



# Campbell-Savona Central School District Newsletter

## Superintendent's Note

Although the annexation did not go forward, our school district will. This district has prided itself on its very successful educational program throughout the years, and will continue to move ahead. We are pleased that so many students have been successful in their lives both in school and after graduation. How proud we can all be with our basketball team, our Peter Pan musical, and all the contributions students make to the school and community. Knowing that our community supports a rigorous and productive education confirms that we value education and the success that a good education brings.

With the State Comptroller's field audit complete, we are closer to finding out what went wrong last year that put our district in debt. The report will wind its way through Albany for final reviews and revisions, and then will be made public. We will post the report on our website when we receive it. Given that it will take several months to nearly a year to process the report, we hope the Comptroller's office will speed up the process to release the information soon.

Each new year always brings with it new hope, new vision and new resolutions! My resolution this year is to be more appreciative of the contributions that children bring to our lives. The joy of their laughter and their forgiveness is wonderful. Their openness and purity is heartwarming. The best years of our lives are during our childhood years, and we get to relive those days all over again with children. Let me appreciate their gifts to our lives. With the warmth of our families, this winter will be blessed indeed!

*Lynn Lyndes*

Superintendent



## C-S Students Honored

Ten Campbell-Savona Elementary School students were recently honored as the recipients of the Steuben County Student Recognition Incentive Award Program. The awards were presented by Kathryn Biehl, Director of Steuben County Department of Social Services and Gary Pruyun, Director of the Steuben County Youth Bureau during a ceremony in the school Library.

Fourth-graders Alex Space, Patience Crawford and Jordan Blencowe, fifth-graders Chris LaDieu, Brittany Evingham and Cody Lawrence and sixth-graders James Cantineri, Christina Corwin, Jeffrey Beers and Christopher Chapin were selected to receive the award based on a number of criteria, first and foremost being character. The Youth Bureau wanted to recognize children who do the right thing, are hard-working and conscientious, strive to be successful, always help and are good neighbors, exhibit positive classroom behavior and have a positive attitude.

Each student received a certificate from Steuben County and a gift card to Wal-Mart in the amount of \$160 to spend however they desire.

Congratulations to all!

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# Budget Update

Tim Allard, Business Administrator

As you may recall, last year's budget problems were the main contributor to the fiscal crisis in which the district found itself. The result was a 65 percent increase in the tax rate, more than 30 positions cut and the loss of some programs in the district. Now that the school year is in full swing, we are able to get an idea of how this year's budget is doing so far.

We are pleased to report that the district's budget is in relatively good shape at this point. Although we have been hit with some unexpected expenses as a result of reduced federal funding and additional special education services, there is also good news to share. A warm November has helped with our heating budget, transportation costs are down significantly due to fewer bus runs and the amount that we will spend on unemployment benefits is lower than expected because most of the people who were laid off have found new jobs. Taken as a whole, the projected expenses are currently well within budget.

On the revenue side of the budget, it appears that the amount of state aid that we will receive is slightly less than expected. However, this shortfall is more than made up for by the adoption of non-resident tuition, increased interest earnings and the sale of two buses that were no longer needed. Overall, it appears at this time that our revenues will beat the amount that was projected in the budget.

In summary, we are optimistically planning for the district to have a healthy fund balance at the end of the school year. Regardless, barring a catastrophic event, the district's budget will not end the year with a negative balance.

Work will begin on the 2007-08 budget in December. On January 22, members of the public are invited to attend the Board of Education meeting to give their input on what should be included in the budget for next year. The Board will be meeting several times during March and April to work on and finalize the budget you will vote on in May. As dates for these meetings are firmed up, they will be publicized.

## Community Use of Weight Rooms

Community members can use the weight rooms in both buildings on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

# January Exam Schedule

The following is the Regents and RCT exam schedule for January 2007. Please note that students in grades K-8 will be in school during this time. However, students in grades 9-12 are only required to attend school when they are scheduled for an exam. A more detailed schedule listing mid-terms, RCT and Regents exams was given to students when they took home the 5-week reports in December.

