



## Exploring Your Culture Day

Every family has their own traditions, ethnicity and heritage. Each family member is shaped by cultural activities, foods, customs, arts and beliefs. The first Exploring Your Culture Day at the Middle School encouraged Churchville-Chili students in grades 5-8 to talk with family members, learn about their unique backgrounds and proudly share their stories with others.

The results were spectacular. In just one sixth grade classroom, students discovered deep family roots from places as far-ranging as Macedonia, Turkey, Poland, Ireland, Italy, Korea, England, France and Jamaica. One student shared her family's antique Native American horn rattle and hand-beaded baby moccasins. Another student displayed a vintage book printed in German featuring

photos from Passau, the town her ancestors came from.

Students had two weeks to collect information and visuals that represented their family history, heritage, values, language or religion. Each created a special project highlighting family culture – a poster, digital slide or collection of artifacts – and then presented their family story to classmates. Students broke into small groups to discuss why understanding their culture and that of their classmates is important in fostering positive relationships. Ideas for continued recognition of other cultures were also shared.

The experience was designed by the Middle School Equity Team to help students feel safe, respected and more

connected to one another and to the adults in school. The Equity Team includes over twenty faculty members working to promote diversity, equity and inclusion throughout the year.

“Just as every student belongs to their individual family, they also belong to our school family. We want to create an environment here where everyone is welcomed and affirmed, and differences are celebrated every day.”

– Megan Wideman, Red House Administrator



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Dear Community,  
As we enter our third quarter of the school year, we continue to focus upon citizenship across the district, with an emphasis on being respectful,

responsible and ready! In each of the schools, staff is spending time identifying ways to teach, reinforce and recognize these skills with our students.

We have received approval for the initial portion of our Phase VI Capital Project, and it is anticipated that renovations will begin later this spring. This work includes roof replacement on the main campus, a flooring upgrade in the transportation facility and HVAC replacement in the district office. The second part of the Phase VI Capital Project has been submitted to the State Education Department for review, and we anticipate approval later this year. Pending approval, renovations to the Middle School and athletic fields are anticipated to begin in the spring of 2024.

Safety continues to be a priority, and we are pleased with the updates of our Raptor visitor management system, security cameras, alarms and vape detectors. We continue to value our partnership with the MCSO School Resource Officer and recently the allocation of a liaison to support instructional safety opportunities for our students.

We encourage you to attend our athletic contests and extracurricular events throughout the year. The schedule for our upcoming events can be found on the district website at [www.cccsd.org/athletics](http://www.cccsd.org/athletics) and <https://www.cccsd.org/Calendars>.

Thank you for your continued support of the school district, and we look forward to sharing more details about our 2023-24 school budget later this spring. Information on budget development sessions can be found on our website at [www.cccsd.org/BudgetDevelopment](http://www.cccsd.org/BudgetDevelopment).

Respectfully,  
*Lori Orologio*  
Dr. Lori Orologio  
Superintendent of Schools

## MCSO Deputy Liason

We would like to thank the Monroe County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) for creating and funding a part-time deputy liaison position to provide instructional lessons to students, similar to the D.A.R.E. program in previous years.



Our designated liaison, Deputy Phil Fantanza, will provide educational support and teach lessons to students across the district this spring focused upon specific, grade-level student needs aligned with district curriculum. Initially, Deputy Fantanza will work with our Office of Instruction, along with our Middle School and Ninth Grade Academy staff, to develop lessons related to our current citizenship work, as well as age-appropriate safety awareness.

We hope you will join us in welcoming Deputy Fantanza. We look forward to working with him and benefiting from his knowledge and experience. This position is not a security resource officer; however, we continue to have a full-time SRO on-site daily in partnership with the MCSO.

## CCCSD 2023-24 Budget Forums

Each year, time is dedicated to reviewing, analyzing and assessing our school budget. This is anchored to our district goal to promote cost effectiveness and to develop and manage a budget that provides a quality education in a fiscally responsible manner.

We invite district residents to attend our budget presentations to learn more about the proposed 2023-24 budget. Information is also available on our district website at [www.cccsd.org/BudgetDevelopment](http://www.cccsd.org/BudgetDevelopment).

