



# NEWCOMB

## CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 2024

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## Reduced Funding for NY School Districts

*A message from Superintendent Fisher*

Governor Hochul's executive budget proposes changes to school aid. While the total aid is increasing by \$500 million, a change in the Foundation Aid formula proposes to cut assistance by \$420 million which could negatively impact many rural school districts. Proposed cuts to the Foundation Aid may leave some schools at risk of staff layoffs and potential program reductions due to declining enrollment. The hardest-hit areas include parts of the North Country, along with the Capital Region outskirts, mid-Hudson Valley, Southern Tier rural areas, lower Hudson Valley, eastern Long Island, and some parts of New York City. What does reduced funding for New York schools mean for Newcomb? While we are still developing the budget for the 2024-2025 school year, our goal is to uphold the district's mission of offering a safe and enriching international environment while encouraging student directed learning and empowering students through technology to become global citizens so that they can better their world. Our intentions are to maintain our existing robust instructional programming while continuing to prepare a fiscally responsible budget.



### NO SCHOOL

April 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> - Spring Recess  
 April 8<sup>th</sup> - Unused Snow Day

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There are numerous unfunded mandates as well as reporting requirements that districts must adhere to alongside ever increasing demands by the New York State Education Department. Amidst increasing mandates and changes, small schools such as Newcomb find themselves implementing creative solutions such as wearing multiple hats to get the jobs done. Did you know that the New York State Education Department mandates that instruction be provided by certified teachers in each subject area, and for every grade level and it is considered outside of compliance if teachers teach more than one course outside of their certification area? Thankfully, NCS is fortunate to have a number of educators who hold multiple certifications. This maximizes flexibility when covering required courses for graduation. By way of example, our Library Media Specialist also provides STEAM instruction for all students in grades Pre-k-12, our Technology Teacher also teaches a math class and a majority of our secondary educators are adjunct faculty professors teaching college level courses while also teaching required courses for high school graduation. Elementary grades are doubled up with classroom teachers delivering two different grade level curriculums to students simultaneously. It's an impressive dance to witness the planning, preparation and execution of daily instruction in our school!

What happens when teachers are out sick? The New York State Education Department imposes that districts provide certified substitutes. The district works hard to meet this requirement but on days when we are unable to secure certified or uncertified substitutes, it is not uncommon to see teachers and staff members assuming multiple duties and responsibilities by donating a planning period or a lunch period to cover classes.

Small schools have the same reporting requirements as large districts yet they do not always have the same hierarchy of personnel to complete necessary tasks. How does Newcomb work to adhere to increasing state and federal mandates with fewer staff? In a number of areas across our school operations staff members assume multiple positions. This can be seen in the role of the Superintendent/Principal, Head Custodian/Access Security Officer, Kitchen Manager/Substitute Bus Driver, Driver/Cleaner and District Treasurer/Payroll Supervisor, Director of Curriculum and Instruction/International Coordinator to name a few. The same philosophy applies with absences which is why you may see the Superintendent at the register in the cafeteria or covering arrival and dismissal at the back door, the Transportation Supervisor might cover by conducting a building check or the Director of Curriculum and Instruction could be taking over a class so that a teacher can participate in professional development. NCS truly is a special place where everyone steps up to support one another to get the job done.



The Office of State Assessment oversees the creation and execution of the New York State Testing Program. This program includes tests given to students in grades three to eight, assessing their understanding of New York State Learning Standards in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and now Science. The main purpose of these assessments is to offer districts insight into students' academic strengths and pinpoint areas where they may require extra support. By conducting these tests, the state can also gauge whether school districts are achieving the progress goals mandated by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

How does state testing results help students and teachers at NCS? Districts utilize the outcomes of state assessments to tailor instruction to individual students, pinpointing their current learning level and craft personalized teaching methods. Results from these tests help our classroom teachers in monitoring and adjusting their teaching approaches, as well as gauging how to and implement diverse strategies to further support our students.



According to the federal requirements under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) 95% of students should participate yearly in required state assessments. The New York State Education Department encourages *all students in grades three through eight to participate in the New York State 3-8 Assessments. For the 2023 testing window, Newcomb had a 100% participation rate for the English Language Arts Test and a 100% participation rate for the 3-8 Mathematics Test and 100% participation rate for the Science test. Help us to strive for a 100% participation rate for all three exams again this year!*

### Helping Your Child Prepare for State Exams



One strategy to assist your child in exam preparation is to promote consistent, restful sleep the evening before the exams. Another helpful tip is to ensure your child eats a nourishing breakfast on the day of the tests, preparing them to perform at their optimal level. Additionally, providing reassurance to your child regarding their efforts and preparedness could alleviate any test-related stress they may experience.

