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CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

February 2023

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No School

February 20th - 24th
(Winter Recess)

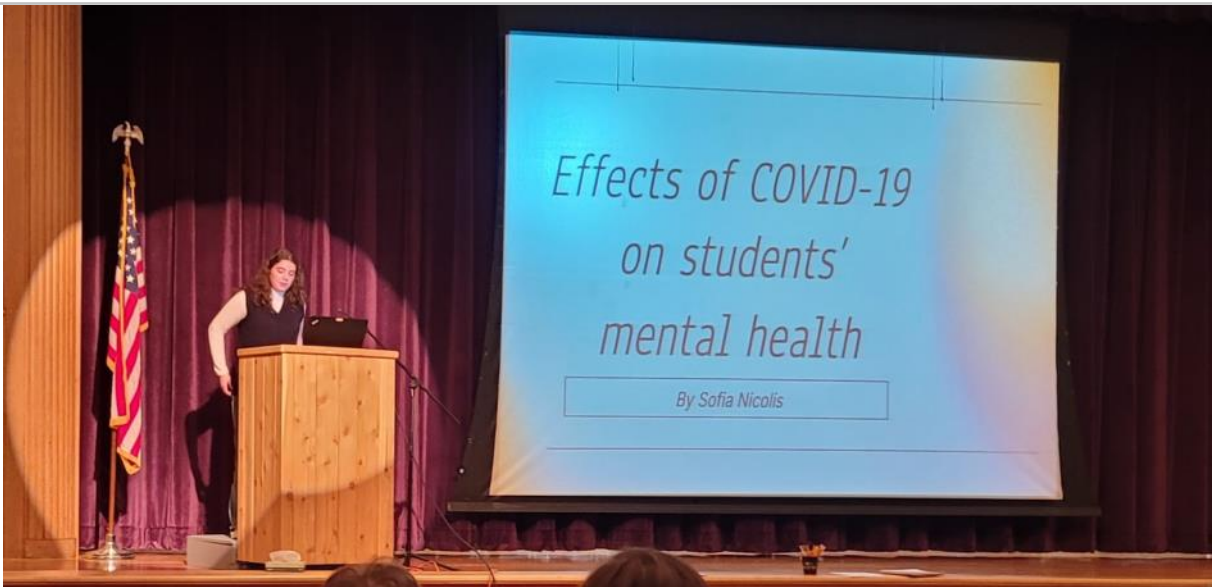


Spotlight on Secondary Thesis Research Investigative Projects

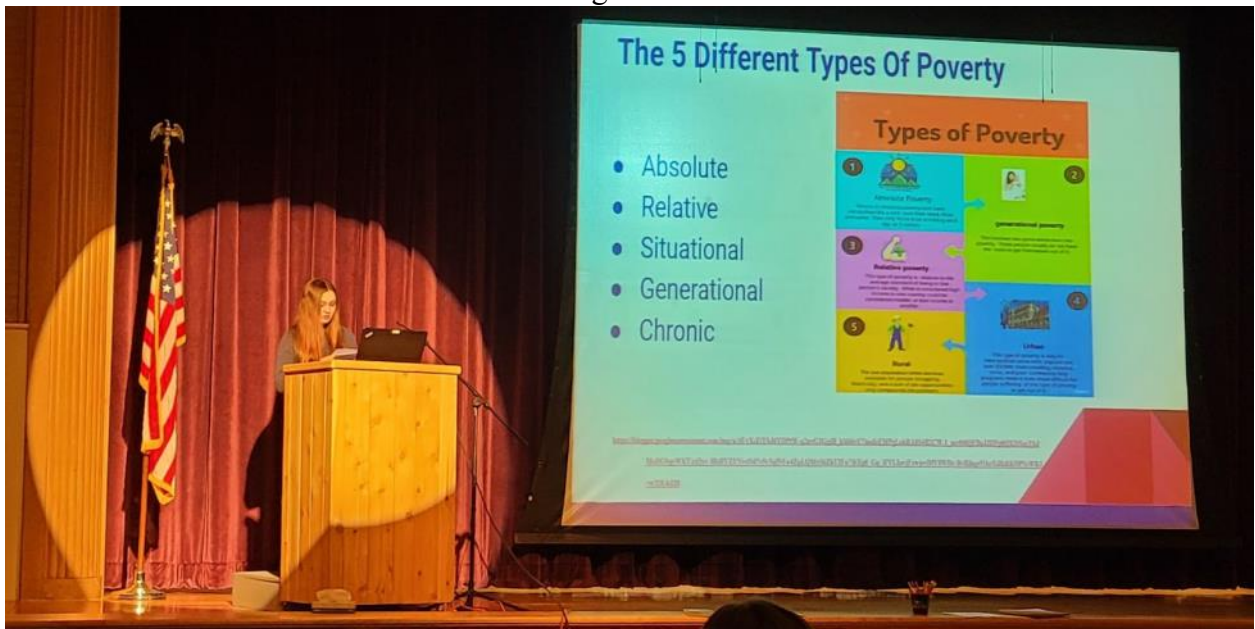
A message from Superintendent Chris Fisher

