



NEWCOMB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

September 2020

A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE IN A YEAR LIKE NO OTHER

A message from Superintendent Chris Fisher

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With the unexpected onslaught of the COVID-19 pandemic this past March, communities across the nation pulled together to handle the demands of an unprecedented situation. I am proud of the way our students, parents, guardians, teachers, staff members and community partners worked collaboratively to support, educate and continue to feed our children.

This summer, the district convened several committees that were tasked with examining the regulations and guidance to develop a number of reopening plans for the fall. Each committee worked with great intention and care, putting health and safety as our number one priority. As we welcome back our students and staff to the building, thorough plans have been implemented for the sharing of updated information pertaining to COVID-19, as well as to ensure that ongoing collaborations can continue between the district, the community health organizations and community emergency services.



**School begins
Tuesday, Sept. 1st**

Teaching and learning this fall will continue to be shaped by our district mission, vision and goals, with the driving force being the physical, and mental health and well-being of all of the students, staff members and the community at large. In addition to academics, the first few weeks of school will focus on helping all of our students and staff members transition back to in-person learning, or resume online learning within our new remote learning model. Various training will take place to learn and practice safety protocols and procedures that the district has implemented to help keep everyone healthy and safe.

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"Our School is the Heart of Our Community"

As we continue to focus on providing equity, access and support for all of our learners, social-emotional learning will be a priority. The daily master schedule includes a social-emotional brain-break where providers will have open times available in their schedule to meet with students or staff members in need. Social-emotional learning lessons that align with New York State's Social Emotional Benchmarks will also be provided at all grade levels.

In -Person Learning Model

In direct compliance with the guidance and regulations, the district has configured physically-distanced classrooms and made significant alterations to the master schedule to accommodate reduced hallway traffic and staggered, socially-distanced breakfast and lunch periods. This creative scheduling keeps student cohorts together as much as possible, which also aligns with best practice. Students and staff members will wear masks when moving through the hallways or the lunch line, but they may remove them once they are at their desks for teaching and learning, as well as when dining at their socially distanced spot in the cafeteria.



If you have any comments, suggestions, or would like to add an article to the bulletin, you can e-mail them to Pam Bush at pbush@newcombscd.org

Remote Learning Model

Following a specially designed lesson framework, teachers will simultaneously instruct in-person students, as well as those students who are learning remotely through live streaming. This model allows students who are learning remotely to follow their daily schedule and have the unique opportunity to engage with their peers and classroom teacher. Newcomb's Technology Coordinator and Technology Team will continue to provide support and training for staff members, students and families.



State Education Department Accountability

New York State is asking districts to maintain strict records of which students participate with in-person learning, as well as which students are learning remotely. Attendance data will also be collected and examined for the 2020-2021 academic school year. To assist us with maintaining accurate records, we ask that parents and guardians inform the district as to which learning platform (in-person or remote) works best for their child as soon as possible. Accurate numbers will assist us with classroom arrangement plans, scheduling and documentation. Parents and guardians can request that their child move to the alternate platform on a quarterly basis if need be.

Staffing Changes for the 2020-2021 School Year



Mrs. Dina Bernat, Pre-K-12 STEAM Provider

We are pleased to announce that Mrs. Bernat will be the designated STEAM Provider for Pre-K-12. Mrs. Bernat will be working collaboratively with classroom teachers to design and implement STEAM lessons that align with curricular areas. With the success of the STEAM initiative last year, we look forward to growing this program to provide increased opportunities for all students.



Mr. Scott Keglovits, 5th/6th grade teacher

Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Mr. Scott Keglovits who will be our new 5th and 6th grade teacher. No stranger to NCS, Mr. Keglovits has been a friend to the district for several years working in the capacity of a substitute teacher, long-term substitute for middle school and the Class Advisor to the Class of 2023. Welcome Mr. K!



Mrs. Millie Winslow, Physical Education Teacher

We are excited to have Mrs. Millie Winslow join our NCS team! Mrs. Winslow has been part of our NCS family for a great many years coaching and providing Driver's Education. Welcome Coach!

Athletics

New York State Public High School Athletic Association has postponed the start of the fall sports season to September 21st. Currently, new 2020 fall schedules are being developed. If athletics are able to resume on September 21st, a condensed schedule would most likely be enacted. We will share new information as we learn more about NCS sports offerings for the fall.

Visitors

The district will be requesting that parents and/or visitors make an appointment before entering the school building. All outside visitors should plan to comply with NCS' safety protocols and procedures that have been established.

It takes both a positive outlook and everyone working together to launch a successful school year in the midst of a global pandemic. We have much work to do, but I am confident that we will meet all of our initiatives with a strong commitment and focus. Thank you for your ongoing support and partnership as we continue to engage our children in meaningful learning experiences.

Facilities

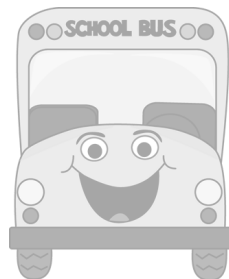
As per New York State requirement, the district has worked closely with our partners at CSArch architecture, engineering and construction management firm in addition to our Capital Region Boces Safety Specialist to ensure that classroom spaces meet with social distancing requirements and are in compliance with the established guidelines and regulations for reopening. The architects, along with our Safety Specialist, have conducted a building walkthrough and have signed off on all instructional spaces. I would like to extend my gratitude to the various stakeholders who have partnered with us in devising these plans and for their ongoing commitment to serve as we continue to monitor and adapt the learning environment depending on the situation with the Coronavirus.

