

Campbell-Savona Central School District Newsletter

Building project update

The CS 2012 Capital Project Committee continues to meet to discuss the needs and concerns surrounding the district's buildings. Tours of both schools have revealed underlying structural problems affecting the education, safety and health of our children.

Our district is fortunate because we are currently at a 98 percent building aid ratio. This means that 98 percent of the eligible costs of a building project will be funded through state aid. As an example, for a \$5 million project, the state will pay for \$4,900,000. Normally, the remaining \$100,000 would be paid for with local tax money. However, the state last year approved EXCEL aid, which can be used to pay for capital projects above and beyond the regular building aid. Campbell-Savona has been approved for about \$895,000 of EXCEL aid, which will easily cover the local share of this capital project.

"How can we afford a \$5 million capital project, when the district has a deficit?" is a question that many in the community are asking. According to Tim Allard, Business Administrator, the funds are not related. "The money to pay off the deficit has already been borrowed and the bills have been paid. We will now pay back the

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Superintendent's note

Good news! That's what I like. I like to see the best in people and situations. But even hardships and problems have their silver linings, because we learn from tough times. In fact, that's exactly how we do learn! We learn from problems. "Math problems...Problem-solving....Do problems on page 48." Heck, we've been taught to deal with problems right from the beginning of school! So, really, problems should be "no-problem!"

Yet some people see their problems and become angry and negative. Instead of dealing and learning from problems, they begrudge them, resist them and get aggravated by them. Instead of learning opportunities, they see them as stumbling blocks and irritations. They tuck their problems and negative feelings deep down inside themselves and become angry, gloomy people, bitter with everyone and everything. Sometimes they even spread their gloom to the rest of us.

Personally, I like to see the glass as half full, not half empty. I always try to see the best in people and situations – even the "problems." To me, problems are my opportunities. I also try to be thankful and grateful for each new day, no matter how bad the problems are, because it's those problems that give me the opportunity to grow and learn.

And when you look at it that way, we all have a lot to be thankful for – twelve hundred reasons to be thankful walk into our schools every day!

Lynn Lyndes
Superintendent of Schools

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Board approves new Alma Mater

In March, the School Board approved a new alma mater for the school district. The new version is more “singable” and carries a traditional, classic tune.

Booster Club President Jeff Allen said the club intends to purchase three banners for the gym. The Boosters will buy an additional banner for the Savona gym next year. “One banner will have the old Savona alma mater, one will have the old Campbell alma mater and



the third will have this new Campbell-Savona alma mater,” Allen said. “We hope singing the alma mater becomes a tradition here once again. Perhaps we can begin with this year’s graduating class.”

The Campbell-Savona Alma Mater

Hail to thee our Alma Mater,
we are always proud.

Sing to thee our Alma Mater,
with our voices loud.

Halls of Campbell and Savona
fill us with your pride.

Ring our honor and our virtue
through the valleys wide.

Hail to thee our Alma Mater,
we are always true.

Sing to thee our Alma Mater,
the great red, white and blue.

National Honor Society news

The Campbell-Savona National Honor Society is preparing to add new members this spring. Students with a qualifying academic average have been provided with the necessary information and have been invited to submit materials showing their interest in joining the National Honor Society.

Membership in the National Honor Society is one of the highest honors that can be awarded to a high school student. The selection of new members is based upon careful consideration in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service and character. No student is simply inducted because of a high academic average. The National Honor Society recognizes the total student – one who excels in all areas. Eligible students must submit an activity sheet and letters of recommendation to the Faculty Council for their use in determining the student’s overall accomplishments in all four areas.

Our local chapter is excited to induct its new members at a school-wide assembly on May 10 at 1:00 p.m.

Two inducted to Technical Honor Society

On Wednesday, March 28, two members of the senior class were inducted into the National Technical Honor Society (NTHS) at GST BOCES Coopers Campus. Bryan Coryea and Derek Mills met the strict requirements necessary to be inducted into this honor society. The criteria for induction include meeting an attendance rate of 95 percent, maintaining a 90 percent average in their career and technical education class and having a recommendation by their teacher.