For parent information and resources about the New York State 3-8 Assessments please feel free to peruse the link below:

<http://www.nysed.gov/state-assessment/parent-resources>

# Preparing for the NYS Grades 3-8 Tests Social Emotional Support

*A message from PJ Motsiff - Director of Curriculum and Instruction*



The NYS Grades 3-8 standardized tests will be administered in April and May. We understand these tests can create significant pressure for students, potentially impacting their self-confidence, motivation, and overall well-being. As educators, it is our responsibility to create a supportive environment that acknowledges these challenges and equips our students with strategies to manage their emotions effectively. We are working hard to help our students feel prepared both academically and emotionally. While strong instruction aligned to the standards is crucial, we must also address the social-emotional needs of our students during this period of heightened stress and anxiety.

The 2024 testing windows at Newcomb are as follows:

NYS ELA: Grades 3-8, April 16-18<sup>th</sup>

NYS Math: Grades 3-8, April 30<sup>th</sup>-May 2<sup>nd</sup>

NYS Science: Grade 8, May 7<sup>th</sup>; Grade 5, May 14<sup>th</sup>

Here are some SEL-focused tips to help your child prepare for the upcoming tests:

1. *Normalize Feelings of Anxiety* - Feeling some level of anxiety or nerves before a big test is normal.
2. *Teach Stress Management Techniques* - Practice relaxation strategies such as breathing exercises or mindfulness practices.
3. *Promote a Growth Mindset* - Tests are an opportunity to demonstrate their learning progress!
4. *Encourage Self-Care* - Ensure your child gets sufficient sleep, nutrition, and opportunities for physical activity.

By integrating social-emotional support into our test preparation efforts, together we can create an environment that nurtures the whole child. Our students will not only feel more equipped to tackle the academic challenges, but also develop critical life skills in managing stress and building resilience.

Remember, standardized tests are only a snapshot in time, and our unwavering belief in each student's talents and potential is what truly matters.

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Budget Hearing of the inhabitants of the Newcomb Central School District, Newcomb New York, qualified to vote at school meetings in said district, will be held at the schoolhouse in said district on **Thursday, May 9, 2024**, at 6:00 p.m. for the transaction of such business as is authorized by the Education Law.

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

**NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN** that petitions nominating candidates to fill the expired term of Tamara Larabee for a five (5) year office as member of the Board of Education must be filed with the clerk of the district no later than April 22, 2024. Each petition must be directed to the clerk of the district, must be signed by at least twenty-five qualified voters of the district, must state the residence of each signer and must state the name and residence of the candidate.

**NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN** that voting on the proposed budget for the 2024-2025 school year and for member of the Board of Education will take place on **May 21, 2024** from 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at the Newcomb Central School.

Residents who are qualified voters of the School District may apply for an Early Mail ballot. Applications for early mail ballots for the budget vote and election of Board Members may be applied for at the Office of the District Clerk. An application for an early mail ballot must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. A list of all persons to whom early mail ballots shall have been issued will be available in said Office of the Clerk on each of the five days prior to the day of elections, except Saturday, Sunday or holidays, and that such list will also be posted at the polling place on the day of the Annual Election and Budget Vote.

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

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

Qualifications of a voter:

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

Melissa Yandon, Clerk Board of Education  
Newcomb Central School,  
Newcomb, New York 12852  
March 2024

# *9th Grade Fundraiser*

*The Class of 2027 is hosting a fundraiser for Tidal Wave Car Wash. We will be selling tickets in person from March 21, 2024 - June 25, 2024.*

*These tickets will cost \$10 USD.  
The Tidal Wave Car Wash tickets are good  
for any Tidal Wave location.*

*The closest locations are located in:*

*Queenbury  
(708 Quaker Rd, Queensbury, NY 12804)*

*South Glens Falls  
(168 Saratoga Ave, South Glens Falls, NY 12803)*

*To Purchase one of these tickets  
Please Contact  
Jody Larabee at 518-637-3222*



Welcome to Almost, Maine, a place that's so far north, it's almost not in the United States. It's almost in Canada. And it's not quite a town, because its residents never got around to getting organized. So it almost doesn't exist. But on one cold, clear, winter night, as the northern lights hover in the star-filled sky above, the residents of Almost, Maine, find themselves falling in and out of love in unexpected and hilarious ways. Knees are bruised. Hearts are broken. But the bruises heal, and the hearts mend—almost—in this delightful midwinter night's dream.

*Almost, Maine* will be presented by the Newcomb Drama Club on Sunday, April 14th at 2:00PM. It will feature the acting talents of returning drama club members Hope Armstrong, Marcus Armstrong, Katlin Fifield, Rylie Forkey, Rowan Hai, and Lilian Monroe. They will be joined by newcomers Kendall Boisvert, Marissa Fifield, Thanutploy Kaittiluckkanachai, and Ember Monroe. Logan Bush and Camden Lamphear will handle the stage crew and sound and lighting duties. *Almost, Maine* is co-directed by Michael Sullivan and Erik Leerkes. We hope you can join us!

