

Campbell-Savona Central School District Newsletter

Superintendent's note

The recent news of the four Jasper-Troupsburg students who tragically died makes us recoil and reassess our own lives and the lives of our children. How quickly life can be snuffed out and in a twinkling the joys of our lives can be taken from us.

When a loved one passes away, we realize how precious life is and how grateful we should be for our own delicate existence. Too often we take our own life and the lives of others for granted and waste away hours with useless or meaningless activity.



Maybe this is a wakeup call to us all.

We need to cherish each precious moment with our child or loved one, making each day meaningful and eventful. We should

acknowledge their existence and the joys they bring to us, and savor each quirky and awkward moment they bring us. And finally, we need to live life as if each day was our last – embracing and relishing every moment we share. It gives meaning and value to our lives and theirs.

Lynn Lyndes

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Superintendent of Schools

Sign up for STAR rebate

This year, New Yorkers are once again eligible for real property tax relief in the form of a 2007 Middle Class STAR



Rebate Program check. This year's rebate is based not only on your property tax burden but also on your income level.

Homeowners who receive the basic STAR exemption should have received a letter notifying them of the need to apply and provide income information to receive this year's rebate check. Applications are due by November 30.

The fastest way to receive your check is to apply online at www.nystax.gov. You will need information contained in the mailing you received to complete your application.

Senior citizens who are property owners and receive an enhanced STAR exemption on their 2007-2008 tax bill do not need to fill out an application and will receive a rebate check automatically.

For more information, go to the website listed above or call 1-877-678-2769.

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College Search Process for Seniors



The Guidance Office compiled the following list of 20 tips for parents of seniors regarding the college search and application process.

1. Be realistic.
2. Look for the “right fit.” The chemistry between your child and the college is critical.
3. Be optimistic.
4. Be supportive and caring. Nagging helps no one.
5. Celebrate your child’s many accomplishments.
6. Listen to what your child is saying. Be a sounding board.
7. Listen to what your child is not saying. (Often fears are not verbalized.)
8. Do not direct. Let your child take ownership of the process. You’ve had your turn. (Ninety-nine percent of the time the student makes the right choice.) Find a comfortable place between running the college search process and remaining at a comfortable distance.
9. Check many sources. Go beyond *US News & World Report* and other media sources. Check the accuracy of information that you will be relying on.
10. Set limits at the beginning that are important to you (e.g. cost, distance from home, etc.).
11. Drive your child to visit different campuses.
12. Fill out financial aid forms, read about financial aid.
13. Press to get straight answers from admission and financial aid officers so there are fewer surprises.
14. Encourage your child to take control. This builds responsible decision making.
15. Help your child to think about who he or she really is, what his or her values are and how he or she has changed during the high school years.
16. Communicate. It is a family decision on several levels.
17. Be honest about your aims and aspirations for your child. Agree to disagree.
18. Recognize that your child will have his or her own timetable for considering college options, filling out applications, etc. It’s not your timetable.
19. Keep a perspective on the process, as well as a sense of humor.
20. Don’t bypass the high school counseling office. Stay on top of deadlines and attend programs offered.

Principal’s Message

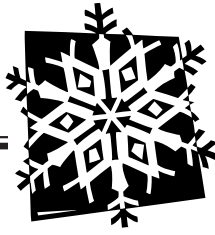
The 2007-08 school year is off to a great start at the Campbell-Savona Junior-Senior High School. The senior class has started the graduation countdown while the seventh-graders have been busy getting acclimated to their new school and new schedules. The teaching staff started the year with a common focus on literacy and incorporating reading and writing strategies across the content areas. Everyone is geared up for a great year.

The first marking period ends November 2. Report cards will be distributed to students on November 8. The end of the first marking period is a great time for parents to take the opportunity to meet with teachers. Parent-teacher conferences will be held November 8-9. Parents are encouraged to schedule conferences by calling the guidance office or contacting teachers directly.

Lisa Hawken

Lisa Hawken,
Junior-Senior High School Principal

Weather-related School Closings



The decision to close school or delay the opening of school is generally reached before 6:00 a.m. and is then passed on to television and radio stations. The decision is made after consultation with various public safety offices, town road crews, personal observations of road conditions and weather reports. Sometimes the threat of severe weather on the way is enough to close so children will not get caught at school with no way to return home. If school is not closed, but parents do not allow their children to ride the bus because of safety concerns, we certainly respect that decision and only ask that the parent inform the school of such an event.

