



NEWCOMB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

November 2021

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A message from Superintendent Chris Fisher

November is the month for us to reflect on all of the things that we are grateful for. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve our school community in such an important role. When I see students arrive at the building each morning, I am reminded that the bond that holds us together is the commitment to excellence that we all share for the children of our district. I am thankful for the support that our community extends and the shared belief that children are placed at the center of all that we do.

Open House

The Open House Committee has been working hard to design a unique experience this year. Keeping community safety in mind, the staff at NCS has been collaborating with students to create a unique virtual Open House Experience. Student Council Representatives have been paired up with teachers and staff members to assist with this project. Stay tuned for more information soon for the launch of our Virtual Open House experience in early November.

No School

Nov. 11th
Veterans' Day

Nov. 24th-26th
Thanksgiving Break

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Congratulations to Mrs. Smith on Her Retirement!



On behalf of the Board of Education, student body, and the NCS faculty and staff, we would like to congratulate Mrs. Smith on her retirement. You have truly been a, “once in a lifetime” teacher. Thank you for your many years of service to Newcomb Central School. We wish you health and happiness always!

Welcome Mrs. Britt



¡Hola señora Britt! Please join me in extending a warm welcome to our new Spanish Teacher, Mrs. Britt. Mrs. Britt joins us from the Tupper Lake area and is excited to be part of our Newcomb team!



Capital Project Update

The Capital Project Committee has been working collaboratively with our architects at CSArch and School House Construction to review the updated estimates for the capital project. The team expects to go out to bid in the next couple of weeks and begin work in the early spring. Given an uptick in costs for materials, the project scope has changed slightly and will include the following:

- 1.) Fuel Oil Tank Replacement
- 2.) Concrete equipment pad underneath the existing well tanks to raise the tanks off of the floor.
- 3.) Hardware upgrades and door replacements, as required to meet code at all stairwells and increase security.
- 4.) Hardware upgrades, security film and door replacements at all exterior doors identified by the district.
- 5.) Replacement of the Library and Band room doors for increased security.
- 6.) Installation of cross corridor security door near the Main Office, Gymnasium Lobby and relocation of the Kindergarten Classroom door for security purposes.
- 7.) Replacement of the roof drains over the Main Office area.
- 8.) Installation of scupper boxes and downspouts at the South elevation to capture roof drainage and direct it to grade.
- 9.) Replacement and expansion of the parking lot, improving drainage away from the building and replacement of the retaining walls.



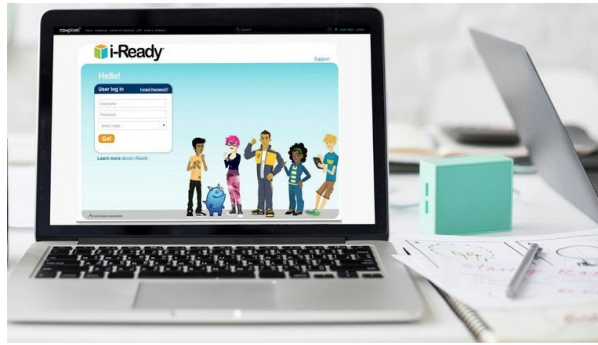
Area Superintendents Meet with the Commissioner of Education

On October 14th, I had the pleasure of joining a group of area Superintendents to meet with Dr. Betty Rosa, Commissioner of Education, Beverly Ouderkirk, New York State Regent, Dr. James Baldwin, Sr. Deputy Commissioner for Education, Emily DeSantis, Assistant Commissioner for Public Affairs and Mr. David Frank, Chief of Staff P20. The meeting took place at Queensbury Union Free School District with the purpose of engaging in numerous roundtable discussions centered around policies, trends and issues that schools are experiencing in the North Country. Roundtable topics included concerns with teacher shortages and current applicant pool sizes in addition to teacher certification. We also shared with the Commissioner how school districts are using federal monies and the current status of students who have returned to school from remote or hybrid learning experiences last year. The Commissioner and her team were eager to hear from area Superintendents about how we have been managing COVID and learn more about mental health services and supports that have been made available to students in the region.

The meeting provided an opportunity for Superintendents in the Warren, Saratoga, Washington, Hamilton and Essex counties to advocate on a number of issues and truly provide the Commissioner and her team with first hand experience with how upstate schools are navigating a number of issues. It is our hope that continued conversations and follow up can take place going forward.