## FROM THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

**Parents of seniors:** Please keep an eye out in the mail for scholarship opportunities. I usually send them out in the winter/spring. I send all scholarship opportunities home to each senior's family. You will need to read the qualifications to see if your child/family qualifies for the scholarships, before your child applies.

### **On-Line Scholarship Websites**

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)  
[www.hesc.ny.gov](http://www.hesc.ny.gov)  
[www.collegexpress.com](http://www.collegexpress.com)  
[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)  
[www.studentscholarshipsearch.com](http://www.studentscholarshipsearch.com)  
[www.chegg.com](http://www.chegg.com)  
[www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search](http://www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search)  
[www.cappex.com/scholarships](http://www.cappex.com/scholarships)  
[www.goingmerry.com](http://www.goingmerry.com)

### **On-Line Financial Aid Websites**

[www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov)  
[www.finaid.com](http://www.finaid.com)  
[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)  
[www.collegenet.com](http://www.collegenet.com)  
[www.hesc.ny.gov](http://www.hesc.ny.gov)

**Timeline in the College Application Process: Juniors: Please Read. This is for you.**

### **SPRING -11<sup>th</sup> GRADE**

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



## FALL-12<sup>th</sup> GRADE

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

## JANUARY-12<sup>th</sup> GRADE

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

## SELECTIVE SERVICE/ DRAFT REGISTRATION

1. **All male citizens of the United States are required to register with the Selective Service within 30 days of their 18th birthday.** *Registration forms are available at the post office or at [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov).* Federal financial aid programs for college will be withheld from students who fail to comply.

**DATES to REMEMBER****SAT Testing Dates**

May 4, 2024

June 1, 2024

**Registration Deadline**

April 19, 2024

May 17, 2024

**ACT Testing Dates**

June 8, 2024

**Registration Deadline**

May 3, 2024

***Juniors:*** You should be taking at least one of these exams in May or June. Check the colleges you plan to apply to. Many colleges are still **TEST OPTIONAL**. Don't forget to sign up, by going to the College Board website for the SAT or the ACT website. Please make sure you can see your **WHOLE** face, wearing no hats or sunglasses in the picture. You cannot have anyone else in the picture with you. If you do not meet the guidelines, you will not be let into the test.

**Newcomb Central School CEEB Code is: 333-330.** You will need to know that when you register to take the exams, so that I will receive your test scores.

**REMINDER to PARENTS of 3<sup>rd</sup> THROUGH 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE STUDENTS**

New York State testing will be in April and May. 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 Tests: April 16-18, 2024

3-8 Math Tests: April 30- May 2, 2024

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science test: May 14, 20248<sup>th</sup> Grade Science test: May 7, 2024*Enjoy your Spring Break!!**Happy Easter and Happy Spring!!!*

Mrs. Markwica

NEWCOMB CENTRAL SCHOOL'S  
YEARBOOK CLUB

# PICKLEBALL

## TOURNAMENT

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH @ 1PM**

**\$10 FEE PER  
PERSON**

**REFRESHMENTS  
AND PRIZES TOO!**

**CONTACT CLUB ADVISORS AT [NSKIBA@NEWCOMBCSD.ORG](mailto:NSKIBA@NEWCOMBCSD.ORG)  
OR [SKEGLOVITS@NEWCOMBCSD.ORG](mailto:SKEGLOVITS@NEWCOMBCSD.ORG) TO PRE-REGISTER.  
SAME DAY ENTRY WILL BE PERMITTED TOO.**



# BREAKFAST

## APRIL 2024 NEWCOMB CENTRAL SCHOOL

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	2 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	3 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	4 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	5 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK
8 NO SCHOOL UN-USED SNOW DAY	9 WG Husky Sandwich OR Cereal FF or 1% White Milk 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Yogurt & WG Muffin	10 WG Bagels W/Crm.Cheese OR Cereal FF or 1% White Milk 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Yogurt & WG Muffin	11 Egg & Spinach Cup OR Cereal FF or 1% White Milk 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Yogurt & WG Muffin	12 WG French Tst & Sausage OR Cereal FF or 1% White Milk 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Yogurt & WG Muffin
15 Oatmeal OR Cereal FF or 1% White Milk 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Yogurt & WG Muffin	16 WG Husky Sandwich OR Cereal FF or 1% White Milk 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Yogurt & WG Muffin	17 WG Bagels W/Crm.Cheese OR Cereal FF or 1% White Milk 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Yogurt & WG Muffin	18 Scrambled Eggs & Cheese OR Cereal FF or 1% White Milk 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Yogurt & WG Muffin	19 WG Pancakes & Sausage OR Cereal FF or 1% White Milk 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Yogurt & WG Muffin
22 Oatmeal OR Cereal FF or 1% White Milk 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Yogurt & WG Muffin	23 WG Husky Sandwich OR Cereal FF or 1% White Milk 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Yogurt & WG Muffin	24 WG Bagels W/Crm.Cheese OR Cereal FF or 1% White Milk 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Yogurt & WG Muffin	25 Egg Quiche OR Cereal FF or 1% White Milk 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Yogurt & WG Muffin	26 WG Waffles & Sausage OR Cereal FF or 1% White Milk 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Yogurt & WG Muffin
29 Oatmeal OR Cereal FF or 1% White Milk 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Yogurt & WG Muffin	30 WG Husky Sandwich OR Cereal FF or 1% White Milk 100% Fruit Juice & Fruit Yogurt & WG Muffin			