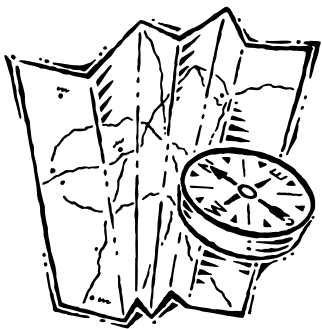
The television and radio stations contacted are listed below. If you do not have a working radio or television, perhaps you could arrange to have a relative or neighbor notify you of school closings.

Radio Stations: WVIN, WCBA, WGMM, WCLI, WNKI, WPGI and WQIX.

Television Stations: WENY Channel 36, WETM Channel 18 and News 10 (cable only).

Fourth-graders Leave their Marks on the Map

Fourth-graders have been building their knowledge of map reading. They created scale drawings both large and small and have memorized the names and placement of the seven continents through songs. In class they learned about the borders of New York and studied the map of New



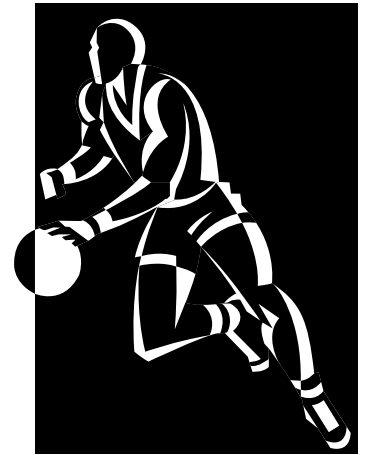
York State. Each child worked on creating their own "Imaginary Place" Map to use all of their new knowledge of grids, coordinates, map key, scale and the compass rose.

Winter Sports Season to Begin Soon

Sign-up for winter sports took place the second and third weeks of October. Make-up sports physicals for anyone interested in going out for a winter sport will be October 30. Athletes must see Mrs. Fleet to get the necessary paperwork.

The winter season will see boys' and girls' basketball at the varsity, junior varsity and modified levels; wrestling and swimming at the varsity and modified levels and varsity cheerleading for boys' and girls' varsity basketball.

The required athlete/parent athletic handbook meeting will be held on Monday, November 5 for all varsity, junior varsity and modified teams at 6:00 p.m. in the High School gym. Any athlete who did not play a fall sport must attend this meeting to be eligible. If at least one parent of an athlete did not attend the fall meeting, a parent also must be present at this meeting for the athlete to be eligible. If one of the parents attended the fall meeting with a sibling then they do not have to attend. All parents must attend the coach's parent team meetings after the general meeting in the gym. Those meetings will start around 7:05 p.m.



A make-up meeting for those who cannot attend the initial parent/athlete meeting will be on November 15 in the LGI classroom at 6:00 p.m.

Discussion Starter

If you are a child, you have been given the opportunity to change places with an adult for one week. If you are an adult, you may change places with a child for one week. What do you believe would be the best part of the change? What would be the worst?



Students to present *Grease* Nov. 16-17

Campbell-Savona students will present *Grease* on Friday, November 16 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, November 17 at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Bring the family and enjoy the high school version of this '50s musical. Don't miss a special guest appearance by Twin Tiers Idol Matt Swearingen as the Teen Angel.

Upcoming Events in November and December

November

- 2 _____ Make-up Picture Day
- 5 _____ Winter Sports Parent Meeting
- 7 _____ Fall Sports Awards Ceremony
- 9 _____ Conference Day (No School)
- 12 _____ Veterans Day (No School)
- 13 _____ Elementary School Picture Make-up
- 16-17 _____ School Musical *Grease*
- 21-23 _____ Thanksgiving Recess
- 26 _____ Board of Education Meeting
- 29 _____ National Honor Society Induction

December

- 3 _____ Jr/Sr High Chorus Concert
- 10 _____ Jr/Sr High Band Concert
- 17 _____ Board of Education Meeting and School Visitation
- 18 _____ Winter Sports Parent Meeting (Modified)
- 20 _____ Elementary Concert
- 24-Jan. 2 _____ Christmas Break



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