

Campbell-Savona Central School

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– District Newsletter –



November/December 2021

Superintendent's note

The 2021-22 school year is well under way and C-S has been a very busy place. We were able to hold our Jr./Sr. High School Open House in September and had a nice turnout. However, due to rising COVID-19 cases, the decision was made to postpone the Elementary Open House. Our hope is to hold a March gathering where families will be welcomed into our Savona building. We are very grateful to have such involved, supportive families at Campbell-Savona. Parent involvement is the key to a student's success at school.

Homecoming 2021 was full of fun and excitement. It was so wonderful to once again be able to offer various activities throughout the weekend. As a district, we enjoyed athletic competitions, dances, a bonfire, a parade and welcoming our alumni back on campus. The weather was absolutely beautiful as well. Personally, I thoroughly enjoyed my first Panther Homecoming and have decided that I like being in parades.

In November, we will complete our first marking period as

we schedule district-wide parent conferences. These conferences will allow an opportunity for parents to meet with their child's teacher to review the first marking period report card. Also, in November, we are very excited to offer a fully in-person musical. Mark your calendars for November 19, 20 and 21 as *Freaky Friday* will come to life at the Campbell-Savona auditorium.

During the summer, the District spent a considerable amount of time preparing our American Rescue Plan grant designations. Each school district was the recipient of federal funding to assist with various areas in the school community. Available for the next three years, the funding has allowed C-S to hire additional staff whose focus is on both academic progress and social emotional well-being. One shining example of additional positions is that of Aquatics Coordinator. This new role allows every student in Grades 2-6 to receive two weeks of swimming instruction in our amazing pool. Mr. Bob Loveless, Aquatics Coordinator and Athletic Director, oversees this

Freaky Friday on stage in Nov.

Did you ever have "just one of those days?" Welcome to *Freaky Friday*! The musical takes to the Campbell-Savona stage November 19-21 for three performances.



When an overworked mother and her teenage daughter magically swap bodies, they have just one day to put things right again. *Freaky Friday*, a new musical based on the celebrated novel by Mary Rodgers and the hit Disney films, is a heartfelt, comedic and unexpectedly emotional update on an American classic. By spending a day in each other's shoes, Katherine and Ellie come to appreciate one another's

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From the Transportation Department

We are happy to have our buses back on route five days per week and our students back in school full time. As we continue to live through this pandemic, there are certain procedures and policies we have kept in place. Our drivers and monitors continue to sanitize our buses on a daily basis, every bus has assigned seats and all students are required to wear a mask at all times while on the bus. We ask that you continue to talk with your children about the importance of wearing a mask while on the bus. By working together, we can do our best to keep our children and staff members safe during this pandemic.

We also have kept our policy of one pick-up location and one drop off location. This policy has been a huge help in keeping track of student's locations. The safety of our students is always our top priority.

With winter quickly approaching, it is important to be sure and follow all bus safety rules at the bus stop.

1. Students should be ready five minutes prior to their bus stop time
2. In inclement weather, the bus may run behind schedule. Please be patient.
3. Please wait away from the edge of the road at the bus stop. Stay back until the bus has come to a complete stop.
4. Do not move toward the bus until the bus door opens.
5. If your child must cross the road, please wait for the driver's signal to cross.

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From the High School

One of our beliefs at Campbell-Savona is that learning is a shared responsibility of all stakeholders. This belief has never rung truer than now. It has certainly been a time of continued growth and adjustment, as teachers, students and parents continue to adjust and evolve in our current reality and for that, we thank you!

November brings the end of the first marking period and the opportunity for parents to acquire a solid understanding of how their children are doing. Parent-teacher conferences will be held in-person or virtually. The Guidance Office will be working with parents to schedule conference times for November 15. Our teachers look forward to meeting with students and parents at this time of the year to provide feedback and focus on areas for growth. The growth mindset encourages students to try new things, persevere through difficulties, have a belief in self and focus on the positive and the possible. Please use this as a point of reference as you discuss your child's performance and set goals with him/her for the remainder of the school year.

Please note that our after school study hall, held daily from

2:35-3:05 p.m., and our After School Program, held Mondays, Tuesday, Thursdays and Fridays from 3:05-4:30 p.m., are up and running. These are both great support for students who need reliable internet, a quiet place to work or further support from one of our C-S teacher tutors. Transportation is provided from the After School Program and students are welcome to attend any day. We hope this opportunity assists students who may need additional support.

