

Campbell-Savona Central School

Creating Successful Citizens Striving to make a Difference

– District Newsletter –



September/October 2021

Superintendent's note

Greetings, Campbell-Savona residents. It is with great excitement and anticipation that I write this welcome back to school message. While we still are expected to navigate COVID-19 requirements and restrictions, we have much to be thankful for and much to look forward to. It has been an incredibly busy summer with a capital project in full swing, finalizing reopening plans, hiring many new employees and ensuring every student has a positive start to the new year.

Campbell-Savona Central School returned to school on September 7, five days a week. Students deserve and need this instruction and structure and we are all relieved that we will be able to make this happen. Therefore, remote learning will not be offered as a full-time learning option for students this year. Research and our experience in the 2020-21 school year tells us that students learn best when in-person.

The administrative team and teachers were incredibly busy this summer, working on new initiatives and goals. One exciting new initia-

tive is the addition of an Aquatics Coordinator. Mr. Bob Loveless will be fulfilling this role, which will allow every Campbell-Savona student in Grades 2-6 to participate in 10 swimming lessons in our beautiful pool. Our students will truly benefit from this opportunity and our amazing facilities will be utilized all year long.

Due to the generous amount of funding from the federal government through the American Rescue Plan and COVID Relief Plan, our district can provide an after-school program in both buildings. Beginning in September, students will be offered after-school programming four days a week, with a snack and transportation provided. This will be a time for academic study time, creative play, learning about our community and connecting with staff and peers.

The results of the community survey conducted in June 2021 informed us that our community values money, time and effort spent in the area of social emotional well-being. In response to this information, our Jr./Sr. High School staff have been trained in a program

titled "Character Strong" which is aimed at self-awareness, character building and peer relations. Activities, curriculum and instruction throughout the year will continue to focus on the social emotional well-being of both our staff and students.

It is refreshing to be able to offer some sort of normalcy for our staff and students as we head into the 2021-22 school year. Due to the rise in COVID-19 cases across the state, the New York State Department of Health recently issued a mandate for all public schools in New York State. Effective immediately, all students, staff, teachers and visitors to our buildings are required to wear a mask while indoors. This also applies to athletic events. Masks are not required outside. Campbell-Savona will follow this protocol until we are directed otherwise from the State of New York. Communication regarding changes in state requirements can be found on our website at www.cscsd.org and will be communicated via email and other social media.

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Superintendent, cont.

During the past year and a half, we have learned how to rely on each other, to persevere and to be flexible and strong. Campbell-Savona will remain Panther Strong! I look forward to seeing you at various events throughout the year. Here's to an amazing school year!

Ann Meccariello
Superintendent

Cacace receives award

Congratulations to Board of Education member Greg Cacace, who was selected as a recipient of the Excellence in Volunteerism award from Corning, Inc. Greg has served Campbell-Savona Central School District as a Board of Education member for 15 years. His commitment and dedication to our district is greatly appreciated. It's people like Greg who make our district the special place it is.

To commemorate the distinct honor, Superintendent Ann Meccariello and Cacace (pictured below) accepted a check for the District from Corning, Inc.



From the Elementary School

One year ago, I sat down and wrote a message to our school community with a heavy heart and determination that we would bring students back for in-person learning and go above and beyond to put the health, academics and social emotional well-being at the forefront of our work. We were excited to end last school year with students here four days a week, while navigating all of the safety and health mandates set forth. This was not easy, yet necessary, and benefited our children greatly. None of this could have happened without your understanding, dedication and love of our school community. We are all forever grateful for you!

This year, we stand together firmly focused on bringing our students back five days a week safely while bringing as much normalcy as we can. We will be dealing with many of the same challenges as when we ended last year, and we know that there will be back steps as we continue to move forward. But, as Dr. Seuss once said, "You may have to fight a battle more

than once to win it." As long as we continue to show empathy, understanding, kindness and flexibility toward each other, we will succeed.

