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## No School

May 29
(Memorial Day)


Teacher and Staff Appreciation<br>A message from Superintendent Chris Fisher

The National Parent Teacher Association dedicates the first full week in May to honor teachers. Across the country, schools acknowledge the impact that teachers have had on the children in their school community. Small schools such as ours mean that teachers and staff members wear multiple hats and assume a plethora of duties to ensure effective school function and a positive and safe learning environment. It's an, 'all hands on deck' approach where every minute counts and a shared philosophy to place students at the center of all that we do.

Please join me in honoring and thanking our entire staff for their commitment to excellence and their many positive contributions to our school community!


## Full Participation

Last week students in grades 3-8 sat for the New York State English Language Arts Assessment. I am thrilled to announce that the district had a $100 \%$ participation rate! My hope is that we can keep this positive trend going for the New York State 3-8 Mathematics Assessment which is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3rd and Thursday, May 4th. As a reminder, the eighth graders will be taking the Grade 8 Science Performance Test on Wednesday, May 31st and the Grade 8 Written Test on Monday, June 5th.

## "Parting is Such Sweet Sorrow"

On behalf of the Board of Education, student body, and the NCS faculty and staff, I would like to congratulate Mrs. Julie Slayback, Mrs. Janice Wright and Mrs. Melissa Yandon on their upcoming retirements. Collectively, they have had many years of service to Newcomb Central School. We wish you health and happiness and all the best in this new phase of life!

Mr. Nico Paniccia will also be moving on at the end of the school year and I would like to extend well wishes on your future endeavors!

When prompted as to what they will miss most about these faculty and staff members, the NCS student body said the following...
"I will miss Mrs. Wright because she taught a lot of kids and helped everyone out with their basic needs." (Nick- Grade 9)
"I remember shaving cream and spelling with Mrs. Wright!" (Marissa- Grade 7)
"I will miss Mrs. Slayback because of her creative and fun work environment." (Rowan- Grade 9)
"Nobody is going to be calling me Rollo again. Mrs. Slayback had a nickname for everyone! " (LaurenGrade 12)
"I will miss Mrs. Slayback because of her smile and her baked goods!" (Hope- Grade 9)
"Mrs. Slayback was one of the most influential teachers and taught me the manners that I have today." (Nick- Grade 9)
"I will miss Mr. Paniccia because of his jokes! He's always looking for a good time and is never not positive!'" (Hope- Grade 9)
"I will miss Mr. Paniccia because he is a sports fan!" (Marcus- Grade 11)
"I went to Mr. Paniccia with the worst problems and he always answers my questions." (Lauren- Grade 12)
"I will miss Mrs. Yandon because of her kindness, her willingness to take into mind what students say, and because she's my aunt." (Olivia- Grade 7)
"I grew up with Mrs. Yandon. She's literally like my second mom!" (Jacob- Grade 8)
"I will miss Mrs. Yandon. She used to give us ice cream too!" (Jayden- Grade 9)


Mrs. Melissa Yandon

"In my retirement, I am looking forward to spending time with my grandson Aaron. I also hope to do some traveling, kayaking, boating and hiking. I may even learn how to play golf. I will miss everyone at NCS and I just want to thank everyone for all of the wonderful memories over the years!"

Mrs. Janice Wright


Mrs. Julie Slayback

"I plan on pursuing my career dream of becoming a professor of history with plans to head south to do so. I'm hoping to travel more and explore what the USA has to offer. Thank you NCS and the Newcomb community for everything! This town and region of upstate New York is an amazing place to grow up in and be a part of, best wishes for the future!"
"Retiring from Newcomb Central School is bittersweet. I am filled with gratitude to colleagues, administrators and Board of Education members who have supported me over the years. I am especially grateful for all of the exceptional students I have had the pleasure of teaching and the connections I have made with so many extraordinary families in this community. My job has rarely felt like a job! I haven't figured out my next chapter yet, but know it will include spending more time with family and endless hours in my garden. In addition, I can't wait to ski "midweek", read absolutely anything I want on a Sunday afternoon, learn to use a chainsaw, and become someone that the staff at my gym actually recognizes."

Mr. Nico Paniccia

# Quality Nutrition = Student Success Ellie Yandon and Sue Stith, SUPERHEROES are Everywhere! 

A message from PJ Motsiff - Director of Curriculum and Instruction


Our kitchen at NCS was recently recognized by New York State Child Nutrition for serving breakfast to $65 \%$ of our students on a DAILY basis. $85 \%$ of the students eat lunch prepared by our cafeteria staff. It should also be noted that over the last two years, the NYS Department of Health has rated them at $100 \%$ compliance during their bi-annual unannounced visits.

