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CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

November 2023

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A Season for Giving

A message from Superintendent Chris Fisher

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. once said, “Life’s most persistent and urgent question is what are you doing for others.” At NCS, the students and staff members can easily answer this question by sharing their experiences with school-wide Trek excursions this school year. Each quarter, the whole school will come together for an experience that includes a community service component.

On Friday, October 20th all students in grades pre-kindergarten through twelfth, and corresponding staff members embarked on a Fall Trek~N~Treat experience at It’s About Thyme Farm in Minerva. For a community service project, secondary students assisted Mr. Colletti, the owner of It’s About Thyme Farm, with taking down all of the Halloween decorations along the Scarecrow Trail. Many hands truly do make light work as the trail decorations were disassembled, placed in storage bags and collected by way of tractor and wagon.



November 9

Emergency Release Day

November 10

No school

Veterans Day Observed

November 22-24

No School

Thanksgiving Recess



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SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE CONTINUED

With the work completed, elementary students enjoyed a wagon ride through the woods and all students and staff members enjoyed picking pumpkins in the field and apples in the orchard. It was a great time to be had by all with It's About Thyme Farm staff appreciative of the help and already thinking ahead to next year with the hope that we can collaborate again.

Life is hard. Times are tough and sometimes it feels like we are all struggling. "It's About Thyme" (pun intended!) that we all pause to see how we can step up to help one another out!

Special thanks to the Positive School Environment Team (PSET) for making all of the arrangements for the Fall Trek and special thanks to Ellie and Sue in the kitchen for supplying apple cider and baking pumpkin cookies for a delicious snack!



Achieving Our 'GOALS' Kind of a Season!

Please join me in honoring our Newcomb Central School senior athletes for the 2023 Fall Soccer Season. Congratulations on an incredible soccer season to Gavin Fifield and Logan Bush! Both athletes have had a remarkable season with Logan scoring the second highest number of goals across the entire state! What an incredible accomplishment! The NCS community has treasured our time watching you both play and thank you for your sportsmanship and contributions to a rewarding season!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank **all** of our players, coaches, families and community members who came out to support our soccer program this year. As we wrap up our fall sports season let's celebrate all of our NCS athletes!

SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE CONTINUED



Board of Education Student of the Month



Each month throughout the 2023-2024 school year the Board of Education will be recognizing one student at the elementary level and one student at the secondary level. The student can be nominated by any staff person for one of the following reasons:

- Extraordinary acts of kindness
- Outstanding character
- Community and school service
- School participation
- Classroom achievement (most improved, attendance, etc.)

The October Board of Education Student of the Month recipients were Gemma Poulin and Lilian Monroe.

Congratulations to you both!

Happy Thanksgiving from the Fishers!

Preparing Students for a Changing World

A message from PJ Motsiff - Director of Curriculum and Instruction



As the Director of Curriculum and Instruction at Newcomb Central School, I am constantly thinking about how we can best prepare our students for the future. We are living in a time of massive technological change that is transforming daily on how we work, communicate, and access information. At our most recent Superintendent's Day, our teachers were inspired by Dr. Bill Daggett (<https://spnetwork.org/>) as he addressed the need for schools to consider how this impacts what and how we teach.

In the past, education has been very focused on content - memorizing facts, dates, formulas, etc. However, in today's world where any piece of information can be accessed instantly online, content knowledge alone is no longer enough. The best schools in the United States are beginning to shift the emphasis towards teaching students skills like critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, and creativity. The jobs of the future will require adaptability and the ability to apply knowledge in new contexts.

At NCS, we know this transition is not always easy. Preparing students for success in the 21st century requires all of us working together. The world is changing fast, and education must adapt. But by focusing less on what facts students know, and more on how they can apply knowledge creatively, Newcomb students will be well-equipped for whatever the future brings.



FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS:

Logan Bush has been accepted at SUNY Potsdam and he will be playing on their soccer team as well.

SENIORS:

All seniors going off to college will need to fill out the **FAFSA** beginning in **December**. 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 www.fsaaid.ed.gov. 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 www.fafsa.ed.gov 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. 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 14, 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 in.

I need your updated transcripts or resumes so that I can send the colleges 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

December 2, 2023
March 9, 2024
May 4, 2024
June 1, 2024

Registration Deadline

November 3, 2023
February 23, 2024
April 19, 2024
May 17, 2024

ACT Testing Dates

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

Registration Deadline

November 3, 2023
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.

JUNIORS:

I will meet with each of you individually when I receive your PSAT scores. We will go over your scores and how they may help you in your college/career search. They should be in by December or January. In the meantime - **visit colleges (take virtual college visits) and ask questions.** You need to start **now**, do not wait until your senior year.

