

Campbell-Savona Central School

Creating Successful Citizens Striving to make a Difference

– District Newsletter –



September/October 2017

Superintendent's note

Welcome back to the 2017-18 school year at CSCSD. Where does the time go? It seems only yesterday we were congratulating the Class of 2017 on their graduation. On September 5, we will open our doors to the Class of 2030 (kindergarten), the Class of 2018 (our seniors) and all other classes between those "bookends." It is certainly true that the older you get, the faster the time passes!

As students and families return to the halls of C-S, here are some changes you will notice:

- Many new faces – New teachers are still being hired as of press time, so check the next edition of the newsletter for a story on our new teaching staff. Other staff changes of note include:
 - Mel DeCamp, our new Elementary Assistant Principal
 - Jill Guyette, our new Elementary School Nurse
 - Bob Loveless and Caitlin Boughan, our new co-athletic directors.Check out this edition for pictures and short articles on these new staff members.

- A new look in both buildings – Work has progressed nicely this summer on our most recent building project. Some of the improvements you will notice as you come into our schools this fall include:
 - Fresh paint and new ceramic tile work in several hallways and in the Elementary cafeteria
 - If you are a swimmer, you will notice major renovations in our pool locker rooms, including new lockers and showers
 - Refurbished bleachers in the High School gymnasium
 - Repaved or resurfaced parking lots at both buildings.

As this school year begins, we will continue to build on our "Panther Pride," the theme of this year's homecoming. Recent accomplishments to be proud of include:

- Being named a Bronze Medal 2017 Jr./Sr. High School by *US News and World Report* for the second consecutive year, placing us in the top 30 percent of high schools in the nation
- Achieving a graduation rate of

- 94 percent on the most recent New York State Report Card for the second consecutive year
- A passing average of 88 percent on all high school Regents examinations
- Great student performance on the New York State ELA and Math 3-8 exams – on the most recent 2017 assessments, C-S students outperformed students in our BOCES on an average of 68 percent of the standards tested
- Our elementary students made great progress in literacy during last school year – 72 percent of students in grade K-6 were reading at or above grade at the end of the school year.

We haven't achieved these results alone and continue to be grateful for the support received from our parents and the larger C-S community. As the 2017-18 school year begins, we look forward to another year of Creating Successful Citizens Striving to make a Difference!

Kathy Hagenbuch
Superintendent

Homecoming schedule

October 6

8:00 a.m. Panther Pride Day
2:45 p.m. Court
Announcement
6:30 p.m. National Anthem
Singers
6:30 p.m. Alumni/Staff
Volleyball Game
8-10:00 p.m. Middle School
Dance

October 7

9:00 a.m. Color Run 5K
Run/Walk
1:00 p.m. Parade
2:00 p.m. Lap the Track
2:00 p.m. National Anthem
Singers
2:00 p.m. Alumni/Staff
Soccer Game
2-5:00 p.m. Chicken BBQ
4:00/6:00 p.m. JV/Varsity Soccer
Games
5:45 p.m. Court
Announcement
8:30-11:30 p.m. Bon Fire Dance,
Gr. 9-12



Support Yearbook

&

**Order a Champ's
Chicken BBQ
Dinner**

**Yearbook students
will sell tickets**

September 22-October 6

**Pick up your meal at the
concession stand during
Homecoming on
Saturday, October 7
from 2:00-5:00 p.m.**

*Extras will be available, but
only while they last!*

From the Elementary School

The first statement in our mission is to establish a community-centered environment that engages and empowers all students and staff to become independent, flexible problem-solvers, fully prepared to reach their potential. That has defined our summer and start of the school year. During the last two months our summer program, led by our new

assistant principal, Mrs. Melody DeCamp, (please read her introduction to the community in this newsletter and the summer edition of the elementary Panthergram) and staffed by dedicated CSCS educators, has provided an enriching, challenging and fun experiences for many of our students. This has occurred in conjunction with Mr. Wilson and his maintenance and cleaning crew, who flexibly worked around the summer program and the construction crews for our capital project. Capital project crews are updating necessary infrastructure such as new roofing, electrical, technology upgrades, parking lot maintenance and new tiling in the cafeteria and several hallways.