As we enter this school year, we have continued to keep some of the same protocols in place to allow for flexibility in response to the pandemic, but most importantly to keep our students safe. Students will continue to eat breakfast in the classroom, practice frequent hand washing and sanitizing and, when required, wear masks indoors. All of our efforts to mitigate the risk for our students, faculty and staff will be done with a caring and supportive hand. We are all part of the Campbell-Savona family together.

We can't predict the future as we move into the fall, but we can put our most important belief first: "We believe students are our highest priority and all decisions are centered around their needs." This is our promise to our school community.

James E. Anderson
Elementary School Principal

Students pitch in for flood relief

Thank you to the C-S students who volunteered to help in the Labor Day weekend Community Fund Drive to support local residents impacted by flash flooding.



The drive was organized by local residents and \$8,123.46 was collected, all of which will go toward building supplies that are desperately needed. Students who volunteered included: Garrett Schermerhorn, Ethan Bonicave, Tanner Nichiporuk, Lucas Feldman, Lucas Carapella, Sidney Gerow, Brook Gerow and Ethan Ignatz.



From the High School

As we start off the 2021-22 school year at the Jr./Sr. High School, we look forward to new friendships, adjusting to new schedules, discovering new interests and strengths and taking advantage of the exciting educational opportunities this year has to offer. We are ready to welcome our new seventh graders to the building and to watch another group of seniors prepare for their final year at Campbell-Savona.

We are thrilled to have our students five days a week and look forward to our new schedule.

The school day hours will be 7:40 a.m.-2:35 p.m. We will operate on an A/B schedule with nine periods each day, forty minutes in length.

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 this school year and beyond.

New this year, all students will be assigned to a grade level home-room/family group daily from 7:40-8:05 a.m. The homeroom

time will provide extra support for academic growth and allow us specific time to focus on the social and emotional well-being of our students. We also will be integrating a character education program called Character Strong into our homeroom time to reinforce our PRIDE expectations and work on building the core competencies of self-awareness, self-management, social aware-

ness, relationship skills and responsible decision making. We also are excited to continue with our 1:1 environment. The skills of

our students and staff grew tremendously last year in the area of technology and we look forward to continuing with Google Classrooms and incorporating a variety of technology to increase student engagement and collaboration and offer timely feedback.

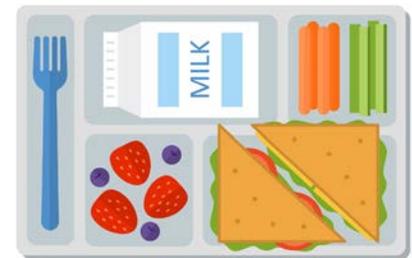
We look forward to working closely with all of our parents and guardians this year as we support our students to become collaborators, critical thinkers, creative problem solvers, effective communicators and overall successful citizens prepared to make a positive difference. Thank you for partnering with us.

Kelley Meade
Jr./Sr. High School Principal



Food Service news

One of the most important ways in which 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 middle/high school buildings. Menus are available at each building for students to take home and on our district website at www.cscsd.org.



For the 2021-22 school year, ALL students in the Campbell-Savona Central School District will receive free breakfast and lunch through the National School Lunch Program Seamless Summer Option. This program ensures that students are fueled and ready to learn. Every student will receive a well-balanced breakfast and lunch daily that include whole grains, protein, vegetables, fruit and milk, with all costs covered by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Please complete the Household Income Eligibility Form calendar insert, as this will be used to determine eligibility for additional state and federal program benefits that your child(ren) may qualify for.

For more information, contact Food Service Office at (607) 527-9832 or visit the Food Service Cafeteria link on the District website.

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Reopening 2021: Important information for families

Health and Safety Plan

We have worked diligently to plan for the reopening of our school building for the 2021-22 school year. We are very excited to welcome our student body back into our buildings. Due to the continued COVID-19 pandemic, the district will maintain several health and safety plans started in the 2020-21 school year to ensure the safety of each and every staff and student upon their return. We have developed our plans based on guidance provided by the New York State Department of Health, Steuben County Public Health and our District Medical Director, Dr. Andrea Worley.