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**BUDGET VOTE**  
**Tuesday, May 16, 2023**

Date	Time	Place	Target Audience
Tuesday, March 14	7 p.m.	Boardroom	BOE, General Public - Budget Development
Tuesday, March 28	7 p.m.	Boardroom	BOE, General Public - Budget Development
Thursday, April 20	8 a.m.	FRS Cafeteria	FRS Faculty
Thursday, April 20	9:40 a.m.	Transportation Bldg.	Transportation Staff
Tuesday, May 2	7 p.m.	Boardroom	Open Board Meeting - Budget Public Hearing CRSPTO MSPTO
Thursday, May 4	8 a.m.	CES Cafeteria	CES Faculty
Thursday, May 4	2 p.m.	NGA Cafeteria	9-12 Faculty
Monday, May 8	6:45 p.m.	FRS Library	FRESPA
Tuesday, May 9	6:45 p.m.	CES Cafeteria	CESPA
Thursday, May 11	8 a.m.	CRS Cafeteria	CRS Faculty
Thursday, May 11	2:50 p.m.	MSN Cafeteria	5-8 Faculty/CO Staff
Tuesday, May 16	<b>Noon- 9 p.m.</b>	<b>MSN Cafeteria, door 31</b>	<b>BUDGET VOTE</b>

# Triple C Awards

The Churchville-Chili Triple C Awards honor students, community members and staff who exemplify our district's core beliefs and who go above and beyond to make our schools great environments for learning.



## Congratulations to our winners from Churchville Elementary School!

(Front row, left to right) Ryan Vossler, Hunter Horning, Ava Krenzer, Delaney Hirt, Luna Maira and Aiden King. (Back row, left to right) Kim Giancursio, Bethany Matsko and CJ Palozzi.



## Congratulations to our district winners!

These staff and fire department members volunteered their time and efforts to support our schools on a holiday during a recent facility challenge.

(Left to right) Richard Harrington, Trent Lautner, Scott Wohlers, Fire Chief Todd Wainwright, Dave Winden, Deputy Chief Brandon McCaughey and Safety Officer Steve Gulvin. (Not present: Jim Marshall, John Norman, Anna Valenti and Joe Valenti)

# KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2023-24 School Year

## Online Registration

February 20-March 24

- District children must be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2023
- Registration must be completed online (please note: registration cannot be completed on cell phones due to platform restrictions.)
- Once online registration is complete, you will be contacted for an appointment to complete the registration process
- If your child is currently participating in the district's UPK program, you do not need to register them for kindergarten



## Questions?

If you have questions or are unable to complete the online registration, please call the Registrar at (585) 293-1800 ext. 2041.

[www.cccsd.org/registration](http://www.cccsd.org/registration)

# AHA Fundraiser

Churchville Elementary School has been supporting the American Heart Association's events (*Hoops for Heart, Jump Rope for Heart and Kids Heart Challenge*) for 22 years! Last year, CES ranked #4 in NYS by raising \$25,420 and was recognized as a leader in supporting the AHA. The school continues to participate in the Kids Heart Challenge to teach students about the importance of heart health, exercise and giving back to others. "We want our students to understand how even our little school can make a big impact when we all come together to help," stated PE teacher Bethany Matsko.

This year, the school is celebrating one of their own students as a Heart Hero. Caleb entered the world as a small but healthy baby. At 9 months his growth slowed dramatically. After many tests, it was determined he had an undiagnosed heart defect. Caleb's heart had holes that allowed oxygen rich blood to mix with oxygen poor blood, making his heart work twice as hard. Caleb received open heart surgery just before his second birthday. Doctors said if Caleb hadn't received this surgery, he would have continued to have delayed growth and additional health complications. Caleb saw tremendous growth after surgery and caught up with his peers within a year. This story is not uncommon; one in 100 children are born with a heart defect, making it the most common birth defect. Today, Caleb is doing well and is an active fourth-grade student. In his honor, and to help the many others affected with heart issues, **CES rallied and raised \$28,463, beating last year's record!** As a reward, students slimed their Principal, Assistant Principal and PE teachers!



## Career Connections SHS Student Leaders

While many have contributed to the continued success of the Middle School's Career Connections program, one group has special importance: student volunteers from the senior high school. Although most of the presenters are experienced professionals from local businesses, our student volunteers bring another dimension to the program. Closer in age and experience to their audience, they act as mentors and can often better connect with younger students' concerns and perspectives.

Many student presenters have been participants in the skills training and career exploration programs at Monroe 2-Orleans

BOCES' CTE Center at WEMOCO. These pros-in-training have shared their expertise in a multitude of exciting and lucrative career fields, including: culinary, medical laboratory technician, welding and plumbing. Many more CTE students are scheduled to lead sessions throughout the spring, in areas like carpentry and criminal justice.

