

2021

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CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Happy New Year

January 2021

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A message from Superintendent Chris Fisher

As tradition would have it, one second past midnight on December 31st we ring in the new year. The tick of the clock prompts us to pause from our busy lives to reflect, take stock, assess how we did in the previous year and resolve to do better. When I contemplate this past year I think about all that our school and community have endured. I invite you to join me in reflecting on the unprecedented challenges, celebrating the memorable achievements and finding rejuvenation as we look forward to our work together this second half of the school year.

ACADEMICS

We will hit the ground running in 2021 by continuing our work with aligning English Language Arts (ELA) Pre-kindergarten through sixth grade with the implementation of Lucy Calkins' Readers and Writer's Workshop Model. Materials have arrived and classroom teachers are ready to dive in!

At the secondary level, the Thesis Research Investigative Project (TRIP) takes on a different look this year in light of the pandemic. The components of process, research, a written paper, a presentation and a creative product will still be present, however, students will be focusing on different



NO SCHOOL
Jan. 1st
(Holiday Recess)

Jan. 18th
(MLK Jr. Day)

"Our School is the Heart of Our Community"

components at varying times, versus all at once. In alignment with our district vision, mission and goals, technology will be implemented as will a number of topics and themes that align with curriculum. Special thanks to the TRIP Committee for your hard work in designing a flexible format that continues to provide a rigorous and unique learning opportunity for our students.



CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

The district intends to proceed with rebidding Phase I of the Capital Project soon with an anticipated start this upcoming spring or early summer. Phase I includes replacing the existing oil tank, which was recommended to be done in the previous capital project. In an effort to limit contractors on the premises during a global pandemic, coupled with unknown lead times on materials, the team felt it best to push Phase II of the Capital Project to the summer of 2022. This postponement puts the district in a good position to go out to bid in the fall with the bulk of the work being completed at a time when we hope that COVID-19 will not be an issue.

COVID-19 TESTING IN YELLOW ZONE AREA

Should Newcomb Central School receive a micro-cluster yellow zone designation, the district will be mandated to test 20% of the in-person student, faculty and staff population using rapid diagnostic testing for COVID-19. Rapid tests will be provided free of charge from our partners at Essex County Department of Health and administered here at the school by Mrs. Bolan. If you have not already done so, please submit the parent/guardian consent for your child to receive the free diagnostic test. To review Newcomb's Micro-Cluster Yellow Zone Designation Plan or to print off a copy of the parent/guardian consent to test form, please visit the district's website. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

We are thankful for our partners at the Essex County Department of Health, as well as the support and collaboration of our Medical Director, Dr. Russell Rider as we continue to navigate the ongoing changes and mandates related to the pandemic.

**If you have any comments,
suggestions, or would like to add an article to
the bulletin, you can
e-mail them to Debbie Damasevitz at
ddamasevitz@newcombsd.org**



SPOTLIGHT ON STAFF

During a building walkabout the other day I stopped a few staff members to ask them what they were looking forward to in the new year. Here are their responses:

Ms. Pendell- *“To see my students enjoying and actively participating in music making!”*

Mrs. Bush- *“A return to normalcy and the hope that people do not get sick.”*

Coach Winslow- *“Spending time together with my whole family.”*

Mrs. Winchip- *“Health and happiness!”*

Mrs. Slayback- *“Fully implementing Lucy Calkins Reading and Writing Program and more snow for skiing!”*

Mr. Keglovits *“Outdoor winter activities and the possibilities that 2021 will offer.”*

Mr. Bush- *“Getting back to normalcy and seeing kids at games and watching sporting events!”*

Ms. Chase- *“Youth Program!”*

Mrs. Damasevitz- *“Serenity!”*

Mrs. E. Yandon- *“A vaccine and the hope to be able to get back to normalcy.”*

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS

*Tiffany Brace was accepted at SUNY Adirondack
Elliott Vaughn was accepted at SUNY Delhi*

Seniors:

All seniors going off to college will need to fill out the FAFSA which began in October this year. 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 fsaid.ed.gov.

*Make sure you have a copy of everything for your own records, BEFORE you mail it out. Be sure to check your college deadlines for financial aid forms!! **YOU NEED TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID EVERY YEAR!!!!***

If you have not done so already, you need to get your college applications ready to send out. The sooner the better!!

I need your updated Transcripts or Resumes so that I can send the college's accurate information. Please list all activities you have done grades 9-12, so that I don't forget anything. Please include any Volunteer Work you have done. Remember, volunteering means you are not receiving money for the work you are doing. Example: Class fundraising is not Volunteer work. You are receiving money for a senior trip for all class fundraising activities.