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 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. If you have a food allergy, please notify us. Please note that our menu is subject to change based on availability of food items.



APRIL 2024

# Newcomb Central School

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	2 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	3 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	4 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK	5 NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK
8 NO SCHOOL UN-USED SNOW DAY	9 1% or FF Milk Cottage Cheese, Fruit Chicken Sloppy Nachos, Rice, Beans	10 1% or FF Milk Cottage Cheese, Fruit Carrot Sticks Vegetable Soup Chicken Wrap	11 1% or FF Milk Cottage Cheese, Fruit Garden Side Salad Spinach Lasagna Dinner Roll	12 1% or FF Milk Cottage Cheese, Fruit BBQ Pork w/ Cheese on Bun Sweet Pot. Fries Coleslaw
15 1% or FF Milk Cottage Cheese, Fruit Broccoli Mac & Cheese Dinner Roll	16 1% or FF Milk Cottage Cheese, Fruit Chicken Tacos, Rice, Beans	17 1% or FF Milk Cottage Cheese, Fruit Celery Sticks Hot Wing Chicken Soup Grilled Cheese	18 1% or FF Milk Cottage Cheese, Fruit Garden Side Salad Porcupine Balls, Potatoes Dinner Roll	19 1% or FF Milk Cottage Cheese, Fruit Crabby Patty w/ Cheese On Bun, Pea Salad Sweet Pot. Fries,
22 1% or FF Milk Cottage Cheese, Fruit White Broccoli Pizza or Cheese Pizza	23 1% or FF Milk Cottage Cheese, Fruit Chicken or Bean Quesadillas, Rice, Beans	24 1% or FF Milk Cottage Cheese, Fruit Beef Barley Soup Cucumber Salad Grilled Cheese	25 1% or FF Milk Cottage Cheese, Fruit Garden Side Salad Baked Ziti Dinner Roll	26 1% or FF Milk Cottage Cheese, Fruit Sloppy Joes w/ Cheese-Bun Sweet Pot. Fries Beets
29 1% or FF Milk Cottage Cheese, Fruit Broccoli Italian Dunkers	30 1% or FF Milk Cottage Cheese, Fruit Enchilada Bake Rice Bar, Beans			

**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. If you have a food allergy please notify us. Please note that our menu is subject to change based on availability of food items.**

# CLASS NEWS

## Noggin Visits Newcomb

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, three-time Iditarod Race musher Karen Land visited us with 3 special guests: Noggin, Chloe, and Phil. Noggin, now 12 years old, is an Alaskan Husky who has raced the Iditarod. Chloe, an 18 year-old Corgi mix, who only dreams of the Iditarod with her six-inch legs. And Phil, who helps Karen with the dogs and writes and performs “mushing songs.”

Students learned about mushing in general, what it’s like to run in a race, and why Chloe doesn’t look like a “typical” sled dog. We got to see how a “string of dogs” works with a real sled, and two students pretended they were lead dogs, “Pig” and “Onion.” Highlights included Phil singing and playing his guitar for two mushing songs, and dressing Mr. K up in the layers (and layers!) of clothing Karen wore throughout her races.



Of course, no one could leave before Noggin and Chloe received all kinds of pets and scratches from their audience.

## It's a Pi Day Celebration!

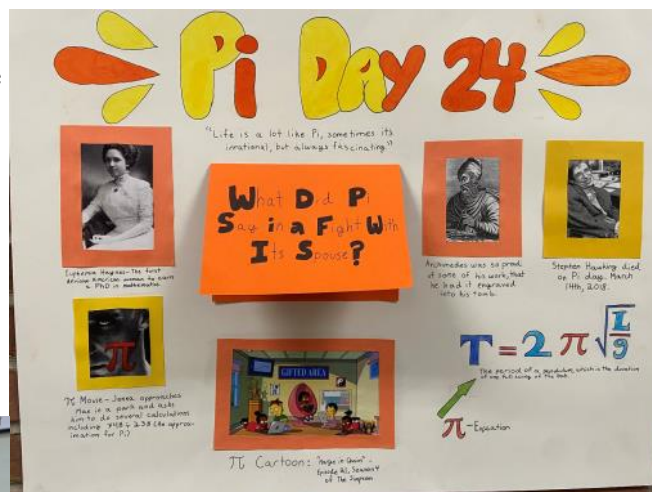
Every March 14th (3.14), math aficionados celebrate Pi Day. It is a chance for math and science enthusiasts to honor the amazing irrational number known as Pi. Once again, Newcomb secondary students were invited to join Indian Lake and Long Lake in a Pi Day Trivia contest. This year teams of six answered five rounds of math related trivia questions. Each round was worth a maximum of 1500 points. In all, thirty Newcomb students in grades seven through twelve attended, making up five teams of mixed ages.

