

Campbell-Savona Central School

Creating Successful Citizens Striving to make a Difference

– District Newsletter –



September/October 2022

Superintendent's note

Happy Fall, Campbell-Savona residents. It is with great excitement and anticipation that I write this welcome back to school message. It has been an incredibly busy summer with a capital project in full swing, finalizing reopening plans, hiring new Panthers and ensuring that the start of our school year is a safe and enjoyable one for every student in our district.

We opened our buildings on September 6 with few COVID restrictions. We welcome the normalcy we feel this year and hope that we can continue this path. The administrative team and teachers were incredibly busy this summer working on new initiatives and goals. We were able to offer summer enrichment to students in K-8. This program ran four days a week in the afternoon for six weeks. Approximately 100 students participated in various activities that centered around a specific theme for that week. Field trips were enjoyed by those who attended and overall, our enrichment opportunity was an enormous success.

This summer, the administrative team created an essential question that will guide our work throughout the year. The staff at C-S will work all year ensuring that this question is answered for our students: How can we support, connect and engage the entire C-S community to provide the best educational environment for all students?

Another exciting adventure we are beginning this year is a look into work-based learning programs and courses for students. It is our goal to develop a grades 6-12 program where students can choose the path of business courses, shadowing, management and marketing. This school year will be a time of research, talking, planning, engaging and creating a plan. Stay tuned for exciting updates to this new initiative.

The district's strategic planning committee is also involved in a strategic planning process that is currently looking at data we collected last spring. Feedback from various stakeholders will be used

Capital project update

Our 2021-22 capital project is nearing its end. We are excited to enjoy the multiple upgrades to our facilities. While some aspects of the project will need to be completed next summer, much of our work will be completed this fall.

C-S school staff and the community will enjoy new lights on our athletic fields, new sidewalks, resurfaced tennis and basketball courts, new windows in both buildings, a bus wash at the bus garage, new fire alarms and clocks in all classrooms and offices and many more enhancements. We are proud of our facilities and strive to keep them updated and safe for all to enjoy.



New lights on our athletic fields

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to formulate goals and a vision for the district for the next three to five years. Updates will be shared as we complete this process.

We are looking forward to a great school year! Be sure to attend the many events that will occur throughout the school year, enjoy our beautiful facilities and celebrate our students for the many contributions they make to our school and our community.

Ann Meccariello
Superintendent

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New batting cages



New sidewalks

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From the Elementary School

There is a sense of excitement and anticipation like nothing I have seen for the start of the school year. As I write this newsletter, our teachers have been coming in to prepare their classrooms, participate in professional development and catch up with each other after a much-needed rest and recharge that only summer can offer. During the last several days, our new Panther faculty family has participated in our New Teacher Training program and is beyond excited to meet our students. The end of last school year, transitioning into this year, has truly reinforced our shared belief in *establishing a respectful, caring environment and empowering students and staff to take risks, persevere and grow as individuals.*

One of our top priorities as we start this school year is to dive deeply into student data to continue to bridge the gaps in academic, social and emotional learning that our students have experienced during the pandemic. To share one data point as an example, at the end of last year our student reading levels grew to a point where 47 percent of our students were “well above” reading level, with a total of 65 percent of our students being “on level.” There is solace knowing that almost half of our student population is performing *above* grade level. We still have work to

do, as 18 percent of our student population is “well-below” level and will need increased supports to close those gaps. We have been working very hard to revise and put systems in place to support every student based on their individual needs.

An important support in helping to close those gaps is teaching our students to increase their skills in positive collaboration, problem solving, effective communication and building independence in their learning. During the summer, our ROARS team has created an addition to our behavior matrix that will help our teachers and students learn strategies to build on these important real world 21st Century skills.

This implementation will occur over the course of the school year as we learn and revise the ROARS behavior matrix to best meet the needs of our students.

It takes a village to raise a child and the support of our community is so incredibly important to our shared success. Thank you so much for your love and dedication to our students, faculty and staff as we make students our highest priority, with all decisions centered around their needs.

Go Panthers!

James E. Anderson
Elementary School Principal



From the High School

I am excited to get the 2022-23 school year started with our staff and students. I sent home an introduction letter to families sharing a little bit about myself. I have had the opportunity to meet some students and families this summer, which has been great. I am looking forward to our Open house on Tuesday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m. We hope to see many families there.

There will be some changes to our arrival and dismissal plans this year. In the morning, students will continue to be dropped near the main doors by the bus loop. You will notice that there is a parent drop-off lane that has been created to make for a safer drop-off for our students. We ask that you pull into that lane when dropping off your student(s) and carefully exit the lane after dropping off your child. In the afternoon, students who will be picked up, will be picked up at the parking lot near the playground. There will be a designated

parent pick-up lane to make for safe pick-up of students at the end of the day. Students being picked up will exit the building at the doors near the principal's office.

