



NEWCOMB CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

December 2023

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No School

December 20-29
Holiday Recess

January 1
New Years Day



**“Small towns are the best for spending Christmas, I think. They catch the mood quicker and change and come alive under its spell.”
- Truman Capote**

*A message from Superintendent
Chris Fisher*

For many, including myself, the holidays are a time of year for reflection and a time for gratitude. With just a few short weeks away from Christmas, I would like to thank our entire school community for what you have done to support our district. With so many difficult events happening around the world there seems to be few places left where people are fortunate enough to live in a place that values family, friends, education and its community.



I am thankful for the strong emphasis that we place on relationships with our students and families as well as the care that we put into teaching, learning and understanding one another. Challenges will inevitably present themselves but never losing sight of our purpose, the children, will continue to make all of the difference in finding solutions and opening the door to new opportunities. I would like to encourage us all to continue to do this with openness and kindness.

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“Our School is the Heart of Our Community”

During this season of giving, I am reminded of our many accomplishments this first half of the school year. There is a genuine look of pride on the faces of our students as they gain academic and leadership skills, or when I observe them sharing their gifts with us through volunteering or performing. It is such a privilege to witness all of their goodness. It is a constant reminder that when we work together, we can only make our community even better, stronger and greater.

This holiday season, amidst all that surrounds us, may you find contentment in the simple pleasures of being a part of this school and community. From my heart to yours, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all the peace, joy and happiness that comes with being with family and friends and the best of everything for the coming year.

Seasons Greetings from the Fisher's house to yours!



NCS has partnered with the University of Rochester and the Harvard Graduate School of Education

A message from PJ Motsiff - Director of Curriculum and Instruction



At NCS, we are committed to creating a school environment that is not only academically enriching but also emotionally supportive and inclusive for all students. This school year we have been afforded the opportunity to participate in two college research programs that align with our commitment to fostering a caring and supportive school environment: the Above the Influence (ATI) Peer Leadership Program and the Relationship Mapping Initiative from the Making Caring Common Program.

Empowering Youth to Make Healthy Choices

Through the ATI program, our 8th and 9th graders had the chance to work alongside students from two other Essex County communities to become peer leaders in the fight against vaping. This collaborative initiative provided our students with the knowledge, skills, and confidence to promote positive choices among their peers and discourage vaping behaviors.

The ATI program is rooted in the belief that peer influence plays a significant role in shaping adolescent behavior. By empowering our students to become positive role models and advocates for healthy choices, we are creating a ripple effect of positive influence that extends throughout our school community.

Building Strong Connections for Student Success

Recognizing the importance of strong relationships between students and adults at school, we also participated in the Relationship Mapping Initiative from Harvard's Making Caring Common Program. This initiative involved staff working together to identify students who may not have strong connections with adults at school. The goal of the Relationship Mapping Initiative is to ensure that every student has at least one adult in their school who they can trust, look up to, and turn to for support. By identifying and addressing gaps in student-adult connections, we are fostering a school environment where all students feel valued, supported, and connected.

At Newcomb, we are committed to nurturing a school environment where positive relationships are the norm. By implementing programs like the ATI Peer Leadership Program and the Relationship Mapping Initiative, we are empowering our students, staff, and families to build strong connections and foster a caring and supportive school community.

FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

CONGRATULATIONS TO KENDALL:

Kendall Boisvert was selected to represent NCS at the HOBY Conference in June 2024!

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 or January**. 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.fsaed.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.

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

March 9, 2024

May 4, 2024

June 1, 2024

Registration Deadline

February 23, 2024

April 19, 2024

May 17, 2024

ACT Testing Dates

February 10, 2024

April 13, 2024

June 8, 2024

Registration Deadline

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.

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.

ELA Tests: April 16-18, 2024
Math Tests: April 30-May 2, 2024
Science Tests: May 14-16, 2024

STUDENT LEADERSHIP:

On November 2nd, five NCS students attended the Student Leadership Conference at The Great Escape Lodge. Brandon Lee White was the motivational speaker this year. Brandon was unable to speak when he was young and discussed his journey of learning how to speak, and learning to deal with a six year battle with depression.

Some of the takeaways from his speech were:

1. Life is Tough... Own It! Own who you are. Take ownership of what matters... what matters, **YOUR LIFE!**
2. Take Action for Satisfaction. Taking action leads to: good moments, being connected to others, doing helpful things for others. Take action even when you are scared. Being brave to do things first, helps others be willing to try new things as well. Tough things make us tougher.
3. Progress, NOT Perfection. Leadership is not doing everything on your own! We all need help! Own it!
4. Take a Shot! We have the power to change things. The best thing you can own are memories, not things. Leaders go after people, NOT things.
5. Having a difficult time... own it and get the help you need.