NTHS students at BOCES are presented with a certificate, pin, purple and silver cord and tassel to wear with their caps and gowns at graduation. The mission for the NTHS is to honor student achievement and leadership, promote educational excellence and enhance career opportunities for its members.

Bryan is a student in the Automotive Technology program and Derek is a student in the Building Trades program. Congratulations to both on their achievement, hard work and dedication to excellence in their learning.

C-S joins Read Across America Day

Students from Campbell-Savona High School and Elementary school joined millions of students across the country to celebrate the ninth annual National Education Association's Read Across America Day on March 2, 2007.

Ten students from Mrs. Marsha Watson's Learning Lab at the High School traveled to Savona to read aloud Dr. Seuss books to Headstart and pre-kindergarten through second grade students.

Teachers encourage parents, a caring adult or sibling to read aloud to young children at least one half-hour a day. It's proven that children who are read to at home have a higher success rate in school and children who read frequently develop stronger reading skills.

Readers selected from the Learning Lab were Sierra White, Mersadi Swarouth, Samantha Fish, Rachel Snyder, Ashley Carlineo, Jodi Fox, Sarah York, Tawney Hickey, Samantha Cleveland and Micayla Decker. Ninth grader Mersadi Swarouth said that it was a lot of fun and that the looks on the little kids' faces showed their excitement at having high school students read aloud to them. Each reader also created a mini-lesson for the students which related to the book they selected to read. Sarah York brought in a gold fish to Mrs. Latour's Beginndergarten to go with her reading of *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish* and Mrs. Fishbaugh made green eggs and ham for pre-kindergarten students.

We are proud of the job done by Mrs. Watson and the High School students and agree that when we work together as a community to encourage children to read, to quote Dr. Seuss, "there's no limit to the places we can go."



High School students visited Savona Elementary for Read Across America Day.

End-of-year senior class calendar

It is hard to believe, but it is time to begin preparations for graduation. In early May, we will meet with all members of the senior class to inform them of the coming events. During our meeting we will be providing them with a calendar that highlights the next two months, scholarship applications that will be awarded during the Senior Awards Night and a survey asking them what they want included in their graduation.

This year there will be a change in our Senior Awards Night. In past years, we had a dinner in the cafeteria prior to the awards assembly. This year, we will not be able to do that. Instead, we will have our awards assembly followed by refreshments in the cafeteria.

We are always excited to see so many of our students head off into their futures. They leave here with so much ahead of them and we know they have been given a strong foundation from here to be successful in the future.

In upcoming newsletters, we would like to highlight some of the achievements our past graduates have enjoyed and to see what they are doing now. If you or anyone you know would like to be highlighted in future newsletters, please contact Lynn Lyndes, school superintendent.

Vaccination update

All students entering 6th grade in September (even if repeating 6th) **must** have proof of the varicella (chicken pox) vaccine to attend school in September. By August 15, the health office must have one of the following: proof of the vaccination, documentation from a physician of the child having had the disease (parental recall is not acceptable proof), written medical exemption from a physician stating that there is a valid medical contraindication to varicella vaccine, serologic proof of immunity to varicella or religious exemption (notify the health office or principal as soon as possible if you feel there will be a religious exemption).

Students will not be permitted to attend school in September without this vaccination.

GST BOCES to offer summer school at C-S

Campbell-Savona students in grades 6-12 will have the opportunity to attend summer school this year. The district is participating in a summer school program administered by the Greater Southern Tier BOCES. The good news for Campbell-Savona students and their families is that the summer school will be hosted at the Campbell building and sixth-grade classes will be hosted at the Savona building.

The GST BOCES summer school will offer classes in ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies for students in grades 6-8. At the high school level, course offerings will depend on the needs of registering students. It is anticipated that the courses offered in summer school will include Math A, Global History, U.S. History and Government, Earth Science, Living Environment and English 9-12.

