



NEWCOMB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

September 2022

WELCOME BACK!

A message from Superintendent Chris Fisher

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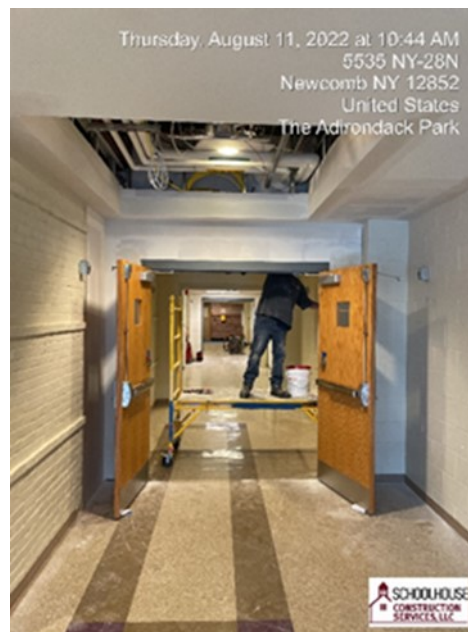
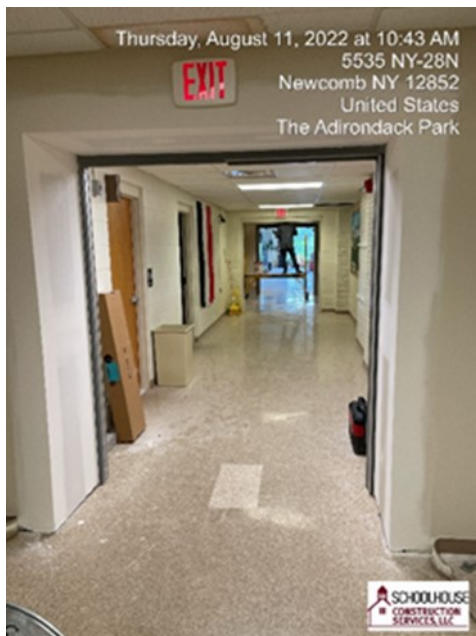
Dear Newcomb Students, Staff, Parents and Community Members,

With the ongoing capital project that is nearing completion, it has been a busy summer for the Newcomb Central School District. Inside the building, Hoosick Valley Contractors have assembled two walls to accommodate for new door openings in the main corridor near the back entrance of the building and adjacent to the Gym/Auditorium lobby. There are also additional door replacements and specified hardware installations throughout the first floor of the building aimed at increasing safety.



**School begins
Tuesday, Sept. 6th**

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The exterior of the building has undergone a significant amount of construction. Some highlights include removing the existing retaining walls in both the front and rear of the building and installing precast faux rock retaining walls. New concrete utility pads were added with drainage structures in the back parking lot and storm lines leading to a new retention pond. Moving water away from the building will prevent basement flooding issues of the past and help to prolong the life of the parking lots moving forward. The parking lot is currently under the reconstruction process with an estimated completion date of late August.



Stants Combustion has completed 85% of the scope of their work. Plumbing improvements include a new drinking fountain adjacent to the Pre-K/Kindergarten Classroom, a new water filtration system, removal of the existing 10,000- gallon oil tank along with all associated piping and the installation of new fuel oil pumps in the boiler room. The district was pleased that the oil tank could be replaced as it was in the last capital project and was not able to be done at that time.



New Water Treatment System & New Fuel Pumps and Tank Removal



Watson Electric is currently wrapping up the new access control wiring for the new security door access and monitoring equipment. New exterior lights are staged onsite and will be mounted to the building in the coming week. Upon placement of the new fuel oil tank, wiring will be installed underground and connections will be established. The fuel oil tank will be filled on September 1st, and ready for start-up activities. Watson Electric will also complete the final installation of a new heat trace system which will be mounted to the new gutters to prevent ice build up during the winter months.



As we welcome students and faculty and staff back to the building, we remain committed to creating and maintaining a safe and healthy working and learning environment for everyone. All district initiatives for the 2022-2023 academic year will continue to align with the district's mission and vision.