CAREER EXPLORATION:

On November 8th, six of our 8th and 9th grade students attended the CTE Career Exploration at the Saratoga Springs City Center. While there, they spoke with different employers and participated in some hands-on activities that these employers/employees use in their businesses/jobs.

Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Enjoy your vacation! Do something fun for yourself over break.
Mrs. Markwica

congratulations

High Honor Roll First Quarter (90 and up)

3rd Laurelai Gaboriault
3rd Ellie Lamphear
4th William Sage
5th Leah Poulin
7th Grace Hlavaty
7th Andre Poulin
8th Taylor Bush
8th Marissa Fifield
8th Piper Larabee
9th Camden Lamphear
10th Hope Armstrong
10th Nicholas Pendell
11th Rowan Hai
11th Lilian Monroe
12th Marcus Armstrong
12th Logan Bush
12th Viktoriia Efimova
12th Thanutploy Kaittiluckkanachai
12th Viktoriia Shalagina
12th Adrian Gonzalez Zorzano

Honor Roll First Quarter (85– 89.9)

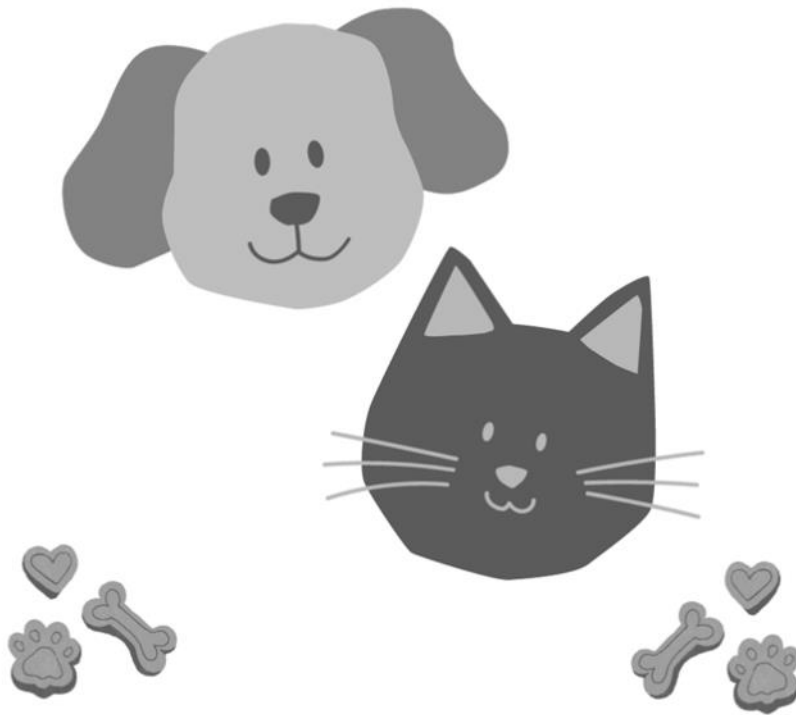
5th Calista Dufour
6th Riley Bush
6th Vannessa Pendell
7th Emma Adams
7th Bentley Lamphear
7th Aryanna Marchioni
7th Serenity Sullivan
9th Ember Monroe
11th Sarah Howe
12th Alexandr Haritonov
12th Gavin Fifield
12th Lemmy Rifenburg

DONATIONS COLLECTED AT NEWCOMB SCHOOL CAFETERIA

NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY

Animal SUPPLY DRIVE

December 1st - 19th



Accepted Donations:

Wet dog or cat food, toys, pet safe cleaning supplies, paper towels, dog treats, nylon leashes, dog collars with metal buckles, pet soap, and garbage bags

All purchases or monetary donations will go towards the North Country SPCA animal shelter in Elizabethtown

BREAKFAST

DECEMBER 2023 NEWCOMB CENTRAL SCHOOL



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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