To be eligible to attend summer school, C-S students must meet enrollment requirements. These requirements include satisfactory school attendance during the regular school year and a minimum level of achievement in the course taken during the regular school year.

Summer school is an excellent opportunity for students to improve their grades in essential, core classes. Summer school will also permit C-S students to earn credit in courses required for graduation. To learn more about the GST BOCES summer school at Campbell-Savona, contact the guidance office at 527-4550, extension 440 or the elementary office at 583-4611.

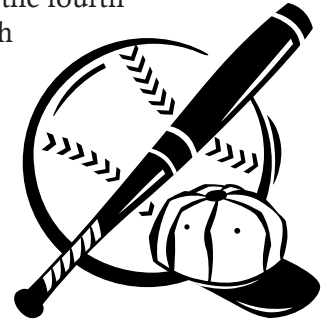
Danger ahead for our teens

Nationwide, the most dangerous months for teens are May and June. Parents and community members need to remind our teens about the dangers of including alcohol and drugs in their celebrations. In addition, we all should encourage our teens to use seatbelts while driving. Please don't be timid about reminding our teens of the need to be responsible in their celebrations!

Spring sports update and planning for fall

Spring sports are underway. All of the teams look seager and ready to compete. Teams will be fielded in baseball (varsity, JV and modified), softball (varsity, JV and modified), track and field (varsity and modified), varsity golf and varsity tennis. Most teams enjoyed good turn-outs of athletes during try-outs. Admissions of \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students will be charged for varsity and junior varsity baseball and softball games and track and field meets.

Sports physicals are set for the fourth week in May. Dates for the high school are still being determined. Sixth-graders planning to play modified sports will have physical exams that week as well. Students must sign up in the nurse's office for a physical. If they miss this opportunity, they will need to have one done by their own healthcare provider. Students who think they might be interested in trying out for a team in any season next year should get a sports physical.



Mr. Rosko, District Athletic Director, will meet with sixth-grade students on May 23 to discuss how the sports programs work and how to sign up for sports teams and physicals.

Remember, when sign-up lists are posted, students must get their names on these lists. Do not assume you will be contacted if you do not sign up, or that there will be a team for you to play on. For example, last year only 12 girls signed up for modified volleyball, so the program was cut from two teams to one. Yet when school started, more than 30 girls showed up for the first practice. Since there were no funds available to bring back the second team, there were many disappointed girls. It is important for everyone interested in participating to get their names on the sign-up lists as they are posted so that we know how many students are interested in playing a particular sport.

We look forward to enjoyable spring and fall sports programs.

Board meeting summaries

February 27, 2007

- Approved minutes
- Accepted financial reports
- Accepted the revised District Wide Safety Plan
- Accepted donations
- Acknowledged receipt of the Extra Classroom Activity Fund and Single Audit
- Acknowledged receipt of the Special Education minutes
- Approved the Special Education recommendations
- Approved additions to the 2006-2007 substitute list
- Approved the list of 2006-2007 Extra Curricular appointments
- Approved the resignation of Teri Cleveland, Food Service Helper
- Approved the letter of intent to retire from Mary (Francine) Murray, Elementary Teacher
- Acknowledged receipt of the Jr./Sr. High School Shared Decision Making meeting minutes

March 26, 2007

- Approved minutes
- Accepted financial reports
- Approved transportation for Head Start students during the 2007-2008 school year
- Approved participation in the GST BOCES group bidding for cafeteria supplies
- Acknowledged receipt of the Special Education minutes
- Approved the Special Education recommendations
- Approved list of substitutes for the 2006-2007 school year
- Approved list of Volunteer Spring Coaching appointments
- Approved letter of resignation from Laura Cotcamp, Science Teacher
- Approved letter of resignation from Muriel Herron, Math Teacher
- Approved letter of resignation from Misty Ball, English Teacher
- Approved letter of resignation from Janine Dersham, Bus Monitor & Food Service Helper
- Approved letter of retirement from Fred VanDuyne, Technology Teacher
- Approved letter of intent to retire from Rose Ann Ormsby, Speech Pathologist

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- Approved appointment of Lisa Nichols, Bus Monitor
- Approved appointment of Amy Torpy, Long Term Substitute (7-12 Math)
- Approved appointment of Marsha Watson, Long Term Substitute (AIS)
- Approved new Alma Mater

Dress code reminder

With the warmer weather approaching, it is important to review the district dress code. Please be aware of a few expectations we have for students.