We will begin our school year as we concluded last year, by continuing our focus on academic relevance and rigor side by side with a dedication to teaching behavioral expectations, building the social and emotional strength of every student. The first week of school will include several assemblies and lessons celebrating

our ROARS and preparing for an amazing school year. We will continue building a consistent structure of expectations with R.O.A.R.S. (Respect, Ownership, Attitude, Responsibility, and Safety) and teaching students how to resolve conflict and advocate for themselves. This program empowers them to set goals to achieve as we continue



our journey to educate the whole child to meet the rigorous demands of our world and be prepared for careers that don't even exist yet. All of our shared resources for our PBIS Framework are accessible through our website at www.cscsd.org and will be a focus during the Ice Cream Social and Open House in October.

The first two months of school set the stage for the entire school year. Please mark your calendars with all of the fun and meaningful events such as Open House, the school PTO Book Fair and Boo Bash, as they will be here before you know it. Above all, please reach out and develop a positive relationship with your child's teachers, as we are a team, working together, to create a rigorous and relevant learning community during one of the most meaningful times of your child's life.

With all our hearts, minds and souls: GO PANTHERS!

James E. Anderson
Elementary School Principal

From the High School

September is here again, bringing new friendships, new schedules and new exciting educational opportunities. We welcome our seventh-graders to the building and watch another group of seniors prepare for their final year at Campbell-Savona.

We are excited to welcome all of our students back on Tuesday, September 5. We also welcome Mrs. Heather Thomas, who will teach seventh grade math, and Allison Stamp, our new global studies teacher.

I am also excited to share that our 2017 June Regents overall passing rate was 87.76 percent. This can certainly be attributed to our shared vision and support of each other and our community by making students our number one priority in all decisions!

I am beyond energized and ready for a great 2017-18 school year. As a school community, we continue to learn and grow. A major focus this year will be on building a positive student-centered environment throughout our whole building. Last spring, our student body provided their perspective on a variety of topics in the school by completing a school climate survey. The faculty and staff also took a similar climate survey and the results of these surveys are being used to guide our decision making as we move forward into the 2017-18 school year and beyond. In addition, this year we will transition to a 1:1 environment for students in grades 5-9. Each student will be assigned a device by the school to

use throughout the day as a tool for their learning.

These two initiatives, establishing a positive environment and increasing the use of technology as a learning tool, connect with the mission of the Campbell-Savona Central School District, which is to establish a community-centered environment that engages and empowers all students and all staff to become independent, flexible problem-solvers fully prepared to reach their highest potential. We believe students are our highest priority. Therefore, we center our planning and decisions around their needs. Through this lens, we are committed to providing our students with rigorous and relevant curriculum and instruction at all grade levels, preparing students who are college and career ready. This is not possible without your support and collaboration. We look forward to working closely with all of our parents and guardians this year as we support our students' journey to become collaborators, critical thinkers, creative problem solvers, effective communicators and overall successful citizens prepared to make a positive difference.

Please know that my door is always open and I welcome your input. Feel free to stop in or call to make an appointment to discuss any concerns, suggestions, or ideas. I am elated to work with you as a partner in education to ensure your child's success.

Kelley Meade
Jr./Sr. High School Principal

Cans and bottles to be collected for fundraiser

Start saving your five cent returnable cans and bottles for a returning fundraiser this school year! Campbell-Savona's high school classes will participate in a competitive fundraiser during the week of Homecoming, October 2-7. You can help the seniors fund their senior trip, help the juniors fund their prom or help the sophomore and freshman classes build their general fund for all of the above.

There will be four collection bins in the parking lot by the athletic fields marked for each class. You can drive in, drop off your bottles and cans, and head on your way. It's easy!

We plan to accept many, many cans during this week-long competition. The class that receives the most cans and bottles will receive the majority of the money. The rest of the winnings will be divided up among the other classes. The amount raised will be divided as follows:

1st Place	65%
2nd Place	20%
3rd Place	10%
4th Place	5%

We ask that all cans and bottles be rinsed before being dropped off at the school. All five cent returnables will be accepted.

