

VEWCOMBCENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

September 2023

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First Day of School

September 5

No School

September 29 (Superintendent's Day)



Welcome Back!

A message from Superintendent Chris Fisher

We are on the doorstep to the start of another school year and in just a few days, the building will open once again to welcome students and staff back. It's been an extremely busy summer for the district in terms of wrapping up last school year and beginning preparations for September. The custodial staff have worked hard to prepare the building and grounds with a thorough cleaning and necessary repairs. The Transportation Department has spent time ensuring that our school vehicles are safe and ready to transport children on the first day. The Business Office has participated in two different audits, one with our annual auditor as well as an audit with the New York State Comptroller's Office. Administration has been busy with curriculum mapping and finalizing students for our International F1 Program. We eagerly await the upcoming surge as faculty return to the building to set up their classrooms and participate in professional development!

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Teaching and learning this fall will continue to focus on equity, access, and support for all of our learners. District initiatives will continue to be shaped by our district mission and vision. We will continue our work to improve school culture and climate with an emphasis on supporting student's social and emotional well-being.

The master schedule will once again include a variety of student club activities and a STEAM experience on Friday afternoons. This year, STEAM has been designed as a pass/fail credit bearing course. Students in grades nine through twelve will be eligible to earn one elective credit towards graduation for successful course completion!

Staffing Changes for the 2023-2024 School Year:



Miss Grace Armstrong, Elementary Reading and Math Specialist

Please join me in welcoming Miss Grace Armstrong as an Elementary Reading and Math Specialist. Miss Armstrong will be supporting students in grades Kindergarten through Sixth grade as well as working collaboratively with elementary teachers to implement Guided Reading and math programming.



Ms. Skiba, 3rd & 4th Grade Teacher

We are excited to share the news that Ms. Skiba will be the classroom teacher for the third and fourth graders this year! Having worked with many of the students at the elementary level over the past few years, Ms. Skiba will be a familiar face for the students!



Mrs. Julie Slayback, Guided Reading Support

Mrs. Slayback will be providing support periodically throughout the school year as we continue to implement our Guided Reading initiative. We are so thankful that she is giving up some of her retirement time to assist the students!



Staying Connected with Families:

How did anyone navigate from Point A to Point B before MapQuest or GPS? The trusty atlas came in handy! How did society survive before cell phones? We stood by landlines and waited for them to ring. Years ago, doing business included a face to face interaction with a handshake to seal the deal. Technological advances have certainly helped to make our lives easier and more efficient in many regards, but when it comes to establishing and maintaining personal connections, technology can sometimes feel more like a barrier making it hard to pick up on social cues, convey feelings and thoroughly understand perspective.

Over the course of the academic school year, you may find that you have questions about your child's progress academically, socially or emotionally. You may also have questions or concerns about a particular situation and are in need of gathering more information. Although emails and texts are convenient for quick questions, electronic communication can have significant drawbacks when exploring an issue or discussing a sensitive topic. Scheduling a meeting and sitting down face to face with your child's teacher or talking by phone can provide a platform for listening, understanding point of view, and brainstorming solutions together. It may also help with trust-building, validating emotions, and allowing for more flexibility with the exchanging of ideas.

It takes both a positive outlook, open communication, and everyone working together towards a common goal for children to achieve the best intended outcomes. Your support and partnership is imperative as we continue to engage our children in meaningful learning experiences. Please reach out to meet with us face to face or to talk by phone. We look forward to continuing to connect with you throughout the school year!

Building a Positive Climate Through Awareness and Restorative Practices

A message from PJ Motsiff - Director of Curriculum and Instruction



Welcome back, families! As we start this new school year, creating an inclusive, supportive school climate is always a top priority at NCS. Key to this is building is self-awareness, social awareness, and restorative practices.

On Superintendent's Day, our teachers participated in training on restorative practices – an approach that focuses on building relationships and repairing harm through open communication. Teachers discussed strategies to facilitate student self-reflection, as well as emotions and perspectives that facilitate collaborative problem solving.