Enhanced cleaning procedures that comply with CDC guidance will be implemented by our custodial team. The continual cleaning and disinfecting of critical areas of the building as well as deep cleaning when students and staff are out of the building will occur on a regular basis. Occupancy and social distancing markers will be used in restrooms and in all high-traffic areas of the building to help students and staff members maintain 6-foot social distancing.

Transportation

All buses will be cleaned and thoroughly disinfected daily. High touch areas will be wiped down after the morning and afternoon bus runs following the disinfecting schedule. Students who are participating in district transportation will be required to wear masks while on the school bus and social distancing will be observed. Assigned seating will be observed to allow for family units to sit together.

For families who are transporting their children to and from school, we will designate a lane in the back parking lot so that you can pull up and drop your child off. In order to keep an even flow of traffic during the busy arrival and dismissal times, we ask that you not walk your child into the building. There will be two designated staff members who will be present to assist children into the building. Please reference the drawing on next page:

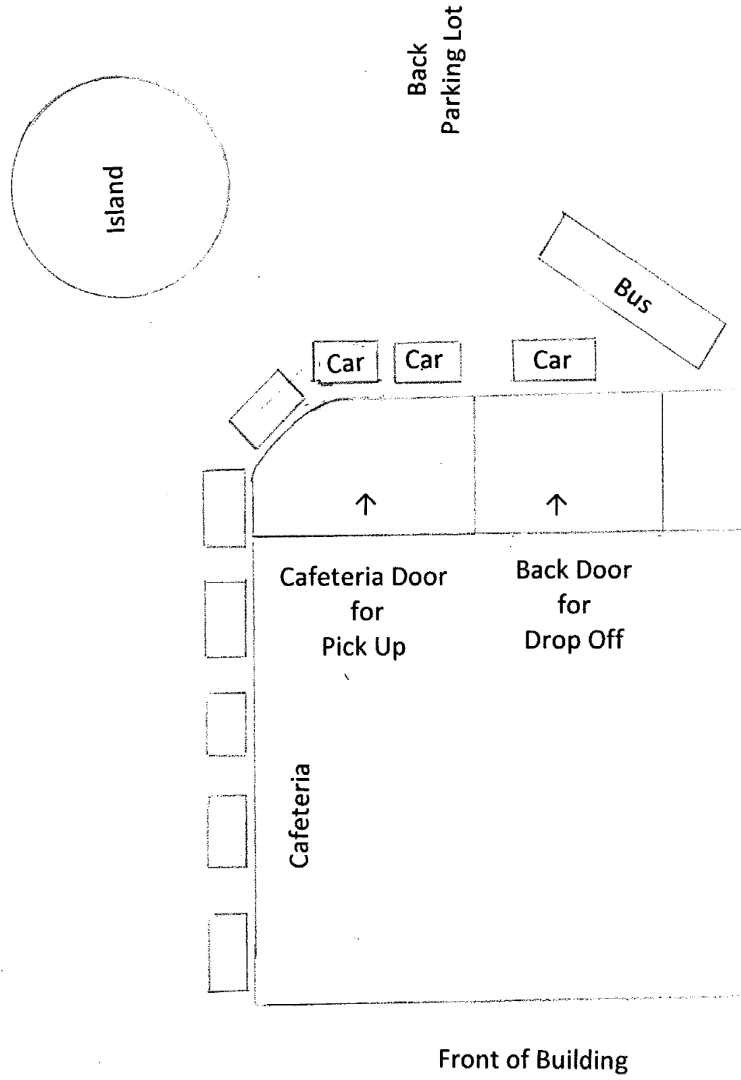


Newcomb Central School District Morning Drop Off and Afternoon Pick Up

Morning Drop Off: Parent will drive onto the property close to the side of the building (There is a sign). Each car will wait in line until they arrive at the drop off point in the back of the building, near the kitchen. No car will release students until they reach the point in the rear of the building AND the staff signals the driver to have the students come to the building.

Afternoon Pick Up: Parent will drive onto the property close to side of the building (There is a sign). Each car will wait in line until they arrive at the pick up point in the rear of the building near the kitchen. There is a staff person in the cafeteria who will see your car, and call your children to the outside door near the cafeteria. Your children will leave that door and walk to your car.