Screening Procedures

The Campbell-Savona screening process will include some changes in the new school year:

- Level 1- Parent screening at home
 - Temperature check
 - Symptom check
 - Bi-weekly screening on School App
- Level 2- Screening throughout the school day
 - Throughout the school day, all students and staff will be monitored for any of the COVID-19 symptoms listed by the Center for Disease Control (CDC)
 - Weekly COVID-19 testing of unvaccinated faculty and staff
- Level 3- School Nurse Evaluation
 - Any student or staff member who exhibits COVID-19 symptoms during the school

day will require an evaluation by the school nurse.

Any student or staff member who exhibits any of the COVID-19 symptoms must be sent home as soon as possible with required follow-up.

Social Distancing and Face Coverings

Will students and staff be required to wear masks in the 2021-22 school year?

Yes. Due to the increasing number of positive cases, the new highly transmissible Delta variant, and under the mandate of the NYS Governor and the guidance of CDC, New York State Department of Health and our Medical Director, all students, staff and guests must wear a mask while inside the school buildings. Masks are mandatory regardless of vaccination status.

What is an acceptable face covering?

Acceptable face coverings include but are not limited to cloth-based face coverings (e.g., homemade sewn, quick cut, bandana) and surgical masks that cover both the mouth and nose (defined by NYS-DOH Guidance).

When do students have to wear them?

Students must wear masks at all times when inside the school building.

Will students be able to remove their face covering?

Teachers will work with students to provide mask breaks throughout

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Summer training for new staff

On August 24, the Campbell-Savona Central School District celebrated its new staff members in the Campbell Jr./Sr. High multi-purpose room with a welcome from Board of Education President Shawn Corey and a message from new Superintendent Ann Meccariello. The group, consisting of new teachers, new teaching assistants and aides, transportation staff, custodians and cafeteria workers, also was treated to a tour of the District on a school bus driven by Transportation Supervisor Sarah Burgess and narrated by her administrative assistant Lisa Nichols. The group remarked on the beauty of the surrounding hills and valleys during the ride.

The new C-S teachers and teaching assistants spent the next two days with more in-depth learning about the District. Administrators shared planning expectations, best practices, Instructional Support team information and much more. New teachers met their mentors on the last day and spent an afternoon learning more about their

specific classroom and building alongside a veteran. New teachers and their mentors will continue to work together throughout the year and new teachers meet monthly with Director of Curriculum and Instruction Christine Gill.

Speaking of new teachers, C-S is excited to welcome 12 new teachers, along with a new high school guidance counselor, a new district psychologist and a district librarian. The group spans experience from fresh out of college to a 22-year veteran.

Matt Holmes is our new 10th grade to 12th grade guidance counselor. He comes to C-S after four years at the Elmira High School and is looking forward to working in a smaller district where he can get to know all students well. Matt also is the proud dad to his 10-week-old little boy, Brady.

We are excited to have a district librarian among our new staff. Carrie Allen comes to C-S from Franklinville, in western New York,

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New C-S staff includes (Front row, L to R): Jessica Griswold, Dana Phillips, Mechel Wead, Tiffani Hunter, Terra Peterson, Christina Payne, Brent Smith, Carson Daly, Brian Fleet

(Second row, L to R): Superintendent Ann Meccariello, Patricia Westfall, Carrie Allen, Megan Boughan, Jessica Robords, Ashley Allison, Nick Butler, James Klem, Wendy Hand, Deb Cordes

(Third row, L to R): Tonya Brooks, Meredith Hutchings, Stacy Austin, Sarah Madaffari, Brandy Cole, Matt Holmes, Ian Walrath, Paul Dunbar, Kathryn Ellison

Reopening, contd.

the school day. Students will not be required to wear masks when outside.

COVID-19 Testing Plan

Any student or staff member who exhibits any of the COVID-19 symptoms as determined by the Center for Disease Control will be required to leave the school building, or stay home if absent due to illness, until they have followed up with a healthcare provider OR are tested for COVID-19.

Students and staff members who develop any of the COVID-19 symptoms throughout the school day must be sent home and follow up with a healthcare provider. The healthcare provider must provide an alternate diagnosis or refer the ill person for COVID-19 PCR testing.