Implementing these practices will foster mutual understanding and respect in our classrooms and throughout the entire building. When conflicts occur, the goal will be healing and growth rather than punishment. Together, students and teachers will continue to build a safe, connected school community.

At home, you can reinforce these ideas by discussing emotions and perspectives openly and modeling reconciliation when needed. Help your child recognize their own strengths and areas for improvement. Research has found that 40% of teens want their parents to "reach out more to ask how they're really doing and to really listen!" - Harvard Research

With self-awareness, social awareness, and restorative practices, we will continue to create a nurturing environment where students can thrive academically and emotionally.

Let's make this school year one of growth, empathy, and positive change!

We're in this together, families. Go Huskies!



A message from PJ Motsiff - Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Educators are always looking for ways to expose their students to new ideas. Teachers love to excite student knowledge by fostering deeper communication, comparing cultures, and creating authentic connections. To them this is teaching! At Newcomb we have been blessed since 2007 with the opportunity to have the presence of international exchange students. This program has dramatically boosted our students' world readiness.

Newcomb has hosted over 230 students from 40 different countries. The school is one of the few public high schools in the entire United States that is a certified F1 educational visa program. This year the following families have agreed to host students; Jody and Tammy Larabee, Ellie Yandon, Chris and Whitney Britt, as well as Paul Hai and Stacy McNulty. The internationals students this year will be coming from 4 different agencies. There are currently a total of 8 students committed to studying here at Newcomb.

Name	Gender	Grade	Home Country
Adrian Gonzalez Zorzano	Male	12	Spain
Alexandr Haritonov	Male	12	Moldova
Viktoriia Efimova	Female	12	Russia
Viktoriia (Tori) Shalagina	Female	12	Russia
Ananya (Ink) Pantamas	Female	11	Thailand
Thanutploy (Proy) Kaittiluckkanachai	Female	12	Thailand
Milana Nurmukhamedova	Female	10	Kazakhstan
Nika Nurmukhamedova	Female	10	Kazakhstan

NEWCOMB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2023 - 2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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Aug. 29-30	Professional Learning Days
Aug. 31	Supt. Conference Day
September 4	Labor Day
September 5	Classes Begin
September 29	Supt. Conference Day
October 9	Columbus Day
November 9	Emergency Early Release Day
November 10	Veterans' Day
November 22-24	Thanksgiving Recess
December 20-29	Holiday Recess
January 1	New Year's Day
January 2	Classes Resume
January 15	Martin Luther King Day
February 19-23	Winter Recess
March 29	Good Friday
April 1-5	Spring Recess
May 27	Memorial Day
June 4	Regents Testing Day
June 14,18,20-24	Regents Exam Period
June 19	Juneteenth
June 25	Last Day of School
June 29	Graduation

Classes Not in Session



Supt. Conference Day No Classes

September	18	silvox
October	21	
November	18	
December	13	
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February	16	
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June	16	
Total Number of Pupil Days	182	
Supt. Conference Days	2	
TOTAL DAYS	184	

BOE APPROVED 1/19/2023

NEWCOMB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION

ELEMENTARY FACULTY:

Pre K – K Mrs. Meredith Aitchison-Phelps
Grades 1 & 2 Mrs. Amanda Bush
Grades 3 & 4 Ms. Nicole Skiba
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 Mr. Paul Motsiff & Instruction District Treasurer Mrs. Colleen Sage Supt Confidential Secretary Mrs. Pamela Bush Part Time Receptionist Mrs. Caryn Draper Library Media Specialist Mrs. Meaghan Whitten Cook Manager Mrs. Eleanor Yandon Kitchen Helper Ms. Suzanne Stith Transportation Coordinator/ Mr. Robert Bessey Mechanic/Bus Driver Head Custodian Mr. Raymond Bush Bus Driver Ms. Lanette Chase Cleaner Mr. Joshua Hults Ms. Colleen Walsh Cleaner

SPECIAL SERVICES:

School Counselor (5 days/week) Mrs. Kathryn Markwica Speech & Language Pathologist (3 days/week) Mrs. Andrea Winchip Registered Nurse (5 days/week) Mrs. Madison Helms Psychologist (I day/week) Mr. Steven Wilk Special Education (5 days/week) Mrs. Shelley Gagnon Math & Reading Specialist (5 days/week) Ms. Grace Armstrong Technology Coordinator (5 days/week) TBD

Newcomb Central School CLASS LIST 2023-2024

PRE-K (four year olds) M. A-P / Teacher GRADE 5 2031 S. KEGLOVITS / Teacher Dufour, Calista

Poulin, Leah

Dick, Jacob
Fifield, Katlin
Forkey, Rylie
Lamphear, Camden

GRADE 9

Monroe, Ember

2027

KINDERGARTEN 2036 M. A-P / Teacher

Boule, Preslie Garrido, Casey

GRADE 6 2030 S. KEGLOVITS / Teacher

Bush, Riley Gregson, Hudson Pendell, Vannessa GRADE 10 2026 W. BRITT / Advisor Armstrong, Hope

GRADE 1 2035 A. BUSH / Teacher 7

Armstrong, Hope Boisvert, Kendall Dick, Jayden Monroe, Hunter Pendell, Nicholas Richards, Jacob

GRADE 2 2034 A. BUSH / Teacher Bailey, Liam

Bailey, Liam Canon, Katherine Poulin, Gemma GRADE 7 2029
Adams, Emma
Hlavaty, Grace
Lamphear, Bentley
Marchioni, Aryanna
Poulin, Andre
Sullivan, Serenity

GRADE 11 2025 N. SKIBA / Advisor Cantrell, Bobby Hai, Rowan Howe, Sarah

Monroe, Lilian

GRADE 3 2033
N. SKIBA / Teacher
Canon, Matthew
Lamphear, Ellie

GRADE 8 2028
Bush, Taylor
Fifield, Marissa
Larabee, Piper
Sage, Olivia

GRADE 12 2024
A.BUSH / Advisor
Armstrong, Marcus
Bush, Logan
Clark, Weslie

Efimova, Viktoriia (Russia)

Fifield, Gavin

Gonzalez Zorzano, Adrian (Spain) Haritonov, Alexandr (Moldova)

Rifenburg, Lemmy

Shalagina, Viktoriia (Russia)

GRADE 4 2032 N. SKIBA / Teacher Sage, Will

2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR BUS ROUTES

(Pickups subject to change as students finalize schedules)

REGULAR AM PICKUP

One bus pickup to begin at 7:15am

Gregson, Hudson Fifield, Katlin Clark, Weslie & Forkey, Rylie Dick: Jayden & Jacob Armstrong: Marcus & Hope Hlavaty, Grace

Larabee, Piper

Poulin: Andre, Leah, Gemma

Marchioni, Aryanna & Garrido, Casey

Richards, Jacob Boule, Preslie Bush: Taylor & Riley

Lamphear: Camden, Bentley, Ellie Cantrell, Bobby & Sullivan, Serenity

Howe, Sarah

BOCES AM PICKUP

Bus will leave school at 10:10am with students attending the BOCES Program. Due to limited packing at BOCES, students are to ride the Newcomb bus. We are required a written note, email or call from a parent or guardian if your child will be picked up from BOCES.

REGULAR PM PICKUP

(school to home)
One bus at 2:58pm dismissal

BUS NOTES

If your child is to be dropped off at another location other than his/her home, we require a written note, email or call to the main office.

From The Guidance Office



SENIORS:

All seniors going off to college will need to fill out the <u>FAFSA</u> beginning in **OCTOBER**. You can apply on-line, which saves a lot of time. Before you can do that <u>you and a parent</u> need to register for a **FSA ID**. To get your **FSA ID** you can go to <u>www.fsaid.ed.gov</u>. If your parents or siblings have a PIN, they can "link" their PIN number to their FSA ID. This will aid in transferring your information from PIN to your FSA ID. When you receive your FSA ID number go to <u>www.fafsa.ed.gov</u> to apply for Financial Aid. Financial Aid forms can be filled out beginning in October this year, using last year's tax returns. You should do this right away. Doing them on-line is much faster and easier.

