



NEWCOMB

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

March 2023

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Superintendent News	1-3
Empowering Leaders	4-5
Guidance Office News	6-8
Health Office News	9
Menus	10-11
Class News	
Projects from the Shop	12
Class 2024 Little Caesar's	13
Social Media	14
Drama Club	15
March Basketball Schedule	16
Host Families Needed	17
Other News	18-19

March 12th



Inter-School Collaborations

“On your mark, get set.....GO!”
A message from Superintendent Chris Fisher

Forging instructional partnerships with schools in the True North has been one focus for NCS this year. This past month, NCS once again welcomed students in kindergarten and first grade from Minerva Central School District to join us for a combined lunch, physical education activity and a STEAM activity. In March, Minerva will return the favor by welcoming NCS students in prekindergarten through second grade to participate in Dr. Seuss Day with a combined lunch, a physical education activity and classroom connections to celebrate Dr. Seuss. Students aren't the only beneficiaries of inter-school collaborations. This year, the True North Consortium, comprised of eight north country school districts have set up a plan for ongoing professional collaborations amongst content area teachers. Given that small schools often are a department of one, having colleagues in other schools to share curricular materials, ask questions and exchange best practices is essential.

continued on page 2

NCS is supportive of inter-school visitations and observations for new teachers as well as seasoned teachers. This past fall, teachers connected with colleagues in Indian Lake Central School District, Minerva Central School District, and Warrensburg Central School District.

Although all True North schools have similarities, interacting with and learning from one another is powerful in our quest for ongoing school improvement. Pooling our resources together for experiences like sports, transportation, CASMA, the prom, and professional development enable small schools to increase opportunities for both students and staff.

I am appreciative of the autonomy that our north country communities have for our individual schools. Each school has their own identity, uniqueness, and a climate and culture that feels like home. I am also grateful for the partnerships of our surrounding school communities and the working partnerships that we have with each of them for the betterment of all children.

February may have been a short month but it was packed with culminating activities and celebrations. Here are a few of the many happenings during the past month!

First & Second Grade Author's Cocoa



Students in the first and second grade organized an Author's Cocoa to showcase their animal research projects.

Fifth and Sixth Grade Students Plan an Appreciation Luncheon for Staff



Time spent with students is a great payoff for hard work! Pictured above, students in fifth and sixth grade organize a formal luncheon for some staff members. Great food and conversation was had by all. Special thanks to Ellie and Sue in the kitchen for assisting the students!

NCS Honors Our Senior Athletes



Honoring our senior athletes, their parents, and families is a long standing tradition at NCS. This year we honored Lauren Hai, Emily Fifield and Eric Bush. Congratulations on an incredible soccer and basketball season!

Empowering Our Young Leaders

A message from PJ Motsiff - Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Our annual TRIP (Thesis Research Investigative Project) for all of our high school students was completed in January. This is an opportunity for each student to present their cross-curricular project to the entire school community. The effects of this project have taken roots in many student led initiatives this past month here at NCS. I have been privileged to witness the leadership qualities of all of our students as they continue to make Newcomb proud.

Mr. Phelps, Mrs. Primo, and Mrs. Markwica brought a number of students in grades 7-12 to Silver Bay for a Youth in Government meeting with approximately 80 students from other area schools. It was a final tune-up before our students travel to Albany this month to present their bills at the New York State Conference.



One to two times each month a small group of “teenfluencers” get together to discuss the science of happiness and how we can empower others in our school to have a more positive experience. This group is working on a number of initiatives but most recently went through self-awareness training with a social emotional specialist from Glens Falls and a professor from Adelphi University. After the training they shared their personal stories and had an interactive discussion with the fifth and sixth graders about what their aspirations are.



The University of Rochester invited our eighth grade students to participate in a day long Above the Influence program at the Essex County Community Center. We were joined by students from Ticonderoga and Bouquet Valley. Above the Influence teaches eighth graders to create a school culture in which more students can overcome peer pressure. After going through the training, students are able to identify what motivates them to rise above negative influences and how peer norms drive behavior. They also learned about the powerful role they have in shifting attitudes toward others in our school. The students will continue to work with peer leaders to facilitate prevention campaigns throughout the year.



