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CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Capital Project News

A message from Superintendent Chris Fisher

This month, the district will be issuing the first phase of our Capital Project to bidders with anticipated construction to begin in the late spring. As a reminder, the first phase of construction will focus almost exclusively on exterior work, with minimal interior work being completed in the crawlspace to connect the new fuel oil system.

The current project scope for Phase 1 includes a new aboveground fuel oil tank and addressing the existing underground tank. Through discussions with CSArch and the design team, the District has pursued an aboveground tank system in lieu of replacing the existing underground tank. The new aboveground system will be easier to monitor for spills or leaks and it will also reduce environmental impacts should a problem occur. Associated piping and connections for the new system will also be installed as well as reconstruction of the parking lot so trenching and new asphalt pavement is only required once. All interior work to connect the system to our boilers will be done in a limited capacity in an effort to protect our staff and students.

continued



NO SCHOOL

**Feb. 15-19
Winter Recess**

"Our School is the Heart of Our Community"

What are the positive impacts of reconstruction of the rear parking? Reconstruction will provide more parking spots, a larger turning radius with increased visibility for loading and unloading the school bus, as well as provide a clearer traffic direction for all vehicles. Reconstruction of the retaining wall outside the cafeteria will be completed to accommodate the enlarged parking lot. The work in Phase 1 of the project will also include associated storm water systems which will properly drain the enlarged parking lot and draw water away from the building. Additional work will be completed during Phase 2 to direct the water from the roof on the South side of the building into this new storm water system.

Reconstruction of the lower parking lot and associated retaining wall, will be included in Phase 2. The advantage of bidding this work now, with the rest of the scope listed above, will provide us with more competitive bids from contractors.

Throughout this work, our primary focus remains the health and safety of our staff and students. The District has worked hard with CSArch to ensure that the components of Phase 1 will take advantage of the currently healthy bidding climate while being mindful to limit the number of contractors on site at any given time. Our goal is for all of the work in Phase 1 to be completed by the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

What is the timeline for Phase 2 of the construction project? Phase 2 of the project will focus on the interior work identified in the Capital Project. The District and CSArch are working through the details in anticipation of a Fall 2021 bidding schedule with a projected start date to begin no later than the Spring of 2022. More information will be provided in the coming months.



As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, implementation of the Next Generation Learning Standards for Mathematics and English Language Arts have been postponed until next school year. NCS teachers continue dedicating their time to aligning their curriculum, assessments and instruction to the standards.

3-8 State Assessments and Regents Exams:

Earlier this month students in grades 3-8 participated in simulation testing in preparation for the 3-8 state assessments. As a reminder, 3-8 assessments in English Language Arts and Mathematics were cancelled last spring due to the pandemic. Providing students an opportunity to participate in the simulation afforded time for students to familiarize themselves again with the online testing platform. In the coming weeks, we expect to hear more updates from the State Education Department regarding the administration of or cancellation of the 3-8 assessments.

To date, we do not know if regents exams will be offered this upcoming June. Regents exams were cancelled the latter part of last year as well as this January due to the pandemic. Regardless of what decision is made at the state level, NCS continues to focus on helping students achieve curricular goals and objectives in preparation for regents exams. Special recognition and thanks to our faculty and staff members for going above and beyond to provide high quality, equitable instruction for both our in person and remote learners.



Thumbs Up For Safety!

It is hard to believe that we are in our sixth month of our Reopening Plan. I am so proud of the cooperation and support from all of our families, students and staff members with regards to our safety protocols. I recognize that transporting children to and from school, wearing masks, maintaining social distancing, moving away from collaborative spaces and sharing classroom materials hasn't been easy. The transition to remote learning has been challenging for all. It warms my heart that no matter what barriers we have overcome, as well as those we continue to face, an extraordinary amount of pride still resonates in our school community. Behind those masks are smiling faces. Smiling faces of people who are dedicated to excellence and motivated to learn. Even though we may continue to have hard days ahead, if we stay the course and continue to make health and safety our top priority, I am confident that we will get through this!