PLEASE NOTE: No parents will come into the building in the morning or afternoon without prior permission



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2020-2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER (21 DAYS)

M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

OCTOBER (21 DAYS)

M	T	W	TH	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

NOVEMBER (17 DAYS)

M	T	W	TH	F
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

DECEMBER (14 DAYS)

M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

JANUARY (19 DAYS)

M	T	W	TH	F
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

FEBRUARY (15 DAYS)

M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26

MARCH (22 DAYS)

M	T	W	TH	F
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

APRIL (16 DAYS)

M	T	W	TH	F
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

MAY (20 DAYS)

M	T	W	TH	F
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

JUNE (19 DAYS)

M	T	W	TH	F
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
				26

- August
- September
- September
- October
- November
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- December
- January
- January
- January
- February
- March
- April
- April
- May
- June
- June
- June
- 27 Superintendent's Conference Day
- 1 Classes Begin
- 7 Labor Day
- 12 Columbus Day
- 10 Emergency Release Day
- 11 Veteran's Day Observance
- 25-27 Thanksgiving Recess
- 21-31 Holiday Recess
- 1 New Year's Day
- 4 Classes Resume
- 18 Martin Luther King Day
- 15-19 Winter Recess
- 19 Superintendent's Conference Day
- 2 Good Friday
- 5-9 Spring Recess
- 31 Memorial Day
- 16-25 Regents Testing
- 25 Last Day of School
- 26 **Graduation**

184 PUPIL DAYS

(4) extra days reserved until latter part of school year to be used for potential school closing, etc. if necessary or vacation time or Staff Development Day)

NEWCOMB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

ELEMENTARY FACULTY:

Pre K – K	Mrs. Nicole Belden
Grades 1 & 2	Mrs. Amanda Bush
Grades 3 & 4	Mrs. Julie Slayback
Grades 5 & 6	Mr. Scott Keglovits

MIDDLE SCHOOL / HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY:

Art/Home & Careers	Ms. Jessica LaFountain
Bus. Ed./Home Ec.(Gr.7/8)	Mr. Jared Doyle
English	Mrs. Theresa Smith
Foreign Language	Ms. Martha Swan
Mathematics	Mr. Edward LaCourse
Instrumental/Vocal Music	Ms. Zhanna Pendell
Physical Ed.	Mrs. Mildred Winslow
Science	Mr. Garrett Phelps
Social Studies	Ms. Katherine Larkin
Technology	Mr. Gary Gazaille

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

President	Mr. Peter Armstrong
Vice President	Mrs. Lori DeMars
Members	Mr. Nicholas Poulin
	Mr. Tyler Lamphear
	Mrs. Tamara Larabee

ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF:

Superintendent	Mrs. Christian Fisher
Deputy Superintendent	Mr. Clark Hults
District Treasurer	Mrs. Colleen Sage
P/T Clerk	Mrs. Tina Helms
Elem. Library/ Teacher Assistant	Mrs. Melissa Yandon
Office Secretary	Mrs. Pamela Bush
P/T Receptionist	Mrs. Debra Damasevitz
Library Media Specialist	Ms. Autumn Goerner
Teacher Assistant	Mrs. Janice Wright
Head Cook	TBD
Food Service Staff	Mrs. Eleanor Yandon
Food Service Staff	Ms. Suzanne Stith
Head Mechanic/Bus Driver	Mr. Robert Bessey
Head Maintenance	Mr. Raymond Bush
Cleaner/Bus Driver	Ms. Lanette Chase
Cleaner	Mr. Joshua Hults
Cleaner	TBD

SPECIAL SERVICES:

Director of Guidance	(5 days/week)	Mrs. Kathryn Markwica
Speech Therapist	(3 days/week)	Mrs. Andrea Winchip
Physician Assistant	(5 days/week)	Mrs. Denise Bolan
Psychologist	(1 day/week)	Mr. Steven Wilk
Special Education/ESL	(5 days/week)	Mrs. Shelley Gagnon
Elementary Math Specialist	(5 days/week)	Mrs. Meredith Aitchison-Phelps
Technology Coordinator	(5 days/week)	Mr. Nico Paniccia
STEM/STEAM Provider	(5 days/week)	Mrs. Dina Bernat

PRE-K (four year olds)

N. BELDEN / Teacher

Bailey, Liam
Poulin, Gemma

KINDERGARTEN 2033

N. BELDEN / Teacher

Lamphear, Ellie
Lewis, Axel

GRADE 1 2032

A. BUSH / Teacher

Sage, Will

GRADE 2 2031

A. BUSH / Teacher

Dufour, Calista
Poulin, Leah

GRADE 3 2030

J. SLAYBACK / Teacher

Bush, Riley
Gocke, Abigail
Gregson, Hudson
Matthews, Zacchaeus
Matthews, Zion
Pendell, Vanessa

GRADE 4 2029

J. SLAYBACK / Teacher

Adams, Emma
Hlavaty, Grace
Lamphear, Bentley
Poulin, Andre

GRADE 5 2028

S. KEGLOVITS / Teacher

Bush, Taylor
Fifield, Marissa
Larabee, Piper
Sage, Olivia

GRADE 6 2027

S. KEGLOVITS / Teacher

Dick, Jacob
Fifield, Katlin
Keller, Kaleb
Lamphear, Camden
Matthews, Judah

GRADE 7 2026

Armstrong, Hope
Boisvert, Kendall
Crittenden, Tristan
Dick, Jayden
Pendell, Nicholas
Richards, Jacob

GRADE 8 2025

Bush, Dillon
Gocke, Sarah
Hai, Rowan
LaFountain, Avril

GRADE 9 2024

/Advisor

Armstrong, Marcus
Bush, Logan
Cohen, Benjamin
Fifield, Gavin
Garcia, Desta
Rifenburg, Lemmy