- Short skirts and short shorts are not permitted in school. A good rule of thumb to check if the length is appropriate is by ensuring your clothing hangs below the your fingertips when your hands are hanging by your side.
- Halter tops, tube tops, and spaghetti straps are not permitted. Straps must measure the width of three of the wearer's fingers. We also remind you that tops are not to expose the midriff area.

These expectations are enforced to ensure that we promote a positive learning environment. We appreciate your attention to these guidelines.

Booster Club update

The Campbell-Savona Booster Club is in full swing after the holiday break. We have had several fund raisers so far this spring, including the NCAA raffle and concession for wrestling tournaments. We are currently selling raffle tickets for NYS evening pick 3 during the month of May. So far this year we have allocated approximately \$18,000 to the extracurricular activities that are offered at Campbell-Savona and will continue to do so in the years to come.

The Booster Club is always in need of members and volunteers to help continue the good work. If you are interested in joining please contact me at 527-4550 ext. 480 or e-mail us at CSCSBoosterClub@aol.com. For those that have contributed time, money or both, we thank you very much.

Jeff Allen, President
Campbell-Savona Booster Club

'The Magic of Disney' presented by show choir

On March 14 the Impressionists, Campbell-Savona's show choir, presented their home concert. The evening was filled with Disney music spanning 60 years. The audience enjoyed such classics as "The Bare Necessities" and "When You Wish upon a Star" and many of today's favorites from "Beauty and the Beast" and "Aladdin." This high-energy review featured singing, dancing and solos from members of the group. Elementary students were also treated to this show as the Impressionists traveled to Savona and performed two assemblies for grades K-3 and 4-6 on March 28.

Building project update (continued from page 1)

loan during the next 10 years. The money that we have borrowed is completely separate from New York State; it is through lenders in the private sector, from whom we have received the best rates."

Another question that we have heard is "Why can't we use the EXCEL aid to pay off the deficit?" Unfortunately, by law, EXCEL aid is earmarked only for capital projects. It cannot be used for general operating expenditures or to pay off debt. As you can see, the deficit and the capital project must be funded completely separately.

The way the EXCEL aid law is written, it is unclear whether the aid will be available after June 30, 2008. For the district to take advantage of a capital project that will have little or no local impact on taxes, we must act now before the window of opportunity closes.

The members of the committee have been working hard to ensure that this project will meet the needs of our schools both now and for future generations. They will continue to investigate areas of concern and will be reporting their findings and recommendations to the Board of Education later this spring.

Boys' basketball continues winning streak

The 2007 Campbell-Savona boys basketball team once again provided their fans with an exciting season. For the second year in a row, our players made the journey to the Glens Falls Civic Center to participate in the State Semifinals. The team, for the fourth year in a row, won the Section V Class CCC Championships. They also won the Class C State Qualifier game and were crowned as the Western Regional Class C Champions.

The school, students, staff, parents, community members and businesses rallied around the team and supported them throughout the entire season. To seniors Will Cornett, Sean Mourhess, Zack Simpson, Andy Knowles, Neil Pruden, Adam Clark and Sam Wood, we salute you and thank you for many successful seasons. To the underclassmen, we look forward to many years of excitement. You are number one in our hearts!