### Tuesday, January 23

8:30 a.m. Global History and Geography Regents  
Writing RCT  
12:00 p.m. Comprehensive English: Session 1  
Mathematics RCT

### Wednesday, January 24

8:30 a.m. Comprehensive Spanish  
Physical Setting/Earth Science  
U.S. History and Government RCT  
12:00 p.m. Comprehensive English: Session 2  
Science RCT

### Thursday, January 25

8:30 a.m. U.S. History and Government Regents  
Reading RCT  
12:00 p.m. Mathematics A  
Physical Setting/Chemistry  
Physical Setting/Physics

### Friday, January 26

8:30 a.m. Living Environment  
Mathematics B  
Global Studies RCT

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[www.cscs.wnyric.org](http://www.cscs.wnyric.org)

# 7th & 8th Grade Testing Scheduled

It is state testing time again! The New York State ELA exams for grades 7 and 8 have been scheduled for January 16-19, 2006. More specifically, they have been scheduled for each grade level on the following days:

8th grade: Thursday, January 18 and Friday, January 19

7th grade: Tuesday, January 16 and Wednesday, January 17.

We know that teachers and students have been working hard to prepare for these exams in class and we want to ensure that they are given the best conditions possible to perform to the best of their ability on the state assessment. Please help us to make testing as smooth as possible for your students. Attendance is very important during this testing week, so please make sure that your student will be at school and does not need to be pulled out during his or her testing days. Thank you in advance and good luck to all of our students!

Tips for taking the test:

## **Before the Test**

- Get a good nights sleep
- Eat a healthy breakfast
- Get to school on time and plan to stay for the day
- Think positive

## **During the Test**

- Read the directions carefully (what are they asking me to do?)
- Write down information
- Don't spend too much time on one question (skip and come back)
- Go back and check your answers in sections you are working on
- Use the skills you have practiced
- Relax
- Keep working – do your very best

# State Champs Honored

The 2005-06 Campbell-Savona Class C New York State Champion Basketball Team was presented with three banners in a ceremony at a home game in December. Graduated team members were invited back for the ceremony, which included the presentation of the sectional, regional and state championship banners. The banners have been hung in the gymnasium where they will serve as a reminder of what comes from sacrifice, commitment and team work. Congratulations to an awesome team!



*Members of the NYS Class C Championship Team admire the banner that hangs in the gymnasium.*

# Discipline Official On Board

The Junior/Senior High School now has additional support in the area of school discipline with Jeff Allen serving as the school's discipline official.

In this position, Mr. Allen will work with Mrs. Hawken and support the school, teachers and students in the area of routine discipline and student management issues by being visible throughout the building during the school day. He will also process discipline referrals, recommend consequences for student infractions and contact parents regarding situations at school. Allen will be another resource for parents and community members to contact to address student concerns. He can be reached at 527-4550 extension 480 or at [jallen1@cscs.wnyric.org](mailto:jallen1@cscs.wnyric.org).

We also welcome Rick Watson, who replaces Mr. Allen as the in-school suspension aide.

# Financial Aid Information

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**P**lan to attend the Financial Aid Information Night on Thursday, January 18 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the LGI of the Campbell building. Barb Snow, Director of Financial Aid at Corning Community College, will be the presenter.

## Gear up for financial aid

January is fast approaching and that means it's time for seniors to apply for college financial aid for the upcoming school year. Federal financial aid is available for students attending four-year, two-year, public or private, career or trade schools. The aid is intended to cover school expenses such as tuition, room and board, books and other supplies, and transportation. Most students receive the aid because of financial need.

Students can receive financial aid in the form of grants, loans or work-study. Grants are financial awards that do not have to be repaid. Examples include Pell Grants and Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants. Loans are money you borrow and must repay. Federal Stafford Loans are loans made to students and PLUS loans are loans made to parents. There are also direct loans, Perkins Loans and the Federal Family Education Loan. Work-study provides jobs, usually on campus, so students can help pay for education expenses.

## How to apply for financial aid

If you're a senior planning to attend college next fall, January is the time to file your Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA. Information from the FAFSA is used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid programs — grants, loans and work-study.

You can get the FAFSA:

- online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- from the guidance office
- from a college financial aid office
- from a local public library
- from the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1/800-433-3243).

Make sure you check financial aid deadlines! The FAFSA will list deadlines for federal and state aid. Also check the requirements at the colleges you're interested in applying to. Some require additional financial aid forms.

## Financial aid terms

Following are some key financial aid terms:

**Aid package:** A combination of aid (possibly including a scholarship, grant, loan and work) determined by a college financial aid office.

**Expected Family Contribution:** An amount you and your family are expected to contribute toward your education. It is used in determining eligibility for federal student aid.

**Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):** The application required for students to be considered for federal student financial aid. Obtain a FAFSA form or electronic filing information from a high school or college for the appropriate year (usually available in November). The FAFSA is processed free of charge and used by most state agencies and colleges.

**Grants:** Awards, usually based on financial need, that do not require repayment. Grants are available through the federal government, state agencies and educational institutions.

**Scholarships:** Awards to students based on merit or merit plus need that do not have to be repaid.

**Student Aid Report (SAR):** The information you will receive approximately two to four weeks after your FAFSA has been processed. It will report the information from your application, and if there are no questions or problems with your application, it will report your Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

# Board Meeting Summary

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## **October 23, 2006**

- Approved minutes
- Acknowledged Receipt of 2005-2006 Audit
- Accepted Financial Reports
- Approved to advertise the sale of (2) surplus buses by bidding process
- Approved tax refund
- Accepted donations
- Appointed Timothy Allard as sole purchasing agent
- Waived facilities fee and associated costs for drive thru flu shot clinic
- Approved Gym Floor Project as a Type II Action
- Acknowledged Receipt of Extra Curricular Report from 7/1/06 – 9/30/06
- Approved Special Ed. minutes and recommendations
- Approved the list of 2006-2007 Coaching Positions
- Approved Bridget Reagan's Contract, School Psychologist
- Approved Appointment of Janine Dersham, Part-time Cafeteria Monitor/Aide
- Accepted the Letter of Resignation from Daniel Boutwell, Long-Term Substitute
- Approved Appointment of Robert Mitchell, Temporary Math Teacher
- Approved Appointment of Marsha Watson, Long-Term Substitute AIS Teacher
- Approved Addition of Richard Watson to the 2006-2007 Substitute List.

# Library News

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As we approach the end of the year 2006, and as buzzings of turkey and snow and shopping and cookies zoom through the air, the Campbell-Savona Elementary Library is also engaging in some exciting activities. For Thanksgiving, the Library Club collected food to ensure that families in the community would be able to enjoy a happy and festive holiday. Led by Joan Evingham, the club received donations from members of the school, the local community and Polly-O. Turkeys were donated by the Campbell United Methodist Church and school staff. A Turkey Box was made by Jason York and his family to be used for collecting donations. After all the food was collected, club members sorted it and 11 families were provided with the fixings for Thanksgiving dinner.

In December and January, another event is scheduled for 3rd-6th graders. The Youth Services and School Library Media Sections of the New York Library Association are co-sponsoring the 3 Apples Book Award, which gives children the opportunity to vote for their favorite book. Students in grades 3-6 wishing to participate in the vote must have read or listened to at least 3 books from the following list by January 5:

*Because of Winn-Dixie* by Kate DiCamillo  
*The BFG* by Roald Dahl  
*Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White  
*Double Fudge* by Judy Blume  
*Eragon* by Christopher Paolini  
*Green Eggs and Ham* by Dr. Seuss  
*Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* by J.K. Rowling  
*Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince* by J.K. Rowling  
*Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* by J.K. Rowling  
*Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban* by J.K. Rowling  
*Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J.K. Rowling

*Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen  
*Holes* by Louis Sachar  
*The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis  
*The Tale of Despereaux* by Kate DiCamillo

Although the students are only required to read 3 books, please encourage them to read as many as possible. Between January 8 and January 19, students will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite book, and the votes will then be tallied and submitted. Books from the list will be available for students to check out, and they are also available through the public library. Please encourage your students to read and to vote, and happy reading!

The lab aides in the high school have been immensely helpful during this transitional phase. They have actively contributed to library projects such as displays, announcement board and the Holiday Book Tree. If one of your students is a lab aide, please pass along thanks.



Members of the Library Club pose with the Turkey Box used to collect food for needy families.

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## C-S Awarded Grant

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Thanks to the efforts of Susan Hatch of the Savona Arrow Marts in Savona, Campbell-Savona has been awarded a \$500 Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance grant for the Connected Math program. This money will be used to buy additional units of the Connected Math series for middle school math.

Funded by the Exxon Mobil Corporation, the Exxon Mobil Educational Alliance program is designed to provide Mobil retailers like Susan Hatch with an opportunity to invest in the future of their community through educational grants to neighborhood schools. Thank you Ms. Hatch and Exxon Mobil!

