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CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Classes Resume

January 3rd

No School

Martin Luther King's Birthday



Opportunity and Promise

A message from Superintendent Chris Fisher

The new year brings opportunity and promise for everyone in the Newcomb Central School District community. The turn of the calendar year allows us to reflect on the opportunities that our students will have this second half of the school year. Schedule changes with new course offerings, new student clubs on Fridays and weekly After School Experiences are just a few changes that are on the horizon. As students return from the holiday break, classroom teachers will begin diving deeper into the curriculum while simultaneously igniting curiosity and creativity for our learners. As these changes are unfolding, the district continues to uphold our promise of delivering educational excellence for each individual student in an environment that cultivates engagement and connectedness.

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NCS to Merge STEAM with Library Media Skills



According to The Journal of the American Association of School Librarians, “School library programs are in a unique position to play a key role in STEAM education and to serve as powerful hybrid spaces for STEAM learning. The many hats that school librarians currently wear in schools, from information specialist to instructional partner and technology integrator/coach, position media specialists as natural allies and supporters of STEAM education.” Beginning this January, NCS will move toward an integrated model for our STEAM and Library Media Skills. Mrs. Meaghan Whitten, our STEAM Provider will be joining our team on a full-time basis as a certified teacher on special assignment covering the library and also continuing to provide STEAM services. Meaghan plans to return to school to secure her supplemental certification in the area of Library Media Skills.

New Face at NCS



Please join me in welcoming Ms. Colleen Walsh who has joined our NCS family as a full-time cleaner. Colleen is well-known in the Newcomb community and is excited to join our custodial team!

Shared Decision Making Committee Community Connections



The National Center for Family and Community Connections with Schools state that, “When schools, families, and community groups work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer, and like school more.”

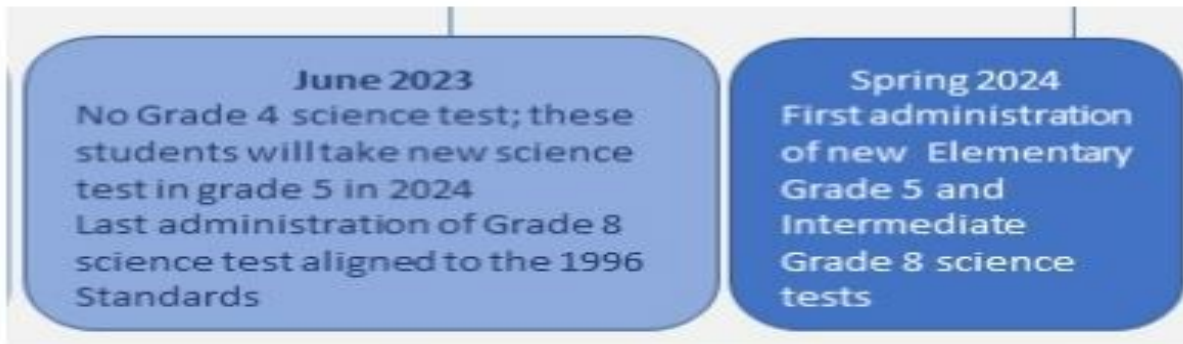
Last month members of the Shared Decision Making Committee and faculty and staff volunteers nurtured family engagement by placing phone calls to each family in the district. The purpose of the call was to listen and talk with parents and caregivers about how their children were doing at school. The phone calls furthermore offered opportunities for representatives from the district to answer questions and gather information about how the school can further support learning.

We would like to thank all of our families for engaging with us and we look forward to this continued partnership approach to supporting our children. We look forward to more conversations in the future!

Happy New Year!

4th Graders will NOT have a NYS Science Test this Spring

PJ Motsiff - Director of Curriculum and Instruction



There will NOT be a 4th grade NYS science assessment this school year. June 2023 will also be the last year for the 8th grade NYS Science Assessment aligned to the 1996 standards. Beginning in the Spring of 2024, New York State will be unveiling new science tests in both Grades 5 and 8 to align with the Next Generation Standards. In order to prepare for these tests with authentic, hands-on laboratory experiences, students will participate in a series of required activities called ***Investigations***. The Investigations are designed to be embedded into instruction and can be offered any time during the school year.