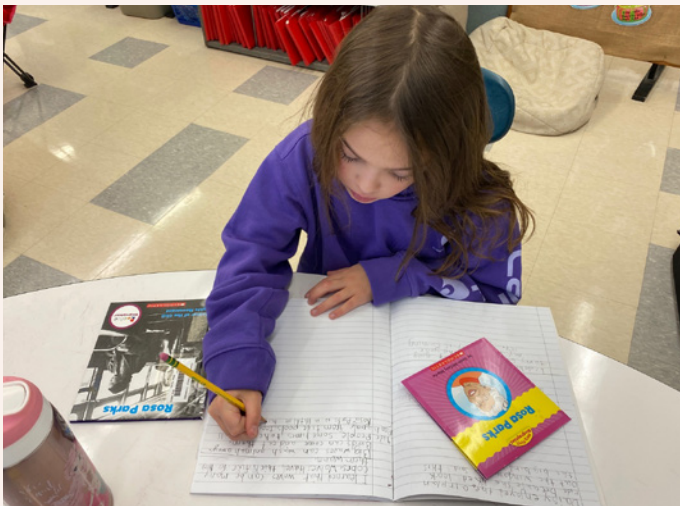
In addition, we are grateful to our many other student presenters from the high school, including a recent group who joined teacher Paul Glor to share health and safety tips and those from the First Robotics Team 340 who demonstrated programming and coding skills.

**To all the exceptional student volunteers who have supported their younger peers through this program since it began in 2015 – thank you!**



## Hooked on Reading at FRS

At Fairbanks Road School, third and fourth grade students are learning to be lifelong learners and enthusiastic readers. Students recently focused on Women's History and a theme based on the vocabulary word "Influential." Each student selected a famous woman, read her biography and created a poster celebrating her accomplishments, along with a timeline of important events in her life. Students answered a number of open-ended questions that required them to use their critical thinking and reading comprehension skills. This project was a fun way for students to learn about fascinating people and important events while practicing their reading, writing and research skills. "If a project is interesting and students really want to read, they are happy to work harder to achieve that goal," said Literacy Teacher Caitlin Fitzgerald.



## CRS Mathematicians

First graders at Chestnut Ridge Elementary School have been working in small math groups to explore and find patterns associated with a hundreds chart. This hands-on lesson also provided the opportunity to work together and use 'math talk' as they figured out the best way to complete the chart. Students made connections between counting by ones and tens. This lesson also helped prepare them for the unit on extending the counting sequence to 120. Each group completed the task a bit differently, but all were successful mathematicians!



## A Year with Frog and Toad

This year's fifth-grade musical, "A Year with Frog and Toad (kids)," was based on Arnold Lobel's well-loved books. This whimsical show followed two great friends – the cheerful, popular Frog and the rather grumpy Toad – through four fun-filled seasons and the lessons they learned. Throughout the year, the best friends celebrate and rejoice in the differences that make them unique and special. Congratulations to the cast and crew on a phenomenal show and a special thank you to the many volunteers!



## CES Page Turners Explore Arctic Adventures

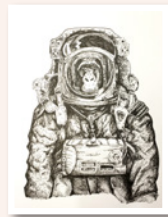
Third grade students in Churchville Elementary School's after school club, Page Turners, have been focusing on reading winter adventure-themed books. They recently learned about the Arctic and mushing while reading Emma Carlson Berne's book, "Balto." This heroic tale tells the story of sled dog Balto and his incredible race over snow-covered trails to bring much needed medicine to the children of Nome, Alaska. Julianne Westrich, the 2023 Iditarod Teacher on the Trail, recently shared Iditarod information with the students, discussed what is required of sled dogs and their drivers and explained the various challenges they face. Westrich brought actual equipment to share with the group, including the booties worn by a sled dog during a race to help prevent injuries and snow build-up. The students were inspired by this educational presentation and asked many insightful questions. Thank you, Mrs. Westrich, for bringing the Arctic adventures to CES – good luck on the trail!



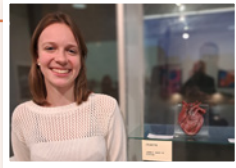
## RIT's Winter Art Show

Congratulations to our student artists who were invited to show in RIT's annual exhibition celebrating work from regional high schools and middle schools. Participating artists included:

- Chaney Powell and Virginia Washburn** (teacher: Jordyn Wolcott)
- Kayla Cervini and Gabby Toates** (teacher: Kelly Bosco)
- Cy Fox and Tristan Harris** (teacher: Rich Cravatta)
- Lindsay Donner and Abigail Lyon** (teacher: Jonathan Woodard)



Artist: Tristan Harris, Senior



A special congratulations to senior **Abigail Lyon** for receiving the School for American Crafts-Ceramics Award for Sculpture.