In continuing to ensure the safety of our students, you will notice a change to our procedures when entering the building as a visitor. We will be utilizing the Raptor Visitor Management System. Upon entering the attendance office, you will be asked to scan your government-issued ID and the system will generate a customized badge for you to wear while in our building. This added layer of security will help us to ensure the safety of our staff and students.

As always, if you have any questions, please reach out to me by email at mproudfoot@cscsd.org or by phone at 607-527-9800, ext. 1451.

Melissa Proudfoot
Jr./Sr. High School Principal

From the Health Office

Illness and COVID-19

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your understanding and support as we have continued to work with the New York State Department of Health and Steuben County Public Health regarding illness and the required follow-up procedures for anyone who exhibits any COVID-19 symptoms. Based on the guidance the district has received thus far, the following protocols and procedures will be followed in the 2022-23 school year:

- Healthy students and staff may

choose to mask in school based on their personal comfort level, but it is not mandatory.

- Student and staff are not required to quarantine when exposed to COVID-19. However, they may choose to wear a well-fitted mask to prevent the potential spread of illness should they become infected.
- Due to the lack of quarantining and contact tracing, the "Test to Stay" program has been eliminated.
- Symptomatic students and staff must either isolate for five

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New windows



New bus lift



New bus wash



Resurfaced tennis courts

Additional Class of 2022 awards

NYS Triple C Award

Mason Jewell

Shirley A. & Maurice J. Cardinale Memorial Award

Paige McCann

Carlyle Strong Memorial Award

Paige McCann

Student Council Award

Karrigan Ellison

Brennan Robie

Casey Taylor

Daniel Woolaway

Salutatorian

Abigail Brinckerhoff

Valedictorian

Karrigan Ellison

Senior Athletic Awards

Kaden Bolt

Abigail Brinckerhoff

Samantha Bulkley

Arianna Clowers

Kade Cochran

Braxtyn Elliott

Dakota Gatton

Paige McCann

Saige McGarvey

Aurelia Nadjadi

Robert Nadjadi

Abby Nichols

Nicholas Reed

Brennan Robie

Megan Sanford

Timothy Soporowski

Catrice Taft

Jay Thomas

Madalyn West

Nathan West

Athletic Club Award

Catrice Taft

Physical Education Award

Jace Gardner

Braxtyn Elliott

Keith Rice Memorial Award

Brennan Robie

Chris Geyer Memorial Award

Abigail Brinckerhoff

Carl D. Morse Memorial Award

Kaden Bolt

Catrice Taft

Robin French Memorial Award

Kaden Bolt

Braxtyn Elliott

CSCS Booster Club Awards

Evan Salvagin

Catrice Taft

Donald Evingham Memorial Award for Long Distance Running

Madalyn West

Jason Demong Memorial Award

Megan Sanford

Veterans of Foreign War Memorial Award

Abigail Brinckerhoff

Kade Cochran

Braxtyn Elliott

Karrigan Ellison

Paige McCann

Abby Nichols

Brennan Robie

Catrice Taft

Casey Taylor

Jordan VanHousen

Madalyn West

CARTA Education Scholarship

Paige McCann

Earl Stock Memorial Award

Damien DeCamp

Al Taft Memorial Award

Catrice Taft

Richard L. "Dick" Miller Sons of the American Legion Scholarship

Catrice Taft

Daniel Woolaway

The Austin Construction Award

Abigail Brinckerhoff

Braxtyn Elliott

Dakota Gatton

Paige McCann

Evan Salvagin

Kaylee Sutryk

Michael D. Francis Memorial Scholarship

Catrice Taft

American Red Cross Scholarship Award

Dakota Gatton

Holly Hain Memorial Scholarship

Kade Cochran

Brennan Robie

Casey Taylor

Grace Risley Memorial Award

Megan Sanford

Lisa Allen Hawken Memorial Award

Kade Cochran

Catrice Taft

Karrigan Ellison

Frank E. Nicklaus Memorial Scholarship

Abigail Brinckerhoff

Future Teacher Award

Kade Cochran

Outstanding Math Achievement Richard Parker Memorial Award

Daniel Woolaway

Social Studies Award

Karrigan Ellison

English Award

Karrigan Ellison

Summer training for new staff

On August 23, 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 Superintendent Ann Meccariello. The group, consisting of teachers, teaching assistants and aides, 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 new C-S teachers and 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 were able to meet their mentors on day two and spent time learning about their specific classroom and building. New teachers and mentors will continue to work together throughout the year and new teachers meet monthly with Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Kelley Meade.