Our goal is that this will be a friendly yet competitive fundraiser and that the community, staff and students will rally behind their classes to help support them in their future costs.

Transportation news

Here are a few reminders for you to share with your students as the new school year gets underway. Please go over these simple bus rules with your children, and when you do, explain to them why it is so important to follow them.

Bus Rules

1. Keep the aisle clear at all times. No feet in the center walk way. This will allow other students to get on and off the bus easily. We don't want anyone to trip. If there is an emergency, we will need the walk way clear.
2. Stay in your seat at all times. No standing or moving from seat to seat. We do not want you to get hurt when the bus is in motion. If the driver has assigned a seat to you, please stay in your assigned seat.
3. Do not throw anything on the bus. This could hurt someone or distract the driver.
4. Keep your voice at a reasonable level. If it is too loud, the driver may not be able to hear dangers on the roadway.
5. Keep your hands to yourself. This means, no touching other children around you. Respect their personal space and belongings.
6. No eating or drinking on the bus is allowed. This is for your safety. This could cause a choking hazard, and the driver may not see you. It also helps keep our bus clean.
7. Be at your bus stop five minutes before your bus is scheduled to arrive. Stand clear from the road way and wear bright colors. Sometimes, bus-

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Summer school recap

This summer, 125 Campbell-Savona Students in grades K-12 returned to school for an opportunity to be enriched, regain high school credits, review for exams and retake Regents exams in our summer school program. Summer School offered programs for all students as young as Kindergarten and as old as twelfth grade. Students also were provided with free breakfast and lunch from the Food Bank of the Southern Tier program.

Students entering grades K-7 attended a brand new summer program that was developed to give them the opportunity to continue to practice the ELA and math skills they learned during the previous school year as well as prepare for the new skills they will learn in the upcoming school year. At the conclusion of each day, students were able to participate in a choice-based enrichment activity. Some of the enrichment activities included STEM in Gardening, Build a Better World and Invention Convention.

The elementary program also paired with the community to provide our students with real life learning experiences with area businesses and agencies. Elementary students visited the Savona Free Library at their new Main Street location twice during the summer. Ms. Candy Wilson and her staff provided engaging read-aloud and problem-solving activities for staff and students. We also welcomed Ms. Linda George from the Pro-Action Summer Family Literacy Program. Each week, students were given a free choice book provided by the program as well as a packet of interactive activities to do with their families to encourage reading at home. The program ended with an end of the summer Literacy Celebration. Mr. Andrew Virkus from ServU Credit Union visited the elementary program and met with each grade level to teach students about money, the importance of saving and banking. He also shared some important strategies

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Student Council plans for new year

On Wednesday, June 21, representatives from Student Council and the High School Leadership team met to plan for the upcoming

school year. Students began their work by brainstorming goals for the upcoming school year. Students identified that their main goals are



Students met in June to plan for the new school year.

to make our school a better environment for all teachers, students and community members and to increase school spirit in the High School building. They also would like to increase communication between clubs and staff

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From the Health Office

Annual Required Physicals

All new students and students in grades PreK, K (if first year in school), 2, 4, 7 and 10 are required by the NYS Department of Health to have a physical with a New York state licensed practitioner. The physical may be completed by your child's private physician or it can be completed at school by one of our practitioners from Guthrie Steuben Medical. If you choose to use your own physician for the physical, please return the completed physical form to the Health Office by October 1, 2017. The forms can be found on the school website at www.cscsd.org under Departments, Health Office or at either of the school health offices.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Required Sixth Grade Vaccinations

All sixth grade students are required to have a Tdap vaccine at the time they turn 11 years old. If your sixth grade student is already 11 years old, he/she must get the vaccine immediately. If your sixth grade student will be turning 11 years old, he/she is required to get the vaccine within 14 days. The school nurse must receive documentation of the vaccine from the doctor or clinic giving the vaccine.