GRADE 10 2023

S. KEGLOVITS / Advisor

Bush, Eric
Fifield, Abigail
Fifield, Emily
Hai, Lauren
Hlavaty, Reece
Vaughn, Lilly
Sandiford, Rhiannon

GRADE 11 2022

L. CHASE /Advisor

Anello, Evan
Armstrong, Joshua
Brannon, Eadie
Bush, Brayden
Colon, Jordan
Dick, Harley
Hakobyan, Elen (Armenia)
Kyaryushev, Rauf (Kazakhstan)
Lamos, Ben

GRADE 12 2021

S. GAGNON / Advisor

Askarova, Aruza (Kazakhstan)
Bakhtin, George (Russia)
Brace, Tiffany
Byelozerskykh, Vladyslav (Ukraine)
Davie, Conner
Geichenko, Ostap (Russia)
Hakobyan, Nane (Armenia)
Kiryukhina, Maria (Russia)
Kneib, Valerii (Russia)
Maksimov, Vasili (Russia)
Migalkina, Alina (Russia)
Phelps, Zachary
Rifenburg, Ozzy
Sergeeva, Zhanna (Russia)
Shadrin, Igor (Russia)
Tyurin, Gleb (Russia)
Vassilyez, Kirill (Kazakhstan)
Vaughn, Elliott

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

Here are the 2020-21 SAT/ACT test dates, just in case the seniors want to retake an exam.

DATES TO REMEMBER

SAT Testing Dates

September 26, 2020
October 3, 2020
November 7, 2020
December 5, 2020
May 8, 2021
June 6, 2021

Registration Dates

August 26, 2020
September 4, 2020
October 7, 2020
November 5, 2020
April 8, 2021
May 6, 2021

ACT DATES

September 12, 2020
October 24, 2020
December 12, 2020
April 10, 2021
June 12, 2021
July 17, 2021

Register By:

August 7, 2020
September 20, 2020
November 6, 2020
March 5, 2021
May 7, 2021
June 11, 2021

Newcomb Central School CEEB Code is: 333-330. You will need to know that when you register to take the exams, so that I will receive your test scores.

SENIORS:

All seniors going off to college will need to fill out the **FAFSA** beginning in **OCTOBER**. You can apply on-line, which saves a lot of time. Before you can do that **you and a parent** need to register for a **FSA ID**. To get your **FSA ID** you can go to www.fsaid.ed.gov. If your parents or siblings have a PIN, they can “link” their PIN number to their FSA ID. This will aid in transferring your information from PIN to your FSA ID. When you receive your FSA ID number go to www.fafsa.ed.gov to apply for Financial Aid. Financial Aid forms can be filled out beginning in October this year, using last year’s tax returns. You should do this right away. Doing them on-line is much faster and easier.

VISIT the colleges you plan to apply to! (When the colleges are allowing tours on campus again) You are going to want to be at a place that you like. You won’t know that unless you take a tour.

I am SO looking forward to seeing everyone in September!!

Mrs. Markwica

September Breakfast 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Scrambled eggs & Sausage	2 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Yogurt & Granola Bagel&Crn Cheese	3 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Breakfast Pizza	4 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Pancakes & Sausage, syrup	5
6	7 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Oatmeal (variety of toppings)	8 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin BreakFast Bowl (Scr. Eggs,Hash browns,sausage, cheese)Salsa	9 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Yogurt & Granola Bagel&Crn Cheese	10 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Breakfast Burritos Salsa	11 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Frnch Toast Strata w/sausage Syrup	12
13	14 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Oatmeal (variety of toppings)	15 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Egg&Cheese Omelet (onions & peppers on side)	16 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Yogurt & Granola Bagel&Crn Cheese	17 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin	18 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Waffles & Sausage syrup	19
20	21 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Oatmeal (variety of toppings)	22 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Scrambled eggs & Sausage	23 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Yogurt & Granola Bagel&Crn Cheese	24 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Breakfast Pizza	25 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Pancakes & Sausage, syrup	26
27	28 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Oatmeal (variety of toppings)	29 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin BreakFast Bowl (Scr. Eggs,Hash browns,sausage, cheese)Salsa	30 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Yogurt & Granola Bagel&Crn Cheese			

BREAKFAST ALTERNATIVE DAILY: Whole Grain cold Cereal, Milk, Fruit Juice, Fruit, and Homemade 51% Whole grain Muffin. In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, age or disability. If you believe you have been discriminated against, write immediately to the Department of Agriculture. Please note that our menu is subject to change based on availability of food items.

