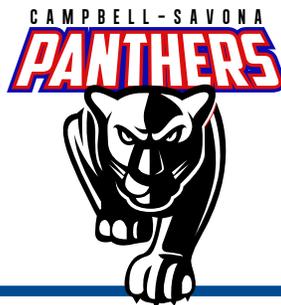


Campbell-Savona Central School

Creating Successful Citizens Striving to make a Difference

– District Newsletter –



January/February 2022

Superintendent's note

Happy New Year! I hope all of you are well. It certainly is difficult to believe that we are nearing the completion of the first half of our school year. This month's article focuses on the topic of the New York State Board of Regents' call to action around Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI).

In April of 2021, the New York State Education Department issued a request for all school districts in the state to review their school's culture and climate. While this is not a mandate from New York State, many school districts have committed to this initiative with a goal to focus on continuous improvement. At Campbell-Savona, we continue to reflect on our processes and protocols so that ALL students feel welcomed and supported in our school buildings. C-S is a strong, highly-respected district that is fortunate to have a positive and supportive culture. While it is always important to reflect and improve, we also realize the amazing district we have at C-S. Therefore, there is not a strong

feeling among the school community, or the community at large, to make vast changes in our culture.

In some ways, the terms of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion have confused the work and efforts of school districts. Simply, New York State is asking districts to be sure that:

- All are welcome in our district
- All are being given equitable opportunities for success
- Differences are seen as assets to our school community, rather than detriments.

The Campbell-Savona School Board has adopted a policy centered around Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, which focuses on the three bulleted topics above. In addition, C-S has created a committee of 25 volunteers (students, staff and parents) who have met twice this fall to discuss our school's climate and culture. The committee is comprised of five sub-committees: Welcoming Environment, Rigorous and Relevant Experiences, Professional Learning, Community Engagement/Communication and Inclusive Curriculum. If you are interested in being part of the dis-

cussion, please feel free to contact the District Office as we attempt to engage as many community members as possible.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion is not a curriculum. It is not meant to vastly change what we are teaching or even how we teach it. It is an initiative, enacted by the New York State Education Department, which asks local districts to reflect on our practices and to adjust, if needed, so that ALL students continue to be valued as members of our school community.

As we start this conversation and talk about the "why" of this work, we find ourselves returning to the district's mission and vision. Both are strong statements that we turn to anytime a decision is made. Campbell-Savona's vision is for our graduates to be successful citizens who make a positive difference in their community, country and world. Our mission strives for a community-centered environment, a rigorous and relevant authentic learning environment, and values continuous reflection to learn, grow and adapt to an ever-changing

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Transportation update: winter safety

Our winter weather months are unpredictable. We urge motorists, students and parents to take extra precautions this time of year to stay safe on the roads and at the bus stop. Don't rush – roads and sidewalks are going to be slippery, so give your children extra time to get to the bus stop. Students should bundle up and have appropriate footwear.



While at the bus stop, remember to stay back at least 10 feet in case the bus should slide when coming to a stop. Be patient – our drivers are well seasoned to drive in inclement weather, but even the most experienced driver may have difficulty on snow and ice-covered roads. Safety is each driver's top priority and extra time may be needed to get from stop to stop.

If the roads are bad, the bus driver may deem a road unsafe. If your child is not picked up for this reason, there will be no penalty for absenteeism. Bad weather can lead to school cancellations, delays or early dismissals. Make sure your emergency go home information is correct, and that you have access to the school website, local news or social media for updates when inclement weather is expected.

Sarah Burgess
Transportation Supervisor

From the High School

It's been a busy time at the Jr./Sr. High School. Our winter sports season has gotten underway; our instrumental and vocal students participated in their holiday concerts; we had a great December half day with singer-songwriter Jared Campbell for all of our 7-12 students; Career Development Council organized a real-world finance simulation for our seniors called Mad City Money and wonderful learning continues to take place inside and outside our classroom walls.