Feeding children and teens is always a challenging task. This is especially true when food vendors do not want to travel to Newcomb due to being so remote, or when ordered food is often being substituted without warning. Add in all the state mandates with food nutrition like portion size, sodium intake, mandatory food group offerings, food handling standards, food safety and sanitation standards, and it really becomes difficult.

Sue and Ellie put on their capes and masks each morning to start prepping for the day. Breakfast is what gives students the energy and mental focus for the day. A favorite breakfast menu item for students is the famous "Husky Sandwich" which consists of a whole grain english muffin, egg, sausage, cheese, and choice of ketchup or hot sauce. The other popular breakfast item is the warm, homemade muffins baked daily. The yummy flavors include chocolate chip zucchini, berry oatmeal, spiced apple, pumpkin, and morning glory.

The top three lunch meals based on the number of students that come back for seconds and even thirds are fish patties with sweet potato fries, quesadillas on Taco Tuesday, and chicken parmesan with a side of spaghetti. Adult visitors often squelch their appetite with one of the special soups that gets doctored up quite often. Varieties include bacon corn chowder, broccoli cheddar, chicken rice, and squash sweet potato. On occasion, Ellie and Sue bake bread boules for the soup to be served in.

This spring a variety of student groups have assisted with creating the lunch menu. They have also taste tested to find out if new items would be kid approved. Ellie and Sue are two of the unsung heroes that help our NCS students everyday. They are really making a difference in helping our students be present emotionally, socially, and academically here at Newcomb.

# 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.

## From The Guidance Office

CONGRATULATIONS:<br>Daria Atlasova: was accepted to Barry University, Loyola Marymount University and Saint Leo University<br>Abigail Fifield: plans to attend SUNY Adirondack<br>Emily Fifield: plans to attend The Culinary Institute of America<br>Lauren Hai: plans to attend State University at Buffalo

## SENIORS

1. All seniors going off to college will need to fill out the $\boldsymbol{F A F S A}$. 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, $\boldsymbol{B E F O R E}$ 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 applied for financial aid yet, you need to do so ASAP. You may apply online, but need a PIN number for you and a parent. Please go to www.fsaid.ed.gov to sign up for a PIN number. When you receive your PIN number, go to www.fafsa.ed.gov to apply for financial aid. It is getting late, the money will be gone, please do this now if you haven't already done so.
4. If you are applying to private colleges, check to see if they require the CSS Profile. This is another financial document that they often require. Check for deadline dates as well. This is a 19 page document, with a LARGE number of financial questions. Please do not wait until the night it is due to begin this profile.

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

On-Line Financial Aid Websites<br>www.studentaid.ed.gov<br>www.finaid.com<br>www.fastweb.com<br>www.collegenet.com<br>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.

## PARENTS OF 3RD THROUGH 8TH GRADE STUDENTS

New York State testing will continue in May and 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.

Grades 3-8 Math: May 3 and 4, 2023
Grade 8 Science Performance Test: May 31, 2023
Grade 8 Science Written Test: June 5, 2023

## TIMELINE IN THE COLLEGE APPLICATION Juniors: Please Read. This is for you.

## SPRING- GRADE 11

- Register for and take the Spring SAT and/or ACT's.
- Visit potential colleges of interest.


## FALL- GRADE 12

- Gather your list of activities and community involvement. Write a resume.
- Continue visiting and narrowing your possible college choices.
- Contact teachers for letters of recommendation.
- If applying for Early Decision be aware of deadlines, Nov. $1^{\text {st }}$ is common (there are also special Early Decision Financial Aid Forms).
- Almost all applications can now be done online. If you choose to do this, notify the guidance office so all supporting documentation can be forwarded.
- Many applications have a secondary school report required. Bring these forms to the guidance office immediately for completion or invite your teachers and counselor electronically.
- Set a goal of December $1^{\text {st }}$ to have all applications complete. Do not plan to have an application processed over Christmas Vacation.
- October is Financial Aid month. Start by applying for a Signature PIN number at http://www.fsaid.ed.gov/. All aid packages start with the FAFSA form which must be done online at http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/. Some colleges have additional forms, institutional, or CSS profiles. Be sure to make yourself aware of what you need.
- Each college has its own Financial Aid deadline. Students are responsible for this information. Always make the financial aid deadline, even if you have to estimate earnings.