Happy Thanksgiving from the Fisher's!





i-Ready Diagnostic & Instruction

PJ Motsiff, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Have you ever grabbed a flathead screwdriver only to find out the job you needed to do required a phillips head? Using the right tool to complete a job is really important. It allows you to do it in less time and it ensures that it gets done completely and correctly.

Here at Newcomb we just completed administering the first of three i-Ready diagnostics (Fall, Winter, Spring) to our students in grades k-12. i-Ready is a powerful tool we are using for the first time to not only help us understand your child's individual learning needs, but it also has the ability to provide specific skill instruction. It is important that we get accurate results so we can tailor learning to your child's strengths and areas of growth. Think of Cinderella and her glass slipper, which fits her perfectly. Accurate scores will help us meet your child where they are, fill in any learning gaps, and challenge them at just the right level - a perfect fit! If students did not try their best, went too fast or did not take their time to carefully answer the question, we may end up asking them to do work that they already know how to do, causing them to be bored and frustrated. The opposite is also true, where if they get too much help, or use resources to look up answers, it could lead us to give work that is too difficult and frustrating.

i-Ready is a little like choosing your own adventure program. Each student had different questions – no two assessments were alike. Some questions were too easy; some too hard and your child did not know the answer. **This was expected and OK!** Part of the adventure of this assessment is to locate where the learning “sweet spot” is for your child in math and reading. The Diagnostic & Instruction assesses and teaches the following skill areas:

Reading

- Phonological Awareness
- Phonics
- High-Frequency Words
- Vocabulary
- Comprehension

Math

- Number and Operations
- Algebra and Algebraic Thinking
- Measurement and Data
- Geometry

i-Ready has a great parent video I highly encourage you to watch to learn more about our new diagnostic. <https://videos.curriculumassociates.com/watch/LRc9k59Ptg9pq9SBBmM6iz>.

There are many more good resources for parents. If you are still curious and want to know more about i-Ready explore this link <https://i-readycentral.com/familycenter/>.

Thank you again for all you are doing to support your child in school this year. Although things are not quite normal again this year, we have found a great “new normal” where there is wonderful learning and fun happening at NCS. Through strong partnerships where we work together, we will make this year one to remember!

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

SENIORS:

- All seniors going off to college will need to fill out the **FAFSA**. 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.fsaaid.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.
- Check your application deadlines! Applications should be out **by** December 1st. (Check your college deadline dates) If you want your transcripts to go out before Thanksgiving, you need to let me know which colleges to send them to by **November 12, 2021**.
- Please check your application before you send it out. Check spellings, print neatly, and check your grammar!!
- Ask at least 2 teachers to write you a letter of recommendation to keep in my office so that I can send them out with your applications.
- ***VISIT*** the colleges you plan to apply to! You are going to want to be at a place that you like. You won’t know that unless you take a tour. This year you may have to take your tour virtually, but it is still important to see the campus you plan to live.
- 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.

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@newcombsd.org



DATES TO REMEMBER**SAT Testing Dates**

December 4, 2021
 March 12, 2022
 May 7, 2022
 June 4, 2022

Registration Dates

November 4, 2021
 February 11, 2022
 April 7, 2022
 May 5, 2022

ACT DATES

December 11, 2021
 February 12, 2022
 April 2, 2022
 June 11, 2022

Register By:

November 5, 2021
 January 7, 2022
 February 25, 2022
 May 6, 2022

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.

DATES FOR JUNIORS TO REMEMBER

I will meet with each of you individually when I receive your PSAT scores. We will go over your scores and how that may help you in your college/career search. They should be in by December or January. In the meantime—**VISIT COLLEGES (take virtual college visits) AND ASK QUESTIONS.** You need to start **NOW**, do not wait until your senior year.

Reminder to parents of 3rd through 8th grade students

New York State testing will be in March through 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. Please review the schedule below. Thank you for your support.

3-8 ELA: March 29th- April 5th, 2022
 3-8 Math: April 26th- May 4th, 2022
 Grade 4 Science Performance Test: May 24-June 3, 2022
 Grade 8 Science Performance Test: May 24-June 3, 2022
 Grades 4 & 8 Science Written Test: Monday, June 6, 2022

Happy Thanksgiving!

I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving Day/Break with their families and friends.