5
WG Husky Sandwich
OR Cereal
FF or 1% White Milk 8oz
100% Fruit Juice & Fruit (=8oz)
Yogurt 4oz & WG Muffin 2oz

6
WG Bagels W/Crm.Cheese
OR Cereal
FF or 1% White Milk 8oz
100% Fruit Juice & Fruit (=8oz)
Yogurt 4oz & WG Muffin 2oz

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

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

11
Oatmeal
OR Cereal
FF or 1% White Milk 8oz
100% Fruit Juice & Fruit (=8oz)
Yogurt 4oz & WG Muffin 2oz

12
WG Husky Sandwich
OR Cereal
FF or 1% White Milk 8oz
100% Fruit Juice & Fruit (=8oz)
Yogurt 4oz & WG Muffin 2oz

13
WG Bagels W/Crm.Cheese
OR Cereal
FF or 1% White Milk 8oz
100% Fruit Juice & Fruit (=8oz)
Yogurt 4oz & WG Muffin 2oz

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

15
WG Frnch Tst & Sausage
OR Cereal
FF or 1% White Milk 8oz
100% Fruit Juice & Fruit (=8oz)
Yogurt 4oz & WG Muffin 2oz

18
Oatmeal
OR Cereal
FF or 1% White Milk 8oz
100% Fruit Juice & Fruit (=8oz)
Yogurt 4oz & WG Muffin 2oz

19
WG Husky Sandwich
OR Cereal
FF or 1% White Milk 8oz
100% Fruit Juice & Fruit (=8oz)
Yogurt 4oz & WG Muffin 2oz

20
NO SCHOOL
Holiday Break

21
NO SCHOOL
Holiday Break

22
NO SCHOOL
Holiday Break

25
NO SCHOOL
Merry Christmas

26
NO SCHOOL
Holiday Break

27
NO SCHOOL
Holiday Break

28
NO SCHOOL
Holiday Break

29
NO SCHOOL
Holiday Break

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

DECEMBER 2023

NEWCOMB CENTRAL SCHOOL

Eleanor "Ellie" Yandon
Kitchen Manager
eyandonr@newcombscd.org



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

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

5
FF, 1% White or Choc. Milk 8oz
Cottage Cheese (4oz), Fruit (=8oz)
Vegetables/Salad Bar = (4oz)
Beef Tacos
Brown Rice

6
FF, 1% White or Choc. Milk 8oz
Cottage Cheese (4oz), Fruit (=8oz)
Vegetables/Salad Bar = (4oz)
Chicken Chili & Corn Bread
Grilled Cheese

7
FF, 1% White or Choc. Milk 8oz
Cottage Cheese (4oz), Fruit (=8oz)
Salad Bar = (4oz)
Baked Ziti w/ Meat & Cheese
WG Dinner Roll

8
FF, 1% White or Choc. Milk 8oz
Cottage Cheese (4oz), Fruit (=8oz)
Harvard Beets= (4oz)
Fish Patty Sand w/ Cheese
Sweet Potato Fries

11
FF, 1% White or Choc. Milk 8oz
Cottage Cheese (4oz), Fruit (=8oz)
Broccoli Alfredo & Pasta
WG Dinner Roll

12
FF, 1% White or Choc. Milk 8oz
Cottage Cheese (4oz), Fruit (=8oz)
Vegetables/Salad Bar = (4oz)
Sloppy Nachos
Brown Rice

13
FF, 1% White or Choc. Milk 8oz
Cottage Cheese (4oz), Fruit (=8oz)
Vegetables/Salad Bar = (4oz)
Vegetable Soup,
Grilled Ham & Cheese Sandwich

14
FF, 1% White or Choc. Milk 8oz
Cottage Cheese (4oz), Fruit (=8oz)
Salad Bar = (4oz)
Chicken Parm w/sauce
Pasta, WG Dinner Roll

15
FF, 1% White or Choc. Milk 8oz
Cottage Cheese (4oz), Fruit (=8oz)
Green Beans= (4oz)
BBQ Pork w/Cheese Sandwich
Sweet Potato Fries

18
FF, 1% White or Choc. Milk 8oz
Cottage Cheese (4oz), Fruit (=8oz)
White Pizza w/ Broccoli

19
FF, 1% White or Choc. Milk 8oz
Cottage Cheese (4oz), Fruit (=8oz)
Ham, Sweet Potatoes, Corn
Dinner Roll
Pumpkin Pie

20
NO SCHOOL
Holiday Break

21
NO SCHOOL
Holiday Break

22
NO SCHOOL
Holiday Break

25
NO SCHOOL
Merry Christmas

26
NO SCHOOL
Holiday Break

27
NO SCHOOL
Holiday Break

28
NO SCHOOL
Holiday Break

29
NO SCHOOL
Holiday Break

LUNCH ALTERNATIVE DAILY: Whole Grain Sandwich, Milk, Fruit, Vegetable and Cheese Stick. In the operation of National School Food Programs, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, age or disability. If you believe you have been discriminated against, write immediately to the Department of Agriculture. Please note that our menu is subject to change based on availability of food items.