September LUNCH 2020

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
		Milk 1% or Fat Free 1 Fruit-variety Veg- Refried Beans *Taco Toppings* Beef Tacos Brown Rice or Chicken Salad Sandwich	Milk 1% or Fat Free 2 Fruit-variety Veg-Coleslaw BBQ Pork Bun & Cheese or Chicken Salad Sandwich	Milk 1% or Fat Free 3 Fruit- variety Veg- Romaine Salad Hamburger Stew over Egg Noodles Dinner Roll or Chicken Salad Sandwich	Milk 1% or Fat Free 4 Fruit-variety Veg-Harvard-Beets BBQ Chicken Mashed Sweet Potatoes or Chicken Salad Sandwich	5
6	7 No School Labor Day	Milk 1% or Fat Free 8 Fruit-variety Veg-Cowboy Corn Salad Chicken Quesadillas Brown Rice Sour Crm, Salsa or Egg Salad Sandwich	Milk 1% or Fat Free 9 Fruit-variety Veg-3 bean salad Sloppy Joes Bun & Cheese or Egg Salad Sandwich	Milk 1% or Fat Free 10 Fruit-variety Veg-Romaine Salad Vegetable cheese Pizza or Egg Salad Sandwich	Milk 1% or Fat Free 11 Fruit-variety Veg-Green Beans Meat Loaf Mashed Potatoes Dinner Roll & Butter or Egg Salad Sandwich	12
13	Milk 1% or Fat Free 14 Fruit-variety Veg-Broccoli Mac N Cheese Dinner Roll & Butter or Tuna Salad Sandwich	Milk 1% or Fat Free 15 Fruit-variety Veg-Black beans Sloppy Nachos (meat/sauce, tom,cheese, olives,salsa, sr crm) Brown Rice or Tuna Salad Sandwich	Milk 1% or Fat Free 16 Fruit-variety Veg-Carrot Sticks/ranch Fish Patty Bun & Cheese Tater Tots Tuna Salad Sandwich	Milk 1% or Fat Free 17 Fruit-variety Veg-Asian Stir Fry Veg Chicken Teriyaki Brown Rice or Tuna Salad Sandwich	Milk 1% or Fat Free 18 Fruit-variety Shepards Pie (beef, veg, Mashed Potatoes Corn Bread or Tuna Salad Sandwich	19
20	Milk 1% or Fat Free 21 Fruit-variety Veg-Glazed Carrots Italian Dunkers/sauce Garlic Parmesan Noodle or Turkey Salad Sandwich	Milk 1% or Fat Free 22 Fruit-variety Veggie- Beef & Bean Burritos (Salsa,Sr Crm) Brown Rice or Turkey Salad Sandwich	Milk 1% or Fat Free 23 Fruit-variety Veggie-Roasted Brussel Sprouts Grilled Chicken Sand Bun & Cheese or Turkey Salad Sandwich	Milk 1% or Fat Free 24 Fruit-variety Veg-Romaine Salad Baked Ziti w/Mozzarella Dinner Roll or Turkey Salad Sandwich	Milk 1% or Fat Free 25 Fruit-variety Veg-Peas Turkey & Gravy Butternut Barley or Turkey Salad Sandwich	26
27	Milk 1% or Fat Free 28 Fruit-variety Veg-Romaine Salad Lasagna w/Cheese Dinner Roll or Ham salad Sandwich	Milk 1% or Fat Free 29 Fruit-variety veg-Corn Chicken & Bean Enchilada Bake Brown Rice or Ham salad Sandwich	Milk 1% or Fat Free 30 Fruit-variety Veg-Broccoli/ranch Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese Sand or Ham salad Sandwich			

LUNCH ALTERNATIVE DAILY: 51% Whole Grain Sandwich, Milk, Fruit, Vegetable and Cheese Stick. In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, age or disability. If you believe you have been discriminated against, write immediately to the Department of Agriculture. Please note that our menu is subject to change based on availability of food items.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please remember we have a **CHILD IN OUR SCHOOL WITH A SEVERE PEANUT/NUT ALLERGY.**

If exposed to a peanut/nut this student may develop a life-threatening reaction that requires emergency medical treatment. Strict avoidance of peanuts/nuts is the only way to prevent such reactions. Therefore:

NEWCOMB CENTRAL SCHOOL is a NUT-FREE SCHOOL.

Students are NOT allowed to bring peanuts or any tree nuts to school, even the cafeteria.

Additionally:

- **Students must not share food with any other student**
- **Students MUST wash their hands before and after eating and before returning to their work/play.**
- **Students, parents and visitors are NOT allowed to eat peanuts/nuts or peanut butter at ANY time in ANY part of the school building or on school grounds, and will not be allowed to eat peanuts/nuts/peanut butter during ANY school-sponsored activity (eg. sporting events, drama productions, concerts, etc).**
- **Students are NOT allowed to eat peanuts/nuts/peanut butter on the bus at ANY time.**
- **Students must NOT bring in foods for class celebrations that contain nuts/peanuts or peanut butter.**

While many allergic reactions can be mild, most children with peanut and other nut allergies experience **serious** symptoms after eating, touching or smelling peanuts or any nut products (especially peanut butter). **Please take time to read the labels on any food that you purchase for your child to bring to school.**

Thank you for your cooperation!
Mrs. Fisher
Superintendent



Newcomb Central School

Medication Delivery Information for Parents

Dear Parent or Guardian,

Health care provider and parent permission is needed for all prescription and over the counter (OTC) medications used at school or school-sponsored activities.

- Parents/guardians are responsible for having medications delivered directly to the school in a properly labeled original container by an adult, unless student has a health care provider attestation to carry and use their medication independently (see below).
- Please bring all medication directly to the to the school health office.
- If your child's health care provider decides your child can carry and use their diabetes, asthma or epinephrine auto-injector medication independently and you wish them to do so, they must put in writing (attest) that your child can do so safely. We have a form they can use to provide this information if they wish. Please ensure your child brings the medication to school daily, stored in the same secure but easily accessible location, notifying the health office of where that location will be.
- Please ask the pharmacist to give you a **second labeled container for prescription medications** so we can send this bottle on field trips.
- Sending **small containers of any OTC medications** makes it easier to send the correct amount needed on field trips and comply with New York State laws pertaining to medication storage.