The Thesis Research Investigative Project (TRIP) is an academic project that all secondary students participate in annually at Newcomb. Part of the unique educational experience here at Newcomb, the project may take on a different look each year but the components of process, research, and presentation along with a creative component are typically present. In alignment with our district vision and mission, the TRIP experience provides students with academic rigor as well as a platform for demonstrating their knowledge and expertise on a given topic with an audience of community members, family members and peers. A project of this magnitude prepares students for college and career readiness not only from the content perspective, but also with a strong focus on soft skills as well. Soft skills such as critical thinking, communication, problem solving, listening skills and time management are embedded throughout the process.

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TRIP Stage Presentation



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Creative Project



Student Booth Presentation

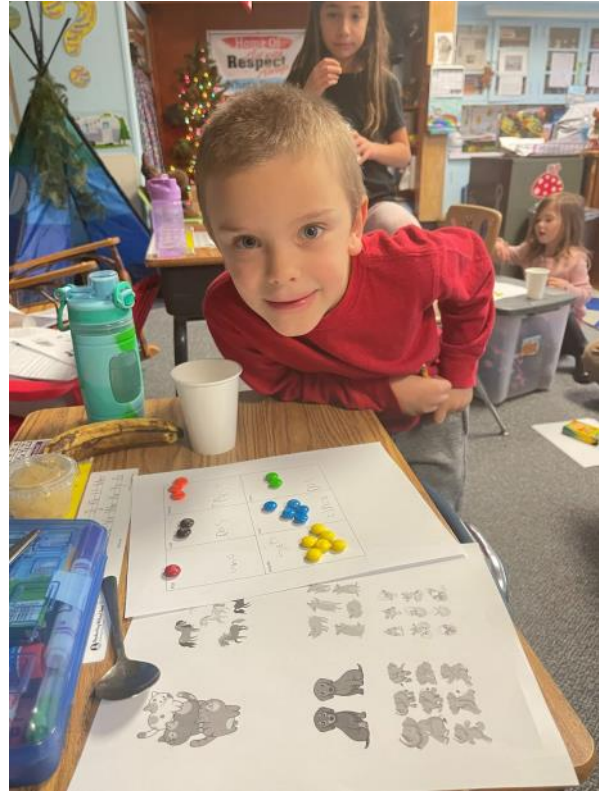


Creative Project

Successful outcomes for the TRIP experience would not be possible without the organization and facilitation from members of the TRIP Committee as well as the support from the entire NCS faculty and staff.

Internal Collaborations and Experiential Learning





As a component of the Growing the Future of the Elementary School Initiative, internal collaborations continue for students in pre-k through second grade. Pictured above, students work collaboratively on STEAM activities and with facilitating a penny drive for a local animal shelter. Pre-k students embark on an experiential learning snowshoe trek on the soccer field.

Second Quarter Wraps Up

It is hard to believe that we are at the half-way mark of the academic year. Before we can blink, third grade through eighth grade assessments in English Language Arts and Mathematics will be around the corner. The Grade 8 Science Test will also be implemented for the first time this year. At the high school level, regents exams will be here before we know it. The mid-year point in the school year is a great time to connect with your child to reinforce the importance of strong study habits, sleep habits and good attendance standing. With curricular demands, even missing a day of school or repeatedly missing one specific class can make it challenging for students to catch up. If your child needs to be out of school for a portion of the day for an appointment, please have them start the day with us, attend breakfast and check in with their first period teacher and collect their work for the day from other teachers. Even spending the first few minutes of the first period with us helps to improve our daily attendance and offers your child an opportunity to gather work materials so that they do not fall behind. If you have a family obligation that falls outside of a regular school break or a long weekend which would cause your child to miss a day or two of school, please connect with me to learn more about the option of an Academic Study for Attendance Credit.