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## Please Be Patient

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Situations may arise during the school day that may require a phone call home. However, with the reduction of staff, it is difficult to get to all the phone calls made in a timely manner. Please understand that we continue to value the discussions with parents and do plan to get the calls made, but they may not come as quickly as we would hope. Please be patient with us as we try to adjust our schedules to meet these obligations.

# Winter Sports Update

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As the weather begins to turn colder, the Panthers are in full swing with the winter sports programs. Winter 1 modified teams for wrestling and swimming have done well in competitions and will end their winter 1 season on December 16. The winter 2 season starts on December 18 with both boys and girls modified basketball. There will be a 7th and 8th grade team for each.

The wrestling team boasts a larger squad than recent years, which should help them in their defense of the Steuben County league title they won last year. The girls' varsity basketball team started the season out with an appearance in the championship game of the Bath-Haverling Lady Rams Tip-Off Tournament after defeating Dr. Freddie Thomas H.S. of Rochester. Both JV and varsity squads played hard and hopefully will use this tournament to springboard to a successful season.

The boys' varsity basketball team defended their IAABO Officials Tip Tournament title by defeating Livonia and Corning West. The JV boys took second place, beating Livonia and losing to Corning West. The varsity swim team is working hard at the Bath-Haverling High School in preparation for the opening of their season. Remember, all practices and home competitions will be held at the Bath pool this year.

As with the fall sports, the school district will be supplying transportation for all away league contests. For away non-league contests, parents will need to transport their student athlete. The Booster Club is picking up the expenses for all home non-league competitions. We appreciate and thank the Booster Club for their enormous support, and offer a huge "Thank You" to all parents and community members who are working to support our students in their programs.

## School Closing Info

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Whenever possible, the District will try to make a decision by 6:00 am to close the schools for the day due to severe weather. Check with the following local media for updates:

WCBA	98.7 FM - 1350 AM
WCIK	103.1 FM
WCLI	1450 AM
WGMM	97.7 FM
WINK	106.1 FM
WVIN	98.3 FM - 1380 AM
WETM-TV	Channel 18

# Spectator Conduct

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With the start of the winter sports season, it is important to understand the expectations while attending a sporting event. Proper sportsmanship is always important. It serves as examples for all children. Rather than making comments to officials or opposing teams, please try to make all comments positive and cheer for our teams in a supportive manner.

During athletic contests, spectators should remain in the bleachers and enjoy the event. All spectators are expected to be in the gym, not congregating out in the hallways while the competition is in progress. Elementary students and younger children should not be running around in the gym lobby or halls during the games. Students who leave the school building during the course of a contest are expected to be leaving to go home and will not be readmitted to the building.

Please remember that smoking on school property is forbidden by state and federal laws, including sitting inside vehicles parked in the school parking lot. If you must smoke, please walk down to the corner on County Route 125 and step off school grounds to do so. Also remember that in the parking lot, the semi circle that winds from the gym past the High School entrance to the music wing is a FIRE LANE. State law prohibits parking in this area. We encourage everyone to attend our winter sports contests, be good citizens and spectators and cheer our teams on to victory!

## Three to Join Navy

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Recently, three Campbell-Savona seniors made a smart investment in their futures. Aaron Nichols, Andrew Knowles and Derek Mills have enlisted in the United States Navy. Each student graduates from Campbell-Savona Central School District in June 2007 and will leave for boot camp at Great Lakes, IL the following month.

While serving in the Navy, Nichols will become an Aviation Structural Mechanic (AM), receive a \$5,500 sign-on bonus and acquire \$37,300 from the Montgomery GI Bill. Knowles will become an Intelligence Specialist (IS), earn a \$500 sign on bonus and receive \$50,000 from the Navy College Fund. Mills will become an Engineman (EN), which entitles him to a \$9,500 sign-on bonus plus \$37,300 Montgomery GI Bill.

Each of the future graduates was recruited by HT2 Joseph Lewis (SW/AW) out of the Navy Recruiting Center in Horseheads. If you would like more information on joining the US Navy, contact HT2 Lewis at 607-796-5171. Congratulations and best of luck to Nichols, Knowles and Mills.

## Cheerleading Changes

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In 1972, the federal government passed a law which has come to be known as Title IX. This law states that any institution, public or private, which receives federal funding to help run part of their programs cannot discriminate based on gender.