Per the NYS mandate, all unvaccinated faculty and staff must undergo weekly COVID-19 testing as an additional screening method to prevent the spread of this disease.

If a student or staff tests positive for COVID-19, the District will take direction from Steuben County Public Health and the NYS Dept. of Health regarding follow-up and contact tracing. This may include quarantine or isolation for specific groups of students and staff members or closing of school for a period of time.

For additional information regarding the Campbell-Savona re-opening plans, please visit our district website at www.ccsd.org.

New staff, contd.

and will be working in both the Campbell and Savona buildings. She is excited to create and deliver a library program to our students, update our library collection and be a part of our District's Digital Learning Team.

The rest of the group will be seen in high school history classes, math classes and physical education. You also will meet new staff members in elementary physical education, kindergarten, first, fourth and fifth grade classrooms and a special education classroom. Welcome to our newest Panthers!

Back to school, contd.



Transportation news

The Campbell-Savona Transportation Department would like to welcome all of our students back to school this fall. We have been very busy this summer reviewing and adjusting bus routes and stops. Our goal is to identify bus stops in neighborhoods on the basis of **SAFETY, EFFICIENCY** and **DISTANCE** between stops. In areas where walking conditions are acceptable, students may be required to be picked up at a centralized stop. Board of Education policy stipulates that elementary students will not walk more than five-tenths (0.5) of a mile, and high school students will not walk more than seven-tenths (0.7) of a mile.

Centralized stops support the following:

1. Two or more students can be loaded faster and more efficiently than having the bus stop at two separate Stops close to each other.
2. Fewer stops means shorter bus rides for children.
3. Drivers of vehicles behind buses often become impatient and try to pass the bus at the first opportunity. Illegal passing of stopped school buses has become more common in the past few years. Making fewer stops will decrease that risk and support safety in transportation.

The use of centralized drop off locations will facilitate delivery of your child by making it more efficient, timelier and less confusing for staff, bus drivers and substitute bus drivers.

We will be keeping our policy of **one pick-up location** and **one**

drop-off location. Locations **MUST** be in the C-S Central School District.



This year, we will be transporting Pre-K students on our school buses. Please note, Pre-K students **MUST** be four years old to be eligible for school bus transportation.

We are pleased to be transporting your child(ren) to and from school this year. We are very proud of the safety record of our school buses and the professionalism of our transportation team. Please help us ensure your child's safety by following these simple but important procedures:

1. Provide your child with a backpack or bookbag. Loose papers or other items are dangerous as children get on/off the bus.
2. Check your child's clothing for the presence of long drawstrings or other dangling items. Long drawstrings or other dangling items could get snagged in the bus door as the child gets off the bus, and should be removed from clothing.
3. Make sure your child arrives at the designated bus stop five minutes early each day. Children who are late for the bus may panic and chase the bus, or run into the road. Our drivers have been instructed to wait 20 seconds at each stop. Please be aware they can not sit and wait. The bus must continue on

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Athletics update

Our fall athletic season is off to a fluid start. The hours of offseason conditioning in preparation are in the rearview window and we are in competition season!

Important athletics reminders:

- Please remember to check the athletic calendar on the school website for all up-to-date schedules.
- Although the fall season has just started, students and families should be on the look out for winter season sign-ups coming out in early October.
- Anyone who attends or participates in any indoor events must wear a mask, regardless of spacing or vaccination status. This is common policy for all indoor league contests, home or away.
- Currently, masks are not required at outdoor events.

- Thank you to our spectators, who have brought immense energy and enthusiasm to our home contests thus far. Your positive vibes carry over to our athletes and the overall atmosphere of the contest.
- We are continuing to work on our new streaming service. An update will be provided when this is operational. It is great to have this available so our extended family and friends can enjoy the contest, no matter their distance away or the weather at that moment.

We look forward to the continued attendance and support for all of our Panther athletes in our 2021-22 year!

Bob Loveless
Athletic Director



Congratulations to the C-S Boys JV Soccer team for opening their season by defeating Wellsville (by a score of 7-0) and Addison (by a score of 2-1) to win the First Annual Blake Driscoll Memorial JV Soccer Tournament hosted by Addison.