The 2007 Campbell-Savona Boys' Basketball team



Upcoming dates

May

- 5 Junior Prom
- 7 Budget Hearing – Campbell
- 8 Budget Hearing – Savona
- 10 Celebrate Arts & Science Night – Savona
- 15 BUDGET VOTE
- 21 Board of Education meeting
- 23 Science Symposium
- 28 Memorial Day – NO SCHOOL
- 29 Pops Concert – Campbell

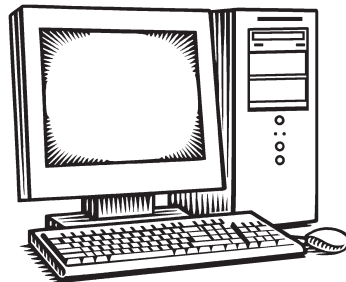
June

- 5 Modified Athletics Awards
- 6 7-12 Scholastic Awards
- 13 Regents Testing Begins ½ DAY of SCHOOL
- 21 Last day of Regents – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- 22 Baccalaureate
- 23 Graduation
- 25 Board of Education meeting

MySpace.com filtered

Parents, please keep in mind that some computer sites can become problematic for young children. MySpace.com is a site where students often post pictures and comments that can identify themselves to the world. It also can become a place where students can harass or offend others. If your child uses MySpace.com, we encourage you to monitor your child's use on this site. Although not designed to be so, it can become a hurtful site to other children.

Our school district bans this site and filters it from student access. If you are concerned about possible effects on your child, you may want to consider banning it at home as well.



Retirement best wishes

CSCS will be bidding a bittersweet farewell to seven staff members, all of whom are retiring at the end of the year.

Retiring from the Jr./Sr. High School are Fred Van Duyne, Elaine Wood and Carol Gurnsey. Fred, a technology/shop teacher, began his career at Savona Central and has continued with CSCS. In addition to his role in the classroom, Fred has helped with the sound and lighting for district programs and performances. Elaine began her career in the Campbell district as a business teacher. For several years she also served as the district's

Thank you for almost 200 years of combined service to our district.

technology coordinator. Carol, a veteran teaching assistant, spent most of her career in the district working with elementary students. This year she finally "graduated" to the junior-senior high school and has worked in one of our Learning Labs assisting students in need of individual and small group instruction.

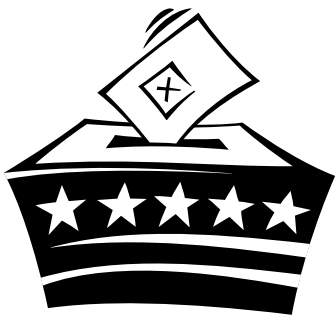
Four elementary school teachers are also retiring – Francine Murray, Sally Westbrook, Mary Aleksivich and Dom Scolaro. Francine has taught both first and second grade for many years, beginning her career in the Campbell district. Sally, a long time kindergarten teacher first in Savona and then for C-S, has been teaching reading and providing academic intervention services to primary age students for the last several years. Mary, who began her career in Campbell Central as a student teacher, has taught several grade levels including third grade through sixth grade and is completing her career as a sixth grade teacher. Dom has taught physical education to all grade levels, first in the Campbell district and in the combined district since the merger. Dom also has coached several sports, most notably wrestling.

These seven educators have almost 200 years of combined service to the district. Thousands of lives in our communities have been touched by their dedicated service to our children and to our district. We wish all of them many years of happiness and health in their retirement.

Don't forget to vote:

**TUESDAY, MAY 15
from 12:00 p.m.
to 8:00 p.m. in the
High School Library**

Please give the 2007-08 Proposed Budget and Board Member Election(s) your thoughtful consideration.



What You're Voting On:

Proposed 2007-2008 School Budget

Election of two (2) Board of Education Members

Voter Qualification:

To vote on May 15th, you must be:

- a U.S. citizen
- at least 18 years of age
- a resident of the C-S School District for at least 30 days prior to the vote.

Absentee Ballots:

If you cannot vote in person on May 15, you may request an application for an absentee ballot. Applications for absentee ballots are available from the District Clerk's office in the High School building in Campbell. Absentee ballots will only be counted if they have been returned to the clerk no later than 5 p.m. on May 15.

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