CLASS NEWS

Student Leadership Conference



CTE Career Exploration



What's Happening in the Library?

The library is working to get students into a more regular routine in terms of book checkouts and returns. Although I see the elementary students in the library twice a week, the goal is to set aside one day for book exchanges. I never want students to feel rushed to return a book. Mrs. A-P's class day is Monday. Mrs. Bush, Ms. Skiba, and Mr. K's classes will do book exchanges on Tuesdays. The traditional loan period is two weeks, but I will always allow for more time if a child is enjoying a book!

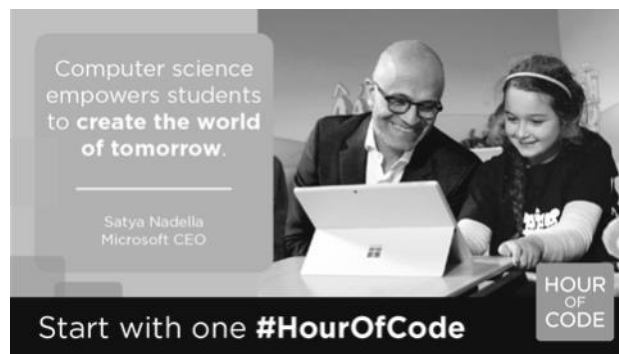
My next goal is to get more traffic into the high school library. I know we have some avid readers in the upper grades. It's more difficult for secondary students to visit the library without a scheduled time, but I encourage all students to stop in whenever they can to grab a book, a magazine, or request a title or series.

Thank you for sending me your readers and all the support for our libraries!



Hour of Code: December 4-8

Newcomb will be celebrating the Hour of Code throughout the week in library and STEAM classes. "The Hour of Code is a global movement introducing tens of millions of students worldwide to computer science, inspiring kids to learn more, breaking stereotypes, and leaving them feeling empowered" (hourofcode.com). There are currently hundreds of coding activities for grades Kindergarten and up in 48 languages. The goal is to help students practice coding and build creativity with challenges and a sense of accomplishment. With the ever-expanding presence of technology like AI, and careers in the field of computer science changing, and our increased use of social media, it is important that we teach our kids to be ethical creators and competent consumers.



Caught in the Northeast!

The Northeast Regional Instrumental Music Festival took place in Lake George on November 16th-19th. It is a wonderful music performance event originated in 1969 at the University of Vermont by Dr. Herbert Schultz. The festival draws talented high school musicians to come together for a four day music camp. Before admission to the festival, students are auditioned on their ability to play only brief segments of the music which will be learned throughout their time at the Northeast. The entire 5 music titles are given to students once the audition process is complete. The next four days of rehearsals are spent transforming the dry black and white markings on music manuscript paper into something absolutely beautiful, a well prepared, balanced, colorful and highly expressive instrumental work of art- music!

Three of our students were able to participate in creating the array of sound at this year's Northeast Instrumental Music Festival: Hope Armstrong, Nicholas Pendell and Jacob Richards.

A job well done, Northeast crew!
Ms. Pendell



CREATE-AM

Come join the fun!!

Open to students in **grades 9-12**



In this group, we will build a positive community/team of creators who work together on various projects, including candle making, homemade sugar scrubs, and pet-friendly treats.

Led by Ms. LaFountain and Mrs. Gagnon, the team will meet on **Wednesdays** during the month of December from 3:00 - 4:00.

Each week, there will be a sign-up sheet on Ms. LaFountain's door. If you are interested, please sign up by noon on Wednesdays.

November Project: Grinch Cookies



Newcomb/Schroon Lake Boys JV and Varsity Basketball



Please visit our website to view the most recent schedule for basketball games:

<https://www.newcombcsd.org/athletics>



PICTURE DAY



12/05/23

ORDER FORMS WILL BE SENT HOME PRIOR TO PICTURE DAY.

UPCOMING IN THE DISTRICT

December 2023

- 5 Picture Day
- 7 NCS Holiday Concert 6pm
- 8 Youth and Government Conference at Silver Bay YMCA 8am
- 12 Pre-K through Sixth Grade Holiday Concert at Countryside Adult Home 1pm
- 14 Board of Education Meeting 6pm
- 15 Mid-Marking Period
- 20-29 No School, Holiday Recess

January 2024

- 1 No School, New Year's Day
- 2 Classes Resume
- 10 Hudson Falls BOCES CTE Visitation 10am
- 11 Board of Education Meeting 6pm
- 15 No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 26 End of Second Marking Period

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