Mission: *Newcomb Central School District offers a safe and enriching international environment to encourage student directed learning; empowering them through technology to become global citizens and bettering their world.*

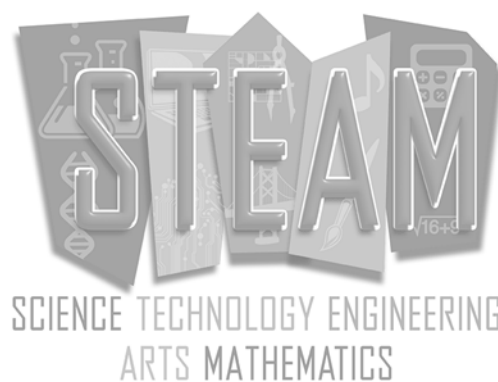
Our vision for their future: *Transforming the lives of students through technology and 21st century skills to succeed in a complex, interconnected and changing world.*

Our district initiatives for 2022-2023 will be shaped by our vision, mission and District Level Comprehensive Improvement Plan. We will continue implementation of Lucy Calkins Reader's/Writer's Workshop Model (K-6) and the New York State Math Modules for all students in grades K-8. Instructional practices across all grade levels will align with the New York State Next Generation Learning Standards.

The district will continue to prioritize improving our overall attendance rates. The New York State Education Department previously identified NCS for the accountability indicator of chronic absenteeism. Although the law acknowledges legitimate excuses for absenteeism from school due to sickness, sickness in the family, impassable roads, inclement weather, medical appointments or college/military visitations, we continue to have a high rate of absences apart from those mentioned above. We realize that there are occasions when your child may have a medical appointment that cannot be otherwise scheduled outside of the school day and we recognize the challenge of commuting to and from appointments given our remote location. Please work with us in advance so we can help to connect you or your child with their teacher(s) to collect work that will be missed while they are gone. If possible, we encourage children to attend the first part of the day, breakfast, 7:45-7:58 a.m. and Homeroom period, 8:00 -8:02 a.m. Attending even a portion of the school day provides your child an opportunity to eat breakfast with us, collect their school work for the day, and have their daily attendance taken during homeroom period.

Classroom teachers will be taking period by period attendance and the New York State Education Department (NYSED) requires a specified amount of seat time for students. Please keep in mind the district's Attendance Policy in reference to course credit for all students in grades K-12. At ten absences (excused or unexcused), the student will lose credit for each course impacted by the absences. The student and parents/guardians will be required to meet with the Superintendent or the Superintendent's Designee to discuss an attendance intervention plan. At twenty absences (excused or unexcused), the student will lose credit for each course impacted by the absences for a full-year course. Courses impacted by absenteeism will result in summer school for failed courses and/or to make up necessary seat time per NYSED.

A high rate of absences for a given class has the potential to impact learning as well as potentially compromise course credit for students. If you have questions about our attendance policies or if you have specific questions about the attendance standing for your child(ren), please feel free to reach out to us. The district plans to regularly communicate attendance standing with families if absences become excessive. Thank you in advance for working with us so that we can find solutions together!



Not all skill learning and development happens in the content area classroom. Having a break from studies to develop teamwork, leadership and problem solving skills are also important life-long skills for students of all ages. School clubs provide students with mental health breaks as well as an opportunity to expand individual passions and interests. According to the National Federation of State High School Associations, “Students who compete in high school activity programs have better educational outcomes, including higher grades, higher achievement test scores, and higher educational expectations beyond high school.”

This year, the building will be alive once again on Friday afternoons with STEAM activities and clubs for all students in grades Pre-K-12. There will be an array of collaborative club experiences for elementary students Pre-K-6 that have a rich foundation in English Language Arts and Mathematics standards. Secondary students will continue to have choice with club offerings each quarter.

New Faces for the 2022-2023 Academic Year



Hello Newcomb! My name is Erik Leerkes, and I am super excited to be the new secondary math teacher. I was born and raised in Ticonderoga. I still reside there with my wife Christine, a soon to be school psychologist. My oldest daughter Lorelei, a sophomore majoring in architecture at Virginia Tech University, Aurelia and Brady, a senior and freshman at Ticonderoga High School, and Lilly, a 7th grader at St. Mary's School. I studied computer science, physics, and mathematics at Plattsburgh State University and received my Master of Arts in Teaching from SUNY Empire State.