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@newcombcasd.org

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS

Tiffany Brace was accepted at SUNY Adirondack

Zachary Phelps was accepted at SUNY Albany and SUNY Stony Brook

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

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.

Juniors: You should be taking at least one of these exams in April, May or June. Don't forget to sign up, by going to the College Board website for the SAT or the ACT website. Please make sure you can see your **WHOLE** face, wearing no hats or sunglasses in the picture. You cannot have anyone else in the picture with you. If you do not meet the guidelines, you will not be let into the test.

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.

Students in grades 6-11: I will be calling you in to meet with me in February/March/April to discuss next year's classes. I recommend that you talk with your parents to discuss any changes you would like to make in the classes you take next year, especially if you are not planning to take another year of science, math, foreign language, etc. Different diplomas require certain classes, so I will call your parents before I allow that.

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. We need the money for the fall bill in order to take spring classes. Spring bills will come out in February/March. Thank you.

Have a wonderful winter break! Try to get outside and do some mindfulness activities to get you up and moving.

Mrs. Markwica

FEBRUARY

Breakfast menu

2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit, Yogurt 51% WG Muffin Oatmeal (variety of toppings)	Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit, Yogurt 51% WG Muffin Scrambled eggs & Sausage	Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit, Yogurt 51% WG Muffin Yogurt & Granola Bagel & Cream Cheese	Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit, Yogurt 51% WG Muffin Breakfast Pizza (Egg & Bacon)	Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit, Yogurt 51% WG Muffin Pancakes & Sausage, syrup
8	9	10	11	12
Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit, Yogurt 51% WG Muffin Oatmeal (variety of toppings)	Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit, Yogurt 51% WG Muffin Breakfast Bowl (Scr. Eggs, Hash browns, sausage, cheese)Salsa	Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit, Yogurt 51% WG Muffin Yogurt & Granola Bagel & Cream Cheese	Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit, Yogurt 51% WG Muffin "Huskie" Sandwich	Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit, Yogurt 51% WG Muffin French Toast Strata w/sausage Syrup
15	16	17	18	19
NO SCHOOL Presidents Day	NO SCHOOL Winter Vacation	NO SCHOOL Winter Vacation	NO SCHOOL Winter Vacation	NO SCHOOL Winter Vacation
22	23	24	25	26
Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit, Yogurt 51% WG Muffin Oatmeal (variety of toppings)	Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit, Yogurt 51% WG Muffin Egg & Cheese Omelet (onions & peppers on side)	Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit, Yogurt 51% WG Muffin Yogurt & Granola Bagel & Cream Cheese	Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit, Yogurt 51% WG Muffin Break Pizza (French toast)	Milk 1% or Fat Free 100% Fruit Juice Fruit, Yogurt 51% WG Muffin Waffles & 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.

Newcomb Central School currently participates in the federally funded, state administered Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) **which has been extended** for the 2020-2021 School Year. This program provides free breakfast and lunch to all students. Students who are learning remotely are eligible and should contact the school at (518) 582-3341 for more information.