Medication forms may be obtained from the School Health Office. Your physician may use their own form if desired.

Please call the school health office to make arrangements to drop off medications, especially since visitors to the school building will be limited due to COVID-19 precautions.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Denise Bolan, PA-C
School Physician Assistant
dbolan@newcombcasd.org

Phone: 518-582-2145
Fax: 518-582-2163

ATTENTION!!!!

Parents of ALL Children from Infancy to 5 Years Old:

Please indicate below the requested information,
So we can prepare a census and plan accordingly.
Return to Newcomb Central School
As soon as possible.

Child's Name: _____
Child's Date of Birth: _____
Gender: _____
Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name(s): _____
Address: _____

Phone: _____

Screening for Special Needs

**Independent of whether you intend to enroll your child in the
pre-kindergarten or kindergarten program at Newcomb Central
School:**

Any child who will be 3 years of age on or before December 1st
is eligible to be screened for special needs.

**Please contact Steve Wilk at school
At 518-582-3341
Or
swilks@newcombcasd.org**

CLASS NEWS



NCS National Honor Society News



Although Covid-19 interrupted our annual Induction Ceremony last spring, the Newcomb Chapter of the National Honor Society (NHS) begins the 2020-21 school year with one member, Brayden Bush, who will be formally inducted in a socially-distanced ceremony this fall. He will undoubtedly lead others in the direction of service, scholarship, character and leadership.

This national organization was established in 1921 as a way to recognize outstanding high school students. Newcomb Central School's Charter was established in 1961. Proud to be a part of this esteemed organization, our Chapter works to not only recognize students for their accomplishments, but challenge them to develop further through continued scholarship, leadership and active involvement in service projects.

Our Chapter will induct new members in February after the second marking period. As the first step in this process, students' academic records are reviewed to determine those persons who are scholastically eligible for membership. NCS requires a minimum cumulative GPA of 88. Students who meet this criteria will be notified by letter that they are eligible for further consideration for selection to the Chapter and invited to write a letter and/or complete a candidate form. This letter and candidate form are not applications. Candidates are not disqualified early in the process due to any disciplinary issues.

The next step to induction is soliciting input from all staff and faculty. Although the actual selection of new members must be made by a vote of the five approved members of the Faculty Council, information from any staff and faculty alongside the candidate's letter/form greatly helps in the decision making. Consideration of candidates is not a competition. Candidates are not compared to other candidates. Rather the Faculty Council deliberates over each individual candidate in order to base their decision on accurate and complete understanding of all information concerning above average leadership, service and character characteristics.

After informing Mrs. Fisher and Mr. Hults of the results, the families of those candidates receiving majority votes of the Faculty Council are invited to the Induction Ceremony, and letters are given to those candidates who are not selected. Our Candle-lighting Induction Ceremony is open to everyone at school and the general public.

Please be watching the Bulletin for more news from the NCS National Honor Society.

2020 Yearbooks are still for sale!

Please contact Mrs. Bernat at dbernat@newcombcasd.org or Mr. Paniccia at npaniccia@newcombcasd.org to make arrangements for pickup.
\$20 cash or check made out to NCS - Yearbook.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Considerations will be made based on the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The Compulsory Education Law requires regular attendance of all students between the ages of 6 and 16. Students above age 16 are required to observe the same rules of regular attendance as long as they attend school. The law recognizes only a few legitimate excuses for absenteeism from school, such as (1) sickness, (2) sickness in the family, (3) impassable roads, (4) inclement weather, (5) medical appointments when they cannot be otherwise scheduled, and (6) college visitations.

Absence from school is costly:

It is costly to the student because it means that he/she has missed class instruction and the opportunity to learn. Also, if it occurs frequently, it may mean not passing a course or even not graduating. Absence from school is costly to your community. Every time a student is absent, the school district loses a certain amount of State Aid and this sum must be made up by local taxation.

This is not a change by Newcomb. It is being imposed by the New York State Department of Education. For a half school year, at ten absences (excused and/or unexcused), the student and the parent(s)/guardian(s) will be required to meet with the Superintendent and/or a designee.

For the entire school year, at twenty absences (excused and/or unexcused), any student K-12 will lose credit for each course impacted by the absenteeism and will be required to attend summer school. Summer school will be individualized to meet the needs of the student for either courses failed and/or to recover seat time.

The policy of Newcomb Central School toward attendance is to develop in all parents and children a concept of education which views school as a vital experience and recognizes promptness and good attendance as necessary work ethic. A good attendance record will

benefit the student, the school and parents. It is an excellent enforcement factor in any letter of recommendation.

Absence Requirements:

Written parental excuses are required and must be taken to the Attendance Officer, Mrs. Denise Bolan, upon returning to school after an absence before reporting to class. Please specify type of appointment or specific reason for the absence. Absences of more than three (3) days duration must be verified by a physician if illness is of a communicable nature.