Following Mrs. Jones' retirement, we are happy to introduce Ms. Meaghan Witten, Training Specialist, Integration of Technology for the Northeast Regional Information Center who will be NCS' STEAM Provider this year. Ms. Witten grew up in Lake Placid and currently lives in Willsboro. She has 4 children (3 girls and 1 boy) ages 4-15. Given the age span of her children, she is working on starting PreK with one of them and driving with another! Ms. Witten taught middle school ELA in North Carolina and Willsboro for about 20 years before moving into Educational Technology. She is also a Girl Scout troop leader and all for girl bosses in STEM. She enjoys being in the sunshine, geeking out over new technology, and watching cartoons with her kiddos. She is very excited to meet everyone and to be a part of our community, and she can't wait to see what this school year brings!

An Exciting Sports Season is Upon us!



We are thrilled to be partnering with Schroon Lake Central School District for fall sports again this year. Practices are underway for the Schroon Lake/Newcomb teams and the game schedule is being finalized. We invite you to join us in supporting the athletes by attending home and away games throughout the season!



Reaching the entire school community to ensure a smooth flow of information is one of NCS's main priorities. Developing and maintaining collaborative and positive communications with all stakeholders is of utmost importance. For specific information or questions about your child's grades, behaviors or performance in a specific class, we encourage you to reach out to your child's classroom teacher. The district will continue to utilize a variety of media tools (electronic, print and mass media) to maximize awareness about district happenings, upcoming events or changes.

If your contact information changes throughout the year, we ask that you please notify the district so that we can update our system. As always, we welcome the opportunity to speak with you, or meet with you in person to answer any questions you may have.

The first day of school is just around the corner. Please enjoy these last few days of summer and we look forward to welcoming everyone back soon!

New Initiatives to Help Students Excel

A message from Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Welcome back to a new school year at NCS! Go Huskies! Our goal at Newcomb Central is to provide an exemplary education for all of our students in a kind, safe environment. We believe every child can achieve academic success. To this end, it is my goal as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction to make sure every child will be provided with quality instructional experiences that recognize, support and maintain high expectations for all students.

Parent involvement is the magic ingredient that is needed to help our school make an impact on your child(ren). Research shows that students benefit from parents who play an active role in their child's education. As we work together throughout the year, I encourage you to stay in contact with your child's teacher. Through teamwork, open communication and a dedication to continuous improvement, Newcomb will continue to be a school where each child is challenged, nurtured and provided with a safe and stimulating learning experience.

We will be implementing some new initiatives and building on some old ones that will help students understand, that in order to excel at school, it all starts with respect for themselves and others, as well as having pride in the purple and gold!

- 1) Our school day will return to having 1 breakfast time where all of the students and staff, Pk-12 will come together to meet and connect with a daily message.
- 2) Mr. Ben Frantz, from the Essex County Prevention Council, will be joining us for 2 days each week to work with students in the elementary and high school.
- 3) Cell Phones will either need to be left at home, in lockers, or in a special container in the classroom until the end of class period.
- 4) The freshman class will be involved with Individual Learning Plans, as well as a mentor program. Students will meet 1x/month with an adult they respect in the building. The goal will be to "check and connect" as students build a rapport with our staff to discuss Attendance, Behavior and Course Performance.
- 5) We have a new STEAM provider that will continue our work on the development of our outdoor learning environment.
- 6) Restorative practices will continue to be implemented in order to foster healthy relationships and promote a positive culture at NCS.

Let's have a great 2022-2023 school year!

Mr. PJ

If you have any comments, suggestions, or would like to add an article to the bulletin, you can e-mail them to Caryn Draper at cdraiper@newcombcasd.org

**NEWCOMB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
2022 - 2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

JULY 2022						
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29	30	31				

Aug. 30-31	Professional Learning Days
September 1	Supt. Conference Day
September 5	Labor Day
September 6	Classes Begin
September 30	Supt. Conference Day
October 10	Columbus Day
November 10	Emergency Release Day
November 11	Veterans' Day
November 23-25	Thanksgiving Recess
December 23-30	Holiday Recess
January 2	New Year's Day Observed
January 3	Classes Resume
January 16	Martin Luther King Day
February 20-24	Winter Recess
April 7	Good Friday
April 10-14	Spring Recess
May 29	Memorial Day
June 14-16	Regents Testing
June 19	Juneteenth
June 20-22	Regents Testing
June 23	Last Day of School
June 24	Graduation