Along with academics, students will have new club experiences for the third quarter including Guitar Club, Stock Market Club, Board and Card Games Club, Spanish Cuisine, Soccer/Volleyball and Weight Room Club. We are also looking forward to Elementary Basketball, and the return of the NCS Drama Club Production. Stay connected to learn more about these experiences and others that are coming!



Volleyball Club



Spanish Cuisine Club



STEAM

The Most Celebrated Month at School

A message from PJ Motsiff - Director of Curriculum and Instruction



As a former elementary teacher, the month of February is near and dear to my heart. Although it is the shortest month of the year, there are so many different theme ideas that students love to celebrate. Month long themes included Black History, American Heart, and Cancer prevention.

February is also considered dental health month and therefore students are reminded of the importance of oral hygiene. Children learn about their teeth and how to brush and floss them correctly.

Then, on February 2nd we discuss sunlight and shadows as Punxsutawney Phil, the groundhog from Pennsylvania determines our fate with 6 more weeks of winter each year.

February 12th we celebrate the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, the very first President of the United States.

Love is in the air on February 14th as we pass out cards and share sweets with our Valentine. Around this same time is the 100th day of school. In the primary grades this means singing songs and doing projects, as well as showing off all the different ways to count to 100 (by 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's).

In recent years, National Random Act of Kindness Day on February 17th has become popular. Participants enjoy doing something kind for others to help make the recipient feel good.

On the third Monday of the month we celebrate another famous president, George Washington. On this day we recognize all of the presidents, as it has become a national holiday.

The most unique part of February occurs every four years, when our calendars add an additional day and make it 29 days in length. We will need to wait until next year for that to happen.

If you have any comments, suggestions, or would like to add an article to the bulletin, you can e-mail them to Madison Helms at mhelms@newcombscd.org

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.

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS

Daria Atlasova: was accepted to Loyola Marymount University and Saint Leo University

Abigail Fifield: was accepted to SUNY Adirondack

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

Lauren Hai: was accepted to State University of Buffalo

Congratulations to Eric Bush for receiving the Post Star Teen Excellence Award!

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.

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

SELECTIVE SERVICE/ DRAFT REGISTRATION

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

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

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

Registration Date:

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

ACT Testing Dates

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

Register Date:

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

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.

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.

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 keep active and healthy.



Mrs. Markwica

FEBRUARY 2023

NEWCOMB CENTRAL SCHOOL

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BREAKFAST

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 6 Milk, Yogurt Oatmeal or Cereal Whole Grain Muffin Fruit, Juice	 7 Milk, Yogurt Husky Sandwich (Bacon) Or Cereal Whole Grain Muff Fruit, Juice	1 Milk, Yogurt Bagels & Cream Cheese or Cereal Whole Grain Muffins Fruit, Juice	2 Milk, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice Breakfast Bowl (eggs, hash browns, cheese, sausage, peppers, onion) ,or Cereal Whole Grain Muffin	3 Milk, Yogurt French toast Sticks & Sausage Or Cereal Whole Grain Muffins Fruit, Juice
13 Milk, Yogurt Oatmeal or Cereal Whole Grain Muffin Fruit, Juice	14 Milk, Yogurt Husky Sandwich (Bacon) Or Cereal Whole Grain Muff Fruit, Juice	8 Milk, Yogurt Bagels & Cream Cheese or Cereal Whole Grain Muffins Fruit, Juice	9 Milk, Yogurt Egg Quiche Bake or Cereal Whole Grain Muffin Fruit, Juice	10 Milk, Yogurt Waffles & Sausage Or Cereal Whole Grain Muffins Fruit, Juice
20 NO SCHOOL HOLIDAY	21 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	15 Milk, Yogurt Bagels & Cream Cheese or Cereal Whole Grain Muffins Fruit, Juice	16 Milk, Yogurt Scrambled Eggs & Cheese Or Cereal Whole Grain Muffin Fruit, Juice	17 Milk, Yogurt Pancakes & Sausage Or Cereal Whole Grain Muffins Fruit, Juice
27 Milk, Yogurt Oatmeal or Cereal Whole Grain Muffin Fruit, Juice	28 Milk, Yogurt Husky Sandwich (Bacon) Or Cereal Whole Grain Muff Fruit, Juice	22 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	23 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	24 NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK

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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LUNCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 Milk 1%, FF Cottage Cheese, Fruit Mac & Cheese Hot Dog & Bun Roasted Broccoli	 Milk 1%, FF Cottage Cheese, Fruit Brown Rice Bar (Chipotle Style/Pork) Salad Bar	Milk 1%, FF Cottage Cheese, Fruit Corn Chowder Grilled cheese sandwich Salad Bar	Milk 1%, FF, Cottage Cheese, Fruit, Spinach Lasagna, Roll w/Butter Salad Bar	Milk 1%, FF Cottage Cheese, Fruit Chicken Stew, Baking power Biscuits
Milk 1%, FF Cottage Cheese, Fruit Italian Dunkers, Green Beans	Milk 1%, FF Cottage Cheese, Fruit Enchilada Bake Brown Rice Salad Bar	Milk 1%, FF Cottage Cheese, Fruit Chili & Corn Bread Salad Bar	MILK 1%, FF Cottage Cheese, Fruit Chicken Alfredo, Pasta, Roll Salad Bar	Milk 1%, FF Cottage Cheese, Fruit Fish Patty w/ Bun & Cheese Sweet Potato Fries Beets
NO SCHOOL HOLIDAY	NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK
Milk 1%, FF Cottage Cheese, Fruit Cheese PIZZA Broccoli & Ranch	Milk 1%, FF Cottage Cheese, Fruit Sloppy Nachos Beans & Brown Rice Salad Bar	Milk 1%, FF Cottage Cheese, Fruit Broccoli Cheddar Soup Bread Bowl Salad Bar	Milk 1%, FF Cottage Cheese, Fruit Porcupine Balls, Roll Mash Pots & Sauce Salad Bar	Milk 1%, FF Cottage Cheese, Fruit Chicken Nuggets Sweet Potato Fries Carrots & Ranch
NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK	NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK
				

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.

CreaTEAM



 Toffee Crackle
&
Edible Cookie Dough

CreaTEAM

Homemade Italian Cooking



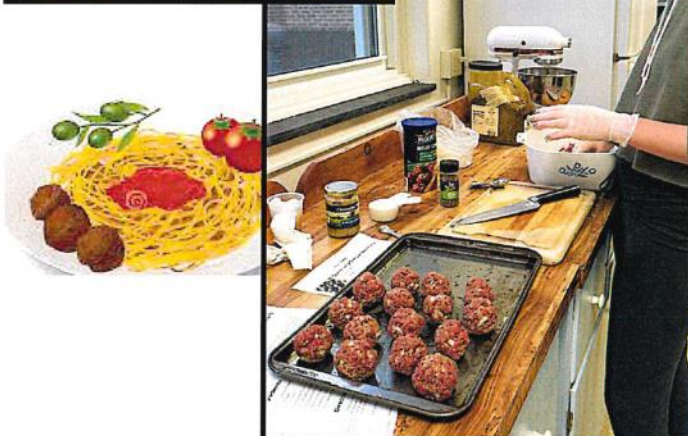
Using the Pasta Queen to make homemade fettuccine.



~Meatballs & Sauce~
How much garlic,
Mrs. LaFountain?
Mrs. Gagnon?



Above: Kendall Boisvert, Lilian Monroe, Rowan Hai
Left (meatball-maker): Lauren Hai



Pre-K Through Second Grade Penny Drive

Our Pre-K through Second Grades hosted a “Penny Drive” during the month of December and raised a total of \$200!

All of the proceeds were donated to the Tri-Lakes SPCA in Saranac Lake, NY. The First and Second Graders hand delivered the check on January 18th. The ladies at the animal shelter were very thankful and appreciative!

The First and Second Graders also got a tour of High Peaks Animal Hospital in Ray Brook, NY that day. Miss Bobbi-Jo Levesque taught them all about what the staff do to help take care of our pets and keep them healthy.



Thank you to EVERYONE who donated money to the Penny Drive and thank you to Miss Levesque for the fun and informative tour!



CLOSE OUT SALE

Sponsored by the Class of 2025



Limited Sizes Available!