All sixth graders are now required to have **two** varicella (chicken pox) vaccines. If your sixth grade student has had only one varicella vaccine, he or she will be required



Jill Guyette is our new Elementary School Nurse. Jill has worked as a Registered Nurse in both a hospital and clinic setting. She has also worked as a substitute school nurse. Jill looks forward to meeting elementary families as the school year begins. Please stop by her office during Elementary Open House to say hello.

to get a second one immediately.

Please contact Mrs. Guyette if you have any questions or concerns at 527-9800 ext 3167. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!

New Immunization Requirement For Grades 7 and 12

New York State Public Health Law section 2164 requires children entering or attending seventh and twelfth grades on or after September 1, 2015 to receive an adequate dose or doses of vaccine against meningococcal disease as recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

The ACIP recommendations for meningococcal vaccine are:

- A single dose of vaccine against meningococcal serogroups A, C, W-135, and Y (MenACWY vaccine – brand names Menactra® or Menveo®) should be administered to all adolescents at age 11 or 12 years.
- A second (booster) dose of MenACWY vaccine should be administered at age 16 years. The booster dose is not necessary for adolescents who receive the first dose of MenACWY at 16 years of age or older. The minimum interval between doses of MenACWY vaccine is eight weeks.

Please don't wait to schedule an appointment for these required vaccines. Call your child's health-care provider today.

DeCamp is new Asst. Principal

Please join us in welcoming Melody DeCamp to the Assistant Principal position at Savona Elementary. Melody has worked in the District since August 2006, serving in a variety of roles including elementary special education teacher, consultant teacher and resource room



Melody DeCamp

teacher. Most recently, she established Campbell-Savona's 12:1:1 classroom program for students who require more intensive special education services.

DeCamp became the department chairperson for Character Education in 2008. In this role, she created the Character Education Club for fourth through sixth grade students and started the longstanding fundraiser, Annual Mini-Relay for Life, to support the American Cancer Society. In 2010, she became the Co-Chairperson of the Special Education Department.

DeCamp served as the Regional Summer School Principal during the summer of 2016 and 2017. During her principalship, she developed programs to support struggling students, focused on building positive relationships with students and families and created a new elementary enrichment program for our grades K-7 students.

Melody has a strong connection to our school community and looks forward to continuing her career with us as she moves into the role of Assistant Principal.

Summer school, contd.

for getting started. He taught the upper level students about identity safety and how to keep themselves safe now and in the future. Finally, the program concluded with a program-wide trip to Mossy Bank in Bath, where students learned about nature, animals and conserving the environment for our future.

The grades 7-12 program lasted six weeks, with an additional two days for retaking Regents exams. The program included credit recovery courses, Regents review courses, virtual learning courses and driver education. A total of 62 students in grades 7-12 were enrolled in summer school for either credit recovery or Regents review. Some students enrolled in virtual learning (online) courses. These courses offered a blended learning format with both virtual and teacher instruction.

Summer school offered an excellent opportunity for students to prevent the “summer slide” and to regain credit for courses they took the previous year.

Transportation, contd.

ses run a few minutes early, or a few minutes late. We need you ready and waiting so we can get to school on time. Standing away from the roadway will keep you safe from other cars that are passing by. Wearing bright colors will make it so you can be seen by passing cars when the dark winter months approach.

Together we can make a safer ride to school by making sure all of our students know and follow these rules.

Athletic Club announcements

Officers/meetings

President	Hannah Lowe
Vice President	Vacant
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Emily Smith
Advisor	Mrs. Tammy Clark

Athletic Club meetings are held monthly in the LGI from 3:10-3:30 p.m. All athletes in grades 7-12 are encouraged to join us. The meeting dates are as follows: Sept. 8, Sept. 29, Nov. 3, Dec. 8, Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mar. 2, Apr. 6, May 4 and June 1. It doesn't matter if you are a one-sport athlete or a three-sport athlete – we would love to see you in the LGI with new ideas, doing your part to spread that Panther Pride. The Athletic Club plans homecoming and sponsors various events throughout the year. Get involved – you can accumulate points to earn your varsity jacket.