Check your application deadlines! Applications should be out **by** December 1st. If you want your transcripts to go out before Thanksgiving, you need to let me know which colleges to send them to by **November 16, 2023**

Please check your application before you send it out. Check spellings, print neatly, and check your grammar!

Ask at least 2 teachers to write you a letter of recommendation to keep in my office so that I can send them out with your applications.

VISIT the colleges you plan to apply to! You are going to want to be at a place that you like. You won't know that unless you take a tour. This year you may have to take your tour virtually, but it is still important to see the campus you plan to live.

I need your updated Transcripts or Resumes so that I can send the college's accurate information. Please list all activities you have done grades 9-12, so that I don't forget anything. Please include any volunteer work you have done. Remember, volunteering means you are not receiving money for the work you are doing. Example: class fundraising is not volunteer work, you are receiving money for a senior trip for all class fundraising activities.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

SAT Testing Dates

October 7, 2023 November 4, 2023 December 2, 2023 March 9, 2024 May 4, 2024 June 1, 2024

ACT Testing Dates

October 28, 2023 December 9, 2023 February 10, 2024 April 13, 2024 June 8, 2024

Registration Deadline

September 7, 2023 October 5, 2023 November 2, 2023 February 23, 2024 April 19, 2024 May 17, 2024

Registration Deadline

September 22, 2023 November 3, 2024 January 5, 2024 March 8, 2024 May 3, 2024

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.

DATES FOR JUNIORS TO REMEMBER:

PSAT: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 @ 8 a.m.

All Juniors, excluding international students, will take the PSAT at no cost to you. The purpose of taking this exam is to give you an idea what the SAT exams are like. This is a learning tool to help you prepare for the May/June SAT. Depending on how well you do, you <u>MAY</u> qualify for a merit scholarship.

DATES FOR SOPHOMORES TO REMEMBER:

ASVAB: Part 1: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 @ 8 a.m.

All Sophomores, excluding international students, are given the test. This test is given by the Military, however we do not allow the Military to receive the scores. We give this test for career exploration only. **ASVAB: Part 2: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 @ 10:45 a.m**. This part includes interpretation of test scores and career exploration.

REMINDER TO PARENTS OF THIRD THROUGH EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS:

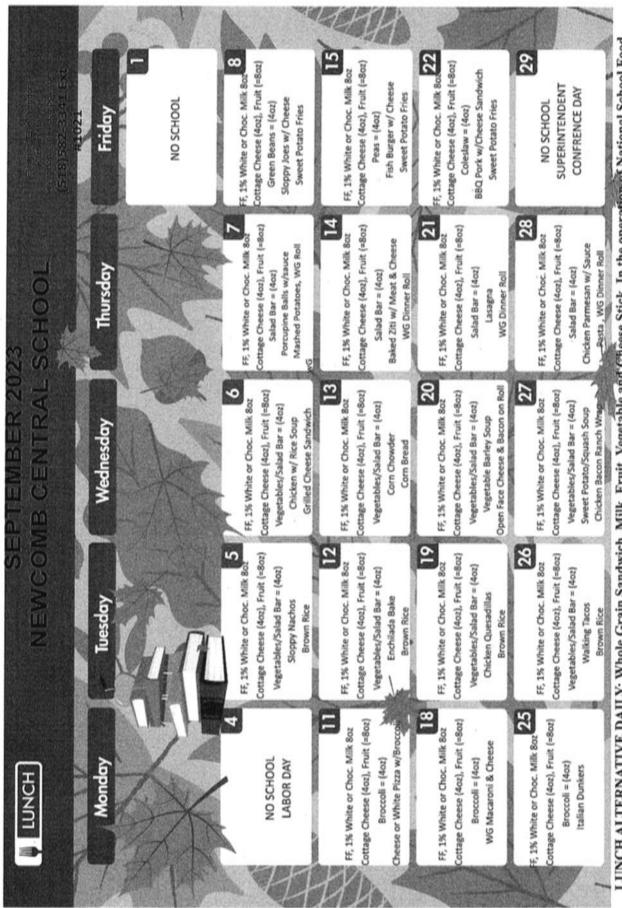
New York State testing will be in April and May. Please make sure your children get plenty of rest before their exams. Also, if you can help it, *please make sure your child does not miss school on the day of an exam*. These exams will be very difficult to make up. Please review the schedule below. Thank you for your support.