Our fifth and sixth graders honored Mrs. Fisher and other staff for National Random Act of Kindness Day. Ellie and Sue, our kitchen staff, came up with an idea to have our students learn about a proper table setting and how a formal meal might differ from one in the cafeteria. The students created a menu that included chicken parmesan, baked potato, salad, fresh baked rolls, and cheesecake. It was a pleasure to see our oldest elementary students honor some of the adults that work with them on a daily basis.



Welcome to Newcomb CSD! The secret might get leaked about how awesome our school is. On February 8th, four members of the student council saw the fruits of their labor come to reality. Lauren Hai, Emily Fifield, Marcus Armstrong, and Logan Bush launched a student facilitated social media account with both Instagram and Facebook. Their goal was to increase communication with our local community, as well as let the world know that amazing things go on every day in our small rural school. The work needed to launch the two sites included numerous meetings with school administration, securing student advisors, reviewing the digital media code of conduct, as well as consulting Nico Paniccia, our Technology Coordinator to ensure what they do follows guidelines issued by the state. The final blessing was granted from the school Board of Education after a presentation by the students.



Please accept our apologies for the misprint in our February newsletter recognizing Abraham Lincoln as the first president of the United States.

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS

Daria Atlasova: was accepted to Barry University, 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 at Buffalo

CONGRATULATIONS

Eric Bush was one of the Post Star 2023 Teen Excellence Award recipients

Reece Hlavaty has earned her Wilderness First Aid Course Certification from The National Association for Search and Rescue (NASAR)

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 online, which can save 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

Online Financial Aid Websites

www.studentaid.ed.gov
www.finaid.com
www.fastweb.com
www.collegenet.com
www.hesc.ny.gov

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

May 6, 2023

June 3, 2023

Registration Date:

April 7, 2023

May 4, 2023

ACT Testing Dates

April 15, 2023

June 10, 2023

Registration Date:

March 10, 2023

May 5, 2023

Juniors: You should be taking at least one of these exams in April, May or June if you are planning to attend college. 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 & 20, 2023

3-8 Math: May 3 & 4, 2023

Grade 8 Science Performance Test: May 31, 2023

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

Parents of 8th Graders:

Please email me a time that is convenient for you and your 8th grader to meet with me regarding your child's four year plan, if you haven't done so already. This would be best during a study hall or after school.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Mrs. Markwica

congratulations

High Honor Roll Second Quarter (90 and up)

4th Leah Poulin
 6th Grace Hlavaty
 6th Bentley Lamphear
 6th Andre Poulin
 7th Piper Larabee
 8th Camden Lamphear
 9th Hope Armstrong
 9th Nicholas Pendell
 9th Agniya Zubkova
 10th Rowan Hai
 10th Lilian Monroe
 11th Marcus Armstrong
 11th Logan Bush
 11th Alice Kunz
 12th Daria Atlasova
 12th Emily Fifield
 12th Lauren Hai
 12th Reece Hlavaty
 12th Sofia Nicolis
 12th Giorgia Rotolo
 12th Paola Sagredo Cano

Honor Roll Second Quarter (85– 89.9)

3rd William Sage
 5th Vannessa Pendell
 6th Emma Adams
 6th Aryanna Marchioni
 6th Serenity Sullivan
 7th Taylor Bush
 7th Olivia Sage
 8th Katlin Fifield
 8th Ember Monroe
 11th Hector Alvarez Lopez
 12th Eric Bush

FROM THE Health OFFICE

PLEASE BE MINDFUL WHEN SENDING FOOD TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR STUDENT



The following NCS policies remain 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.