JANUARY- GRADE 12

- Scholarships can be researched online and many are sent directly to your homes throughout the spring.


## DATES TO REMEMBER

## SAT Testing Dates

June 3, 2023
ACT Testing Dates
June 10, 2023

## Register By:

May 4, 2023

## Register By:

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.

## 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 \& Spring college classes. Thank you.

Mrs. Markwica
High Honor Roll Second Quarter
$(90$ and up)

4th Leah Poulin
6th Emma Adams
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
10th Ruben Sierra Boullon
11th Hector Alvarez Lopez
11th Marcus Armstrong
11th Logan Bush
11th Alice Kunz
11th Lemmy Rifenburg
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 Riley Bush
5th Hudson Gregson
5th Vannessa Pendell
6th Aryanna Marchioni
6th Serenity Sullivan
7th Taylor Bush
7th Marissa Fifield
7th Olivia Sage
8th Katlin Fifield
8th Rylie Forkey
12th Siraprapa Kraikaew




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

## Class News

## Birds of a Feather Flock Together!



Living in the North Country has so many amazing benefitt! One of them is being up close and personal with nature and the wildlife. It is our pleasure to observe the wildlife, but it is also our duty to protect and support it. With this in mind, Newcomb CSD students and staff would like to present to you an opportunity to do just that!

We are asking for your support of one of many wildlife programs- The North Country Wild Care and Silent Wings Raptor Rehabilitation Program which takes care of injured birds.

We invite you to come out and attend our Spring Concert on May 11th at 6:00pm. The theme of the concert will be centered around birds and their habitat. You can express your support for North Country Wild Care Organization in the form of monetary donations, donations of cages, towels and/or bird food. You may also write out a check to the NCS National Honor Society who will be assisting us in this great cause. No donation is too small $-100 \%$ of proceeds collected will go to the North Country Wild Care Bird rehabilitation program.

In return, a presentation of the Silent Wings program with participation of their featherly friends, will take place in the auditorium during the intermission!

With your participation and support, it will be a great evening!
Thank you in advance!


## STEAM, Art, Technology Exhibition 2023

We are excited to announce the 2023 STEAM/Art/Technology Student Exhibition. This annual event showcases the creativity and learning of our students from the Art, STEAM, and Technology programs. This year's exhibition will take place on Tuesday, May 16 from 4-6 pm in the Art/STEAM hallway. Stop by during the school budget vote!

We're glad to be back in-person this year and there will be fun interactive activities for everyone to enjoy.
Come and discover the incredible works of art and innovative projects that our students have produced. See you there!


## "OWL ABOUT US"

## Dear NCS Families,

The Shared Decision Making Committee has spent part of the year brainstorming strategies to increase school and family communication. To end the year with a fun, simple project, and follow with the theme of our Spring concert, the Committee developed "Owl About Us" posters as a unique way to connect school staff and families. Staff members have created their own posters that display information about them that students may have not otherwise known.

We have sent home a poster board to each household. If your family has several children and you are interested in creating a poster for each child, please reach out to Miss Skiba. These posters can include anything you and your children would like, including pictures, fact bubbles, family traditions, pets, and so on.

Here are some prompts the Shared Decision Making Committee has come up with:

- Who is in our family
- Three interesting facts that you didn't know about us
- Favorites (bird, t.v shows, movies, books, hobbies, activities, etc.)
- Pictures from the past
- What do you want to be when you grow up/what do your parents do for work
- Favorite family memories
- Unique family traditions

We are planning to have all of the posters displayed around the auditorium during the Spring concert. With that being said, we ask that any families who would like their poster displayed, return them with their child on May 10th.

This project is meant to be open-ended and fun! Get creative or keep things simple! Some examples of staff posters have been attached. If you have any other questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to Miss Skiba! (518-582-3341 x 1001 or nskiba@newcombcsd.org)

Thank you for your participation!
The Shared Decision Making Committee


## Class Of 2025

Adirondack Garage Sale


Accepting: gently worn clothing, lightly used furniture/appliances, decorations, toys/games, books, etc.

# Drop off items at Newcomb bus garage (5626 28N Newcomb NY) <br> 518-582-3341 x 1001 (Class Advisor- Nicole Skiba) 

## Collection Ends May 22nd!

Thank you for supporting the Class of 2025!


## 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@newcombcsd.org
(518) 582-3341

## Other News

## Budget Hearing and Budget Vote

Please join us on Thursday, May 4th at 6:00 pm for the annual budget hearing. The budget hearing will take place in the auditorium.