Students must successfully complete the required *Investigations* before the administration of the Elementary - or Intermediate-level science tests. At least 15% of the questions on the written test will measure content related to the performance expectations measured by the *Investigations*. Other questions will assess concepts related to the activities undertaken by students in the *Investigations*.

The four required Investigations for Elementary-level Science and the primary performance expectations measured by each are:

- Structure and Properties of Matter: What's in the Bag?
- Weather and Climate: Cloud in a Bottle
- Energy: Light It Up
- Life Cycles and Traits: Circle of Life

The four required Investigations for Intermediate-level Science and the primary performance expectations measured by each are:

- Structures and Properties of Matter: All Mixed Up
- Energy: Cool It!
- Weather and Climate: Air Mass Matters
- Structure Function and Information Processing: It's Alive?



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.

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

Congratulations to Lilian Monroe! She was selected to represent Newcomb Central School at The HOBY Leadership Conference in June 2023!

Congratulations Seniors:

Abigail Fifield was accepted at SUNY Adirondack

Emily Fifield was accepted at SUNY Adirondack, The Culinary Institute of America, Paul Smith's College and Johnson & Wales.

Daria Atlasova has been accepted to Loyola Marymount University and Saint Leo University.

Seniors:

1. All seniors going off to college will need to fill out the **FAFSA** (www.fafsa.ed.gov) 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.
2. 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!!!!**
3. If you have not done so already, you need to get your college applications ready to send out. The sooner the better!!
4. 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.

On-Line Scholarship Websites

www.fastweb.com

www.hesc.ny.gov

www.collegexpress.com

www.scholarships.com

www.studentscholarshipsearch.com

www.chegg.com

www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search

www.cappex.com/scholarships

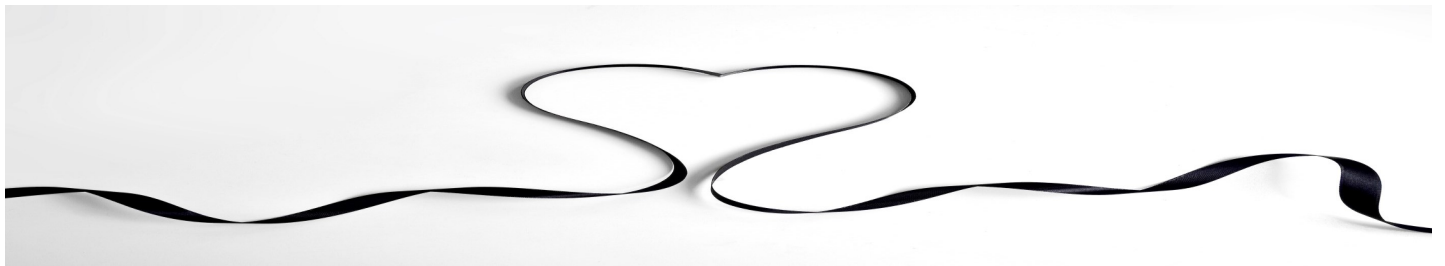
www.goingmerry.com

Virtual College Tour Websites

www.campus360tours.com

www.mycollegevisitguide.com

www.campustours.com



If you have any comments, suggestions or would like to add an article to the newsletter, e-mail them to me at cdraper@newcombcasd.org

Thanks
Caryn

DATES TO REMEMBER

SAT Testing Dates

March 11, 2023
 May 6, 2023
 June 3, 2023

Registration Date

February 10, 2023
 April 7, 2023
 May 4, 2023

ACT DATES

February 11, 2023
 April 15, 2023
 June 10, 2023

Register By

January 6, 2023
 March 10, 2023
 May 5, 2023

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 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: April 19-26, 2023

3-8 Math: May 2-9, 2023

*Grade 8 Science Performance Test: May 23-June 2, 2023

Grade 8 Science Written Test: Monday, June 5, 2023

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

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

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE



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.