Mrs. Markwica



BREAKFAST

NOVEMBER 2021 NEWCOMB CENTRAL

Cafeteria Manager: Ellie Yandon
evandon@newcombscsd.org
(518)582-3341 Ext #1021

Monday

1
Milk 1% or FF, Yogurt
Juice, Fruit
51% WG Muffin
Cereal OR
Oatmeal

Tuesday

2
Milk 1% or FF, Yogurt
Juice, Fruit
51% WG Muffin
Cereal

Wednesday

3
Milk 1% or FF, Yogurt
Juice, Fruit
51% WG Muffin
Cereal OR
Bagels & Cream Cheese

Thursday

4
Milk 1% or FF, Yogurt
Juice, Fruit
51% WG Muffin
Cereal OR
Egg Burrito Bake w/Sausage

Friday

5
Milk 1% or FF, Yogurt
Juice, Fruit
51% WG Muffin
Cereal OR
French Toast & Sausage

Monday

8
Milk 1% or FF, Yogurt
Juice, Fruit
51% WG Muffin
Cereal OR
Oatmeal

Tuesday

9
Milk 1% or FF, Yogurt
Juice, Fruit
51% WG Muffin
Cereal OR
Scrambled Eggs w/Cheese

Wednesday

10
Milk 1% or FF, Yogurt
Juice, Fruit
51% WG Muffin
Cereal OR
Bagels & Cream Cheese

Thursday

11
NO SCHOOL

VETERANS DAY

Friday

12
Milk 1% or FF, Yogurt
Juice, Fruit
51% WG Muffin
Cereal OR
Waffles & Sausage

Monday

15
Milk 1% or FF, Yogurt
Juice, Fruit
51% WG Muffin
Cereal OR
Oatmeal

Tuesday

16
Milk 1% or FF, Yogurt
Juice, Fruit
51% WG Muffin
Cereal OR
Spanish Egg & Cheese Bake

Wednesday

17
Milk 1% or FF, Yogurt
Juice, Fruit
51% WG Muffin
Cereal OR
Bagels & Cream Cheese

Thursday

18
Milk 1% or FF, Yogurt
Juice, Fruit
51% WG Muffin
Cereal OR
Husky Sand w/Tky Bacon

Friday

19
Milk 1% or FF, Yogurt
Juice, Fruit
51% WG Muffin
Cereal OR
Pancakes & Sausage

Monday

22
Milk 1% or FF, Yogurt
Juice, Fruit
51% WG Muffin
Cereal OR
Oatmeal

Tuesday

23
Milk 1% or FF, Yogurt
Juice, Fruit
51% WG Muffin
Cereal OR
Quiche (Egg & Biscuit Bake

Wednesday

24
NO SCHOOL

Thursday

25
NO SCHOOL

THANKSGIVING

Friday

26
NO SCHOOL

Monday

29
Milk 1% or FF, Yogurt
Juice, Fruit
51% WG Muffin
Cereal OR
Oatmeal

Tuesday

30
Milk 1% or FF, Yogurt
Juice, Fruit
51% WG Muffin
Cereal OR
Scrambled Eggs w/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.



