

Newcomb

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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<u>No School</u> October 9 (Columbus and Indigenous Peoples' Day)



Student Voice in the School Community

A message from Superintendent Chris Fisher

Newcomb Central School District's mission statement reads as follows: "We offer a safe and enriching international environment to encourage student directed learning; empowering them through technology to become global citizens and bettering their world." What exactly does student directed learning look like? Successful school cultures that exercise student directed learning begin with a deeper understanding of students. It is imperative that schools recognize the importance of discovering where students are coming from, what makes them tick and the reasons why some may be engaged and others not so much. Student directed learning extends beyond just surveying students to creating and establishing authentic relationships where students truly have a voice and are given opportunities to become change agents alongside administrators, teachers and school staff. This is a task that doesn't happen overnight. It is an ongoing endeavor that takes time, energy and positive relationships to break down barriers that may present along the way.

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"Our School is the Heart of Our Community"

SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE CONTINUED

One of our priorities at NCS is to continue to build a culture where students drive instructional practices and are afforded opportunities to exercise leadership in an environment that supports social-emotional learning. Our work with school culture intends to further support a positive and welcoming climate for everyone in the school community. This year the district will continue our partnerships with Essex County Mental Health and the Prevention Team. We will also be partnering with Mr. Tom Bull, Culture Consultant and Business Life Coach to establish a Positive School Environment Team (PSET) at NCS with participating students. The focus of the PSET Team is to bring voice, vision and value to the school community with intent to influence, impact and inspire change. Mr. Bull is currently working with five other schools in the north country and we look forward to opportunities for inter-school collaborations.



Newcomb's Positive School Environment Team (PSET) Leaders

Please join me in welcoming Ms. Angie MacAlpine, Prevention Team Specialist. Ms. MacAlpine will be joining us in the district on Thursdays each week. We look forward to our ongoing collaborations with the Prevention Team!



Under the Commissioner's regulation, school districts across the state are required to provide 180 days of session with 900 instructional hours for students in grades kindergarten through grade 6 and 990 hours of instruction for students in grades 7 through 12. Newcomb Central School District's Attendance Policy is crafted to allow a specified number of absences that align with required instructional seat time. For a full year course, twenty absences (excused or unexcused), for any student K-12 equates to a student being chronically absent and seat time is compromised. For a half year course, ten absences (excused or unexcused), is considered chronic absenteeism and seat time is compromised. New York State holds schools accountable for daily attendance records and uses daily attendance to determine how many students are chronically absent. If your child has a medical appointment that cannot be otherwise scheduled outside of the school day, please work with us to bring your child to school for breakfast (7:45-7:58 am) and for homeroom period (8:00-8:02 am). This will enable your child to receive daily attendance, which is taken during the homeroom period. Please note that the classes that your child might miss while out of school for an appointment will continue to impact their period attendance for each course. It is suggested that you continue to monitor your child's overall attendance for each class. In rare instances, family emergencies may arise that require your child to be absent preceding or following a scheduled school vacation. For these circumstances, the Superintendent may give permission for students to participate in an Academic Study for Attendance Credit. The Academic Study for Attendance Credit requires advanced notice as the Board of Education also approves each course of study. Applications for an Academic Study for Attendance Credit should be submitted to the Superintendent no later than one month prior to travel. To learn more about this option, please feel free to reach out to me at your convenience.

We appreciate your continued partnership to improve our overall attendance standing.

Autumn is the Season for Reading!

A message from PJ Motsiff - Director of Curriculum and Instruction



Autumn is here! Right along with picking your apples and pumpkins, pick some good books to read! This year, Mrs. Slayback has taken on the role of reading specialist in order to continue our schools implementation of two excellent reading programs at the elementary level, the Fountas & Pinnell Guided Reading program (PreK-6) and the Jump Rope Readers Phonics Program (K-2).

Guided Reading will provide our students with small group instruction at their individual reading levels. Teachers will guide students through books matched to their skills, focusing on strategies like decoding, fluency, and comprehension. Regular assessments will help teachers track growth across the school year.

Jump Rope Readers will complement the guided reading with fun phonics practice through chants, rhymes, songs and games. Students will "jump rope" over words as they build critical word knowledge and phonics skills in an engaging way.

Our goal is to equip our educators with the knowledge and tools to meet each student's reading needs. Tailored professional development will give our teachers the latest, research-based approaches for developing strong readers and writers. By pairing guided reading with multisensory phonics practice, we aim to boost achievement and confidence. Variety and differentiation will keep students invested in their own success.