I would also like to remind parents that our student information system, School Tool, offers a Parent Portal and a Student Portal as a resource for parents and students to use to access information about their school records through a secure internet connection. Access to the Portal is available to all parents and students. This is a great resource for parents to use to get involved in their child's education. It is also a great tool to help students track their own work and progress in their courses.

Kelley Meade
Jr./Sr. High School Principal

Thanks to our Board members

In recognition of School Board Recognition Week, which was October 18-22, please take a moment to thank our Board of Education members. Their volunteerism and commitment to our district is most appreciated. Because of their dedication to Campbell-Savona, our district is a great place to learn, work and grow! Thank you to:

Shawn Corey, President
Stacie Van Skiver, Vice-President
Greg Cacace • Tom Hauryski
Kara Crans • Rick Salvagin
Mike Austin

From the Elementary School

It is incredibly exciting to be writing this message to our school community, knowing that we are finishing the first marking period with school being open for in-person learning five days a week! November brings us the first opportunity to have a meaningful conversation with your child's

teacher during parent-teacher conferences. There is nothing more powerful than an open and positive relationship with your child's teacher as you work together to support your child to grow and flourish.

Please don't think of parent teacher conferences as a "one and done" moment with your child's teacher. Use it as the start of continued communication and support throughout the entire school year!

Although the pandemic has made many things very challenging the last two years, our teachers have worked tirelessly to continue bringing more positive experiences to our students and to expand educational experiences when possible.



An example of this is that our swim program in the Elementary School is now servicing two more grade levels (second and third) throughout the school year and has been a great success so far in teaching water safety and swimming lessons to our students. We are dedicated to bringing more field trips back to



our students and partnering with outside agencies to provide positive educational experiences to our students with real and relevant connections to their learning.

As this school year continues, we are working tirelessly to bring our student celebrations and highlights to the forefront while being as safe as we can. Moving into the month of December, we will be looking closely at how we can host student performances and the holiday celebrations that we hold dear to our hearts. They may continue to be a little different than normal, but we will be getting as close to normal as we can.

Go Panthers!

James E. Anderson
Elementary School Principal

Transportation, continued

We make a concerted effort to be consistent with route times. Drivers are not required to wait for tardy students. The loading and unloading process is the most dangerous part of the bus ride. Students are safest when they are at the bus stop waiting **before** the bus arrives, rather than running after the bus if they are late.

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.

Please be sure to return the pink Emergency Go Home form as soon as possible. It is very important to have an emergency location, within the district, where an adult is available in the event we need to close school for emergency reasons.

We are pleased to be transporting your child/children to and from school this year. We are proud of the safety record of our school buses, and we are deeply committed to the safety of all the children in our community.

Sarah Burgess
Director of Transportation

Student Council update

Student Council is made up of students who want to make C-S a better place by taking an active leadership role within the school community. Student Council members think about what would make our school community a better place, work to plan events that promote school spirit and consult with administrators to share ideas and suggestions throughout the year.

Members meet Wednesdays during lunch and start each meeting with a “vibe check,” talking about what is going on in the school and coming up with recommendations and solutions to anything that the students feel should be addressed. This year, Student Council is excited to have the leadership of approximately 25 students in grades 7-12. They have already begun to have great conversations and have planned upcoming events. Stay tuned for information about their great work as the year progresses!

Holiday Craft Fair scheduled

Campbell-Savona Booster club will be once again hosting the Fall Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 6 from 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. We are excited to have the vendors back and to welcome the community, since COVID-19 prevented us from hosting this event last year. Come find some Christmas gifts or take a try at our raffle table and have a great time.

Fire Prevention Week

The Elementary School celebrated Fire Prevention Week in October. Representatives from the Savona Fire Department brought their fire engines to the school and presented to students about fire prevention and safety. Students became honorary fire fighters with their own fire fighter helmets and brought the knowledge of fire safety home to their families.



Athletics update

We are gearing up for our winter sports season. Team meetings are scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 9. Locations will be posted as you enter the Jr./Sr. High School building that evening.

Sports that will be offered this winter (dependent on sign-up numbers) are:

- Modified, JV and Varsity Boys' Basketball
- Modified, JV and Varsity Girls' Basketball
- Modified, JV, and Varsity Cheer
- Modified and Varsity Swimming and Diving

- Modified and Varsity Wrestling

Official practices begin on November 15. Be sure that all needed updates are turned in to Lisa Fleet in the Health Office before the start of practices (i.e., physical and health interval forms).

