





Where *learning* leads to a *lifetime of opportunities*...

# **Congratulations, Churchville-Chili Class of 2023!**

This year's graduation ceremonies were a time to celebrate, a time to hold a little tighter to friends and family, and a time to treasure memories and take pride in accomplishment. On June 24, our Class of 2023 crossed the stage at R.I.T.'s Gordon Field House and walked toward their future.

We thank our Senior Choir, featured artists Renee Sipes, Olivia Repass, Aiden Martinez and Bailey Shippee, Senior High Band members, and teachers Allison Chipman and Erik Reinhart for

providing a beautiful mix of traditional and deeply moving musical performances. Thanks also to Senior Class President Jason Tolevski for his inspiring address to fellow classmates.



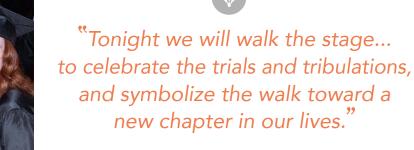












- Christopher Jodoin, Class of 2023

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#### Dear community,

We successfully completed our 2022-23 school year and want to thank our families and staff for their support of our students district-wide. We ended the year by celebrating our graduating seniors and are proud of our high school's approximate 95% graduation rate. We wish our graduates and their families success and happiness as they take their next steps in the workforce, military or higher education.

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we will continue to focus upon being *Respectful*, *Responsible and Ready!* in all of our environments. We will remain steadfast in achieving our district goal of providing a welcoming and nurturing environment that fosters positive relationships. We look forward to welcoming all of our students this fall, especially our rising 2023-24 seniors and incoming PreK class of 2037 and kindergarten class of 2036!

This summer, many teachers are participating in curriculum writing and assessment development to align with changes in State standards. Also, many students are participating in summer school programs, Continuing Education sessions and self-selected camps.

The roofing portion of our capital project work will finish this summer, along with flooring repair at transportation, flooring replacement at Churchville Elementary and HVAC installation at district office. We are hopeful that the State Education Department will complete their review of our Phase VI-2 project by the end of the summer or early fall so that we can begin the reconstruction of our middle school stairwells, classrooms and hallways, along with athletic fields, in the spring.

On behalf of our students and staff, I want to thank you for your continued support of the programs and

opportunities we offer our students to develop their unique talents and become respectful, resourceful citizens and contributing members of our global society.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Lori Orologio Superintendent of Schools



# Superintendent's Outstanding Senior



We are proud to announce **Ryan Lander** as our district's Outstanding Senior. Ryan was chosen by Churchville-Chili Superintendent Dr. Lori Orologio for his exemplary scholarship, leadership, service and character.

The award is sponsored by the Monroe County Council of School Superintendents.



# Faculty Awards

This year's winners, Michael DeBona and Olivia Repass, were chosen by faculty and staff members who judged them to



be outstanding in citizenship, scholarship, leadership, character, responsibility and service (shown here with SHS Principal Scott Wilson and CCEA Vice-President Heather Burns).

# **Transportation Reminder**

If your child will need to be transported to or from daycare or a

private/parochial school for the upcoming 2023-24 school year, you must complete the necessary transportation request forms as soon as possible to ensure busing for the first day of school. Please see our district website: www.cccsd.org/transportation for the required forms.



# **Literacy Volunteers Needed**

**Who can volunteer?** Anyone with a little time and a desire to help children at the elementary schools.

What might I be doing as a volunteer? Working 1:1 or with a small group of students, reinforcing literacy skills taught by the teacher, assisting students working independently in centers, reading with students to practice strategies, playing word study games or helping students during Writer's Workshop.

**Is there anything I need to know prior to volunteering?** We will provide basic training so you'll feel prepared.

**When do I volunteer?** We will host the training this fall. Volunteering in the schools will be based on your schedule.

**How do I become a volunteer?** Contact Literacy Volunteer Coordinator Eileen Johnson at *ejohnson@cccsd.org* or call: 293-1800 ext. 2310.

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# 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 High

School and District Triple C Award winners!



District Triple C Winners

Congratulations to Jack Gudonis and Ryan Oatridge.