PTSO Concession Stand

Each athlete will be required to sign up for one work time during each sports season. The PTSO purchases the varsity jackets and we need to support them.

PTSO Spirit Store

The Spirit Store is located in the Gym Lobby and filled with numerous spirit items and apparel that can be purchased by students, staff and community members. Check it out and help us fill our stands and community with Panther Pride.

Rural Rowdyz

The Student Council and Athletic Club have combined forces in the past to get this spirit group started again. This group seems to be more active during the winter sports season, but is certainly one that could promote school spirit all year. Let's continue this tradition.

Homecoming 2017

“Panthers Pride!” is the theme of Homecoming 2017. Spirit Week starts October 2 and ends with the parade and many other events and sports contests on October 7. This year, let's decorate the floats with as much Campbell-Savona “Panther Pride” as we can. The Homecoming Committee has been meeting throughout the summer to plan the best homecoming yet. A tentative schedule is listed on page 2. Contact Tammy Clark at taclark@cscsd.org if your organization would like to have a float in the parade, if you would like to be a member of the alumni volleyball or soccer team or if you have any questions concerning Homecoming 2017 or Athletic Club.

Homecoming week will be filled with many other sports contests and activities. The Athletic Club thanks all who have participated in the past homecomings and the Campbell-Savona community for supporting our all of our events. We hope to see everyone out cheering on the CSCS Panther athletes, displaying your school pride and enjoying the homecoming parade.

Alumni Volleyball Game

We're planning our first Alumni Volleyball Game on September 30 at 5:00 p.m. Past volleyball players are invited to sign up.

Alumni Basketball Game

A tradition started last year to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the 2006 NYS Basketball Champions and we are continuing this celebration this year. The game will be held on November 24 in the High School gymnasium. Look us up on Facebook.

From the Food Service Dept.

One of the most important ways we can help our children perform better in the classroom is to provide them with the nutrition necessary for the healthy growth of their minds and bodies. The School Food Service Program offers students breakfast and lunch in both the Elementary and Jr./Sr. High School buildings. Menus are available at each building for students to take home and on our district website at www.cscsd.org.

Pre-payment is strongly recommended. Campbell-Savona has a pre-payment online option called Pay Schools, which can be accessed by logging into the school website and following the Pay Schools link. Parents may call our office at any time to request account balances and account histories, both of which can be printed out and mailed home.

If a student does not have adequate money in his/her student account or in hand to cover the cost of the meal at the time of service, the student may choose a meal from required component contributions to create a reimbursable meal. Once the negative balance reaches \$10, the student will receive an alternate meal of the district's choosing, which will be entered as a reimbursable meal and charged to the student's account. There is no charging allowed for

ala carte snacks, including morning snack milk in the Savona building. Snacks can be limited by sending a note from home to the cafeteria office. For example, if you would like your child to have only one snack a week, send in a note with the following: your name and phone number, your child's name and teacher, and your request "snack only on Friday".

Free and reduced-price meals are available for children whose household income meets Federal Income Guidelines. If your child qualified for free or reduced-price meal prices last year, you are still required to fill out the current year meal application or your direct certification letter as soon as possible for that to continue. Applications for free or reduced-price meals are inserted in the school calendar and are available on the school web site and anytime during the school year by calling the cafeteria office. If your family's income changes, a family member becomes unemployed or if your family size increases, contact the cafeteria office anytime during the year to submit an application. Applications will be kept confidential. For more information or an application, contact Food Service Manager Pam Drumm or Assistant Manager Julie Mitchell at 527-9832.

Emergency Go Home Drill set

The Emergency Go Home Drill is scheduled for **Friday, October 13, 2017**. Students will be dismissed approximately 15 minutes early and will be sent to their Emergency Location Designation that was submitted by parents on the Student/Parent Contact Information Form. The school will not accept bus or pick-up changes on this day, as this drill is meant to test our emergency system.

If you have any questions, please contact your school prior to this date.