3-8 ELA: April 8-May 17, 2024 3-8 Math: April 8-May 17, 2024 5 & 8 Science: April 8-May 17, 2024

> Welcome Back! Mrs. Markwica

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A Breakfast Alternative is served daily. Each Breakfast must contain; 8oz of Fruit +/or 100% Fruit Juice, 2oz Meat or alternative; 2oz Grain. In the operation been discriminated against, write immediately to the Department of Agriculture. Please note that our menu is subject to change based on availability of 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 food items.



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ANNUAL NEWS RELEASE - PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Newcomb Central School today announced a free and reduced price meal (Free Milk) policy for the Newcomb area school children. Local school officials have adopted the following family eligibility criteria to assist them in determining eligibility:

2023-2024 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES FOR FREE AND REDUCED PRICE MEALS OR FREE MILK

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2	\$ 25,636	\$ 2,137	\$ 1,069	\$ 986	\$ 493	2	\$ 36,482	\$ 3,041	\$ 1,521	\$ 1,404	\$ 702
3	\$ 32,318	\$ 2,694	\$ 1,347	\$ 1,243	\$ 622	3	\$ 45,991	\$ 3,833	\$ 1,917	\$ 1,769	\$ 885
4	\$ 39,000	\$ 3,250	\$ 1,625	\$ 1,500	\$ 750	4	\$ 55,500	\$ 4,625	\$ 2,313	\$ 2,135	\$ 1,068
5	\$ 45,682	\$ 3,807	\$ 1,904	\$ 1,757	\$ 879	5	\$ 65,009	\$ 5,418	\$ 2,709	\$ 2,501	\$ 1,251
6	\$ 52,364	\$ 4,364	\$ 2,182	\$ 2,014	\$ 1,007	6	\$ 74,518	\$ 6,210	\$ 3,105	\$ 2,867	\$ 1,434
7	\$ 59,046	\$ 4,921	\$ 2,461	\$ 2,271	\$ 1,136	7	\$ 84,027	\$ 7,003	\$ 3,502	\$ 3,232	\$ 1,616
8	\$ 65,728	\$ 5,478	\$ 2,739	\$ 2,528	\$ 1,264	8	\$ 93,536	\$ 7,795	\$ 3,898	\$ 3,598	\$ 1,799
Each Add'l person, add	\$ 6,682	\$ 557	\$ 279	\$ 257	\$ 129	Each Add'l person, add	\$ 9,509	\$ 793	\$ 397	\$ 366	\$ 183

^{*}Students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge.

SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Households: Households that currently include children who receive the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) but who are not found during the Direct Certification Matching Process (DCMP), or households that currently receive Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), or the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) must complete an Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk,listing the child's name, a valid SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member. Eligibility for free meal benefits based on participation in SNAP, TANF or FDPIR is extended to all children in the household. When known to the School Food Authority, households will be notified of their children's eligibility for free meals based on their participation in the SNAP, TANF or the FDPIR programs. No application is necessary if the household was notified by the SFA their children have been directly certified. If the household is not sure if their children have been directly certified, the household should contact the school.

Other Source Categorical Eligibility: When known to the School Food Authority, households will be notified of any child's eligibility for free meals based on the individual child's designation as Other Source Categorically Eligible, as defined by law. Children are determined Other Source Categorically Eligible if they are Homeless, Migrant, Runaway, a foster child, or Enrolled in Head Start or an eligible pre-kindergarten program.

Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income. A separate application for a foster child is no longer necessary. Foster children may also be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits for other children. Including children in foster care as household members may help other children in the household qualify for benefits. If non-foster children in a foster family are not eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits, an eligible foster child will still receive free benefits

If children or households receive benefits under Assistance Programs or Other Source Categorically Eligible Programs and are not listed on the notice of eligibility and are not notified by the School Food Authority of their free meal benefits, the parent or guardian should contact the school or should submit an income application.

Other Households: Households with income the same or below the amounts listed above for family size may be eligible for and are urged to apply for free and/or reduced price meals (or free milk). They may do so by completing the Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk sent home with the letter to parents. One application for all children in the household should be submitted. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. Applications may be submitted any time during the school year to Madison Helms (Reviewing Official). Please contact Madison Helms at 518-582-3341 with any questions regarding the application process.

Households notified of their children's eligibility must contact the School Food Authority if they choose to decline the free meal benefits. Households may apply for benefits at any time throughout the school year. Children of parents or guardians who become unemployed or experience a financial hardship mid-year may become eligible for free and reduced price meals or free milk at any point during the school year.

Children in households receiving Women, Infants and Children (WIC) benefits may be eligible for free or reduced price meals through the application process.

For up to 30 operating days into the new school year (or until a new eligibility determination is made, whichever comes first) an individual child's free or reduced price eligibility status from the previous year will continue within the same School Food Authority. When the carryover period ends, unless the household is notified that their children are directly certified or the household submits an application that is approved, the children's meals must be claimed at the paid rate. Though encouraged to do so, the School Food Authority is not required to send a reminder or a notice of expired eligibility.

The information provided on the application will be confidential and will be used for determining eligibility. The names and eligibility status of participants may also be used for the allocation of funds to federal education programs such as Title I and National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), State health or State education programs, provided the State agency or local education agency administers the programs, and for federal, State or local means-tested nutrition programs with eligibility standards comparable to the NSLP. Eligibility information may also be released to programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or the Child Nutrition Act (CNA). The release of information to any program or entity not specifically authorized by the NSLA will require a written consent statement from the parent or guardian.

The School Food Authority does, however, have the right to verify at any time during the school year the information on the application. If a parent does not give the school this information, the child/children will no longer be able to receive free or reduced price meals (free milk).

Under the provisions of the policy, the designated official will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent is dissatisfied with the ruling of the designated official, he/she may make a request either orally or in writing for a hearing to appeal the decision. Mrs. Christian Fisher (Superintendent), whose address is 5535 State Route 28N, Newcomb NY 12852 has been designated as the Hearing Official. Hearing procedures are outlined in the policy. However, prior to initiating the hearing procedure, the parent or School Food Authority may request a conference to provide an opportunity for the parent and official to discuss the situation, present information, and obtain an explanation of the data submitted in the application or the decisions rendered. The request for a conference shall not in any way prejudice or diminish the right to a fair hearing.

Only complete applications can be approved. This includes complete and accurate information regarding: the SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR case number; the names of all household members; on an income application, the last four digits of the social security number of the person who signs the form or an indication that the adult does not have one, and the amount and source of income received by each household member. In addition, the parent or guardian must sign the application form, certifying the information is true and correct.

In the operation of child feeding programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, sex, color, national origin, age, disability or limited English proficiency.

Nondiscrimination Statement: This explains what to do if you believe you have been treated unfairly.