As we move into January and the end of the second semester, our students will have the opportunity in some of their classes to show their cumulative knowledge in the course.

Our middle school students will take part in computer-based testing simulation to prepare them for our computer-based testing in ELA and math in the spring. Our middle schoolers also will take winter I-Ready diagnostic testing to assess growth since the beginning of the year in ELA and math.

Our 9-12 graders will be gearing up for January midterms the week of January 24.

January through March is one of the most important stretches of the school year, in which students

become deeply engaged in their learning and focus on their goals and personal growth. This also is a time for parents to reach out if you have any questions regarding your child's academic, social or emotional needs.

As we move into the new year, we will continue to practice our safety processes and procedures. Please note that the school will periodically be performing "unannounced" lockdown drills throughout the school year to keep our faculty, staff and students sharp and ready should a real emergency ever occur. Please note that the school will contact parents after a drill is performed so that parents are aware and can report any questions or concerns that they may have regarding the experience for their child. It is incredibly important that our students feel secure and confident in how we work together to create a caring environment of safety.

Thank you for everything you do every day to support our school. It makes a huge difference in how we work together to give our children every opportunity for success!

Kelley Meade
Jr./Sr. High School Principal

C-S students named Top of Trade

Congratulations to Saige McGarvey (Heavy Equipment) and Bianca Sutton (Nurse Assisting), who were recognized as November's Top of the Trade in their GST BOCES Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs at the Coopers Education Center.

This honor puts them in the running for Student of the Year, which includes a scholarship sponsored by the campus SkillsUSA chapter.



From the Elementary School

The start of a new year inspires us to reflect on the past, set goals and bring high spirits for the future. As begin 2022, we will continue to move forward with a strong focus on the academic, social and emotional growth of our students. We will keep the importance of a school family and community at the forefront as we continue into the second half of the school year.

In January, our students in grades 3-6 will be practicing the NYS assessments in a computer-based format in preparation for the assessments in April and May. With a full shift to 1:1 devices during the pandemic and a transition to the NYS Next Generation Standards next year, this opportunity allows us to be better prepared for the future and give our students the most exposure and practice as we move forward into the 21st Century world.

February is the official start of the third marking period and the second half of the school year. Please continue to build off of parent teacher conferences and the conversations that you have had with your child's teacher throughout the school year as you talk to your child about his/her goals and setting plans to achieve them. It takes a village to raise a child, and one of the most important relation-

ships in a child's life is between their parents and teacher.

We have seen many successes this year and have started to close the learning gap that the pandemic has caused. Academically, after the first marking period we decreased the percentage of students well-below grade level as compared to last year by 10 percent, have moved our overall on-grade level by an increase of 10 percent and our well-above level is where we were prior to the pandemic. Being able to bring back more assemblies and grade-level field trips has started to move us forward in the real-world experiences that are students need. In addition, we have been able to start getting our students back into the community with our Panther Learning Leaders starting to do more philanthropic activities to help other. We are excited for continued forward movement as we put students first in the opportunities that we can bring for them to become successful citizens who make a positive difference in our school, country and world.

We couldn't do our best for our children without your love and support.

James E. Anderson
Elementary School Principal

Imprints staff busy, order yearbooks now

From the hallways to the sidelines, high school yearbook staff can be found taking pictures of the school community in action. It has been a busy few months; in the space between school and sports picture days, looming yearbook deadlines and the popular gift card fundraiser, *Imprints* students are creating a memorable yearbook.

Back in the fall, students attended a workshop at the Syracuse Zoo, where they learned how to take pictures that tell a story and write captions that both inform and entertain readers. It was a unique and fun opportunity for the staff to collaborate. Looking ahead, students will learn what it really takes to sell a yearbook: taking pride in a quality product and stepping out of their comfort zone.

If you're interested in purchasing a yearbook, please visit [Jostens.com](https://www.jostens.com). The price of the yearbook is \$60, but the memories are priceless.