We know quality teaching is essential for student success. We're committed to our teachers' continuous growth so they can better support our students. Please reach out to your child's teacher with any questions on Guided Reading or our Jump Rope Reader Phonics Program.

Here's to another amazing year of reading achievement! Let's go Huskies!

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE



ALL STUDENTS GRADES 8-12:

Now is the time to begin thinking about your future career plans. SUNY Adirondack will be hosting an evening College Fair on Thursday, October 5th from 6-8pm in their gymnasium. It is a great opportunity for you to meet with College Representatives and ask questions about what their college offers students.

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 <u>by</u> December 1st. Check your college deadline dates. If you want your transcripts to go out before Thanksgiving, you need to let me know which colleges to send them to by **November 17, 2023**.

Please check your application before you send it out. Check spelling, 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 at.

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.

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

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Registration Deadline

September 8, 2023 October 6, 2023 November 3, 2023 February 23, 2024 April 19, 2024 May 17, 2024

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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 have the opportunity to 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.

We will be offering the ASVAB to all sophomores excluding international students on Wednesday, October 11th at 8am. This is a two part exam. The first part is an actual exam, the second part is when you look at different careers based on your scores, likes and dislikes. The ASVAB is given by the Military, however, we do not release your scores to the military unless you choose to have them sent to them. Part 2, the career exploration date will be Wednesday, November 15th at 10:45 am in the STEAM room.

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, 20243-8 Math: April 8-May 17, 20245 & 8 Science: April 8-May 17, 2024

It is so nice to have everyone back at school! Happy Fall!

Mrs. Markwica



Are you a trivia buff? How much do you know about the faculty and staff at NCS? Newcomb Central School District's Student Council would like to invite you to join us for

Newcomb Central School District Trivia Open House

Monday, November 6th from 4:30-7:00 pm.

Join us for an evening of learning about instructional practices, assessment and our fabulous faculty and staff! Students and families can meet us in the gymnasium at 4:30 pm to learn the rules of the school-wide game. At 4:45 pm we will set family teams free about the building to visit with as many NCS faculty and staff members as possible to ask a series of questions. At 5:30 pm we will invite family teams back to the gymnasium for a pot-luck dinner and a game of Kahoot based on the answers to the staff questions.

Please assist us with the pot-luck meal by bringing in the following according to your last name:

-A to G brings casserole/main dish

-H to Z brings dessert



FROM THE Health OFFICE

PLEASE BE MINDFUL WHEN SENDING FOOD TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR STUDENT



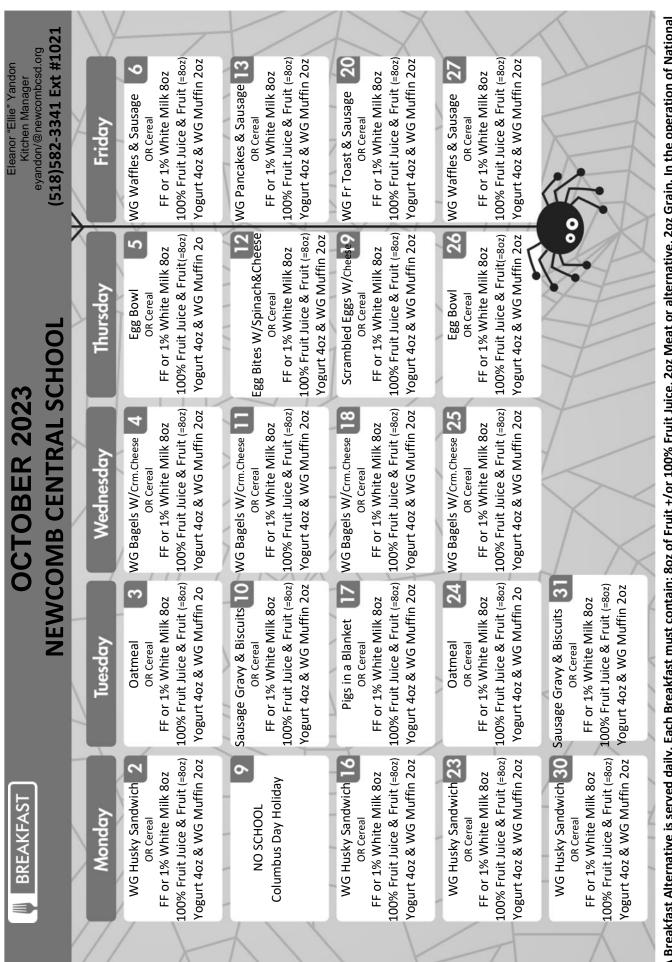
The following NCS policies remain in effect:

- 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.