AUGUST 2022						
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Classes Not in Session
 Supt. Conference Day
 No Classes

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APRIL 2023						
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NOVEMBER 2022						
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MAY 2023						
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September	18
October	20
November	18
December	16
January	20
February	15
March	23
April	14
May	22
June	16
Total Number of Pupil Days	182
Supt. Conference Days	2
TOTAL DAYS	184

DECEMBER 2022						
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JUNE 2023						
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**BOE APPROVED
1/20/2022**

NEWCOMB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

ELEMENTARY FACULTY:

Pre K – K	Mrs. Meredith Aitchison-Phelps
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
Business Education	Mr. Jared Doyle
English	Mr. Michael Sullivan
Foreign Language	Mrs. Whitney Britt
Mathematics	Mr. Erik Leerkes
Music	Ms. Zhanna Pendell
Physical Education	Mrs. Mildred Winslow
Science	Mr. Garrett Phelps
Social Studies	Mrs. Hilary Primo
Technology	Mr. Gary Gazaille

BOARD OF EDUCATION:

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

ADMINISTRATION AND STAFF:

Superintendent	Mrs. Christian Fisher
Director of Curriculum & Instruction	Mr. Paul Motsiff
District Treasurer	Mrs. Colleen Sage
Supt Confidential Secretary	Mrs. Pamela Bush
Part Time Receptionist	Mrs. Caryn Draper
Teacher Assistant	Mrs. Melissa Yandon
Teacher Assistant	Mrs. Janice Wright
Library Media Specialist	TBD
Cook Manager	Mrs. Eleanor Yandon
Kitchen Helper	Ms. Suzanne Stith
Transportation Coordinator/ Mechanic/Bus Driver	Mr. Robert Bessey
Head Custodian	Mr. Raymond Bush
Bus Driver/Cleaner	Ms. Lanette Chase
Cleaner	Mr. Joshua Hults
Cleaner	Ms. Larissa Smith

SPECIAL SERVICES:

School Counselor	(5 days/week)	Mrs. Kathryn Markwica
Speech & Language Pathologist	(3 days/week)	Mrs. Andrea Winchip
Registered Nurse	(5 days/week)	Ms. Madison Helms
Psychologist	(1 day/week)	Mr. Steven Wilk
Special Education	(5 days/week)	Mrs. Shelley Gagnon
Math & Reading Specialist	(5 days/week)	Mrs. Nicole Belden
Technology Coordinator	(5 days/week)	Mr. Nico Paniccia
STEAM Educator	(1 day/week)	Ms. Meaghan Witten

PRE-K (four year olds)

M. A-P / Teacher

Boule, Preslie

Garrido, Casey

KINDERGARTEN 2035

M. A-P / Teacher

GRADE 1 2034

A. BUSH / Teacher

Bailey, Liam

Poulin, Gemma

GRADE 2 2033

A. BUSH / Teacher

Lamphear, Ellie

GRADE 3 2032

J. SLAYBACK / Teacher

Sage, Will

GRADE 4 2031

J. SLAYBACK / Teacher

Dufour, Calista

Poulin, Leah

GRADE 5 2030

S. KEGLOVITS / Teacher

Bush, Riley

Gregson, Hudson

Pendell, Vanessa

GRADE 6 2029

S. KEGLOVITS / Teacher

Adams, Emma

Hlavaty, Grace

Lamphear, Bentley

Marchioni, Aryanna

Poulin, Andre

Sullivan, Serenity

GRADE 7 2028

Bush, Taylor

Fifield, Marissa

Larabee, Piper

Sage, Olivia

GRADE 8 2027

Dick, Jacob

Fifield, Katlin

Forkey, Rylie

Keller, Kaleb

Lamphear, Camden

Monroe, Ember

GRADE 9 2026

W. Britt / Advisor

Armstrong, Hope

Boisvert, Kendall

Dick, Jayden

Pendell, Nicholas

Richards, Jacob

Zubkova, Aginya (Russia)

GRADE 10 2025

N. BELDEN / Advisor

Callejo, Carlos (Spain)

Cantrell, Bobby

Hai, Rowan

Monroe, Lilian

GRADE 11 2024

A. BUSH & J. WRIGHT / Co-Advisors

Armstrong, Marcus

Bush, Logan

Clark, Weslie

Fifield, Gavin

Karimova, Arina (Russia)