PTSO Family Ice Skating Nights
January 14 & 28 • 10:30 p.m.-Midnight
Corning Civic Center
Free skating for families
Rentals included

Capital project updates

As the weather continues to cooperate, there has been a great deal of activity occurring on the grounds of Campbell-Savona. District residents will notice additional improvements on both campuses in the coming weeks and months.

New backstops will be constructed in the coming weeks on both our softball and baseball fields. In addition, we will add new basketball backboards very soon, as well as a new shotput area. Softball and baseball teams also will enjoy new batting cages this spring.

As you drive through the bus loop at the Jr./Sr. High School, you will notice that mirrored safety glass has been installed.

Inside the building, the trim on the new wall tile near the auditorium entrance is nearly finished. In addition, all new LED battery backup exit light fixtures have been installed at both schools. At the Savona building, finishing touches are being added to backsplashes on 13 new classroom countertops.

In December, construction will begin on a secure entryway system at the Elementary School and several new classroom windows will be installed at both buildings.

Soon, the district will be listing several items on the auction site, Auctions International. For sale are: 2014 F50 pickup truck, desk, tables, chairs, exercise bikes, pressure washer, chain link fence and much more. Look for the advertisement at Auctions International.

Thank you for your continued support and patience as we upgrade and maintain our beautiful facilities.

C-S fall athletes earn honors

Congratulations to the following fall athletes for their accomplishments:

C-S Varsity Girls Soccer All-Steuben County League Division I All-Stars

First Team:

Karissa Champion
Donna Clark
Karrigan Ellison

Second Team:

Abby Brinkerhoff
Catrice Taft

All-Section V Soccer – Sectionals Tournament Class C2 Team:

Karissa Champion

C-S Varsity Boys Soccer All-Steuben County League Division I All-Stars

First Team:

Kaden Bolt
Lucas Feldman
Cody Mansfield

Second Team:

Carter Crooker
Nolan Jamison

C-S Varsity Boys Steuben County League Offensive Player of the Year

Kaden Bolt

C-S Varsity Volleyball All-Steuben County League All-Stars

First Team:

Megan Sanford

*(L-R) Abby Brinkerhoff, Nolan Jamison,
Lucas Feldman, Kaden Bolt, Karrigan
Ellison, Catrice Taft, Karissa Champion,
Donna Clark*

*Not Pictured: Megan Sanford, Carter
Crooker and Cody Mansfield*



Freaky Friday presented at C-S

The musical *Freaky Friday* took to the Campbell-Savona stage in November for three outstanding performances. Congratulations to the cast and crew and thank you to all who attended.



After School Program news

The After School Program (ASP) is up and running in the Jr./Sr. High School. Students in grades 7-12 are invited to attend the program on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 3:05 p.m.-4:30 p.m. ASP is not offered on Wednesdays or half school days. There are three sessions daily and each session is 30 minutes. Students may come to one session, two sessions or all three sessions.

Does your student need to stay after school for a practice or game? The school policy indicates that students must be supervised after school in the building, so this program gives students a safe place to go until 4:30 p.m. ASP students can work on homework, learn some cool stuff and even have some physical fun.

Transportation home at 4:30 p.m. is available if needed. Students need to sign up by 12:30 p.m. in the Google Classroom on the day they need transportation. It's easy to sign up. Students can use the QR code or passcode located outside of the library to join the ASP Google Classroom. Once in the classroom, find the date to attend, complete the Google form and



submit. Students will report to the library at 3:05 p.m., sign in and get a snack.

Some of the topics and activities in ASP this year have included: hour of code, hand tools, power tools, build a popsicle stick village, making Christmas trees out of magazines, baking an apple pie for Thanksgiving, making and decorating Christmas cookies, board game challenge, nature walking, compass reading, using math to play disc golf and gingerbread house decorating.

Activities coming soon include: coding, MakerSpace challenges, career exploration, Why money?, ABCs of financial literacy, making tacos for dinner, learning how

to prepare and present easy snacks for the Super Bowl, guest speakers and much more.