#### SHS Triple C Winners

Congratulations to (l-r) Hope Falco, Joshua Bennigsohn, Nazarii Kohut, Renee Sheelar (LOTE), Cathy Larson (Health Aide), Ajani Wilson, Murphy Pynn and Eagan Woodward (not present).



# 2023 Teacher of the Year

Twenty years ago, high school science teacher Karl Biedlingmaier was chosen Teacher of the Year by Churchville-Chili Senior High School students. He has been honored with that title for a second time in 2023 by our chapter of National Honor Society (NHS). For years, students have appreciated his hard work, kindness, sense of humor, and unique ability to help students succeed while becoming independent learners and critical thinkers. "Knowledgeable," "calm" and "amazing" are just a few of the words used to describe this year's Teacher of the Year.



The tradition of naming a Teacher of Year is a special one. Being recognized by students for going above and beyond to make a difference as a teacher is an extraordinary achievement. Part of this honor includes being the guest speaker at the fall NHS Induction ceremony on November 20. Congratulations, Mr. B!

# **Transportation Employee of the Year**



Each year, member districts of the Rochester Area Transportation Supervisors Association (RATSA) select recipients for the Professional Pupil Transportation Employee of the Year award. Nominations are based on good attendance, safety, a friendly disposition, if the individual readily accepts and exceeds responsibilities and if they relate well with fellow workers, parents and students. This year, Michael "Mick" Berry, a driver for our senior high, middle school and Chestnut Ridge Elementary has been selected as Transportation Employee of the Year for Churchville-Chili.

"I was so honored when I found out about the award," said Berry. "I am relatively new to the district, so this was really a surprise." Earlier this year, Berry received the Saint's Spotlight recognition after being nominated by a parent for his friendly disposition and ability to put students at ease. Renee Hensel, CCCSD Director of Transportation, said she has received an impressive number of emails and phone calls from parents who appreciate "Mr. Mick" as their child's driver.

# Employee Recognition

We are proud to honor the hard work and dedication of our Churchville-Chili staff members earning tenure, milestone years of service or retiring. Thank you all for your service!



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#### Tenure

Bottom - Dawn Stocks (FRS), Jacqueline Finch (FRS), Kelly Salomone (MS), Laura Campisi (CRS) and Shannon Baxter (SHS). Top - Kayla Hare (MS), Jessica Knopp (MS), Andrea Ryan (MS), Brittany Colombo (CRS) and Rachel Acresti (CRS). Rashell Parkhurst (CRS) - not present.



#### **30 Years** Renee Sheelar (SHS), Darlene Earle (CES) and

Cristin DelGaizo (SHS).

#### Retirees

Bottom -Laurel DePaul (MS), Karen Benedict (MS), Donna Pope (FRS) and Darlene Earle (CES). Top - Jack Gudonis (IT), Joseph Valenti (O&M), Dolores DiSano (MS) and Christina Apeland (MS).

25 Years

Marcella Sisson (MSN),

Christina Apeland (MS)

and Heather Burns (SHS).

# Make All the Difference Scholarships

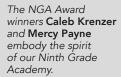
Churchville-Chili seniors **Kaleigh Barsell**, **Payton Post** and **Amya Gibson** each received a \$5,000 Make All the Difference scholarship from the Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Educational Foundation. They were chosen for excelling in their alternative or non-traditional educational paths.



Scholarship winners Kaleigh Barsell, Payton Post and Amya Gibson with Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Giulio Bosco and Superintendent Dr. Lori Orologio.

# 2023 NGA Awards





The CCEA Awards honor students with the highest GPA in their class – **Evan Girolamo** and **Audrey Ennis**.

# **Congratulations, Black Scholars**

We're proud to announce the newest members of the Urban League of Rochester Black Scholars Honor Society. The program provides academic recognition, college readiness assistance and scholarship incentives to students who achieve and maintain a "B" or better average throughout high school. We're proud to honor: (in alphabetical order) Salah Benchaabane,

Jason Gibbs, Amya Gibson, Samuel Grant, Zoria Hughes, Kolby Jones, Karia Musabandesu, Amani Nur, Sydney Postell, Ambar Montilla Rubio, Salina



Salters, Jayden Sanza, Nevaeh Starks, Anisa Flowers Thompson, Keanu Thompson, Malachi Brown Tomaszewski and Ajani Wilson.