Early Dismissal – Parental Requests:

Early dismissal permission will be granted to students only in special cases when requested by parents. Such requests are to be presented to the main office for approval before 8:00 a.m. on the morning of the day of the request. No excuses will be accepted for haircuts, shopping or other activities, which can be done after school or on weekends and holidays.

Family Vacation Policy:

Such absences are interpreted under State Law as unlawful detention. Newcomb Central School policy regarding these absences is as follows: the student's teacher(s) must be notified in advance. It is the student's responsibility to obtain all class assignments prior to vacation time and to submit completed work upon return (parents of students in grades K-6 shall assume this responsibility). Attendance Officer should also be notified in advance (Mrs. Denise Bolan).

Student Absence Regarding Extracurricular Activity Participation:

A student absent from school **ALL** of school day will not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities for that day.

A student absent from school for **PART** of the school day may participate in extracurricular activities **ONLY** if absence is excused.

In unusual or special circumstances, the superintendent and the activity supervisor may give the case special consideration.

ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS

Annual Notification Regarding Directory Information

Newcomb Central School Annual Notification Notice to Parents and Eligible Students of Rights Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

To: Parents and Eligible Students of
Newcomb Central School District

Notification of the following rights:

- > The right to inspect and review a student's education records.
- > The right of a student's parents or an eligible student to seek to correct parts of the student's education records, which he or she believes to be inaccurate, misleading, or in violation of the student's rights. These rights include the right to a hearing to present evidence that the records should be changed if the district decides not to alter it according to the parent's or an eligible student's request.
- > The right to report or file a complaint with the Department of Education if the school district violates FERPA.
- > The right to exercise a limited control over other people's access to the student's education records.
- > The right to seek and correct the student's education records, in a hearing if necessary.
- > The right to be informed about FERPA rights.

You are further advised:

(1) The school district shall limit the disclosure of information contained in the student's education records except: (a) by prior written consent of the student's parents or an eligible student, (b) directory information or

(c) under certain circumstances, as permitted by FERPA.

(2) If either the student's parents or an eligible student desires to obtain copies of the policy pertaining to student records, notification should be presented to Mrs. Chris Fisher, Newcomb Central School, P.O. Box 418, Newcomb, NY 12852.

All rights and protections given to parents under the FERPA and this policy transfers to the student when the student reaches age 18 or enrolls in a post-secondary school, the student then becomes an "eligible student."

Directory Information:

The school district proposes to designate the following personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records as directory information, and it will disclose that information without prior written consent: (1) the student's name; (2) the student's address; (3) the student's telephone listing; (4) the student's date and place of birth; (5) the student's class designation (e.g. first grade, tenth grade); (6) the student's participation in officially recognized activities and sports; (7) the student's achievement awards or honors; (8) the student's weight and height if a member of an athletic team; (9) dates of attendance; and (10) the most recent educational institution attended before the student enrolled in the school district.

You have two weeks to advise the school district in writing, directed to the office of the school superintendent, of any and all items, which you refuse to permit the district to designate as directory information about the student. The district may disclose directory information about former students without following the procedure specified for directory information.

Newcomb Central School District **2020-2021 Annual Program Notifications**

Notification of the availability of the District Asbestos Management Plan

As required by the EPA since 1989, the Newcomb Central School District has kept an Asbestos Management Plan for the district. This notification must be given annually, stating that the Asbestos Management Plans are up to date and on file in the Main Office. These records are available for review during normal business hours. As required, periodic surveillances are conducted every six months. **The next triennial re-inspection is required to be performed by July 9, 2022.** Currently, there are no projects scheduled in the district that will disturb asbestos containing material. For more information, contact Raymond Bush, LEA Designee, at (518) 582-3341.

Pesticide Neighbor Notification Law

The Newcomb Central School District is taking an aggressive, yet precautionary, approach to dealing with pesticides in and around its schools. The development and implementation of the district's integrated pest management (IPM) program is the key in achieving pesticide use reduction while providing effective and economical pest control. Any public or nonpublic elementary or secondary school that decides to use a pesticide product as a last resort in addressing a pest problem must comply with the Pesticide Neighbor Notification Law (*section 409-h of the Education Law*) effective July 1, 2001. This notice is to inform all parents, guardians, and staff that pesticide products may be used periodically throughout the school year. Please note that effective May 18, 2011 that pesticide use on school athletic fields and playgrounds is prohibited except in a case where the Board of Education deems that an emergency exists. Any parents, guardians and staff who wish to receive 48-hour written advanced notice from the schools of an actual pesticide application should contact Raymond Bush at (518) 582-3341.

District Emergency Management Plan

The Newcomb Central School District has developed a District Wide Emergency Response Plan and Building Level Emergency Response Plan as required by New York State Education Law Section 155.13. The regulation requires that each student occupied school building have both plans in place and which provide information on emergency procedures to all students and staff. The Newcomb School District shall provide training throughout the year and conduct at least 8 fire/evacuation drills and 4 lockdown drill as well as a "Go Home" drill to test transportation and communication systems. Per New York State Education Law Section 807, at least two additional drills shall be held during summer school in buildings where summer school is conducted, and one of such drills shall be held during the first week of summer school. Please note that the Building Level Emergency Response Plan is confidential and does not fall under the Freedom of Information Law (F.O.I.L.). For information on the District Wide Emergency Response Plan, please contact Superintendent Chris Fisher at (518) 582-3341.