The ASP staff look forward to seeing your child at the After School Program!

JoeAnn Meek
ASP Coordinator



Mitten Project provides gifts

For several years, Home School Counselor Ronda Strawser has organized the Mitten Project to help district families with Christmas gifts for their children. This program is confidential, as all students are assigned a number rather than a name. Once she receives wish lists from the parents, Strawser makes a paper mitten for each child that includes his/her list. This year, the High School will provide Christmas gifts for 50 children in our district. We are very fortunate that our staff, administration and many community organizations support this program by taking a mitten and buying gifts from the wish list. "It has been my pleasure to make sure our kids have a great Christmas and our families are supported," said Strawser.

Join the Ski and Snowboarding Club

"Keep Calm and Ski or Snowboard" is our mantra for the Ski and Snowboarding Club. We hit the trails at Swain Ski Resort every Sunday for six weeks starting

January 2, 2022. It's not too late to join. For more information about the Jr./Sr. High club, contact Nancy Kernan at nkernan@cscsd.org or Tom Freeland for the Elementary club at tfreeland@cscsd.org.



Winter sports guidelines

Basketball, Cheer, Swimming and Diving, and Wrestling contests at Campbell-Savona are following these guidelines for the 2021-22 season:

- All individuals are required to follow the New York State Department of Health Mask Mandate. Properly worn masks should be two layers. Mesh masks are not acceptable.
- There are no spectator limits at this time for any of our winter athletics. Spectators must sit in household pods and socially distance between pods.
- Locker room use is normal. Masks are required at all times.
- No water will be made available. Athletes must bring their own. There is a water bottle filling station found in the gym lobby for refills or filling up before a contest.
- The concession stand will be open primarily just for events with varsity.
- No food or drink of any kind will be allowed in the pool area or gymnasium beginning on Monday, January 3.
- A changing area will be provided for officials.

**These guidelines are subject to change at any time.*



C-S moving to 3-8 math and ELA state assessments on computer

Beginning in 2017, schools have had the option to administer the Grades 3-8 English Language Arts and mathematics tests on computer or paper. More information about this option is available at the NYSED computer-based testing (CBT) support website at <https://cbtsupport.nysed.gov>.

In the spring of 2022, our grades 3-8 students will be taking their ELA and math state exams on their one-to-one devices. Our grades 3-8 teachers are busy preparing our students for this transition, referred to as Computer-Based Testing, or CBT.

In June 2017, the Board of Regents reduced the number of days of student testing on the Grades 3-8 English Language Arts and mathematics tests from three sessions for each test to two. This change took effect beginning with the tests that were administered in 2018. In addition to reducing the number of sessions, the Board's decision also reduced scoring time for teachers. As a result of the change to a two-session test design, panels of New York State educators from across the state were brought together to engage in a standards review process. These panels of educators established new performance standards for each grade level. They followed a standardized, research-based process to discuss expectations for students in each performance level, reviewed the actual test questions and made rec-



ommendations on the knowledge and skills required of students at each grade level. These recommendations form the basis for the performance standards that are applied to individual student tests to make proficiency level determinations.

Students will be required to answer multiple choice questions as well as show their work on the math exam and type their extended responses on the ELA exam. In CBT, students log in to their tests through a secure browser, which prevents them from opening other browsers. Examples of browsers are Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, etc.

This change is significant for our teachers. A lot of support is being provided and that effort is led by our GST BOCES Instructional Support Teacher Lisa Zimar. She is providing department trainings and grade level trainings, as well as pushing into the Grades 3 and 4 technology classes to support students. From January 10-14, grades 3-8 will participate in a simulation Math CBT. The simulation will be great practice for our technology department, teachers and students, and hopefully put us on the path of successful "real" exams in the spring.

Holiday happenings at C-S



Band and chorus members showcased their talents at holiday concerts.



(Below) At the completion of their unit on cells, Living Environment students created ugly sweaters with either an animal or plant cell design.