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

Happy Thanksgiving!

I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving Day/Break with their families and friends.
Mrs. Markwica



BREAKFAST

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NOVEMBER 2023
NEWCOMB CENTRAL SCHOOL

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

6
 Oatmeal
 OR Cereal
 FF or 1% White Milk 8oz
 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit (=8oz)
 Yogurt 4oz & WG Muffin 2oz

7
 WG Husky Sandwich
 OR Cereal
 FF or 1% White Milk 8oz
 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit (=8oz)
 Yogurt 4oz & WG Muffin 2oz

8
 WG Bagels W/Crm.Cheese
 OR Cereal
 FF or 1% White Milk 8oz
 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit (=8oz)
 Yogurt 4oz & WG Muffin 2oz

9
 Scrambled Eggs & Cheese
 OR Cereal
 FF or 1% White Milk 8oz
 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit (=8oz)
 Yogurt 4oz & WG Muffin 2oz

10
 NO SCHOOL
 Veterans Day
 Observed

13
 Oatmeal
 OR Cereal
 FF or 1% White Milk 8oz
 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit (=8oz)
 Yogurt 4oz & WG Muffin 2oz

14
 WG Husky Sandwich
 OR Cereal
 FF or 1% White Milk 8oz
 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit (=8oz)
 Yogurt 4oz & WG Muffin 2oz

15
 WG Bagels W/Crm.Cheese
 OR Cereal
 FF or 1% White Milk 8oz
 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit (=8oz)
 Yogurt 4oz & WG Muffin 2oz

16
 Egg Bowl
 OR Cereal
 FF or 1% White Milk 8oz
 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit(=8oz)
 Yogurt 4oz & WG Muffin 2oz

17
 WG Fr Toast & Sausage
 OR Cereal
 FF or 1% White Milk 8oz
 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit (=8oz)
 Yogurt 4oz & WG Muffin 2oz

20
 Oatmeal
 OR Cereal
 FF or 1% White Milk 8oz
 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit (=8oz)
 Yogurt 4oz & WG Muffin 2oz

21
 WG Husky Sandwich
 OR Cereal
 FF or 1% White Milk 8oz
 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit (=8oz)
 Yogurt 4oz & WG Muffin 2oz

22
 NO SCHOOL

23
 NO SCHOOL
 Thanksgiving

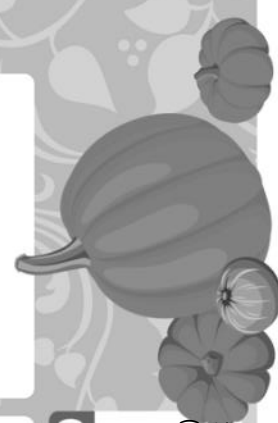
24
 NO SCHOOL

27
 Oatmeal
 OR Cereal
 FF or 1% White Milk 8oz
 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit (=8oz)
 Yogurt 4oz & WG Muffin 2oz

28
 WG Husky Sandwich
 OR Cereal
 FF or 1% White Milk 8oz
 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit (=8oz)
 Yogurt 4oz & WG Muffin 2oz

29
 WG Bagels W/Crm.Cheese
 OR Cereal
 FF or 1% White Milk 8oz
 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit (=8oz)
 Yogurt 4oz & WG Muffin 2oz

30
 Egg Bites W/
 Spinach & Cheese
 OR Cereal
 FF or 1% White Milk 8oz
 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit (=8oz)
 Yogurt 4oz & WG Muffin 2oz



A Breakfast Alternative is served daily. Each Breakfast must contain; 8oz of Fruit +/- 100% Fruit Juice, 2oz Meat or alternative, 2oz Grain. 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

Eleanor "Ellie" Yandon
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NOVEMBER 2023 NEWCOMB CENTRAL SCHOOL

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday



6
FF, 1% White or Choc. Milk 8oz
Cottage Cheese (4oz), Fruit (=8oz)
Salad Bar = (4oz)
Spinach Lasagna
WG Dinner Roll

7
FF, 1% White or Choc. Milk 8oz
Cottage Cheese (4oz), Fruit (=8oz)
Vegetables/Salad Bar = (4oz)
Beef Tacos
Brown Rice

8
FF, 1% White or Choc. Milk 8oz
Cottage Cheese (4oz), Fruit (=8oz)
Vegetables/Salad Bar = (4oz)
Vegetable Soup,
Deli Ham & Cheese Sandwich

9
Veterans' luncheon
FF, 1% White or Choc. Milk 8oz
Cottage Cheese (4oz), Fruit (=8oz)
Turkey & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes,
Dressing, Swt Cabbage Salad,
Cranberry Jelly, Roll
Pumpkin Cake