BREAKFAST

MARCH 2023 NEWCOMB CENTRAL

Cafeteria Manager: Ellie Yandon

evandon@newcombscd.org

(518)582-3341 Ext #1021

Monday



6
Milk, Yogurt
Oatmeal or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffin
Fruit, Juice

13
Milk, Yogurt
Oatmeal or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffin
Fruit, Juice

20
Milk, Yogurt
Oatmeal or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffin
Fruit, Juice

27
Milk, Yogurt
Oatmeal or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffin
Fruit, Juice

Tuesday

7
Milk, Yogurt
Husky Sandwich (Bacon)
Or Cereal
Whole Grain Muff
Fruit, Juice

14
Milk, Yogurt
Husky Sandwich (Bacon)
Or Cereal
Whole Grain Muff
Fruit, Juice

21
Milk, Yogurt
Husky Sandwich (Bacon)
Or Cereal
Whole Grain Muff
Fruit, Juice

28
Milk, Yogurt
Husky Sandwich (Bacon)
Or Cereal
Whole Grain Muff
Fruit, Juice

Wednesday

1
Milk, Yogurt
Bagels & Cream Cheese or
Cereal
Whole Grain Muffins
Fruit, Juice

8
Milk, Yogurt
Bagels & Cream Cheese or
Cereal
Whole Grain Muffins
Fruit, Juice

15
Milk, Yogurt
Bagels & Cream Cheese or
Cereal
Whole Grain Muffins
Fruit, Juice

22
Milk, Yogurt
Bagels & Cream Cheese or
Cereal
Whole Grain Muffins
Fruit, Juice

29
Milk, Yogurt
Bagels & Cream Cheese or
Cereal
Whole Grain Muffins
Fruit, Juice

Thursday

2
Milk, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice
Breakfast Bowl
(eggs, hash browns, cheese,
sausage, peppers, onion)
Whole Grain Muffin

