upon by league officials. Mark Eaton

was recognized as the Male Swimmer of the Year and Male Swimmer of the Meet and was voted Athlete of the Week on WETM. He also qualified for the New York State High School State Championship Swim Meet for diving, to be held in Long Island in March. Sixteen varsity swimmers qualified for sectionals this year and, at the time this newsletter was printed, nine team records had been broken. Congratulations on a great season!



The varsity swimming and diving team celebrated a great season.

C-S spellers headed to regional bee

Congratulations to Nicholas Reed and Dalton Richtmeyer for being the two top spellers at the 17th Annual Campbell-Savona Spelling Bee.

Brave spellers from third through seventh grades faced two judges, one pronouncer and an audience full of friends, proud parents and supportive teachers. All spellers made it through the third round, and it took 10 rounds to narrow the field to the final two.

Nicholas and Dalton will compete against 60 students from 30 area schools in the Regional Spelling Bee, which will be held at the Corning-Painted Post High School auditorium on Saturday, March 4 starting at 12:00 p.m. All spellers are commended for their hardwork and dedication.



Spelling Bee winner Nicholas Reed is congratulated by coordinator Jennifer Gaylor.

Jr./Sr. High, contd.

preparing to host “A Night In Hollywood.” The prom will be held at the Ramada Inn on May 20 from 8:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Our seniors are gearing up for their senior trip to Gettysburg and Virginia Beach. The group will depart on Thursday, May 11 and will return on Sunday, May 14. They have a great itinerary planned for their trip.

As you can see, life is busy at Campbell-Savona Jr./Sr. High School. Our students and school community continue to give us many great things to celebrate!

Kelley Meade
Jr./Sr. High School
Principal

Ski, contd.

thank you to our chaperones Lisa Mascherino, Casey Watson, Tom Freeland and Craig Smith.

For more information about the club, contact Nancy Kernan at ext. 1088 or nkernan@cscsd.org. Jody Morse, Elementary Advisor, is retiring after this school year. We hope that a new advisor will take over the elementary club for 2017-18 and beyond. A big thank you to Mrs. Morse for her dedication to the club.

Breakfast, contd.

Student Council members were incredibly happy with the outcome of the event. “I think the breakfast went really well,” said Scott. “It was such a good time and anyone who saw the smiles and heard the laughter in the room would agree.” Teachers and students hope that this can become an annual tradition.

Dates, continued

- 14 Jr./Sr. High Chorus Concert, Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- 15 8th Grade Orientation, LGI, 6:00 p.m.
- 16 UPK Information Night, Savona Cafetorium, 6:00 p.m.
- 17-18 All County Festival, Haverling High School, Bath
- 20 Board of Education Meeting, Conf. Room 1058, 6:00 p.m.
- 21 Gr. 5-12 Band Concert, Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- 23 Board of Education Budget Workshop, Conf. Room 1058, 5:30 p.m.
- 24 Elementary PTO Jumper Night, Savona Gymnasium, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- 27-31 Gr. 3-8 ELA Testing
- 30 Board of Education Budget Workshop, Conf. Room 1058, 5:30 p.m.
2nd Grade Musical, Elementary Cafetorium, 7:00 p.m.
- 31 College Apparel Day
End of Marking Period

April

- 1 Booster Club Craft Fair, Jr./Sr. High School, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- 2 PTO Elementary Easter Egg Hunt, Savona playground, Gr. PreK-6, 1:00 p.m.
- 3-7 Spirit Week
- 4 Booster Club Meeting, Lower Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.
- 5 Jr./Sr. High PTSO Meeting, Lower Cafeteria, 6:00 p.m.
- 6 Board of Education Budget Workshop, Conf. Room 1058, 6:30 p.m.
Spanish Club Dodgeball Tournament, Campbell Gymnasium, 7:00 p.m.
- 7 Report Cards Sent Home With Students
Sophomore Candle Sales Begin, Ends 4/21
- 8 Fly Fishing Academy
- 10-14 Spring Break – NO SCHOOL
- 14-16 PTSO Rest Stop Fundraiser
- 19 Board of Education Visit/Meeting, Savona, 1:30 p.m.
- 22 Jr./Sr. High School Band Trip to Pittsburgh, PA
- 25 7-12 Band Concert, Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- 28 College Apparel Day
Junior Class Hanging Basket Sale Begins, Ends 5/12
- 28-29 NYSSMA Solo festival, Corning-Painted Post High School
- 29 Jr./Sr. High School Choir Trip to Washington, DC

May

- 1-6 3-8 Grade Math Testing

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Upcoming dates

March

- 1 PTO Talent Show, Auditorium, 5:00 p.m.
- 2 Dr. Seuss's Read Across America
3-on-3 Basketball Tournament, Campbell Gymnasium, 3:10 p.m.
- 3 Midterm Ends
Athletic Club Meeting, LGI, 3:10 p.m.
Band Pizza Sale Begins, Ends 3/17
PTSO Roller Skating, Campbell Gymnasium,
Elementary students: 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. High School students: 8:00-10:00 p.m.
- 3-4 All County Festival, Corning-Painted Post Middle School
- 6 JV/Varsity Spring Sports Begin
- 7 Winter Sports Awards, Auditorium, 6:00 p.m.
Booster Club Meeting, Lower Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.
- 8 Elem. PTO Meeting, Savona Conference Rm., 6:00 p.m.
- 9 Progress Reports Mailed Home
- 10 Conference Day – NO SCHOOL
- 11 SAT Exam
Drama Club trip to New York City
- 13 Modified Spring Sports Begin