The area which has been most affected by this law is boys' and girls' athletics. In August 2006, a mother in Johnson City sued the Johnson City High School, the Southern Tier Athletic Conference and Section IV claiming Title IX discrimination. Her daughter plays basketball for Johnson City and she claimed that not having cheerleaders and pep bands at girls' contests as well as boys' contests is a violation of Title IX.

The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights completed an investigation and agreed. New York State warned that if schools did not come into compliance and treat boys' and girls' basketball equally, the state could lose federal money for education.

With that decision, changes are necessary. There are a number of different options that school districts are considering in order to comply with this situation. The C-S cheerleading teams have selected an equal number of boys' and girls' games to cheer at. Most of these contests will be at home. The cheerleaders will cheer at an equal number of Steuben County Tournament games for the teams and will cheer as far into sectionals as each of the varsity teams go.

## SAT Preparation Course Scheduled

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Campbell-Savona has partnered with Corning Community College to provide students with an SAT preparation course. CCC will be offering this non-credit bearing course for juniors at our school starting in February, 2007. More information will be provided once all of the details have been finalized.

A student's score on the SAT is one of the important factors determining admission to most colleges. This test-preparation course, used by over 700 educational institutions nationwide, is designed to help maximize your score in a short period of time. It concentrates on the test-taking skills that are critical for good performance on the SAT. The course utilizes a proven, five step approach to significant score improvements: diagnostic test, verbal and math review, question types and strategies, practice-test reinforcement and final test review. The course also focuses on time-saving methods, critical thinking skills, and mathematical problem-solving abilities. Real SAT tests will be used to help students familiarize themselves with the exam and help reduce test anxiety.

## "Peter Pan" a Success

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Cooperation and shared leadership between parents, teachers and students resulted in a successful presentation of "Peter Pan," produced by the C-S Drama Club. From the moment the orchestra began the overture, it was evident that everyone involved had created something very special. When the final curtain came down on the fourth and final performance, the audience, a record number, had witnessed a wonderful display of talent and skill.

More than seventy-five people worked together to put on this show. There were 25 students on stage and others worked diligently behind stage, played in the orchestra, created costumes, organized and maintained props, worked on make-up, secured advertisements for and designed the program and worked in the box office. A very unique and difficult part of this show was that Peter Pan and some of the children flew. ZFX Flying Illusions of Louisville, Kentucky, with the assistance of Flight Coordinator Charlie Hogan and his team of parent volunteers, helped to entertain the audience by "flying" the children across and around the stage.

"Peter Pan" was a community effort. Businesses and organizations in and around the Campbell area generously supported and contributed to the success of this show. The Radisson Inn donated complimentary lodging to the flight instructor, while the Campbell Building Supply Company donated building materials. Many other businesses and professionals supported the show financially by purchasing ads in the program or making donations.



*The cast of "Peter Pan"*

## Asbestos Notice

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There has been no change since last year's report. According to all records, the district is free and clear of any asbestos.

# Upcoming Dates

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## January

- 8 -12 ELA STATE TESTING Grades 3,4,5
- 10 Local Spelling Bee (Jr/Sr HS)  
Shared Decision Making Meeting (Jr/Sr HS)  
PTSO Meeting (Jr/Sr HS)
- 18 Financial Aid Information Night from 6:00-8:00  
in the LGI
- 20 BOE Meeting
- 23-26 Regents Tests (No classes 9-12)
- 27 Jr/Sr HS Band Festival
- 29 Teacher Conference Day (No School)

## February

- 2 Report Cards go home
- 10 Science Research Presentation
- 19-23 Mid-Winter Break (No School)
- 26 BOE Meeting

# Students Help Others

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The holidays are a time to think about how we can help others. Each year, the Elementary School solicits contributions for an event called Operation Greater Joy. This year, we were lucky to have help from our friends at Polly-O, Corning Inc. and many local churches.

Students Samantha and Star Rogers held a bake sale to raise money for Operation Greater Joy. Planning the event since last May, they obtained permission from the Campbell American Legion to hold the sale there during a fish fry. With family and friends to help bake goods for the sale, they set a goal to raise \$150. On Wednesday, November 15, Samantha and Star presented the school with \$260!

These two young ladies deserve thanks for helping ensure that children in our community received gifts under the tree on Christmas.

Also deserving thanks is Senior Sara Caward, who spent her Thanksgiving week ringing the bell for the Salvation Army.

We are proud of these and all of our students who take the time and effort to help others.

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