To help prepare for the big day, students worked in groups to create Pi Day posters. Posters needed to include one item from each of the following categories: a formula that uses Pi, a Pi joke, a cartoon featuring Pi, a movie/tv show that refers to Pi, a famous person that has something to do with Pi, a random fact, a quote dealing with Pi, a fact about Archimedes, and a famous woman in math or science. The Newcomb, Indian Lake and Long Lake math teachers then used the students' posters to create the trivia questions.

Once again, the stakes were high. Newcomb students were playing for the right to pie Mr. Leerkes in the face and defend their Pi Day championship title from 2023. After the final question was answered, a Newcomb team finished in first place. As a matter of fact, Newcomb's five teams all finished in the top seven spots out of seventeen teams! The winning team consisted of Lilian Monroe, Jacob Richards, Katlin Fifield, Marissa Fifield, Emma Adams, and team captain Adrian Gonzalez.

In addition to our trivia champions, the glory of pieing Mr. Leerkes was also awarded to the students who were judged to have made the best Pi Day poster. That honor went to Ember Monroe, Kendall Boisvert and Jayden Dick from the Algebra 1 class.

Ms. Armstrong also got her elementary students into the Pi Day fun. Her student, Laurelai Gaboriault, also got to pie Mr. Leerkes in the face for reciting the most digits of Pi!



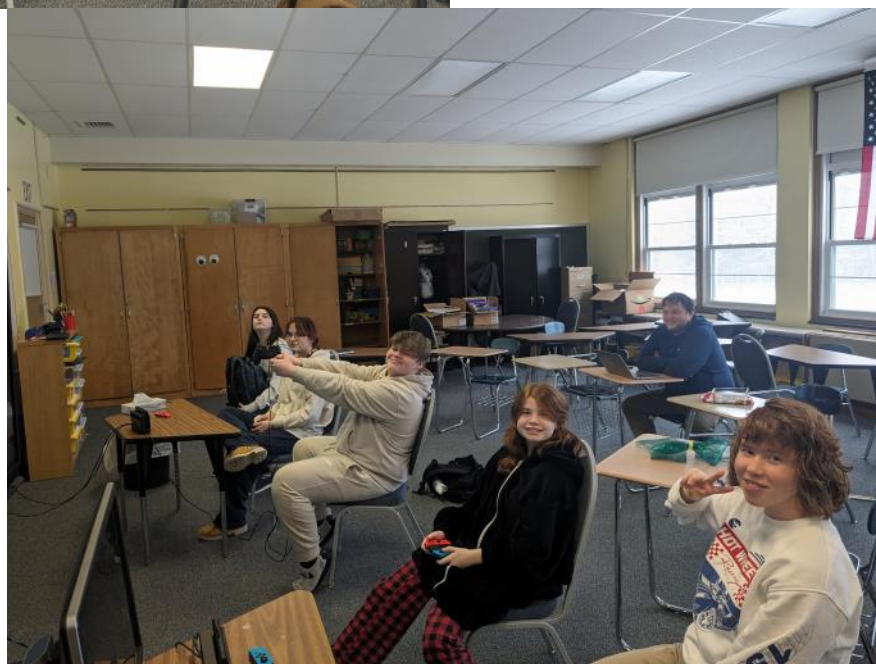
Winning Poster (Ember, Kendall, Jayden)



Thank you to everyone for making Pi Day 2.0 a success, and a big thank you to Mrs. Bennett at Indian Lake for once again organizing and hosting this fun event.

## Can Huskies Play Video Games?

This spring, Newcomb piloted its first-ever eSports team. It means that students competitively play video games in an organized league. Newcomb has two 3-person teams that use Nintendo Switches to play *Super Smash Bros. Ultimate* against other schools in New York State, through an organization called PlayVS. At the season mid-point, our teams are ranked 84<sup>th</sup> and 88<sup>th</sup> in the state. More importantly, our players, Jacob Dick, Jayden Dick, Aryanna Marchioni, Ember Monroe, Viktoriia Shalagina, and Serenity Sullivan have built their skills, persevered, made new connections, and have had fun together. These students are brave pioneers and we hope to see the program grow to include more students and more opportunities to play.





























# April 2024



Directions: Keep your speech and language skills sharp! Color in each square as you complete the activity. See how many you can complete this month!