FEBRUARY

Lunch menu

2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
Milk 1% or FF(white/choc) Fruit-variety Veg-Romaine Salad Cheese or BBQ Chicken PIZZA Egg Salad Sandwich	Milk 1% or FF (white/choc) Fruit-variety Veg-Cowboy Corn Salad Chicken Quesadillas Brown Rice or Egg Salad Sandwich	Milk 1% or FF (white/choc) Fruit-variety Veg-3 bean salad Sloppy Joes Bun & Cheese or Egg Salad Sandwich	Milk 1% or FF (white/choc) Fruit-variety Veg-Veg.Barly Soup Deli Subs(meat & Cheese) Or Egg Salad Sandwich	Milk 1% or FF (white/choc) Fruit-variety Veg-Green Beans Chicken Parm ,dinner roll Spaghetti or Egg Salad Sandwich
8	9	10	11	12
Milk 1% or FF(white/choc) Fruit-variety Veg-Broccoli Mac N Cheese w/Meat Dinner Roll or Tuna Salad Sandwich	Milk 1% or FF (white/choc) Fruit-variety Veg-Black beans Sloppy Nachos Brown Rice or Tuna Salad Sandwich	Milk 1% or FF (white/choc) Fruit-variety Veg-Carrot Sticks/ranch Grilled chicken & Bun w/cheese, Tater Tots or Tuna Salad Sandwich	Milk 1% or FF (white/choc) Fruit-variety Corn Chowder Grilled Cheese Sandwich or Tuna Salad Sandwich	Milk 1% or FF (white/choc) Fruit-variety Veg.-Asian Stir Fry Chicken Teriyaki Brown Rice or Tuna Salad Sandwich
15	16	17	18	19
NO SCHOOL Presidents Day	NO SCHOOL Winter Vacation	NO SCHOOL Winter Vacation	NO SCHOOL Winter Vacation	NO SCHOOL Winter Vacation
22	23	24	25	26
Milk 1% or FF(white/choc) Fruit-variety Veg-Chefs Salad w/chick. Italian Dunkers/sauce, Garlic Noodles or Bologna & Cheese sandwich	Milk 1% or FF (white/choc) Fruit-variety Veg-Black beans Chicken Burritos Brown Rice or Bologna & Cheese Sandwich	Milk 1% or FF (white/choc) Fruit-variety Veg.-Rstd Brussel Sprouts Chicken tenders Potato Nuggets Or Bologna & Cheese Sandwich	Milk 1% or FF (white/choc) Fruit-variety Veg-Romaine Salad Baked Ziti w/Mozzarella Dinner Roll or Bologna & Cheese Sandwich	Milk 1% or FF (white/choc) Fruit-variety Veg-Peas Turkey & Gravy Butternut Barley or Bologna & Cheese Sandwich

LUNCH ALTERNATIVE DAILY: 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.

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Class News

NEWCOMB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT Book Fair

5535 STATE ROUTE 28N , NEWCOMB , NY 12852

JAN. 25 - FEB. 7

Our Book Fair is online! Support our school and help your child discover new books, favorite characters, complete series, and more! You'll love the fun new option to shop for Book Fair exclusives directly from the interactive booklist and enjoy free shipping on book-only purchases over \$25.

It's a new school year... let's instill a new-found love of reading!



Go to - <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com>

Top of the page – Find a Fair – Type in Newcomb Central School



Class of 2021

Selling NCS D 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/NCS D
Gray shirts have purple husky/NCS D

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



This logo on ALL shirts!



LAST CHANCE SALE!! Purple & Gold NCS D 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



National Honor Society News

By Brayden Bush

As the first half of our school year comes to an end, we the students of Newcomb Central School look back on a successful and fortunate first semester. Remembering back to March, April, and May, we have a profound respect and appreciation for being able to learn in the classroom this year with a live teacher who is not on a computer screen. Classes are going quite well with just a few students joining remotely on Google Classroom from home. Our school has successfully remained safe and healthy as we enter the dead of winter thanks to student, staff, county, and state cooperation. We hope for a second semester better than the first.



CLASS OF 2022

We would like to thank everyone who participated in our fall fundraiser. To date we have donated 30.5 pounds of pull tabs to the Ronald McDonald House. We are continuing our bottle drive and pull tab collection effort.

We would like to offer roof raking service as our winter fundraiser. All work will be performed from ground level due to safety concerns.

Please contact us at one of the following:

School: 518-582-3341

Lanette: 518-582-3659

lchase@newcombscd.org

jarmstrong@newcombscd.org

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

February 2021

- 11 Board of Education Meeting, 6:00pm
- 15-19 Winter Recess-NO School

March 2021

- 5 Mid-Marking Period Ends
- 11 Board of Education Meeting, 6:00pm
- 19 Superintendent's Day-NO School

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