New C-S staff includes (Front row, L to R): Rachel Wallace – Elementary teaching assistant; Taylor Smith – Elementary Pre-K aide; Sarah Dickson – 6th grade teacher; Chelsey Cooper – 4th grade teacher; Mallory Walden – Elementary Library Media Specialist; Rachel Wood – Elementary teaching assistant (Third row, L to R): Sarah Volina – Elementary teaching assistant; Nicole Perillo – 7th grade English; Gillian Macchia – Elementary music; Tiffany Hunter – 5th grade teacher; Trevor Ward – Elementary music; Kevin Burke, Jr. – secondary Special Education

Newest Little Panthers welcomed

C-S Elementary School hosted a prekindergarten orientation on August 25 to welcome the newest Little Panthers to school. Parents participated in a presentation by teachers about the PreK program while the children played outside in the courtyard learning space and made new friends.

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Spanish Award

Karrigan Ellison

Jane Adler Math Award

Karrigan Ellison

Science Award

Catrice Taft

CSCS Elementary PTO Academic Excellence Award

Catrice Taft

Abby Nichols

Daniel Woolaway

Eloise Wellman Scholarship

Rebekka Jones

Academic Diligence Award

Bianca Sutton

Alexandrine Baldwin

Scholastic Diligence Award

Cain Simpson

Sheila Woodard

Max J. Dreher Jr. Memorial Science Award

Dakota Gatton

Achievement Award

Kaylee Hazen

Abby Nichols

Saige McGarvey

Daniel Woolaway

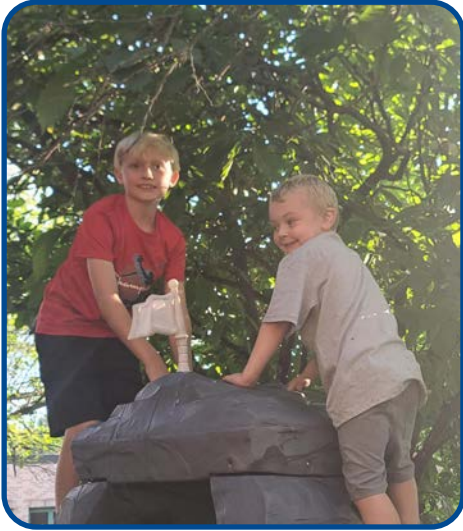
Stuffed Chicken Breast Dinner

Tuesday, September 13
5-7 p.m. • Campbell Cafeteria
Before the Jr./Sr. HS Open House

Dine-in/take-out • \$13/dinner
(stuffed chicken, baked potato, veggies, roll, drink and dessert)

Proceeds benefit the Drama Club's production of *Wizard of Oz*

Tickets available from cast members and Mrs. Freeland



Pool update

We are planning for the High School pool to be opened for the community starting in October. Please watch for information soon through our media outlets, weekly smores and newsletters. Open swims will be held on Wednesdays from 6:30-8 p.m. when school is in session, there are no swim meets and lifeguards are available. Adult lap swims will be on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. when school is in session, there are no swim meets and lifeguards are available. Please contact Bob Loveless at bloveless@cscsd.org with any questions.

Transportation news

Welcome back, Panthers! We hope everyone had a wonderful, relaxing summer shared with family and friends and lots of fun. As we return to school days, we just want to share some safety tips and remind everyone of our procedures for ridership.

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.

Pre-K students **MUST** be 4 years old to be eligible for school bus transportation.

Your child/children will be assigned one pick up location and one drop off location.

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 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 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.

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days OR be tested for COVID-19 and produce a negative result.

- Schools will continue to offer rapid antigen testing as an option in the health offices with proper parent consent and notification.
- If infected with COVID-19, the student or staff member must quarantine for five full days (with day zero being date of positive test). The student or staff member may return to school on day six as long as they have been fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of medication. They must wear a well-fitted mask on days 6-10. Students who must isolate due to confirmed infection with COVID-19 will be offered a virtual learning option during isolation.
- Student athletes who are infected with the COVID-19 virus must follow the “Return to Play” protocol after infection before they may participate in athletics.

If your child is sick, please keep him/her home and contact the school immediately. All students must submit an absence excuse for all illnesses. Please contact the main office to report your child’s absence and reason for absence.