Parents of seniors: Please keep an eye out in the mail for scholarship opportunities. I usually send them out in the winter/spring. I send all scholarship opportunities home to each senior's family. You will need to read the qualifications to see if your child/family qualifies for the scholarships, before your child applies.

SELECTIVE SERVICE/ DRAFT REGISTRATION

All male citizens of the United States are required to register with the Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday. Registration forms are available at the post office or at www.sss.gov. Federal financial aid programs for college will be withheld from students who fail to comply.

DATES TO REMEMBER***SAT Testing Dates***

May 8, 2021
June 5, 2021

Registration Date

April 8, 2021
May 6, 2021

ACT DATES

April 10, 2021
June 12, 2021
July 17, 2021

Register By:

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.

Reminder to parents of 3rd through 8th grade students

New York State testing will be in April, May, and June. Please make sure your children get plenty of rest before their exams. Also, if you can help it, **please make sure your child does not miss school on the day of an exam.** These exams will be very difficult to make up. The State is not giving us a lot of time to take the tests/ grade them and send the results back to them. Please review the schedule below. Thank you for your support.

3-8 ELA: April 19-26, 2021

3-8 Math: May 3-10, 2021

*Grade 4 Science Performance Test: May 25-June 4, 2021

*Grade 8 Science Performance Test: May 25- June 4, 2021

Grades 4 & 8 Science Written Test: Monday, June 7, 2021

****These tests dates are subject to change. All others will NOT change.***

Juniors: I will call you in to see me, to go over your PSAT results in January.

To The Parents of Juniors and Seniors: If you have not done so already, we need a check written out to Newcomb Central School for your child's Fall college classes. Thank you.

***Happy New Year!!
Mrs. Markwica***

JANUARY Breakfast 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 NO SCHOOL
4 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Oatmeal (variety of toppings)	5 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Scrambled eggs & Sausage	6 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Yogurt & Granola Bagel&Crm Cheese	7 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Breakfast Pizza	8 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Pancakes & Sausage, syrup
11 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Oatmeal (variety of toppings)	12 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin BreakFast Bowl (Scr. Eggs, Hash browns, sausage, cheese)Salsa	13 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Yogurt & Granola Bagel&Crm Cheese	14 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Breakfast Burritos Salsa	15 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin French Toast Strata w/sausage Syrup
18 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Jr Day	19 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Egg&Cheese Omelet (onions & peppers on side)	20 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Yogurt & Granola Bagel&Crm Cheese	21 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin "Huskies" egg,cheese & sausage sandwich	22 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Waffles & Sausage syrup
25 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Oatmeal (variety of toppings)	26 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Scrambled eggs & Sausage	27 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Yogurt & Granola Bagel&Crm Cheese	28 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Breakfast Pizza	29 Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit 51% WG Muffin Pancakes & Sausage, syrup

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.

JANUARY Lunch

2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				NO SCHOOL ¹
⁴ Milk 1% or Fat Free Fruit-variety Veg-Romaine Salad Lasagna w/Cheese Dinner Roll or Ham salad Sandwich	⁵ Milk 1% or Fat Free Fruit-variety veg-Corn Chicken & Bean Enchilada Bake Brown Rice or Ham salad Sandwich	⁶ Milk 1% or Fat Free Fruit-variety Veg-Broccoli/ranch Tomato Soup Grilled Cheese or Ham salad Sandwich	⁷ Milk 1% or Fat Free Fruit-variety Veg-Green Beans Porcupine Balls Dinner Roll or Ham Salad Sandwich	⁸ Milk 1% or Fat Free Fruit-Variety Veg-Carrot Sticks Spaghetti w/ Meat- Sauce, dinner roll or Ham Salad Sandwich
¹¹ Milk 1% or Fat Free Fruit-Variety Veg-3 Bean Salad Ravioli & Sauce Cottage cheese or Bologna Sandwich	¹² Milk 1% or Fat Free Fruit-Variety Veg-Broccoli Spanish Rice Dinner Rolls or Bologna Sandwich	¹³ Milk 1% or Fat Free Fruit-Variety Veg-Harvard Beets Chicken Nuggets Oven Fries or Bologna Sandwich	¹⁴ Milk 1% or Fat Free Fruit-Variety Veg-Baked Beans Cole Slaw Hot Dog & Bun or Bologna Sandwich	¹⁵ Milk 1% or Fat Free Fruit-Variety Chili with Beans Rice & Corn muffins or Bologna Sandwich
¹⁸ NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Jr. Day	¹⁹ Milk 1% or Fat Free Fruit-variety Veg- Refried Beans *Taco Toppings* Beef Tacos Brown Rice or Chicken Salad Sandwich	²⁰ Milk 1% or Fat Free Fruit-variety Veg-Coleslaw BBQ Pork Bun & Cheese or Chicken Salad Sand	²¹ Milk 1% or Fat Free Fruit- variety Broccoli Cheddar Soup Crackers Dinner Roll or Chicken Salad Sandwich	²² Milk 1% or Fat Free Fruit-variety Veg-Harvard-Beets BBQ Chicken Mashed Sweet Potatoes or Chicken Salad Sandwich
²⁵ Milk 1% or Fat Free Fruit-variety Veg-Romaine Salad Veggie cheese Pizza or Egg Salad Sandwich	²⁶ Milk 1% or Fat Free Fruit-variety Veg-Cowboy Corn Salad Chicken Quesadillas Brown Rice or Egg Salad Sandwich	²⁷ Milk 1% or Fat Free Fruit-variety Veg-3 bean salad Sloppy Joes Bun & Cheese or Egg Salad Sandwich	²⁸ Milk 1% or Fat Free Fruit-variety Veg-Celery & Ranch Deli Subs or Egg Salad Sandwich	²⁹ Milk 1% or Fat Free Fruit-variety Chicken Stew with Biscuits or Egg Salad Sandwich