Public Use of School Facilities

While the district's school buildings and grounds are maintained primarily for the purpose of educating students within the district, the Board of Education recognizes that the buildings and grounds are a valuable community resource and believes that this resource should be available to the community for specific uses that will not interfere with educational activities. This policy is intended to identify the uses that community groups may make of those facilities.

Use of the School Facility includes the Gymnasium and Auditorium.

A protective floor covering was purchased by the District in December of 2005 and has proven to be a successful deterrent to possible damage to the new hard wood floor in the gym from tables, chairs and black soled shoes. The floor cover is easily pulled out and rolled up after each use on a specially designed cart.

It's a wonderful room for community dances and annual events.

Application Procedure for Use of District Facilities

A. All applications for use of school facilities shall be made in writing and submitted to the Superintendent of Schools at least 30 days prior to the date of the requested use. A use permit application is available in the Superintendent's office.

B. The applicant must clearly and completely describe the intended use of the district facility in the application.

C. All applicants must review this policy prior to submitting the application. All applications must be signed by an authorized agent of the group or organization requesting use. The applicant's signature on the application shall attest to the group or organization's intent to comply with all Board policies and

regulations and to use district facilities strictly in accordance with the use described in the application.

D. All applicants must agree to assume responsibility for all damages resulting from its use of district facilities. Proof of adequate insurance must be provided by the applicant at least 10 days before the date of the requested use.

E. Permits shall be valid only for the facility, use, dates and time specified in the permit. No adjustment to the permit is allowed except with the prior written approval of the Superintendent. Permits shall not be transferable.

F. The Superintendent is authorized to alter or cancel any permit if it becomes necessary to use the facility for school purposes or for other justifiable reason.

G. With regard to scheduling activities, the district retains the right to give preference to groups and organizations which are associated with or sponsored by the district.

H. Issuance of a permit shall not limit the right of access to the facility by district staff.

Ref: Education Law §414, NCS Board of Education Policy 1500

School Policy for Visitors

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, we ask that ALL visitors to the building to make an appointment in advance. ALL visitors are required to comply with NCS's reopening plan. The only entrance will be at the back door of the school. Please press the button on the intercom at the door and someone will be right with you. For the safety and protection of our students and to minimize the disruption of our staff, we ask ALL visitors to sign in at the main office and obtain a pass. Upon leaving the school, please remember to stop by the main office to sign out.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Complaints:
Public and Grievances

Responsibility of:

Parent/Citizen/Employee/Student

Procedure to follow:

Discuss specific concern with staff member where concern originated. Notifies his/her immediate supervisor, staff in charge at time of incident or teacher using complaint form provided by district (in main office).

Responsibility of:

Supervisor/Staff in Charge/Teacher

Procedure to follow:

Within 14 days after receipt of the complaint, corrects the situation stated in the complaint and if such action is within his/her scope of authority. Makes notation on form what action was taken.

Responsibility of:

Parent/Citizen/Employee/Student

Procedure to follow:

If unresolved, bring concern to superintendent. If the complaint has not been resolved to his/her satisfaction, he/she may file a formal complaint with the complaint officer (superintendent) within 14 days of the previous decision.

Responsibility of:

Superintendent

Procedure to follow:

Investigates concern, involving all parties. Within 14 of the receipt of the complaint, reviews the file and, if necessary, conducts his/her own investigation. Makes decision in writing within 14 days from receipt of the complaint and notifies all parties or notifies the complainant that more time will be needed for further investigation before rendering a decision.

If appropriate, issues a finding as to whether discrimination has occurred. If corrective action is deemed necessary, follow all applicable law and regulations and appropriate collective bargaining agreements.

Responsibility of:

Parent/Citizen/Employee/Student

Procedure to follow:

Receives a copy of any reports issued by Superintendent pertaining to the investigation/outcome of the formal complaint. If satisfied, so indicate in writing. If not satisfied, may appeal to the Board of Education or may take appropriate legal action in accordance with state and federal law.

Responsibility of :

Board of Education

Procedure to follow:

If complaint files an appeal, conducts a hearing and issues a written response to the complainant. Investigates concern, involving all parties. Makes decision and notifies all parties. Advises parent/citizen/employee/student that if not satisfied with decision, may petition Commissioner of Education.

Note: If the investigation official is the alleged source of discrimination, then the complainant shall report his/her complaint to the next level of supervisory authority.



Bus Notes

If your child is to be dropped off at another location other than his/her home, we require a written note from the parent/guardian.

We also ask for a written note from parent/guardian for students who wish to attend sports games, home and away.

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DONATE

BLOOD DRIVE

Location Newcomb FireHall

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



TO SIGN UP IN ADVANCE, PLEASE EMAIL

blooddrive@newcombny.com

WALK-INS WELCOME

UPCOMING IN THE DISTRICT

September 2020

- 1 First Day of Classes for Pk-12
- 7 NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
- 10 Board of Education Meeting, 6pm
- 18 Picture Day

October 2020

- 8 Board of Education Meeting, 6pm
- 9 Mid-Marking Period
- 12 NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day

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