T-Shirts: \$10


Long Sleeves: \$12

Contact Rowan, Lilian, Travis, or

Miss Skiba (nskiba@newcombcasd.org) to purchase.

Keep an eye out for updates about new selections!

February Basketball Schedule

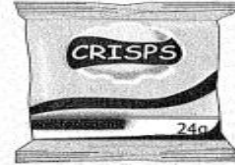
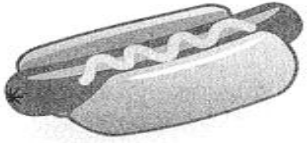
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1. GM game vs Long Lake @ Long Lake 5:00pm start	2. BV game vs Lake Placid @ Lake Placid 6:30pm start	3. GM game vs Lake Placid @ Newcomb 5:00pm start
6.	7. GM game vs Minerva @ Minerva 5:00pm start BV game vs Keene @ Newcomb 6:30pm start	8. GM game vs Keene @ Keene 5:00pm start	9. BV game vs J-burg/Minerva @ Newcomb 5:00pm start	10. BV game vs Kings @ Newcomb 6:30pm start Senior Flower Night 
13. GM game vs Wells @ Newcomb 5:00pm start BV game vs Wells @ Wells 5:00pm start	14.	15.	16.	17.
20.	21.	22.	23.	24.
27.	28. Elementary game @ Minerva 4:00pm start			

schedule date/times are subject to change

Elementary basketball begins February 1st- practice schedule is available on the district website

OTHER NEWS

Refreshments Will be Sold at Home Basketball Games This Year!



Hot Dogs, chips, candy, drinks
Sponsored by the NCS Class of 2023

GO Huskies!

Activities

Adult Pickle Ball

2/2, 2/6, 2/8, 2/14, 2/16

6:30-8:30pm

No experience or equipment required

Located in the school gymnasium



Indoor Walking

Monday-Thursday 4:00 -6:00pm



Department of Environmental Conservation

DEC Summer Camp Opportunities

Camp Colby- Saranac Lake, NY

Campers ages 11-13 weeks 1-3 & 5-6. Campers ages 14-17 week 4

Camp DeBruce- Livingston Manor, NY

Campers ages 11-13 weeks 1-3 & 5-6. Campers ages 14-17 week 4

Camp Rushford- Caneadea, NY

Campers ages 11-13 weeks 1-2 & 5-7. Campers ages 14-17 weeks 3 & 4

Camp Pack Forest- Warrensburg, NY

Campers ages 14-17 weeks 1-5. Campers ages 11-13 weeks 6 & 7

These DEC camps combine environmental education, hunter education programs, and outdoor recreation into a fun adventure. They use a hands-on approach to teach about the environment. Campers will have the opportunity to learn outdoor skills including backpacking, camping, and canoeing. They will explore New York's diverse habitats, have the chance to learn basic ecological concepts, and how human activities affect the environment. Campers solve challenges, explore environmental concepts, practice outdoor skills, and spend the week immersed in nature. The 2022 Camp Season marked 75 years of fostering a love for the natural world.

Campers must be the minimum age by 12/1 in the calendar year to attend camp.

The cost is \$350 per camper, per week. This price includes all meals and trips during camp. It does not include transportation to and from camp.

The Newcomb Lions Club is offering to sponsor up to 4 Newcomb Central School candidates. Potential candidates can write a letter to the Lions Club outlining their commitment. This letter can be mailed (PO Box 419) or emailed to the Lions Club at newcomblionsclub@gmail.com. The Lions Club will reimburse the cost to attend in full upon completion of the DEC summer camp. Please reach out to Dave Hughes (dahughes1010@gmail.com) or Drew Cullen (drewcullen@aol.com) at the Lions Club with any questions.

NYS DEC highly recommends that families fill out all the required camper forms and waivers before registration opens. Completing all forms and waivers ahead of time will significantly speed up their registration process. Forms will be available February 1st.

DEC camp registration opens on Sunday, April 2, 2023, at 1:00 pm- register at:
www.dec.ny.gov/education/61769.html



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

February 2023

- 1 Youth and Government trip to Silver Bay YMCA
- 9 BOE Meeting @ 6pm
- 20-24 NO SCHOOL - Winter Recess

March 2023

- 9 BOE Meeting @ 6pm
- 10 Mid Marking Period

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