9
Milk, Yogurt
Egg Quiche Bake
or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffin
Fruit, Juice

16
Milk, Yogurt
Scrambled Eggs & Cheese
Or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffin
Fruit, Juice

23
Milk, Yogurt, Fruit, Juice
Breakfast Bowl
(eggs, hash browns, cheese,
sausage, peppers, onion)
Whole Grain Muffin

30
Milk, Yogurt
Egg Quiche Bake
or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffin
Fruit, Juice

Friday

3
Milk, Yogurt
French toast Sticks &
Sausage
Or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffins
Fruit, Juice

10
Milk, Yogurt
Waffles & Sausage
Or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffins
Fruit, Juice

17
Milk, Yogurt
Pancakes &
Sausage
Or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffins
Fruit, Juice

24
Milk, Yogurt
French toast Sticks &
Sausage
Or Cereal
Whole Grain Muffins
Fruit, Juice

31
Milk, Yogurt
Waffles & 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

MARCH 2023 NEWCOMB CENTRAL

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

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



6
Milk, Cottage Cheese
Fruit
Turkey A-La-King over
Egg Noodles
Dinner Roll

7
Milk, Cottage Cheese
Fruit
Quesadillas
Brown Rice
Salad Bar

8
Milk, Cottage Cheese
Fruit
Chicken Bacon Ranch Wraps
Vegetable Soup w/Barley
Salad Bar

9
Milk, Cottage Cheese
Fruit
Meat Ball Sub
Salad Bar

10
Milk, Cottage Cheese
Fruit
Chicken Bacon Ranch Pizza
Carrot Sticks w/Ranch

13
Milk, Cottage Cheese
Fruit
Mac & Cheese w/Chicken
Boccoli
Dinner Roll

14
Milk, Cottage Cheese
Fruit
Enchilada Bake
Brown Rice
Salad Bar

15
Milk, Cottage Cheese
Fruit
Corn Chowder
Chicken Melt
Salad Bar

16
Milk, Cottage Cheese
Fruit
Calzones
Dipping Sauce
Salad Bar

17
Milk, Cottage Cheese
Fruit
BBQ Chicken, Mashed Potat.
Harvard Beets
Dinner Roll

20
Milk, Cottage Cheese
Fruit, KFC(imitation)
Famous Bowl(Pop Corn
Chicken, Corn, Cheese,
Gray over Mashed Potat)

21
Milk, Cottage Cheese
Fruit
Sloppy Nachos
Brown Rice
Salad Bar

22
Milk, Cottage Cheese
Fruit
Squash Soup,
Corn Bread
Salad Bar

23
Milk, Cottage Cheese
Fruit
Goulash
Dinner Roll
Salad Bar

24
Milk, Cottage Cheese
Fruit
Fish Patty w/Cheese & Bun
Sweet Potato Fries
Roasted Broccoli

27
Milk, Cottage Cheese
Fruit
Biscuits and Sausage Gravy
Roasted Broccoli

28
Milk, Cottage Cheese
Fruit, Beans
Tacos
Brown Rice
Salad Bar

29
Milk, Cottage Cheese
Fruit
Broccoli Cheddar Soup
Open Bacon Cheese Sand
Salad Bar

30
Milk, Cottage Cheese
Fruit
Chicken Bacon Ranch Pizza
Salad Bar

31
Milk, Cottage Cheese
Fruit
Meat Loaf, Mashed Potat.
Peas, Dinner Roll

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

Projects From the Shop



The Class of 2024

is selling Little Caesar's again this year:

Pizza ~ Specialty Kits ~ Cookies

Selling online from 02/27- 03/28

Little Caesars' online ordering is easy!

<https://fundraising.littlecaesars.com/fundraisers/support/bc6ce316-db0e-4a73-a88e-703b7948f550>

Thank you for your support!

Gavin, Lemmy, Marcus, Logan, Weslie, Mrs. Bush, Mrs. Wright



SOCIAL MEDIA!



Student Council has worked hard to plan the launch of social media and we are thrilled to announce that it's finally here! Follow us for student life, fundraiser and game announcements, and more!



@NEWCOMB_CSD



@newcomb_csd



Newcomb Central School

The profile picture on both accounts is our school's logo.

We hope you'll follow us, and join us on our journey!

Accounts are overseen by staff members selected to be advisors, and administration



NCS DRAMA CLUB IS PROUD TO PRESENT:

Check Please!

by Jonathan Rand

A comedy in just one act

One performance only!


Saturday, April 1

Newcomb Central School Auditorium

Time: Evening, TBD

Come see the highly-anticipated revival of one of Newcomb's most beloved traditions, and support your local youth theater!

March Basketball Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1. Elementary game @ Long Lake 4:00pm start	2.	3.
6.	7. Elementary game @ Indian Lake 4:00pm start	8.	9. Elementary game @ Newcomb vs Long Lake 4:00pm start	10.
13. Elementary game @ Newcomb vs. Minerva 4:00pm start	14.	15. Elementary game @ Newcomb vs Indian Lake 4:00pm start	16.	17. 
20.	21.	22.	23.	24.
27.	28.	29.	30.	31.

schedule date/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?

PJ Motsiff

pjmotsiff@newcombcasd.org

(518) 582-3341

OTHER NEWS



Thank you to Mrs. Reardon for the 100th Day Shirts!

Community Activities

Adult Pickle Ball

Mondays and Wednesdays 6:30 - 8:30pm

No experience or equipment required

Located in the school gymnasium

Indoor Walking

Monday-Thursday 4:00 - 6:00pm

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



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

UPCOMING IN THE DISTRICT

March 2023

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

April 2023

- 1 Drama Performance, Check Please!
- 7 Good Friday– No School
- 10-14 Spring Recess– No School
- 14 End of 3rd Marking Period
- 20 BOE Meeting @ 6pm
- 22 CASMA Spring Festival @ Warrensburg
- 28 Senior Trip Departs

NEWCOMB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
P.O. Box 418
5535 STATE ROUTE 28N
NEWCOMB, NY 12852

Phone: 518-582-3341
Fax: 518-582-2163
www.newcombcsd.org

SUPERINTENDENT
CHRISTIAN M. FISHER

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
NEWCOMB, NY 12852
PERMIT #3

Boxholder
or
Rural Route