Mrs. Calafiore's class conducted a candy cane lab. Students used vegetable oil, vinegar, hot water and cold water to see what would melt the candy cane the quickest.



Mrs. Kernan's class took a field trip to the Corning Museum of Glass.

Superintendent, cont'd

world. We want our students to leave the halls of Campbell-Savona equipped with the skills and the understanding to navigate the world in which they live.

The request from the State of New York for districts to focus on diversity, equity and inclusion allows us to review Campbell-Savona's mission and our vision and to remind ourselves of all the good that we do in this community. It also allows us to reflect so that we can continue the effective work we are doing and to adjust if necessary. This initiative and this work are what districts should already be doing. This is an opportunity for us to celebrate what is going well and to improve in areas in need of focus.

As this work develops, and with the help of the committee, we will create ways for all community members to provide feedback about their school district. Future information and updates will be communicated in newsletters, email, Facebook and the website. Please refer to this communication for opportunities to get involved.

We welcome your questions and suggestions as we begin this reflection and work. Please reach out to the district office at 527-9812 or contact me at ameccariello@cscsd.org.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Stay well,

Ann Meccariello
Superintendent

- 21 National Honor Society Ceremony, Auditorium, 2:00 p.m.
- 23 Ski Club to Swain, 2:00 p.m.
- 24 Board of Education Meeting, Multipurpose Room, 6 p.m
- 25 Local Spelling Bee, Auditorium, 3 p.m.
- 25-28 Midterms
- 28 Marking Period Ends
- 31 Conference Day – No School for Students

February

- 1-4 Winter Spirit Week
- 2 Jr./Sr. High School PTSO Meeting, Conference Rm. 1058, 5:30 p.m.
- 4 Pep Assembly, High School Gymnasium, 2 p.m.
Report Cards Sent Home
Elementary PTO Roller Skating, 6-8 p.m.
Winter Ball, Grades 9-12, High School Lower Cafeteria, 8-10 p.m.
- 6 Ski Club to Swain, 2:00 p.m.
- 7 New AWL, Free Week
National Honor Society American Red Cross Blood Drive
Athletic Club Meeting, LGI, 2:55 p.m.
- 9 Strategy Games, HS Library, 3:05-5:30 p.m.
Elementary PTO Meeting, Conference Room, 5:00 p.m.
- 11 Valentines Dance, Grades 7-8, Upper Cafeteria, 8-10 p.m.
7th Grade Fundraiser Starts
- 12 ACT Exam
- 13 Ski Club to Swain, 2:00 p.m.
- 16 Strategy Games, HS Library, 3:05-5:30 p.m.
- 18 Donkey Basketball, Sponsored by the Jr./Sr. High School PTSO, High School Gymnasium, 6-8 p.m.
- 21-25 Winter Recess – No School
- 25 ACT Registration Deadline
- 28 Board of Education Meeting, Multipurpose Room, 6 p.m.
- 28-
March 4 Elementary Book Fair



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Upcoming dates

January

- 3 New AWL Starts, Free Week
Athletic Club Meeting, LGI, 2:55 p.m.
- 4 Booster Club Meeting, Lower Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.
- 5 Strategy Games, HS Library, 3:05-5:30 p.m.
Jr./Sr. High School PTSO Meeting, Conference Rm. 1058, 5:30 p.m.
- 7 ACT Registration Deadline
- 9 Ski Club to Swain, 2:00 p.m.
- 12 Strategy Games, HS Library, 3:05-5:30 p.m.
Elementary PTO Meeting, Conference Room, 5:00 p.m.
- 14 Elementary PTO Roller Skating, Savona Gymnasium, 6-8 p.m.
Sr. Class Fundraiser Begins (ends 1/28)
- 16 Ski Club to Swain, 2:00 p.m.
- 17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – No School
- 19 Winter Sports Pictures, Conference Rm. 1058, 3-8 p.m.
Strategy Games, HS Library, 3:05-5:30 p.m.