In person voting will take place on Tuesday, May 16th from 1:00 pm- 8:00 pm in the Auditorium Entryway. Absentee ballots are also available by contacting the school at (518) 582-3341.

## Spring Club Opportunities

## Equestrian Club

Open to grades 5-12, 3:00-4:00PM
$5 / 2,5 / 4,5 / 9,5 / 11,5 / 16,5 / 18,5 / 23,5 / 25,5 / 30$
Please contact Mrs. Helms for more info

## Golf Club

Open to grades 7-12, 3:00-4:30PM
$5 / 1,5 / 3,5 / 8,5 / 10,5 / 15,5 / 17,5 / 22,5 / 24,5 / 31$
Please contact Mrs. Yandon for more info

Tennis Club
Open to grades 7-12, 3:00-4:00PM
$5 / 2,5 / 4,5 / 11,5 / 16,5 / 18,5 / 23,5 / 25$
Please contact Mrs. Winslow for more info

Flag Football Club
Open to grades 6-12, 3:00-4:30PM
$5 / 4,5 / 11,5 / 18,5 / 25,6 / 1$, and 6/8
Please contact Mr. Paniccia or Mr. Keglovits for more info

## Community Activities

Adult Pickle Ball
Please check the district athletic schedule, available on the district website

Indoor Walking
Monday-Thursday 4:00-6:00pm

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Budget Hearing of the inhabitants of the Newcomb Central School District, Newcomb New York, qualified to vote at school meetings in said district, will be held at the schoolhouse in said district on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. for the transaction of such business as is authorized by the Education Law.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the seven days immediately preceding the Budget Hearing, except Saturday, Sunday, or holidays at the school during reasonable hours. A report of tax exemptions, showing how much of the total assessed value on the final assessment roll or rolls used in that budgetary process is exempt from taxation, shall be annexed to the budget document.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates to fill the expired term of Nicholas Poulin for a five (5) year office as member of the Board of Education must be filed with the clerk of the district no later than April 17, 2023. Each petition must be directed to the clerk of the district, must be signed by at least twenty-five qualified voters of the district, must state the residence of each signer and must state the name and residence of the candidate.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that voting on the proposed budget for the 2023-2024 school year and for member of the Board of Education will take place on May 16, 2023 from 1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Newcomb Central School.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the following proposition will appear on the ballot: PROPOSITION NO. I Shall the following resolution be approved?

RESOLVED: that the Board of Education of the Newcomb Central School District be authorized to expend monies from the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund, previously established and approved by the voters of the District and currently maintaining a balance of \$295,050 to (a) acquire one (1) 60 passenger school bus at a cost not to exceed $\$ 145,000$, (b) expend such sum for said purchase; and (c) expend from the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund an amount not to exceed \$145,000 for such purpose.

Absentee ballots are available for qualified voters, who on the day of the Election/Budget vote, will be absent from the Newcomb Central School District because of duties, occupation, business, illness, physical disability, studies or vacation.

Application for an absentee ballot must be received by the district clerk or designee at least seven days before the election/budget vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available for inspection in the district office during each of the five days prior to the day of the election except Saturday, Sunday, or holidays, and this list also will be posted at the polling place on the day of the election/budget vote.

An absentee ballot must reach the office of the district clerk/designee not later than 3:00 p.m. on the day of the election.

Qualifications of a voter:
A. Citizen of the United States
B. 18 years of age or older
C. Resident of the district for 30 days or more prior to the vote

## Upcoming in the District

## May 2023

3-4 Grades 3-8 Math Testing
4 BOE Budget Hearing/Meeting, 6pm
5 NYSSMA Solo Festival at Beekmantown
7 Senior Trip Returns
11 Spring Concert, 6pm
13 Prom, Long View Lodge, 6-10pm
16 School Budget Vote, 1-8pm
16 STEAM, Art, Tech Exhibition, 4-6pm
19 Mid-Marking Period
24-25 Art In Education Residency
29 Memorial Day- No School
31 Grade 8 Science Performance Test

June 2023
1 Regents- U.S. History and Government
2-4 Jazz Band Trip
5 Grade 8 Science Written Test
8 BOE Meeting, 6pm
13 Last Day of BOCES classes
13 Academic Awards Ceremony, 2pm
14-16 Regents/Competency Exams
19 Juneteenth- No School
20-22 Regents/Competency Exams
23 End of 4th Marking Period
23 Last Day of School
24 Commencement Ceremony
29 BOE Meeting, 6pm

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