Fall Season Athletic Awards Night is Tuesday, November 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium.

Thank you for your support and patience as we continue to navigate these times for our student athletes.

Bob Loveless
Athletic Director

From the Health Office

Welcome our New School Nurse

Please join us in welcoming our newest school nurse. Mrs. Veronica Spangenberg is a registered nurse who joined our health office team in October. She will assist with care and COVID-19 follow-up in both the Elementary and Jr./Sr. High buildings. Please note, her email is vespangenberg@cscsd.org and she can be reached at (607) 527-9800 ext. 3168. We are excited to have her join the team!



School Nurse Veronica Spangenberg

Illness and COVID-19

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your understanding and support. We continue to follow the guidelines given to us by New York State Department of Health and Steuben County Public Health regarding illness and the required follow-up procedures for anyone who exhibits any of the COVID-19 symptoms. The past two years are truly unlike any other school years before. It is imperative that we follow the protocols in place to ensure we can keep all our students, staff and school community healthy and safe.

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.** This can be accessed

on our school website in the “Attendance” tab or on our District App. If a student does not submit an excuse for his/her absence, he/she will not be able to stay in school. If the absence is due to an illness, you must speak with the school nurse for the necessary follow-up procedures to allow your child to return to school.

We are now able to offer rapid COVID-19 testing to symptomatic students who are already on campus. This testing allows us to rule out the COVID-19 infection for mild symptoms and keep your child(ren) in school. This also bypasses the need to see a physician for follow up when your child becomes ill while in school. You can complete a consent form on the district website OR print and complete in hard copy. The nurse will call you if your child is ill and will walk you through the steps. This additional service has already helped keep 40 students in school who otherwise would have been sent home to follow up with their physician.

As the NYS Department of Health continues to learn more about COVID-19, they share the information with schools to ensure we have the most up-to-date information. Additionally, this causes some of their guidelines to change to ensure our protocols follow the most recent information about the virus. We ask that you be patient with our staff and health offices as we revise and adjust our procedures to follow the guidelines provided to us. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school health offices for more information.

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Join Ski Club

Cooler weather is upon us and that means the C-S Ski and Snowboarding Club will be hitting the slopes at Swain Ski Resort in January. COVID-19 protocols are in place and policies have been implemented to help ensure a safe and healthy season. Students in grades 3-12 who are interested in joining should contact Nancy Kernan (High School) at nkernan@cscsd.org or Tom Freeland (Elementary) at tfreeland@cscsd.org. Registration



information is available at the High School in the Assistant Principal's office, on the Facebook page CS Ski and Snowboarding Club or the District website at www.cscsd.org. New this year, Swain is offering payment plans. Registration and payment are online at <http://www.swain.com/clubs>. Payment deadline for the discount rate is November 19 and the regular rate payment is due December 17.



Check us out on Facebook!
You can like
Campbell-Savona

Central School District for another way to keep updated on school events and information.

Freaky Friday, *cont'd*

struggles, learn self-acceptance and realize the immeasurable love and mutual respect that bond a mother and daughter.

Performances of Freaky Friday are:

Friday, November 19 at 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, November 20 at 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 21 at 2:00 p.m.
in the Stephen B. Morley Auditorium at Campbell-Savona High School. Tickets will be available beginning on November 1 by calling the box office at 527-9850 and at the door each performance. Tickets are \$8.00 each. Every individual needs a ticket for admission.

Superintendent, *cont'd*

program. Every child should know how to swim and Campell-Savona is ensuring that our Panthers can do just that!

The ARP grant also has allowed us to hold an after-school program in both buildings. This year, a snack, transportation and guest speakers and presenters are included in the program. Approximately 100 students district-wide are benefitting from structured academic time and enrichment.

Finally, as you receive this newsletter, you will likely be preparing for Thanksgiving and all of the holiday festivities. My best wishes to you and your family for a safe and enjoyable holiday season!

Ann Meccariello
Superintendent

Homecoming 2021

“Home Sweet Homecoming” 2021 was amazing! We had a great week of showing school pride with our spirit days. Friday night events included a fun-filled alumni/staff volleyball game and the Middle School dance. A huge thank you to the maintenance crew for making the courtyard look amazing!

The weather was beautiful on Saturday for our parade, soccer games and bonfire. It is always fun bringing back many alumni to C-S to play in the alumni/staff volleyball and soccer games. The soccer game was won by the staff, with a score of 3-2. The alumni are due for a win soon! The Homecoming parade floats were awesome, and it was great to see so many community members lined

up on Main Street to enjoy the hard work put into the floats and to see the enthusiasm of our students.