LUNCH ALTERNATIVE DAILY: 51% Whole Grain Sandwich(meat and/or egg or WOW butter&Jelly),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.

Class News



Reflections from Nane Hakobyan (Armenia, 2021)

Mask up, get on the board. And that's how my exchange year started. A day passed and I was in quarantine in Newcomb, where I met lots of kids representing various countries and cultures. During 14 days we got to know a lot about each other, shared views and became closer. When quarantine ended, it was time to begin real experience in welcoming town.

It seems that adapting to a tiny school and community is not easy, nevertheless after one fire gathering I felt home. Throughout my two months here I've already had a chance to combine fun and education together. I arrived at the perfect time to be able to enjoy both, deciduous of fall and winter wonderland. By making every second an unforgettable memory, I look forward to increasing that list.

Class of 2021

Selling NCSD Shirts New Design & New Colors

Short sleeve-T \$21.60 w/tax
Long sleeve-T \$27 w/tax
Hoodie \$37.80 w/tax
Checks to Class of 2021 or cash

Black shirts have gold husky/NCSD
Gray shirts have purple husky/NCSD

Long sleeve T's & Hoodies have
Newcomb CSD on one sleeve



This logo on
ALL shirts!



LAST CHANCE SALE!! Purple & Gold NCSD Shirts

Short Sleeve \$20: 1 small, 3 med, 2 XL
Long Sleeve \$25: 1 small, 1 med.
Hoodie \$35: 1 XL

TO PURCHASE:
Contact a class member,
Call: 518-582-3341 or
Email: map@newcombcsd.org



Thank You!
Tiffany, Ozzy,
Elliott, Conner
Mrs A-P and
Mr Phelps

Thank you for your generosity!

A hearty shout out to all those who donated to the Annual NHS

Holiday Food Drive

The items are being counted and delivered to the Newcomb Food Pantry as this Bulletin goes to press!

Happiest of Holidays!!



School Closing Information

When the decision has been made to delay or close school, a Connect-Ed message will be activated to all school personnel, student homes, and other contacts noted in the school messaging system. The following radio/TV stations and their websites will carry our closings/delays:

The School Closings Network:

The Post Star
The Times Union
WRGB/WCWN TV
WFLY - Fly 92
WTEN/WXXA TV
WGY - 810 WGY
WRVE - The River
WNYT/WNYA TV
WYJB - B-95.5
Spectrum Local News
NCPR (North Country Public Radio)
WCAX Ch. 3 TV - Vermont
WPTZ Ch. 5 (NBC5) TV - Plattsburgh

In the event the Connect-Ed message system is not working properly, you will receive a phone call from a staff member of the school. If you have any changes in phone numbers, please contact the school so we may update our records.



UPCOMING IN THE DISTRICT

January 2021

- 1 New Year's Day—NO SCHOOL
- 4 Classes Resume
- 14 Board of Education Meeting, 6:00pm
- 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day—NO SCHOOL
- 29 End of 2nd Marking Period

February 2021

- 11 Board of Education Meeting, 6:00pm
- 15-19 Winter Recess

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