Kunz, Alice (France)

Lopez, Hector (Spain)

Rifenburg, Lemmy

GRADE 12 2023

S. KEGLOVITS / Advisor

Atlasova, Daria (Russia)

Bush, Eric

Fifield, Abigail

Fifield, Emily

Hai, Lauren

Hlavaty, Reece

Nicolis, Sofia (Italy)

Rotolo, Giorgia (Italy)

Sagredo, Paola (Spain)

SEPTEMBER 2022

NEWCOMB CENTRAL SCHOOL

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

BREAKFAST



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

5

LABOR DAY
NO SCHOOL

12

Milk, Yogurt
Oatmeal
Or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffin
Fruit, Juice

19

Milk, Yogurt
Oatmeal
Or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffin
Fruit, Juice

26

Milk, Yogurt
Oatmeal
Or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffin
Fruit, Juice

6

Milk, Yogurt
Egg Quiche Bake
Or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffin
Fruit, Juice

13

Milk, Yogurt
Breakfast Pizza
Or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffin
Fruit, Juice

20

Milk, Yogurt
Husky Sandwich (Bacon)
Or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffin
Fruit, Juice

27

Milk, Yogurt
Egg Quiche Bake
Or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffin
Fruit, Juice

7

Milk, Yogurt
Bagels & Cream Cheese
Or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffins
Fruit, Juice

14

Milk, Yogurt
Bagels & Cream Cheese
Or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffin
Fruit, Juice

21

Milk, Yogurt
Bagels & Cream Cheese
Or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffin
Fruit, Juice

28

Milk, Yogurt
Bagels & Cream Cheese
Or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffin
Fruit, Juice

1
Superintendents
Conference
Day

Staff Training

8

Milk, Yogurt
Scrambled Eggs & Cheese
Or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffin
Fruit, Juice

15

Milk, Yogurt
Scrambled Eggs & Cheese
Or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffin
Fruit, Juice

22

Milk, Yogurt
Egg & Cheese Omelets
Or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffin
Fruit, Juice

29

Milk, Yogurt
Scr. Eggs & Hash Browns
Or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffin
Fruit, Juice

2
NO SCHOOL

9

Milk, Yogurt
Waffles & Sausage
Or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffin
Fruit, Juice

16

Milk, Yogurt
Fr.Toast Sticks & Sausage
Or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffin
Fruit, Juice

23

Milk, Yogurt
Pancakes & Sausage
Or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffin
Fruit, Juice

30
NO SCHOOL
Superintendents
Conference Day

Breakfast Alternative Daily: Cereal, Milk, Fruit, Juice, Yogurt and Whole Grain Muffin. In the operation of National School Food 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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Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

5
LABOR DAY
NO
SCHOOL

12
 Milk, Cottage Cheese, Fruit,
 Mac & Cheese
 Stewed Tomatoes

19
 Milk, Cottage Cheese, Fruit,
 Cheese or Veggie Pizza
 Celery & Ranch

26
 Milk, Cottage Cheese, Fruit,
 Roasted Brussel Sprouts
 Italian Dunkers w/ Sauce

6
 Milk, Cottage Cheese,
 Fruit, Beans, Brown Rice
 Chicken Quesadillas
 Salad Bar

13
 Milk, Cottage Cheese,
 Fruit, Beans, Brown Rice
 Sloppy Nachos
 Salad Bar

20
 Milk, Cottage Cheese,
 Fruit, Beans, Brown Rice
 Tacos
 Salad Bar

27
 Milk, Cottage Cheese,
 Fruit, Beans, Brown Rice
 (Copy Cat) Chipotle Rice Bar
 Salad Bar

7
 Milk, Cottage Cheese, Fruit,
 Corn Chowder
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich
 Salad Bar

14
 Milk, Cottage Cheese, Fruit
 Vegetable Beef Soup
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich
 Salad Bar

21
 Milk, Cottage Cheese, Fruit,
 Chicken and Rice Soup,
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich
 Salad Bar