The boys soccer teams won the judges over with their gifts of cupcakes and flowers, girls soccer took second place and the volleyball team came in third. Congratulations to the 2021 Homecoming Court: King-Kaden Bolt, Queen-Abby Brinckerhoff, Prince-Lucas Feldman, Princess-Donna Clark, Duke-Tanner Nichiporuk, Duchess-Emma Roy, Lord-Zach Corell and Lady-Olivia Wood.

The Athletic Club, Mrs. Wightman and Mrs. Enderle would like to thank all of the people and businesses that helped make homecoming a success!



Health Office, continued

You can find this information and more on our district website on the Health Office Department page.

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 his/her 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. Space is very limited this school year. Please keep 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, remember 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 health office.

COVID-19 updates

We continue to follow the New York State mandate for mask wearing and will do so until we hear otherwise.

Campbell-Savona has done an outstanding job adjusting to our individual needs, especially in the cafeteria and in spaces where we can assign seats or spread out. This has resulted in decreased numbers of positive cases and quarantines.

Beyond the mask mandate, the only additional mandate is weekly testing of unvaccinated staff members. Any unvaccinated staff member is required to test weekly, per an order by the NYS Department of Health. Additionally, any vaccinated staff member who would like to test weekly can choose to do so. Our testing protocols have been successful and have helped us add an additional layer to our efforts at being safe and prepared.

In the future, we hope to offer students the opportunity to test weekly if they choose to do so.

If staff or students are symptomatic, we offer a rapid Binax test in the nurses' office, which has proven to be extremely helpful in allowing staff and students to stay in school or to go home if positive.

There is no plan to place any further restrictions on our learning environment. Students need to be in school and we need as much normalcy as possible. Of course, if we see drastic changes, we are prepared to react in the way of adding additional layers to our safety protocols.

Please remember that our district COVID-19 data is posted every Friday on our website at www.ccsd.org.

- 13 Holly Hain 5K Fundraiser, Athletic Fields, 10:00 a.m.
- 15 Winter Sports Begin
Half Day, Parent Conferences
Board Of Education Meeting, Multipurpose Room, 6:00 p.m.
- 16 Fall Athletics Awards, Auditorium, 6:00 p.m.
- 17 Strategy Games, Library, 3:15-5:30 p.m.
- 19-21 High School Musical, *Freaky Friday*, Auditorium
Friday and Saturday: 7:30 p.m.
Sunday: 2:00 p.m.
- 23 Half Day, Parent Conferences
- 24-26 Thanksgiving Recess, No School

December

- 1 Strategy Games, Library, 3:15 p.m.
Elementary PTO Brush and Munch Paint Party, Cafeteria, 6:00 p.m.
- 4 SAT Exam
- 6 Half Day, Conference Day
Athletic Club Meeting, LGI, 2:55-3:15 p.m.
- 7 Senior High Band and Choral Winter Concert, Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. High PTSO Family Fun Night-Cookie Decorating, Upper Cafeteria, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Booster Club Meeting, Lower Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.
- 8 Strategy Games, Library, 3:15-5:30 p.m.
Elementary PTO Meeting, Conference Room, 5:00 p.m.
- 10 Elementary PTO Roller Skating Party, Gymnasium, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- 11 ACT Exam
- 14 Jr. High Band and Choral Winter Concert, Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
- 16 Mid Term Ends
- 20 Board of Education Visitation/Meeting, Savona Building, 1:30 p.m.
- 22 Progress Reports Mailed Home
- 23 Half Day, Early Dismissal
Elementary Holiday Program, Grades PK-3, Savona Gymnasium, 8:45-9:45 a.m.
Ugly Sweater Day
- 24-2 Holiday Recess, No School



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Upcoming dates

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.
Elementary Picture Make-Up Day
- 3 Jr./ Sr. Picture Retake Day, LGI
Strategy Games, Library, 3:15-5:30 p.m.
- 5 ACT Registration Deadline
Marking Period Ends
- 7 SAT Exam
Booster Club Craft Fair, Jr./Sr. High School, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
- 9 Winter Sports/Coach/Handbook Meeting, Gymnasium, 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- 10 Elementary PTO Meeting, Conference Room, 5:00 p.m.
- 11 Veterans Day, No School
- 12 Report Cards Sent Home
Elementary PTO Roller Skating, Gymnasium, 6:00-8:00 p.m.