## Shared Spaces

Shared Spaces is an annual high school art teacher/student show at Nazareth College designed to celebrate the unique apprenticeship process that occurs between teacher and student. Each teacher submits one piece of their own work that was created within the last three years and selects one student to present their work side-by-side. To honor the concept of gallery space being equal, the work is displayed without identifying whether it is teacher or student-created. Congratulations to the following CCCSD teachers and students who were selected for this year's show.



Kelly Bosco with Marissa Hogan

- Samantha Marvin with Jordyn Wolcott** (teacher)
- Marissa Hogan with Kelly Bosco** (teacher)
- Rylee Rossetti with Jonathan Woodard** (teacher)
- Holli Tasker with Rich Cravatta** (teacher)

**Churchville-Chili Senior High School Presents**  
A Production of

Disney and CAMERON MACKINTOSH'S

# MARY POPPINS

THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

A Musical based on the stories of P.L. Travers and the Walt Disney Film  
Original Music and Lyrics by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman, Book by Julian Fellowes  
New Songs and Additional Music and Lyrics by George Stiles and Anthony Drewe, Co-Created by Cameron Mackintosh

MARCH 23, 24, 25 - 7 PM

MARCH 26 - 2 PM

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## Fine Arts Events Schedule

Below you will find a list of the fine arts events that will be held this spring. Please check the Fine Arts webpage ([www.cccsd.org/FineArts](http://www.cccsd.org/FineArts)) for additional information and a link to our livestream.

### March

- 9** FRS Art Show/Open House
- 16** CRS Art Show/Open House
- 21** SHS Musical – *Mary Poppins*, Senior Citizen Preview, CCPAC, 5 p.m.
- 23-25** SHS Musical – *Mary Poppins*, CCPAC, 7 p.m.
- 26** SHS Musical – *Mary Poppins*, CCPAC, 2 p.m.

### April

- 14** CRS Musical – *Annie Jr.*, MS Aud 7 p.m.
- 15** CRS Musical – *Annie Jr.*, MS Aud 2 and 7 p.m.
- 18** Choral Honors Concert, CCPAC, 7 p.m.
- 21** Jazz Night, NGA Cafe, 7 p.m.
- 26** SHS Art Show opens, SHS Door 1, 7 p.m.
- 27** MS Talent Show, CCPAC, 7 p.m.

# WINTER ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

Our Churchville-Chili Saints have had an incredible winter athletic season. Congratulations to all of our athletes and coaches! As of February 18, some of our sports are still underway and many awards have yet to be announced. Here are some impressive season highlights thus far.

**Basketball, Boys: Jason Gibbs** broke our district's all-time record for most career points in boys basketball, surpassing the former record of 1,138 points set in 2002.

**Cheerleading:** The team placed first at the Fillmore and Hilton competitions.

**Ice Hockey:** The team won the Monroe County Division 2 Title for the first time since 2013. In addition, **Max McKay** became the second player in school history to surpass 100 career points.

**Coach Young** was named Coach of the Year for Division 2.

**Indoor Track:** The Boys 4x800m Relay Team (**Joshua Romesser, Alex Rowe, Ryan Giglia Jr.** and **Nathan Sikorski**) broke the school record with a time of 8:31.98. **Ay'rianna Moore** won two Section V Class A1 titles in the 55m and 300m races.

**Skiing: Alex Percassi** placed 9th and 14th at the Section V finals and is headed to the NYS Alpine Ski Championships on February 27 and 28.

**Swimming & Diving, Boys: Kyler Thomas** earned the Section V Class A2 runner up in diving.

**Wrestling:** Our wrestlers were the Section V Class A2 champions for the first time in school



history, and seven of our athletes placed in the Section V NYS Qualifier! They were the champions of the Sweet Home Joe Shifflet, DeMeco-Trainor and Steve Garland Tournaments. **Coach Raines** was named Section V Class A2 Coach of Year.

- **Jaxxon Cody** was the Steve Garland Tournament champion.
- **Jon Cullen** was the Steve Garland Tournament champion.
- **Andrew Frost** was the Hornell Tournament champion.
- **Andrew Jeffers** was the Section V Class A2 runner up and the Sweet Home Joe Shifflet Tournament champion.
- **Logan Morse** was the Sweet Home Joe Shifflet Tournament champion.
- **Cael Raines** earned first place in the Section V NYS Qualifier and was the Section V Class A2 champion. He was the champion of the Hornell, Steve Garland, Akron and Sweet Home Joe Shifflet Tournaments. He earned the Aggregate Pin Award at the Akron

Tournament and Most Outstanding Wrestler at the DeMeco Trainor tournament. Cael surpassed 100 career wins; only 12 students in school history have accomplished this.