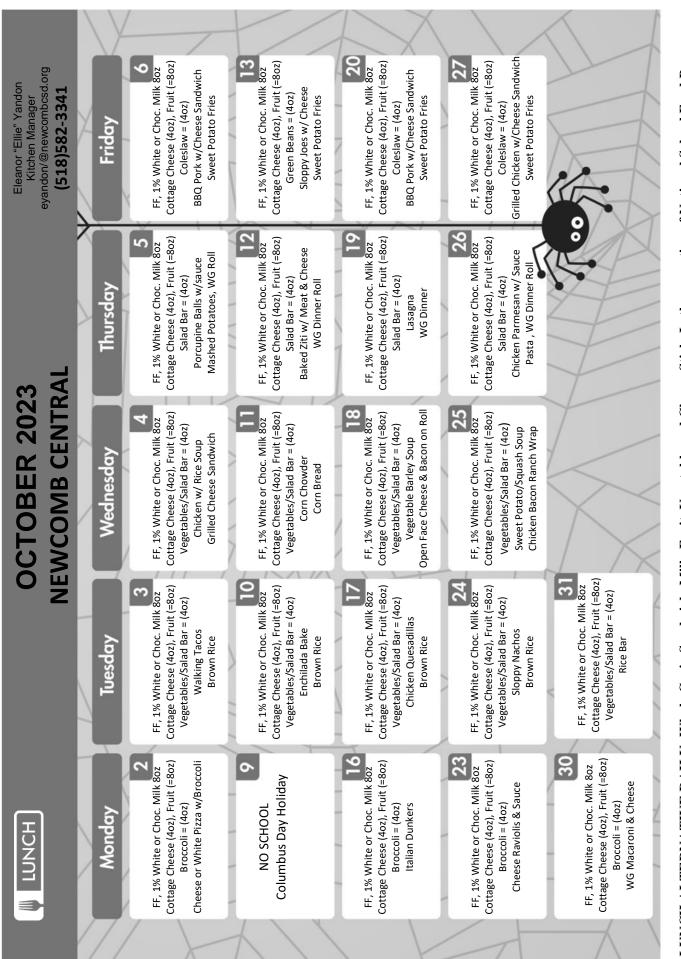
• Please read the food labels on packaged items your own child may bring to school to ensure no peanuts, tree nuts, peanut butter or peanut oil is among the ingredients.

- 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.



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, A Breakfast Alternative is served daily. Each Breakfast must contain; 802 of Fruit +/or 100% Fruit Juice, 202 Meat or alternative, 202 Grain. In the operation of National write immediately to the Department of Agriculture. Please note that our menu is subject to change based on availability of food items.



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 discrimi-nated 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

From the Shop



Students in Materials Processing class have been preparing to construct an ABC Trail behind the school for the younger elementary students. At least half of the trail is expected to be completed this fall.



A message from Mrs. Whitten

October 16-22 is Digital Citizenship Week. Digital Citizenship Week teaches children how to act safely and ethically online and on their devices. The way kids conduct themselves online has an impact on their well-being, so it's important to guide and educate them on how to act responsibly in digital spaces ("Digital Citizenship Week 2023 | Event Info | Twinkl USA"). In essence, we want our kids to be the same positive citizens they are in real life, online.

We will spend some time during this week in the Library and STEAM focusing on being Internet Smart, Alert, Kind, Strong, and Brave (Google "Be Internet Awesome").

For resources for caregivers to use at home with your students, please visit

- <u>https://www.fosi.org/good-digital-parenting</u>
- <u>https://www.digcitcommit.org</u>
- https://www.commonsensemedia.org

CommonSense Media is especially helpful if your child asks for a certain game or app, or to watch a movie that you're unfamiliar with. You can look it up, see the ratings and reviews and what you may or may not find appropriate for certain age groups.

Apples, Potatoes, Pies, Oh My!

The Class of 2025 invites you to their apple and potato fundraiser this fall! In the months of October and November they will be going door-to-door and taking call-in orders for people wishing to buy. There will be several different types of apples and potatoes. Students will also be handmaking pies and offering apple cider donuts from the orchard.