LUNCH

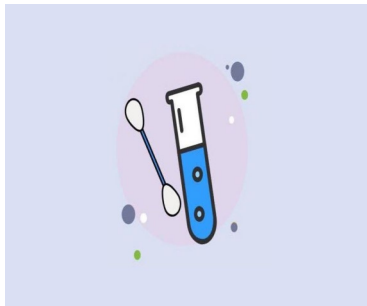
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Milk/white 1% or FF or Chocolate FF Fruit, Veggies. Vegetable or Cheese Pizza Egg Salad Sandwich	2 Milk/white 1% or FF or Chocolate FF Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Potato Chips, Fruit Cup Carrot sticks & Ranch	3 Milk/white 1% or FF or Chocolate FF Fruit, Veggies. BBQ Chicken, Garlic Mash Potatoes OR Egg Salad Sandwich	4 Milk/white 1% or FF or Chocolate FF, Fruit, Salad Bar, Roll Goulash OR Egg Salad Sandwich	5 Milk/white 1% or FF or Chocolate FF Fruit, grilled Cheese Sand Veg. Beef & Barley Soup OR Egg Salad Sandwich
8 Milk/white 1% or FF or Chocolate FF Cottage cheese, Fruit, Veggies. Chicken Alfredo & Pasta OR Tuna Salad Sandwich	9 Milk/white 1% or FF or Chocolate FF Cottage cheese, Fruit, Veggies. Enchilada Bake, Rice OR Tuna Salad Sandwich	10 Milk/white 1% or FF or Chocolate FF Cottage cheese, Fruit, Veggies. BBQ Pork Sandwich OR Tuna Salad Sandwich	11 NO SCHOOL VETERANS DAY	12 Milk/white 1% or FF or Chocolate FF Cottage cheese, Fruit, Corn Chowder w/ Bacon Grilled Cheese or Tuna Sand
15 Milk/white 1% or FF or Chocolate FF Cottage cheese, Fruit, Veg Vegetable Bean Chili & Corn Bread OR Chicken Salad Sand	16 Milk/white 1% or FF or Chocolate FF Cottage cheese, Fruit, Veg Chicken Tacos & Rice OR Chicken Salad Sand	17 Milk/white 1% or FF or Chocolate FF Cottage cheese, Fruit, Veg Beef Stroganoff/Egg Noodles Roll OR Chicken Salad Sand	18 Milk/white 1% or FF or Chocolate FF, Fruit, Salad, Roll Chicken Parm, Pasta OR Chicken Salad Sandwich	19 Milk/white 1% or FF or Chocolate FF Turkey, Mashed Potatoes Corn, Stuffing, Gravy Cranberry Sce, Pumpkin Roll
22 Milk/white 1% or FF or Chocolate FF Cottage cheese, Fruit, Veggies. Rice Bar Egg Salad Sandwich	23 Milk/white 1% or FF or Chocolate FF, Cott. cheese Fruit, Salad Bar, Roll Porcupine Balls/Potatoes OR Egg Salad Sandwich	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING	26 NO SCHOOL
29 Milk/white 1% or FF or Chocolate FF Cottage cheese, Fruit, Veggies. Mac N Cheese Ham Salad sandwich	30 Milk/white 1% or FF or Chocolate FF Cottage cheese, Fruit, Veggies. Chicken Quesadillas, Rice OR Ham Salad Sandwich			

LUNCH ALTERNATIVE DAILY: Wow Butter& Jelly Sandwich or Sandwich of the week. Milk, Cheese Stick, Fruit & veg.. 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



Dear Newcomb Central School Families,

As we approach the holiday season (and cold and flu season!), I would like to remind you that COVID-19 screening testing is offered to unvaccinated students at Newcomb Central School.

In collaboration with Essex County Health Department, we are able to offer pooled screening testing using Clarifi. The Clarifi COVID-19 test is the most sensitive saliva test available at this time. Over 2 million of these tests have been used in colleges and K-12 schools in New York State. The test is a very simple and painless **saliva swab** that the student can easily self-administer. It takes approximately one minute for our students to receive the test during the school day. Results from Clarifi testing return in 24-48 hours from being sent out.

Testing is offered weekly, although participation weekly is not required.

To participate in the testing program, **you must complete** the following steps:

1. Register a new account at: app.Clarifi-COVID-19.com. A User Guide is available on this site.
2. Create a profile for each minor student in your care. (Note: You can register multiple student profiles under each account).
3. Do not attempt to *Register a COVID-19 Test*. This step will be done by the testing team on the day of your student's test.

We are also able to conduct diagnostic testing of ill students using Clarifi. This is offered to both unvaccinated and unvaccinated students. If you would like your student to be able to have a diagnostic test conducted at school, please sign your student up using the link above, and then let me know if you are signing your student up for screening testing or diagnostic testing.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Madison LaFond RN BSN

CLASS NEWS



The K-2 students would like to thank the NVFD and Rescue Squad for visiting and teaching us all about fire safety! We also had fun learning all about the ambulance and fire trucks!

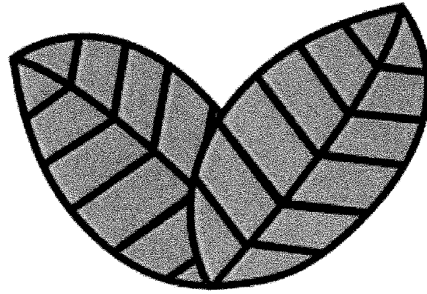
Will: "Spraying Mr. Poulin with the fire hose was so much fun!"

Ellie: "I liked crawling out of the school on my belly with Mr. Nate and Mr. Brian!"

Axel: "I loved EVERYTHING!"