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/ad-3027.pdf, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. Mail:

U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or

2. Fax:

(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or

3. Email:

program.intake@usda.gov

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

September Soccer Game Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		40		1.
4.	5.	.9	7.	8.
HAPPY (ASO) Day	BM game vs IL/LL @ Indian Lake 4:30	GM game vs IL/LL @ Schroon Lake 4:30	BM game vs Crown Point @ Schroon Lake 4:30	GM game vs Crown Point @ Crown Point 4:30
0	BV game vs IL/LL @ Indian Lake 4:30	GV game vs IL/LL @ Schroon Lake 4:30	BV game vs Crown Point @ Schroon Lake 4:30	GV game vs Crown Point @ Crown Point 4:30
11.	12.	13.	14.	15.
BM game vs Keene @ Keene 4:30	GM game vs Keene @ Schroon Lake 4:30	BV vs Webb school (Old Forge) @ Newcomb 4:30		BV game vs Beekmantown @ Beekmantown 6:30
BV game vs Keene @ Keene 4:30	GV game vs Keene @ Schroon Lake 4:30	GV vs Bouquet Valley @ Bouquet Valley 4:30		
18.	19.	20.	21.	22.
GM vs Willsboro @ Schroon Lake 4:30	BM vs Jburg/Minerva @ Jburg/Minerva 4:30	BV vs Fort ann @ Schroon Lake 4:30	BM game vs Wells @ Wells 4:30	GM vs Wells @ Wells 4:30
GV vs Willsboro @ Schroon Lake 4:30	BV vs Jburg/Minerva @ Jburg/Minerva 4:30	GM vs Jburg/Minerva @ Jburg/Minerva 4:30	BV game vs Wells @ Wells 4:30	GV vs Wells @ Wells 4:30
		GV vs Jburg/Minerva @ Jburg/Minerva 4:30		
25.	26.	27.	28.	29.
BM game vs Bouquet @ Schroon Lake 4:30		BM vs IL/LL @. Schroon Lake 4:30	GM vs IL/LL @ IL/LL 4:30	BM vs Crown Point @ Crown Point 4:30
BV game vs Bouquet @ Schroon Lake 4:30		BV vs IL/LL @ Schroon Lake 4:30	GV vs IL/LL @ IL/LL 4:30	BV vs Crown Point @ Crown Point 4:30
	*	*consolidated times and contributed to absence		

schedule date/times are subject to change

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.

ATTENDANCE **P**OLICY

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 sickness, sickness in the family, impassable roads, inclement weather, medical appointments when they cannot be otherwise scheduled, and 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.

Early Dismissal: 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

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:

- 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.
- 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. Christian 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.

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.** 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.

Complaints: Public and Grievances

Responsibility of: Parent/Citizen/Employee/Student

<u>Procedure to follow:</u> 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

<u>Procedure to follow:</u> 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

<u>Procedure to follow:</u> 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

<u>Procedure to follow:</u> 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 rending 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

<u>Procedure to follow:</u> 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

<u>Procedure to follow:</u> 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 they are not satisfied with the decision, they may petition to Commissioner of Education.

<u>Note:</u> 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.

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

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. The applicant must clearly and completely describe the intended use of the district facility in the application. 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Issuance of a permit shall not limit the right of access to the facility by district staff.

Ref: Education Law §414, NCSD Board of Education Policy 1500

School Policy for Visitors

Due to safety in mind, we ask that <u>ALL</u> 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 <u>ALL</u> visitors to sign in at the main office <u>and</u> obtain a pass. Upon leaving the school, please remember to stop by the main office to sign out.

Thank you for your cooperation!

EMPLOYMENT **O**PPORTUNITIES

Newcomb Central School is looking for substitutes in the following areas:

- •Substitute Bus Drivers
- •Substitute Teachers
- •Substitutes in IT Department
- •Substitute Nurses
- •Substitute Cleaners and Kitchen Staff

Please send letter of interest and resume to:

Mrs. Christian Fisher

Newcomb Central School

P.O. Box 418

Newcomb, NY 12852

f UPCOMING IN THE f DISTRICT

September 2023

- 4 Labor Day
- 5 First Day of Classes
- 14 Board of Education Meeting, 6pm
- 29 No School, Superintendents Day

October 2023

- 6 Mid-Marking Period
- 9 No School, Columbus Day
- 12 Board of Education Meeting, 6pm

Newcomb Central School District P.O. Box 418 5535 State Route 28N Newcomb, NY 12852

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SUPERINTENDENT CHRISTIAN M. FISHER

Boxholder or Rural Route