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Easter MARCH 31</p> <p><b>Fact or Opinion</b> Something known to be true is a fact. What you think about something is an opinion.</p>	<p>1</p> <p><b>Fact or Opinion?</b> George Washington was the first President of the United States.</p> 	<p>2</p> <p><b>Fact or Opinion?</b> Nikki's dress is very pretty.</p> 	<p>3</p> <p><b>Fact or Opinion?</b> Pepperoni pizza is the best type of pizza.</p> 	<p>4</p> <p><b>Fact or Opinion?</b> There are 12 months in a year.</p> 	<p>5</p> <p><b>Fact or Opinion?</b> Blue whales are the largest animals in the world.</p> 	<p>6</p> <p><i>Check out this product:</i> <b>Photo If...Then... Fun Deck</b> Item #FD-241</p> 
<p>7</p> <p><b>Artic Z</b> /z/ is produced by turning the voice on while making /s/.</p>	<p>8</p> <p><b>Repeat the Sentence</b> Zoe saw a zebra at the zoo.</p> 	<p>9</p> <p><b>Repeat the Sentence</b> My husband chased a lizard in the desert.</p> 	<p>10</p> <p><b>Repeat the Sentence</b> The boys baked cookies with bananas in them.</p> 	<p>11</p> <p><b>Repeat the Sentence</b> We ate zucchini with french fries for dessert.</p> 	<p>12</p> <p><b>Repeat the Sentence</b> Zack finished the puzzle of the rose.</p> 	<p>13</p> <p><i>Check out this product:</i> <b>Artic Photos Z Fun Deck</b> Item #AP-37</p> 
<p>14</p> <p><b>Inferencing</b> When you make a guess about something based on what you know, you are making an inference.</p>	<p>15</p> <p><b>What is the Object?</b> Sara took one from the cabinet and filled it with juice.</p>	<p>16</p> <p><b>What is the Action?</b> Tina threaded the needle and pulled it through the fabric.</p>	<p>17</p> <p><b>What is the Occupation?</b> Dr. Thomas fixed the cavity in Brad's tooth.</p>	<p>18</p> <p><b>What is the Category?</b> Shawn collects old nickels, dimes, and quarters.</p>	<p>19</p> <p><b>What is the Emotion?</b> Sid's classmates elected him class president.</p>	<p>20</p> <p><i>Check out this product:</i> <b>Inferencing Chipper Chat</b> Item #CC-48</p> 
<p>21</p> <p><b>What?</b> You ask "what" questions to ask for information about something.</p>	<p>22</p> <p><b>Passover Begins</b> Earth Day</p> 	<p>23</p> <p><b>Passover Ends</b> 30</p> 	<p>24</p> <p><b>Ask a "What...?" Question</b> May 1</p> 	<p>25</p> <p><b>Ask a "What...?" Question</b> If it is hot outside... give yourself a hug.</p> 	<p>26</p> <p><b>Ask a "What...?" Question</b> If you have blonde hair... flap your arms like a bird.</p> 	<p>27</p> <p><i>Check out this product:</i> <b>Webber Photo Cards WH Questions</b> Item #WFC-345</p> 
<p>28</p> <p><b>Conditional Directions</b> If the condition is true, follow the direction.</p>	<p>29</p> <p><b>Ask a "What...?" Question</b> If you like to play outside... count from one to ten.</p> 	<p>30</p> <p><b>Passover Ends</b> 30</p> 	<p>1</p> <p><b>Ask a "What...?" Question</b> If you are wearing something blue... touch your toes.</p> 	<p>2</p> <p><b>Ask a "What...?" Question</b> If it is hot outside... give yourself a hug.</p> 	<p>3</p> <p><b>Ask a "What...?" Question</b> If you have blonde hair... flap your arms like a bird.</p> 	<p>4</p> <p><i>Check out this product:</i> <b>Webber Photo Cards Following Directions</b> Item #WFC-23</p> 

Answer Key: April (1) fact (2) opinion (3) opinion (4) fact (5) fact (6) sewing (7) dentist (8) coins (9) proud (22-26) answers will vary; examples include: What does a cow give us? (milk) What do you use when it rains? (umbrella) What are scissors used for? (cutting paper) What do you do with a book? (read it) What do you wear on your feet? (shoes)

# SPORTS NEWS

## Boys Varsity Basketball

This year, our students played for a merged team called the Newcomb/Schroon Lake Wild Huskies. The team consisted of seven players at the beginning of the season. Seniors, Marcus Armstrong, Micah Armstrong and Logan Bush. Juniors, Ronan Deslauries, Austin Hartwell and Josiah Melville. Nate Melville was a sophomore on the team. We gained 4 more players at the end of the season as the JV schedule concluded. Sophomores, A.J. Masiello, Ben Pelky, Logan Phillips and freshman, Camden Lamphear.