Gemma: "I liked spraying my dad with the hose and getting in the fire truck!"

Liam: "Sitting in the fire truck and honking the horn was so fun!"



FALL YARD WORK

Class Of 2023	
skeglovits@newcombcasd.org	Dates: October 2 - November 13
PHONE - 518-582-3333	WEEKENDS ONLY

****Dates Subject to Change**

CONTACT SCOTT KEGLOVITS TO RESERVE NOW.
DATES WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE WEATHER
AND WE WILL CONTACT YOU. WE WILL SERVE
ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS. CONTACT
INFORMATION IS ABOVE



Please Cut Bottom Section and Return to the Office at Newcomb Central School



Please Fill Out Your Information

Name: _____

Contact
Information/Address:

Preferred Date(s): _____

****There may be last-minute cancellations due to weather.****

2021-2022 Yearbook Happy Ads

This year we would like to offer the families and community to participate in our Happy Ad Campaign. All donations help keep our yearbook costs down.

Happy Ads start at \$10 a message
Business card 1/8th Page is \$25

Please return by December 1, 2021

Yes! _____
(name of your organization or family)

would like to buy a Newcomb Central School yearbook ad. If there are any questions, the best way to contact me is:

 Please use the attached business card for ad

I will email a digital file/artwork to dbernat@newcombcasd.org

Please have students' create ad based on information below:

I have enclosed a check made out to Newcomb Central School-Yearbook

Please mail to: **Newcomb Central School - Yearbook**
 PO Box 418
 Newcomb, NY 12852

Thank you all for your continued support!

FROM THE SPORTS CORNER

I would like to thank everyone for making the 2021 Soccer Season so successful. A huge THANK YOU to the parents, bus drivers, teachers, Newcomb/Schroon Lake Communities, and for the Administration and School Boards from both schools for your never ending support. The Newcomb/Schroon Lake merger has been nothing short of amazing and working with the student athletes from both schools was incredible. These athletes put so many hours of hard work into this season and it was evident by their performance on the game field. I would especially like to thank Mandy Bush and Nico Paniccia for all their hard work and dedication Co-Coaching the Girls Varsity and Girls and Boys Modified soccer teams as well as Tyler Lamphear and Jolene Hlavaty for coaching our younger Huskies at the Elementary level. All of their flexibility and willingness to do whatever it took to help the program run smoothly was and is greatly appreciated. We may be a small school but we have so many talented athletes and when combined with Schroon Lake at the Modified and Varsity levels, we are a force to be reckoned with. Special recognition goes out to Logan Bush for being named League MVP. Logan finished the season with 39 goals and 11 assists. He is tied for second in the State for most goals scored in a game. Ben Lamos, Isaiah Pelky, and Ethan Farris made 1st team All-Star and Brayden Bush and Carter Hart made 2nd team All-Star. Thank you all again!!



Coach /AD Millie Winslow



The following ladies joined forces with Schroon Lake for Girls Varsity Soccer this fall: Eadie Brannon, Arina Berezkina, Lauren Hai, Rhiannon Sandiford, Emily Fifield, and Eldaa Ouedraogo. They had a successful season with Lauren, Rhiannon, and Arina scoring their first varsity goals! Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication! Best of luck to seniors Eadie, Eldaa, and Arina! I look forward to seeing the rest of you on the field again next fall!

Coach Bush

DATES TO REMEMBER



Election Day
Tuesday, Nov. 2nd

Daylight Savings
Time Ends
Sunday, Nov. 7th

Remember to turn your clocks
back 1 hour and replace the
batteries in your smoke alarms!



Early Release Day

Wednesday, Nov. 10th is our
mandated early release. School will be
dismissed, buses will leave and pickups
will take place at 2:45pm.

Newcomb Central School is still looking to fill the following positions:

- Substitute Cleaners

Please send letter of interest to:

Mrs. Christian Fisher
Newcomb Central School
P.O. Box 418
Newcomb, NY 12852

UPCOMING IN THE DISTRICT

November 2021

- 9 Board of Education Meeting, 6pm
- 10 Emergency Release Day
- 11 Veterans' Day - NO SCHOOL
- 12 End of 1st Marking Period
- 24-26 Thanksgiving Recess - NO SCHOOL

December 2021

- 9 Board of Education Meeting, 6pm
- 17 Mid-Marking Period
- 23-31 Holiday Recess - NO SCHOOL

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