JANUARY 2023 NEWCOMB CENTRAL

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evandon@newcombsd.org
 (518)582-3341 Ext #1021

BREAKFAST

Monday

NO SCHOOL

2 Milk, Yogurt
Oatmeal or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffin
Fruit, Juice

NO SCHOOL

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

16 Milk, Yogurt
Oatmeal or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffin
Fruit, Juice

23 Milk, Yogurt
Oatmeal or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffin
Fruit, Juice

Tuesday

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

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

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

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

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

Wednesday

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

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

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

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

Thursday

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

12 Milk, Yogurt
Scrambled Eggs
or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffin
Fruit, Juice

19 Milk, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice
Breakfast Bowl
(eggs, hash browns, cheese,
sausages, peppers, onion)
or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffin

26 Milk, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice
Sausage Gravy & Biscuits
or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffin

Friday

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

13 Milk, Yogurt
French toast Sticks &
Sausage
Or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffins
Fruit, Juice

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

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

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



LUNCH

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 NO SCHOOL	3 Milk 1%, FF Cottage Cheese, Fruit Brown Rice Bar (Chipotle Style/Pork) Salad Bar	4 Milk 1%, FF Cottage Cheese, Fruit Chili & Corn Bread Salad Bar	5 Milk 1%, FF Cottage Cheese, Fruit Porcupine Balls, Roll Mash Pots & Sauce Salad Bar	6 Milk 1%, FF Cottage Cheese, Fruit Hot Dog w/Bun Mac & Cheese Baked Beans
9 Milk 1%, FF Cottage Cheese, Fruit Cheese Ravioli & Sauce Dinner Roll Broccoli	10 Milk 1%, FF Cottage Cheese, Fruit Enchilada Bake Brown Rice Salad Bar	11 Milk 1%, FF Cottage Cheese, Fruit Chicken Noodle Grilled Cheese Sand Salad Bar	12 Milk 1%, FF Cottage Cheese, Fruit Chicken Parm. Roll Pasta & Sauce Salad Bar	13 Milk 1%, FF Cottage Cheese, Fruit Sloppy Joes w/ Bun & Cheese Sweet Potato Fries Green Beans
16 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Jr. Day	17 Milk 1%, FF Cottage Cheese, Fruit Sloppy Nachos Beans & Brown Rice Salad Bar	18 Milk 1%, FF Cottage Cheese, Fruit Corn Chowder Grilled cheese sandwich Salad Bar	19 Milk 1%, FF Cottage Cheese, Fruit, Spinach Lasagna, Roll w/Butter Salad Bar	20 Milk 1%, FF, Cottage Cheese, Fruit, BBQ Pork w/Bun & Cheese Cole Slaw
23 Milk 1%, FF Cottage Cheese, Fruit Italian Dunkers, Green Beans	24 Milk 1%, FF Cottage Cheese, Fruit Chicken Quesadilla Beans & Brown Rice Salad Bar	25 Milk 1%, FF Cottage Cheese, Fruit Chicken Stew Baking Powder Biscuits Salad Bar	26 Milk 1%, FF Cottage Cheese, Fruit Goulash, Roll Salad Bar	27 Milk 1%, FF Cottage Cheese, Fruit Fish Patty w/ Bun & Cheese Sweet Potato Fries Beets
30 Milk 1%, FF Cottage Cheese, Fruit Pizza, Carrots	31 Milk 1%, FF Cottage Cheese, Fruit Tacos Beans & Brown Rice Salad Bar			

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.