The team played in Division 1 of the MVAC. After playing a few games, I figured that we would end up somewhere in the middle of the league. We had a tough schedule which included playing some teams with a higher classification. The team started to get things figured out in the second half of the season. We ended the regular season with 13 wins and 7 losses. We did manage to split the regular season matchup with Boquet Valley and win the rest of our divisional games which allowed us to be co-champs of Division 1.

We had some very entertaining games in the regular season but the fun really began in the post season. We were seeded number 4 in the sectionals. That gave us a matchup with the 5 seed which was Keene. We had a tough game with Keene in the regular season which we won but we knew it would be a close game. We got by Keene which was the last home game that we would play. Next up was at Boquet Valley, who was the top seed. We played a great game and were able to beat them on their own court. The highlight to the game was Logan Bush surpassing 1,000 points for his varsity career. The team then faced the 2<sup>nd</sup> seeded team which was Crown Point. That game was played at Clinton Community College. The hard fought double overtime win resulted in a Section 7 Championship for the Wild Huskies which led us to the Regional Finals against the top seeded team in Section 2 to be North Warren. We returned to Clinton Community College for that game and unfortunately, lost that game by one point. North Warren went on to win the next two games to become state champions.

I can't explain how proud I am to have been a part of this team. Our Newcomb players represented our school in the most respectable way. Basketball is a long season and these boys did a lot of travelling to compete on this team. To their credit, I never heard one complaint.

Camden Lamphear came up to the varsity team at the conclusion of the JV season where he was his team's 2<sup>nd</sup> leading scorer. He did not get a lot of playing time in games at the varsity level. He did however, work very hard in practice and I'm convinced he made the varsity better with his efforts. He will be a player to watch in the future.

Marcus Armstrong made his mark for the team. I told him a couple of times throughout the season that the painted area on the court was posted property and he was the land owner. I think he took that to heart because he sure did make it tough for the opposing teams. Whether he was playing defense, rebounding, setting screens, or scoring, the other team always knew where he was. He really put his stamp on the Sectional Championship game where he had a bucket to tie the game in the overtime as well as a couple of crucial rebounds.

Logan Bush was incredible this year. He was the point guard for this team which meant he possessed the ball more than 80% of every game. A true floor general in every sense, he led the team in almost every statistical aspect of most games. As mentioned earlier, he surpassed the 1,000 point mark. He did that with only playing 3 varsity seasons because of COVID. He was named to the MVAC Division 1 All Star 1<sup>st</sup> team as well as the MVP in the Section 7 Championship Game. He did all that while being responsible of guarding the opposing team's best player on a nightly basis. In every case, he gave up inches in height. Most of those players towered over him but he still managed to keep them well below their scoring average.

It has been an absolute pleasure watching both Logan and Marcus play this year and they will leave a gaping hole in the Newcomb sports program.

I would like to thank everyone for their support this year.

Sincerely,

Matt Winslow



## Girls Varsity Basketball

Roster: Hope Armstrong, Lilian Monroe, Olivia Hartwell, Hannah Thompson, Carly Smith, Sloan Clark, Briella Emmert, Addie Phillips, Alyssa Arnold, and Kenzie Cutting.

Coaches: Jeff Cutting, Millie Winslow, and Jocelyn Nieto

Record: 8-12 overall  
4-7 league

This season our Newcomb players, Hope and Lilian had the opportunity to combine and play with the Schroon Lake Girls Varsity team. They both improved greatly throughout the season. Hope perfected her outside shot, was a threat on offense, and played tough defense. Lilian improved her fundamental and passing skills. She also had an eye for where the ball was and where she needed to be on the court. These two girls put so many hours traveling to practices and games. It was worth every mile and minute to see all of their hard work payoff on the court and to have the opportunity to be a part of a great team of girls. They represented Newcomb Central School and the Newcomb community in the most positive and respectful way.

The Schroon Lake girls were so welcoming, supportive, kind and fun to work with. The team played a competitive schedule against many larger schools and talented athletes. Most of the games we lost were within 3-10 points. Our season ended after a close Quarterfinal game to Bolton. Overall, it was a great opportunity and a positive learning experience.

Millie Winslow



# IN OTHER NEWS

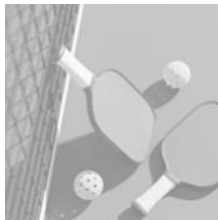
## **Gr. 7-12 Open Gym Basketball**

@ Newcomb Central School  
7-9pm on Tuesdays & Thursdays  
while school is in session



## **Adult Pickleball**

@ Newcomb Central School  
6:30-8:30pm  
Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays  
for adults while school is in session



Hall Walking @ Newcomb Central School will be allowed while school is in session from 4-6pm, Tuesdays through Thursdays. All walkers must sign in at the water fountain upon entering at the back entrance of the school.