28
 Milk, Cottage Cheese, Fruit,
 Buttermut Squash Soup
 Corn Bread w/ Butter
 Salad Bar

1
 Superintendents
 Conference
 Day
 Staff Training

8
 Milk, Cottage Cheese, Fruit,
 Spinach Lasagna,
 Roll w/Butter
 Salad Bar

15
 Milk, Cottage Cheese, Fruit,
 Cheese Raviolis w/ Sauce
 Broccoli, Roll w/Butter
 Salad Bar

22
 Milk, Cottage Cheese, Fruit,
 Goulash, Peas,
 Roll w/Butter
 Salad Bar

29
 Milk, Cottage Cheese, Fruit,
 Chicken Parm w/Pasta
 Gr. Beans, Roll w/Butter
 Salad Bar

2
NO
SCHOOL

9
 Milk, Cottage Cheese, Fruit,
 Sweet Potato Fries
 Sloppy Joes/Bun,
 Gr. Beans

16
 Milk, Cottage Cheese, Fruit,
 BBQ Chicken, Mash Potatoes,
 Harvard Beets,

23
 Milk, Cottage Cheese, Fruit,
 Sweet Potato Fries
 Fish Patty w/ cheese on Bun,
 Glazed Carrots

30
NO SCHOOL
 Superintendents
 Conference Day

LUNCH ALTERNATIVE DAILY: Whole Grain Sandwich, Milk, Fruit, Vegetable and Cheese Stick. In the operation of National School Food 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.

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR BUS ROUTES

(Pickups subject to change as students finalize schedules)

FORENSICS AM PICKUP

PICKUP TO BEGIN AT 6:45 AM

Kunz, Alice
Rifenburg, Lemmy
Cantrell, Bobby

REGULAR AM PICKUP

ONE BUS PICKUP TO BEGIN AT 7:15 AM

Gregson, Hudson
Fifield: Emily, Katlin
Zubkova, Aginya; Karimova, Arina;
Atlasova, Daria; Nicolis, Sofia;
Rotolo, Giorgia; Sagredo, Paola
Clark, Weslie & Forkey, Rylie
Dick: Jayden, Jacob
Armstrong: Marcus, Hope
Hlavaty: Reece, Grace
Larabee, Piper & Lopez, Hector
Poulin: Andre, Leah, Gemma
Marchioni, Aryanna & Garrido, Casey
Richards, Jacob & Callejo, Carlos
Boule, Preslie
Bush: Taylor, Riley
Lamphear: Camden, Bentley, Ellie
Sullivan, Serenity
DuFour, Calista & Bailey, Liam

BOCES AM PICKUP

BUS WILL LEAVE SCHOOL AT 10:10 AM WITH STUDENTS ATTENDING THE BOCES PROGRAM. DUE TO LIMITED PARKING AT BOCES, STUDENTS ARE TO RIDE THE NEWCOMB BUS. WE REQUIRE A WRITTEN NOTE FROM THE PARENT/GUARDIAN IF THEIR CHILD WILL BE PICKED UP FROM BOCES ON ANY GIVEN DAY.

REGULAR PM PICKUP(school to home) **ONE BUS AT 2:58 PM DISMISSAL**

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.




BUS FOR BID

The Newcomb Central School District has a bus for bid. It is a 2013 Chevy 3500 bus, 6.0 gas engine with a Micro Bird body, in good condition. Seats 20 adults or 30 children.

If interested in more information and/or bidding, please visit www.auctionsinternational.com. Search for school bus with zip code 12852.

Bidding ends Tuesday, September 6th at 8:20 pm (ET).

SEPTEMBER SOCCER GAME SCHEDULE

<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
			1 Scrimmages @ Schroon Lake	2	3
5 LABOR DAY	6 @ Indian Lake BM/BV	7 @ Long Lake GM/GV vs. Indian Lk/LL	8 @ Crown Pt BM/BV	9 @ Schroon Lake GM/GV vs. Crown Pt	10
12 @ Schroon Lake BM/BV vs. Keene	13 @ Keene GM/GV	14 @ Kings School BM/BV	15	16 @ Schroon Lake BM/BV vs. Ausable Valley (4:45pm)	17
19 @ Willsboro GM/GV	20 @ Schroon Lake BM/BV vs. J-burg/Min	21 @ J-burg/Min GM/GV	22 @ Schroon Lake BM/BV vs. Wells	23 @ Wells GM/GV @ Willsboro BM	24
26 @ Schroon Lake BM/BV	27 @ Schroon Lake GM/GV vs. Indian Lk/LL	28 @ Schroon Lake BM/BV vs. Crown Pt	29 @ Crown Pt GM/GV	30 @ Keene BM/BV	