Transportation, contd.

- route to stay on schedule.
4. Please insist that your child wait for the bus safely in an orderly fashion, back away from the roadway. Behavior problems at bus stops can create hazardous conditions for children.
 5. When the bus arrives, your child should wait for the bus driver's signal before boarding. If your child(ren) must cross the road to get on the bus, or cross the road when getting dropped off, they **MUST** wait for the bus driver's signal.
 6. Teach your child to sit quietly on the ride to and from school. Behavior problems could distract the bus driver and result in an accident. It is important that our drivers are able to concentrate on driving the route safely. If anything makes your child feel unsafe at the bus stop or on the bus ride, please contact the transportation department, rather than trying to discuss it at the bus stop.

Every student in grades Pre-K through third grade **MUST** have an adult present at the bus stop. If an adult is not present, the student will not be released from the bus. The driver will take the student back to the Elementary building where he/she will need to be picked up by a parent or guardian.

We are deeply committed to the safety of your child as well as all our community's children. We are looking forward to a wonderful new school year transporting your children.

Thank you!

Sarah Burgess
Director of Transportation

- 6 Jr./Sr. High School PTO Meeting, Conf. Rm. 1058, 5:30 p.m.
- 7 Elementary Open House, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- 8 Emergency Go Home Drill
- Midterm Ends
- 11 Columbus Day, No School
- 13 Elementary PTO Meeting, Savona Conf. Rm., 5:00 p.m.
- 15 Progress Reports Mailed Home
- 18 New AWL Starts/Free Week
- 22 College Apparel Day
HEAL Club Fundraiser Starts (Ends 10/29)
- 23 ACT Exam
- 25 American Red Cross Blood Drive, Multipurpose Room, 10:00 a.m.
- 27 Jr./Sr. High School PTO Family Fun Night
Pumpkin Carving, High School Cafeteria, 6:00 p.m.
- 29 Elementary Trunk or Treat, 6:00 p.m.

November

- 1 Athletic Club Meeting, LGI, 2:55 p.m.
- 1-12 Elementary PTO Candle Sale
- 2 Booster Club Meeting, Lower Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.
- 3 Elementary Picture Make-Up Day
Jr./Sr. High School PTO Meeting, Conf. Rm. 1058, 5:30 p.m.
- 5 Marking Period Ends
ACT registration Deadline
- 6 SAT Exam
Booster Club Craft Fair, Jr./Sr. High School, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- 9 Winter Athletic/Parent Handbook Meeting/Team Meeting, LGI, 5:30 p.m.
- 10 Elementary PTO Meeting, Savona Conference Room, 5:00 p.m.
- 11 Veterans Day, No School
- 12 Report Cards Sent Home
Elementary PTO Roller Skating, Savona Gymnasium, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- 13 Holly Hain 5K Fun Run and Walk, 10:00 a.m.

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Upcoming dates

September

- 22 Elementary and High School Picture Day
Senior Picture Day
- 24 College Apparel Day
- 27-
- Oct. 1 Fall Spirit Week
- 27 Extended School Day Begins
Elementary After School Program Begins
- 29 Fall Sports Pictures, Conf. Rm. 1058, 3:00 p.m.

October

- 1 Fall Spirit Day
Freshman Fundraiser Starts (Ends 10/15)
Alumni vs. Staff Volleyball Game, High School Gymnasium, 6:00 p.m.
Jr. High Homecoming Dance, Lower Cafeteria, 7:00 p.m.
- 2 Homecoming Parade, 1:00 p.m.
Sr. High Bon Fire Dance, 8:00-10:00 p.m.
Alumni vs. Staff Soccer Game, 2:00 p.m.
- 4 1/2 Day, Conference Day
Athletic Club Meeting, LGI, 2:55 p.m.
- 4-8 Elementary PTO Book Fair
- 5 Booster Club Meeting, Lower Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.

Emergency Go Home Drill
Friday, October 8, 2021

Students will be released from school
15 minutes early to go to their
Emergency Go Home location
as indicated by you on the
Student/Parent Contact
Information Form.