## COMING SOON!

*Monday, April 8th is the day  
Newcomb will experience a total  
solar eclipse.*

### **Saturday April 6th**

Join staff at the Adirondack Interpretive Center (AIC) for children's activities from 10 am to 4 pm. At 1 pm, the PBS documentary film "Eclipse Across America", about the 2017 total solar eclipse will be shown.

### **Sunday April 7th**

These activities will continue at the AIC on Sunday as well. **At 1 pm, Professor Luke Keller, from Ithaca College, will present on the eclipse, "A Day Without Night and a Night Without Day"**. At 3 pm the film about the 2017 total solar eclipse will be shown again.

Everyone is invited to the Newcomb Fire Hall for a Lights Out Chili Cook-Off from 5-8 pm. You have two ways to participate - make some chili for tasting or just be a taster. Of course, you can also do both! Call Jill Vallee at 518-791-7479 or Email [crandallkid@verizon.net](mailto:crandallkid@verizon.net) if you will be making chili for the cook-off.

### **Monday April 8th**

The main event happens Monday afternoon. The moon will start to eclipse the sun at 2:14 pm. Its shadow will totally cover the sun for nearly 3 minutes beginning at 3:25 pm.

Community and guests plan to gather behind the Information Center beginning at 1:30 pm. There will be music, children's activities and food. If you want to attend but do not have a way to get there, let Dave Hughes, at the info center, know and we will arrange for the town van to pick you up! Do not miss this spectacular occurrence!



Parents and caregivers, always supervise children to make sure they use their eclipse glasses safely.

# Eclipse Safety



Make sure you read this section with a grown up so you stay safe during an eclipse!

It's super important to keep your eyes safe during a solar eclipse. The only time it's ok to look at the Sun without special glasses is during the few minutes of time when the Moon completely covers the Sun. This short time period when the Moon's disk completely covers the Sun is called totality.

Using regular sunglasses or looking through binoculars, a camera lens, or a telescope without special filters can hurt your eyes badly. Even if you're wearing **eclipse glasses**, NEVER look at the Sun through a camera or telescope – it's dangerous! Also, don't point your phone camera at the partial phases of an eclipse, it is too bright and will damage or ruin your camera, just like it could your eyes. It is ok to take a photo during totality, but you may want to spend that short time looking with your eyes.

To safely watch the eclipse, you need special "eclipse glasses." These glasses are not like regular sunglasses, no matter how dark or fancy they are. Eclipse glasses are much darker and follow safety rules called ISO 12312-2.

Before you use your eclipse glasses, check if they have any rips, scratches, or damage. If they do, don't use them – throw them away. If you don't have eclipse glasses, you can still watch the eclipse without looking directly at the Sun. You can make a **pinhole projector**,

which is a cool way to see the Sun's image projected onto a surface. But remember, don't peek at the Sun through the pinhole!

Remember these important points:

- Only use special eclipse glasses to look at the Sun, except during totality.
- Take off your eclipse glasses only during totality to enjoy the full eclipse.
- Put your eclipse glasses back on as soon as you see any part of the Sun after totality.
- Eclipse glasses are not safe for use with cameras, binoculars, or telescopes. Special filters are needed for these devices.
- If you can't find eclipse glasses, use a pinhole projector to watch the eclipse safely.

**Scan or click the QR codes to learn how to make a pinhole projector and for more information about staying safe during the eclipse. Keep your eyes protected and enjoy the amazing show in the sky!**



Pinhole Solar Projection Viewer



How to Safely View an Eclipse (Pinhole Viewer)



Eclipse Community Preparedness

# UPCOMING IN THE DISTRICT

## April 2024

- 1-5 NO SCHOOL - Spring Recess
- 8 NO SCHOOL - Unused Snow Day
- 10 Author & Artist Ryan Smithson Visit
- 13 CASMA Spring Festival, Warrensburg HS, 2pm concert
- 14 Drama Play, *Almost MAINE*, 2pm
- 16-18 Gr. 3-8 ELA Tests
- 18 Board of Education, 6pm
- 19 End of 3rd Marking Period
- 25 Gymnastics Show, 4pm
- 26 Senior Class Trip Departs
- 27 Yearbook Pickleball Tournament, 1pm, gymnasium
- 30 Gr. 3-8 Math Tests

## May 2024

- 1-2 Gr. 3-8 Math Tests
- 3-4 NYSSMA Solo Festival, Peru Central School
- 4 Senior Class Trip Returns
- 7 Gr. 8 NYS Science Exam
- 8 NCS Spring Concert, 6pm
- 9 Budget Hearing, 6pm followed by Board of Education Meeting
- 14 Gr. 5 NYS Science Exam
- 17-19 Band Tour - Springfield, MA
- 21 School Budget Vote, 1-8pm, auditorium atrium
- 21-22 African Dance & Drumming Residency
- 23 118<sup>th</sup> NY Presentation Assembly
- 24 Mid Marking Period
- 27 NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day

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