Co-Athletic Directors named

Caitlin Boughan and Bob Loveless are the new Co-Athletic Directors for Campbell-Savona.

Boughan is a 2011 C-S graduate who has worked in the District for three years. She has coached

modified soccer and modified basketball for two



Bob Loveless and Caitlin Boughan

years.

She also is involved with the Campbell-Savona Girls Soccer Club.

"My passion has always been with C-S athletics since I was very young," said Boughan. "I look forward to working with Bob Loveless in our new Co-Athletic Director roles. We have big plans for athletics for our district, athletes and community. We are looking forward to seeing everyone on the fields, in the gym and at the pool."

Loveless has taught at the Elementary School for 12 years. He has coached the Varsity swim team for the past nine seasons.

"I want all students to have the opportunity to be student-athletes and to look back at their active years participating in sports as fondly as I do now," said Loveless. "I am blessed to have the opportunity to fill this role with Caitlin Boughan as the Co-Athletic Director. Our strengths and personalities combined will ensure our athletic program's success now and into the future."

Upcoming dates

September

- 4 Labor Day
- 5 First Day of School for Students
Booster Club Meeting, Lower Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.
- 5-8 PTO Address Booklet Fundraiser
- 6 Elementary PTO Meeting. Savona Conf. Rm.,
6:00 p.m.
- 8 Registration Deadline for Oct. 7 SAT
Athletic Club Meeting, LGI, 3:10 p.m.
- 9 ACT Exam
- 11-29 Elementary Discount Booklets Sale
- 15 Freshman Catalog Sales Begin, ends 9/29
- 18 Board of Education Meeting, Conf. Room 1058,
6:00-8:00 p.m.
- 29 College Apparel Day
Athletic Club Meeting, LGI, 3:10 p.m.

October

- 2-7 Homecoming/Spirit Week
- 2 Athletic Club Apparel Sales begin, ends 10/23
- 3 Booster Club Meeting, Lower Cafeteria 6:30 p.m.
- 4 Jr./Sr. High PTSO Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
- 5 Picture Day
Drama Club Stuffed Chicken Dinner, Upper
Cafeteria, 5:00-7:00 p.m.
High School Open House, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- 6 Midterm Ends
Staff vs. Alumni Volleyball Game, 6:30 p.m.
Jr. High Homecoming Dance, 8:00-10:00 p.m.
- 7 Homecoming
SAT Exam
Homecoming Parade, Main St. Campbell, 12:30 p.m.
Yearbook Chicken BBQ, Athletic Fields,
2:00-5:00 p.m.
Staff vs. Alumni Soccer Game, 2:00 p.m.
Sr. High Bonfire Dance, 8:30-11:30 p.m.
- 9 Columbus Day – No School
- 9-13 PTO Fall Book Fair
- 12 Elementary Open House, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- 13 Emergency Go Home Drill
Sophomore Candle Sales begin, ends 10/27
Progress Report Sent Home
- 14-15 PTSO Rest Stop Fundraiser
- 18 1/2 Day – Conference Day
- 20 Elementary Boo Bash, Savona Gym and Cafeteria,
6:00-8:00 p.m.
- 25 PTSO Family Fun Night – Pumpkin Carving
- 26 Make Up Athletic Handbook Meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- 27 College Apparel Day
Junior Class Sales begin, ends 11/10
- 28 ACT Exam

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Student Council, contd.

in the building and create opportunities for meaningful bonding between students and staff as well as students in each grade level.

Students spent the remainder of the afternoon planning events and initiatives that support those goals. Students will begin their work before the school year begins by working with Mrs. Kimball to create new beginning-of-the-year presentations for students that will be student-led, supporting incoming seventh graders through the newly-created Big Brother/Big Sister Program, attending the seventh grade transition night meeting to give building tours and attending the first High School faculty meeting to present their goals for the new year to the staff.

The main event of the school year will occur on January 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the HS auditorium, when C-S will welcome the Harlem Wizards for a community basketball game. In this game, C-S faculty and staff will face off against the Harlem Wizards. The entire community is invited to watch. Tickets will go on sale this fall, so stay tuned for more information.