Immunizations

All New York State children must receive the first vaccination in all of the required series within 14 days of the start of school or they will be excluded from attending classes. Your provider will follow the guidelines from the CDC guide for immunizations. It is mandatory that the proof of immunizations

administered be submitted to the school health office in order for your child to remain in school. In June 2019, Governor Cuomo signed a law eliminating religious exemptions for vaccinations needed to attend school. In addition to religious exemptions, there also have been some changes with medical exemptions. It is now required that your child’s physician submit a form annually that states specific reasons why each immunization would be detrimental to the child’s health. This regulation ensures that a child who should be medically exempt remains as such and prevents the abuse of the exemption by those who do not have a legitimate cause.

Physical Examinations

New York State law mandates that any child in grades PK or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 have a physical exam. All physicians must use the NYS Health Examination form when completing your child’s physical. All physician offices have access to this form. However, if you or your physician have any questions about this, please reach out to the health office.

It is highly encouraged that you schedule an appointment with your child’s primary care physician to complete their physical. Space is limited with the school-provided physicians. When you take your child for a physical, please obtain a copy of the examination and submit it to the school health office as soon as possible. If you prefer that your child be examined by the school doctor, please contact the health office so that we can have an accurate count of students who will need this service. Please keep

Transportation, contd.

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.

We are looking forward to a wonderful new school year transporting your children.

Sarah Burgess

Director of Transportation

Health Office, contd.

in mind that we cannot administer vaccinations. These will still have to be done by your provider or public health. More information about school provided physicals will be sent home soon.

Medication Administration in School

If your child takes medication during school hours, you will need to bring the medication to the health office. We cannot accept medication that is sent in with the child in a backpack or on the bus. Students should not be carrying medication under any circumstance. Every medication requires a signed doctor’s order and a parent signature. This includes over the counter medications such as Tylenol, Motrin, cough syrup etc. If you have any questions, please contact the nurse’s office.

- 4 Sophomore Career Day
Booster Club Meeting, Lower Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.
- 5 Jr./Sr. PTO Meeting, Lower Cafeteria, 5 p.m.
- 6 Elem. Open House, 6-7 p.m.
- 7 Alumni vs Staff Volleyball Game, High School
Gymnasium, 6 p.m.
Jr. High Homecoming Dance, Lower Cafeteria, 7 p.m.
Mid Term Ends
Statewide Emergency Go Home Drill
SAT Registration Deadline
- 8 Homecoming Parade
Sr. High Bon Fire Dance, 8 p.m.
Alumni VS Staff Soccer Game, 2 p.m.
- 10 Columbus Day – No School
- 14 Progress Reports Mailed Home
- 17 New AWL Starts/ Free Week
Winter Sports Sign Ups Begin Through Family ID
BOE Meeting, Multipurpose Rm., 6 p.m.
- 20 Financial Aide Night, 5:30 p.m.
- 21 Conference Day – No School for Students
- 22 ACT Exam
- 26 American Red Cross Blood Drive, Multipurpose Rm.,
10 a.m.
- 28 Elem. PTO Trunk or Treat, 6-8 p.m.

November

- 1 Booster Club Meeting, Lower Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.
- 2 Jr./Sr. HS PTO Meeting, Lower Cafeteria, 5:30 p.m.
- 3 Extracurricular Club Picture Day/HS Picture Make
Up Day
SAT Registration Deadline
- 4 ACT Registration Deadline
Jr. High Area All-States
- 5 Booster Club Craft Fair
- 9 Winter Athletic/Parent Handbook Meeting/Team
Meeting, LGI, 5:30 p.m.
- 10 Report Cards Sent Home
- 11 Veterans Day – No School
Holly Hain 5K Fun Run and Walk
- 14 Half Day – Parent Teacher Conferences

Emergency Go Home Drill Friday, October 7, 2022

**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.**

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Important dates

September

- 1 Conference Day
Elem. PTO Ice Cream Social, Savona Cafeteria,
4-5 p.m.
- 2 SAT Registration Deadline
- 5 Labor Day- No School
- 6 First Day of School for Students
Booster Club Meeting, 2:55 p.m.
- 6-9 Elem. Mall Booklet Sale
- 9 Drivers Meeting, LGI, 7:50 a.m.
- 10 ACT Exam
- 12 Senior and Honor Pass Meeting, LGI, 7:50 a.m.
- 13 HS Open House, 6 p.m.
- 16 ACT Registration Deadline
- 19 BOE Meeting, Multipurpose Rm., 6 p.m.
- 29 Elem./Jr./Sr. HS School Picture Day
Senior Picture Day
College Apparel Day
- 30 Senior Packets are Due
Yearbook Early Bird Sale Ends

October

- 3-7 Fall Spirit Week
Elem. Book Fair