- **Coy Raines** earned first place in the Section V NYS Qualifier and was the Section V Class A2 champion. He was the champion of the Hornell, Steve Garland, Akron and Sweet Home Joe Shifflet Tournaments. He was named the Most Outstanding Wrestler at Hornell and Akron Tournaments. Coy surpassed 100 career wins; only 12 students in school history accomplished this.
- **Gael Sanchez** was the Section V Class A2 runner up.
- **Alexander Tomaszewski** was the Steve Garland Tournament champion and earned the Most Outstanding Wrestler award.
- **Carter Walworth** was the Steve Garland Tournament champion.



Coy and Cael Raines both won the Section V Titles and the State Qualifier. The twins are now headed to the NYS Championships on February 24 and 25.

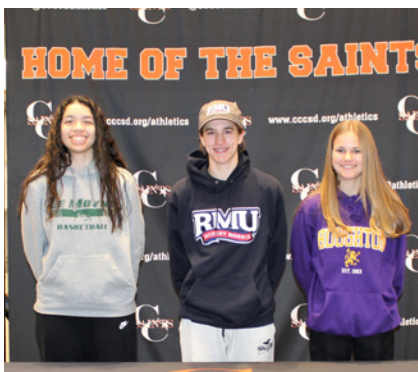
## NCAA Signing Ceremony

Join us in celebrating three of our seniors who signed Letters of Intent to play their chosen sports at the college level. We wish them continued success.

**Taylor Curyto**,  
Houghton  
University, Division  
3 for soccer

**Sydney Postell**,  
LeMoyne College,  
Division 2 for  
basketball

**Joshua Romesser**,  
Robert Morris  
University, Division  
1 for cross-country



Athletes (l-r): Sydney Postell, Joshua Romesser and Taylor Curyto.

## Athletic Hall of Fame

### Would you like to nominate someone for our Athletic Hall of Fame?

The CCCSD Athletic Department is always accepting nominations for its Athletic Hall of Fame. We recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of those who have made significant contributions to Saints athletics. The goal is for our students, student-athletes, coaches and community members to appreciate our history and know that they can aspire to great things if they work hard and set their goals high.

The Hall of Fame is open to athletes who graduated at least five years ago, retired coaches who coached a sport for at least five years and special contributors (which may include administrators, parent volunteers or other community members). Nomination forms and a full criteria can be found online at <https://www.cccsd.org/AthleticHallofFame>. To be eligible for the current year's induction, nominations must be received by June 30, 2023. New inductees will be honored with a formal ceremony in December. Contact Athletic Director Michael Murray at [mmurray@cccsc.org](mailto:mmurray@cccsc.org) with questions.

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# Transportation Openings

We have immediate openings for full-time and substitute bus drivers. If you like to drive and enjoy children, please consider applying. Experience welcomed but not required. Training can be provided.

**Full-time Bus Drivers**

- \$19.35 - \$20.25 per hour
- Higher starting pay for experienced drivers
- Paid training
- Work a minimum of 20 hours per week and receive excellent health/dental insurance plus paid time off

**Substitute Bus Drivers**

- \$24 per hour
- Free training
- Flexible schedules and hours

**How to apply**

- Apply online at <https://jobs.schoolsites.com/CCCSD/>
- Contact Renee Hensel, Director of Transportation, at (585) 293-4544
- Apply in person at 3461 Westside Drive, Churchville, N.Y.



## CHURCHVILLE-CHILI CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FLASH NETWORK PRESENTS



# HIDDEN

*In Plain Sight*

Thursday  
April 13, 2023

6:00 PM

CCCSD  
MS North  
Library  
Door 20

**Hidden In Plain Sight** is an interactive presentation for MS/HS parents who may be confused or concerned by changes in their child's behavior. Is your child hiding something? Maybe.

This program educates families about how teens and preteens use everyday items to hide evidence of risky behaviors. The presentation is a mock setup of a teenager's bedroom, where items are hidden in plain sight. The facilitator explains how to become more curious, observant and involved—and how to respond when something is found.

Join experts from the Council on Alcoholism and Addictions of the Finger Lakes for this eye opening, informative presentation.

**SPACE IS LIMITED! SAVE YOUR SEAT TODAY.**  
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