10
NO SCHOOL
Veterans Day

13
FF, 1% White or Choc. Milk 8oz
Cottage Cheese (4oz), Fruit (=8oz)
Broccoli = (4oz)
Italian Dunkers

14
FF, 1% White or Choc. Milk 8oz
Cottage Cheese (4oz), Fruit (=8oz)
Vegetables/Salad Bar = (4oz)
Sloppy Nachos
Brown Rice

15
FF, 1% White or Choc. Milk 8oz
Cottage Cheese (4oz), Fruit (=8oz)
Vegetables/Salad Bar = (4oz)
Chicken and Gravy over
Cheddar Biscuits

16
FF, 1% White or Choc. Milk 8oz
Cottage Cheese (4oz), Fruit (=8oz)
Salad Bar = (4oz)
Porcupine Balls w/sauce
Mashed Potatoes, WG Roll

17
FF, 1% White or Choc. Milk 8oz
Cottage Cheese (4oz), Fruit (=8oz)
Coleslaw = (4oz)
BBQ Pork w/Cheese Sandwich
Sweet Potato Fries

20
FF, 1% White or Choc. Milk 8oz
Cottage Cheese (4oz), Fruit (=8oz)
White Pizza w/ Broccoli

21
FF, 1% White or Choc. Milk 8oz
Cottage Cheese (4oz), Fruit (=8oz)
Vegetables/Salad Bar = (4oz)
Beef & Bean Enchilada Bake
Brown Rice

22
NO SCHOOL

23
NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving

24
NO SCHOOL

27
FF, 1% White or Choc. Milk 8oz
Cottage Cheese (4oz), Fruit (=8oz)
Roasted Brussel Speouts = (4oz)
WG Macaroni & Cheese

28
FF, 1% White or Choc. Milk 8oz
Cottage Cheese (4oz), Fruit (=8oz)
Vegetables/Salad Bar = (4oz)
Chicken Quesadillas
Brown Rice

29
FF, 1% White or Choc. Milk 8oz
Cottage Cheese (4oz), Fruit (=8oz)
Vegetables/Salad Bar = (4oz)
Broccoli Cheddar Soup,
Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich

30
FF, 1% White or Choc. Milk 8oz
Cottage Cheese (4oz), Fruit (=8oz)
Salad Bar = (4oz)
Baked Ziti w/ Meat & Cheese
WG 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

Student Council invites you to walk
around the building
during...

Open House

TRIVIA NIGHT

Monday

Nov. 6

4:30

-

7:00pm

DINNER AND
TRIVIA IN SCHOOL
GYMNASIUM

Families With Last Names
Beginning With A-G Please
bring Entrees, And Families
with Last Names H-Z Please
bring Dessert

Friendly reminder that our
school is nut free!



All local Veterans are invited to join Newcomb Central School for

Veterans Day Luncheon

Newcomb Central School Cafeteria

November 9th

11:30AM-12:00PM

Lunch will be followed by an elementary music performance in the auditorium

Please contact the district at 518-582-3341 by November 8th to RSVP

CLASS NEWS

Travel Through Time or the Power of Music

A message from Ms. Pendell

What a treat it was to visit Proctors Theatre and hear the Empire Youth Orchestra perform Antonin Dvorak's Symphony #9 "From the New World"! The stage was buzzing with happy sounds of the instruments tuning and young musicians warming-up before the concert.

We took our seats and not long after the Youth Orchestra was introduced. We were able to learn that the orchestra is comprised of four sections of the instruments, strings being the largest section and the percussion being the loudest one! It was fascinating to find out that the musicians on stage are students of upper middle school and high school grades who get to audition to be able to play in this orchestra! Many hours of practicing your instrument, attending lessons and countless rehearsals have made them as good as they are. We witnessed the transformation of time and traveled to the late nineteenth century along Bartholomew's - the keeper of the forest- side. We sang as one giant audience choir a melody of the Symphony's second movement to the "Goin' Home" poem by W.A. Fisher to help Bartholomew's safe return to his land. We even got a picture taken with the mighty wizard! The whole experience was nothing short of magical!

We are very thankful to everyone involved in making this educational trip possible for our students!

"Nothing takes us to another place and time
faster than music..."