***Game time is 4:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Scheduled dates and times are subject to change.
Please refer to the school's website at newcombsd.org on the Athletics page.**

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE



I hope everyone had a relaxing and healthy summer. If you have not already, please return the health office forms listed below mailed home in the student packet over the summer. If you need additional copies, please contact the health office at 518-582-3341 or email the health office at mhelms@newcombscd.org.

The required forms include:

1. A copy of any new vaccine records.
2. A copy of the NYS health examination form (required for new entrants and grades K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 as well as any students participating in sports.
3. Any medication order forms your provider signed.
 - a. **Please note: without a provider order, even with parent permission, over the counter medications cannot be given in school.**
4. Completed bug spray and sunscreen permission slip.
5. Completed emergency contact and medical release form.

Please let me know if you have any concerns regarding your students' health.

I wish you all a happy and healthy school year!

Madison Helms RN BSN (previously Madison LaFond RN BSN)

PLEASE BE MINDFUL WHEN SENDING FOOD TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR STUDENT



The following NCS policies are in effect:

- All students will NOT be allowed to eat peanuts/nuts (or items containing them) in any school environment or vehicle.
- Homemade baked goods/foods will NOT be allowed in school.
- Please read the food labels on packaged items your own child may bring to school to ensure no peanuts, tree nuts, peanut butter or peanut oil is among the ingredients.
- While reading food labels, please be mindful of any statements that indicate that the food item was produced or processed in a building/on equipment where peanuts or tree nuts are also produced/processed, or statements such as “item may contain trace nuts.” Labels stating this will NOT be allowed in school.
- If the package does not clearly state “packaged in a facility WITHOUT nuts” the ingredients must be labeled and read to guarantee no nuts/nut products are contained.

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.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

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. Madison Helms, 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 PK-6 shall assume this responsibility). Attendance Officer should also be notified in advance (Mrs. Madison Helms).

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 **2022-2023 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 last triennial re-inspection was performed in April 2022.** Summer 2022 construction projects included abatement of some asbestos containing material in the main school building. 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 D Board of Education Policy 1500

School Policy for Visitors

Due to safety in mind, we ask that ALL visitors to the building make an appointment in advance. 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.

IN OTHER NEWS

Some Incredible Years at NCS 1976 - 1978

As I retired from NCS this past June, I thought about my years as a student. My fondest memory is playing soccer and baseball. We were in the midst of a dynasty that began in the late 60's under coach Donald Greene. My sophomore, junior, and senior year were no exceptions. We were 33-1 in soccer during that time. This included Regional Championships in 1977 and 1978.

Baseball was my first love. We were 44-1 during my last three years of varsity baseball which included three Section VII championships.

Recently, one of my fellow classmates from 1978, Marc Porter, sent me a box full of NCS sports memorabilia. Marc played soccer, basketball and baseball during this time as well. He was a three sport all-star. Marc saved everything. He had the six Section VII championship patches earned as well as the pins that accompany them. Also included was a baseball signed by the 1978 Section VII Class C championship team. He also sent me a Newcomb Huskies jacket which was the envy of the school at the time.

I told Marc that I would throw together a display honoring the great teams we were blessed to be a part of. The attached photo shows all the trophies, patches and pins awarded to us during the 1976-1978 school years.

To be able to teach at NCS was a greater blessing. After 25 years I am nothing but grateful to have had this opportunity. Newcomb is a wonderful community. The school district is exceptional thanks to the great leadership, the Board of Education, the incredible staff and of course, the wonderful students." I never will forget the days I spent at Newcomb High."

Edward LaCourse



UPCOMING IN THE DISTRICT

September 2022

- 1 Superintendent's Conference Day
- 5 Labor Day
- 6 First Day of Classes for Pk-12
- 8 Board of Education Meeting, 6pm
- 30 NO SCHOOL - Supt. Conference Day

October 2022

- 7 Mid-Marking Period
- 10 NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day
- 13 Board of Education Meeting, 6pm
- 14 School Picture Day!

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