CLASS NEWS

CREATEAM - Cozy Winter Houses



School Decorating ~ Upstairs Hallway 11/30-12/7/2022

POWER HOUR

**Students in Grades ~8-12~
Monday thru Thursdays ~ 3:00 - 4:00pm
Thru 1-26-23
NCSD Weight Room**

**Please SIGN UP in the Office for the bus &
on the attendance sheet on the weight room door.
There is a maximum number of five students at one time.**

Research supports regular physical exercise improves grades, attendance, and mood of students. The goal of Power Hour is to instill healthy habits, create positive adult/student relationships, and offer an alternative activity for after school hours. Students will be instructed on proper gym etiquette and rules, including equipment use and cleaning, warming up/stretching, sets and reps, tracking progress, etc.

See **Nico Paniccia** for more information and/or schedule changes.

Newcomb Huskies Pep Rally

On December 8th the Newcomb Huskies had a Pep Rally to kick off the Basketball season. The students, faculty and staff showed their Husky pride and support for the Girl's Modified and Boys Varsity Basketball teams. The energy was awesome and the smiles were contagious. Faculty and staff members participated in a Basketball scrimmage against the Boys Varsity team and it was so much fun. We may be a small school, but the pride of the Husky lives strong in our hearts.

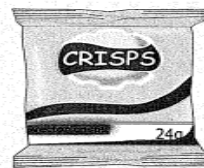
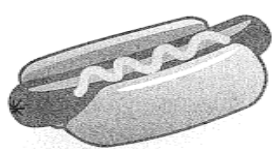




NCS Christmas Concert 2022



**Refreshments will be sold at Home
Basketball Games this year!**



Hot Dogs, chips, candy, drinks

Sponsored by the NCS Class of 2024

GO Huskies!

Calling All Adults

Who Wants To Play Pickle Ball?

No Experience or Equipment required

Come out on Monday Nights Starting 1/9/23 6:30-8:30pm

In The School Gym



Too cold to walk outside?

Come walk the schools halls Monday thru Thursday
from 4-6pm

JANUARY BASKETBALL GAME SCHEDULE

Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
			GM Game @ Bolton 5:00pm start	BV Game vs. Bolton @ Newcomb 6:30 pm start
9.	10.	11.	12.	13.
		GM Game @ St. Mary's (Ticonderoga) 5:30pm start	BV Game vs J-burg/Minerva @ Newcomb 6:30pm start	GM Game vs J-burg- Minerva @ Minerva 5:00pm start
16.	17.	18.	19.	20.
	BV Game vs IL/LL @ Long Lake 6:30 start	GM Game vs IL/LL @ Newcomb 5:00pm start	BV Game vs Wells @ Newcomb 6:30pm start	GM Game @ Wells 5:00pm start
23.	24.	25.	26.	27.
				GM Game vs Wells @ Newcomb 5:00pm start
30.	31.			
GM Game vs St. Mary's @ Newcomb 5:30pm start	BV Game @ Kings 5:00pm start			

Scheduled dates/times are subject to change



Hosts Needed!

Newcomb International

Students

SINCE 2007

OVER 200 STUDENTS

FROM 27 COUNTRIES

HAVE MADE NEWCOMB THEIR HOME

BE A PART OF THE TRADITION!

Who Can Host?

Families. Singles. Couples. Retirees. Empty Nesters.

Requirements?

Home with a bedroom. Three meals and snacks per day. Integration into the family. Participation in family activities, emotional and academic support.

Why Host?

Learn about another culture and traditions. Help students understand about American life. Build lasting relationships.

What do we offer you?

Annual housing stipend, help selecting just the right student, student orientation, ongoing support

Questions? Interested?

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UPCOMING IN THE DISTRICT

January 2023

- 2 New Year's Day - No School
- 3 Classes Resume
- 12 BOE Meeting @ 6pm
- 16 Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday - No School
- 18 Tri-Lakes SPCA & High Peaks Animal Hospital, Gr.1-2 Field Trip
- 27 End of The 2nd Marking Period

February 2023

- 9 BOE Meeting @ 6pm
- 20-24 Winter Recess - No School

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