Be on the lookout for more info on the Newcomb Central School's social media and through flyers throughout the town in the coming weeks for more information regarding prices and delivery. Have a wonderful fall!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
GM vs Crown Point @ Schroon Lake 4:30 (Senior Game)	BM vs Keene @ Schroon Lake 4:30	GM vs Keene @ Keene 4:30	Elementary Game @ Newcomb 4:00	BV vs Crown Point @ Schroon Lake 4:30
GV vs Crown Point @ Schroon Lake 4:30	BV vs Keene @ Schroon Lake 4:30	GV vs Keene @ Keene 4:30		
	Elementary Game @ Long Lake 4:00			
6	10.	11.	12.	13.
Columbus Day	BM vs Seton @ Seton 4:00	GM vs Willsboro @ Willsboro 4:00	BM vs Jburg/Minerva @ Schroon Lake 4:00	GM vs Jburg/Minerva @ Schroon Lake 4:00
People Day NO SCHOOL	BV vs Seton @ Seton 4:00	GV vs Willsboro @ Willsboro 4:00	BV vs Jburg/Minerva @ Newcomb 4:00 (Senior Game)	GV vs Jburg/Minerva @ Schroon Lake 7:00
16.	17.	18.	19.	20.
GV vs Ticonderoga @ Ticonderoga 6:30	GV vs Wells @ Schroon Lake 4:00	Elementary Game @ Newcomb 4:00	Girls Prelims	Boys Quarterfinals
	BM vs Wells @ Schroon Lake 4:00	Boys Prelims		
23.	24.	25.	26.	27.
Boys Semi-finals	Elementary Game @ Minerva 4:00			
	Girls Semi-finals			
	-	*schedule date/times are subject to change*	change*	

October Soccer Game Schedule



SATURDAY - OCTOBER 7th 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM @

Lilbern Yandon Rec Field

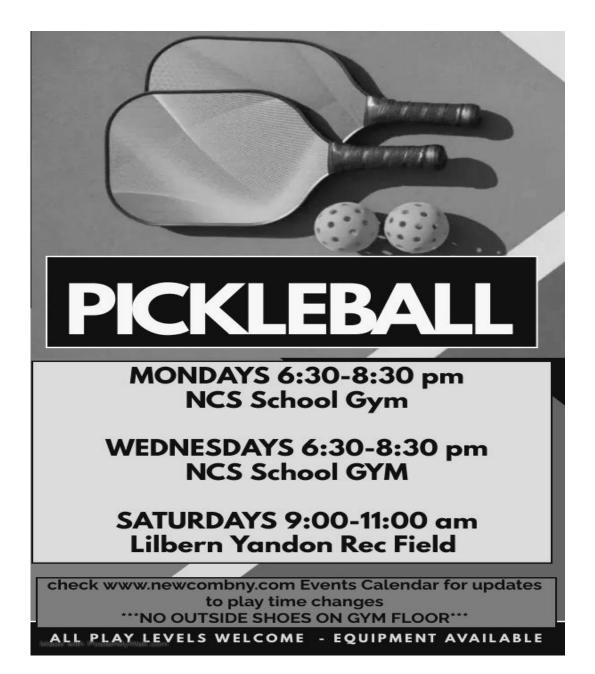


HOT DOGS - HAMBURGERS - BEANS -COLESLAW - DESSERT - SODA & WATER

GAMESMUSIC**

This event is sponsored by the Town of Newcomb





Meet the Candidates Night

Town Supervisor, Town Board, Highway Superintendent

October 24, 2023

7:00-8:30PM

Newcomb Fire hall

Co-sponsored by the local Republican and Democratic Committees

UPCOMING IN THE **D**ISTRICT

October 2023

- 5 North Country Community College Fair 8-11:30am
- 6 Mid-Marking Period
- 6 Ticonderoga Music Summit 10-4pm
- 9 No School, Columbus and Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 11 PSAT for Juniors, ASVAB for Sophomores 8am
- 12 SUNY Potsdam College Visiting 8am
- 12 Board of Education Meeting 6pm
- 18 Empire Youth Symphony at Proctor Theatre (pre-k through sixth) 8-2:30pm
- 23 SUNY Canton visiting Juniors and Seniors 10:30-11:30am
- 31 Clinton County Community College Visiting 9:30am

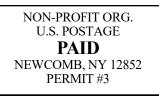
November 2023

- 4 CASMA Festival at Schroon Lake 2-3pm
- 6 Open House Trivia 4:30-7pm
- 8 CTE Career Exploration 8-3pm
- 9 Emergency Release Day
- 9 End of First Marking Period
- 9 Board of Education Meeting 6pm
- 10 No School, Veterans Day
- 16-19 Northeast Music Festival
- 22-24 No School, Thanksgiving Recess

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