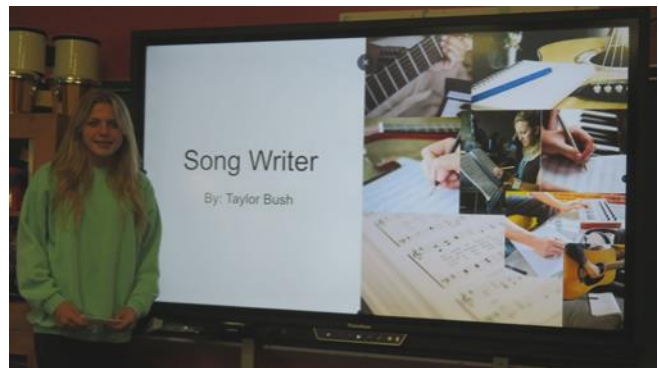
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A few more pictures from our classroom activities!



Instruments of the Orchestra Presentation by 5th and 6th Graders



Careers in Music



“Ugly Ducking” Seagull Festival at Minerva CSD



Piano Club



Music Symposium at Ticonderoga School

Newcomb Stock Market Students Continue to Top the Charts!

A message from Mr. Doyle

At the end of week 6 in our year long competition, NCS students had taken some hits to their accounts, but that's what the stock market game is all about. Rather than dwelling on their lost money, students rallied and while some positions were lost, others were gained.

By **week 7**, I myself had fallen from 1st place in the **advisor's division** to 53rd place, losing thousands in the process. Marcus saw his lead in the **student division** drop some, but continued making solid moves in his holdings to rally back to the top. Logan also found his stride to come back to reach the podium from a tough week prior.

By Friday, I was back to leading the advisor's division and was 3rd overall. Logan surpassed Marcus for **1st & 2nd** place respectively. **4th place** honors go to Aryanna who is in her first season with the team and is doing great, and making it look easy! And rounding out **5th place** is Jacob, having moved up from midfield in a powerful showing!

The competition is really heating up! There's still a long way to go in the season but NCS is looking like the team to beat! The real question is who will take the number one spot next week? Stay tuned!

State/Location Rankings as of 10/21/2023

S&P 500 Last Close: **4224.16**

My S&P500 Start Value (per 09/11/2023 Close): **4457.49**

RAN K	Team ID	Nickname	Total Equity	School / Organization	School District
1	NY6_21_ZZ493	NY6_21_ZZ493	\$136,426.0 7	Newcomb Central School	Newcomb Central
2	NY6_21_ZZ492	NY6_21_ZZ492	\$136,168.0 3	Newcomb Central School	Newcomb Central
3	NY6_21_ZZ491	NY6_21_ZZ491	\$122,295.0 2	Newcomb Central School	Newcomb Central
4	NY6_21_ZZ500	NY6_21_ZZ500	\$112,176.9 3	Newcomb Central School	Newcomb Central
5	NY6_21_ZZ498	NY6_21_ZZ498	\$107,678.3 6	Newcomb Central School	Newcomb Central
6	NY4_21_ZZ529	NY4_21_ZZ529	\$106,843.6 0	High School Of Economics & Finance	2
7	NY6_21_ZZ111 2	NHS FIN8-NACE, KATO	\$106,453.9 6	Nyack Senior High School	nyack
8	NY6_21_ZZ110 9	NHS FIN8-LAWLER, DESI	\$106,307.6 2	Nyack Senior High School	nyack
9	NY3_21_ZZ113 9	NY3_21_ZZ1139	\$105,948.7 6	Massapequa High School	
10	NY6_21_ZZ111 6	NHS FIN8-MARS, MIKAEL	\$104,839.3 9	Nyack Senior High School	nyack

Thank you to the Newcomb Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad for teaching the primary students all about fire safety!



UPCOMING IN THE DISTRICT

November 2023

- 2 Student Leadership Conference at Great Escape Lodge 8-3pm
- 4 CASMA Festival at Schroon Lake CSD 8-4:30pm, Concert at 2pm
- 6 Clarkson University Visiting 2pm
- 6 Open House 4:30-7pm
- 8 CTE Career Exploration at Saratoga City Center 8-3pm
- 8 Wild Center Youth Climate Summit 8-7pm
- 9 Wild Center Youth Climate Summit 8-3pm
- 9 Veterans Day Luncheon 11:30am
- 9 Emergency Release Day
- 9 End of First Marking Period
- 9 Board of Education Meeting 6pm
- 10 No School, Veterans Day Observed
- 11 Wild Center Field Trip grades 7-12, 9-6pm
- 16-19 Northeast Instrumental Music Festival at Courtyard by Marriot in Lake George
- 19 Northeast Instrumental Music Festival Concert at Courtyard by Marriot 1pm
- 22-24 No School, Thanksgiving Recess

December 2023

- 5 Picture Day
- 7 Christmas Concert 6pm
- 14 Board of Education Meeting 6pm
- 15 Mid-Marking Period
- 20-29 No School, Holiday Recess

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