# Senior Decision Day

This year's Senior Decision Day was a chance for students to share plans and celebrate the future together.

Best of luck, Class of 2023, as you prepare to move on to college, vocational programs, the military or the workforce! We know you will do great things.





# Great Work, 2023 Summa Cum Laude Graduates

Graduating at the top of their class with GPAs of 97 or above: (in alphabetical order) Nathan Arlauckas, Christine Artyushok, Brenna Chalmers, Brooke Collom, Benjamin Croce, Taylor Curyto, Gretchen Dolan, Lindsay Donner, Alexis Gagnon, Jessica Hewitson, Erin



Korts, Emily Korts, Ryan Lander, Brooke Lindsay, Mia Lucyshyn, Abigail Lyon, Miranda Lyon, Keelin Mittermeyer-Parkman, Jenna Northup, Esmie Sauve, Colton Shuman, Renee Sipes, James Southcott, Zachary Spaulding, Jarrett Swierk, Holli Tasker, Alexander Tomaszewski and Sara Ward.



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# Great Showing at NYS SkillsUSA

The 2023 New York State SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Championships took place in April. Churchville-Chili was well-represented at the event by students who participate in BOCES 2 Career and Technical Education.

- Aaron Caballero (Outdoor Powersports Technology) placed second in the Motorcycle Service Technology competition. Caballero is one of six BOCES 2 CTE students who represented WEMOCO at the national conference in Atlanta this June.
- Aiden Gilbert (Auto Body and Collision Repair Technology) also medaled at the event, winning third place in Collision Damage Appraisal.
- Leadership activities are also a core function of the event and 12 BOCES 2 CTE students represented the WEMOCO SkillsUSA chapter as delegates, including Churchville-Chili's **Tyler Caballero** (Heavy Equipment Operation and Maintenance).

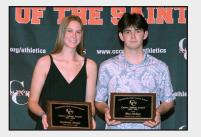
In total, 21 BOCES 2 CTE students combined for 10 medals and more than 100 WEMOCO CTE Center students attended the event as competitors, delegates, event workers and guests.



# Congratulations, Outstanding Athletes!



Athletes of the Year: Amelia Breton and Ricardo Lagares.



Career Athletes: Katherine Draper and Max McKay.

# Planning a Future in **SPORTS**

Congratulations to our Class of 2023 student-athletes who participated in the spring signing ceremony and will continue their sports at college!



Lindsay Donner, SUNY Binghamton, Cross Country and Track; Miranda Lyon, Houghton University, Cross Country and Track; Alex Rowe, Mercyhurst University, Cross Country and Track; Nathan Tenebruso, SUNY Brockport, Cross Country and Track; Jayden Sanza, Roberts Wesleyan, Soccer; Anthony Shortino, Niagara Community College, Baseball; Camryn Karelus, Roberts Wesleyan, Volleyball; Amelia Breton, SUNY Brockport, Soccer; Emily McCane, SUNY Brockport,

Soccer; (pictured at right with family) **Tyler Meisenzahl,** Alfred University, Football.



# **2023** Honors Breakfast

Seniors graduating with the designation of cum laude (with honor) or higher celebrated together at the annual Honors Breakfast. Great job, seniors!







**Coping Skills Cafe** 



STEM Night

fields. Interactive stations

and exhibits inspired and

educated both students

and families! Some of the

activities included building

robots, genetics, exploring

the natural world.

chemistry and learning about

# Science Fun

Our high school students made learning fun for fourth grade students! Based

on what they learned in their science classes, the teens

designed lessons for the elementary students that Commitment to were informative, hands-on and entertaining.

Fairbanks Road Elementary teamed with Roberts Wesleyan University

related to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM)

to host its first STEM night. The evening provided an opportunity for families to engage in hands-on activities and demonstrations





a Coping Skills Cafe for fourth-grade students to teach them appropriate skills to improve their responses to stressful situations. The students sampled different coping skills, then completed a personalized "recipe card" that included the perfect ingredients of choices and strategies that work best for them.

# Exploring Nature

Kindergarten students at Churchville Elementary explored nature this spring while learning about senses. Their assignment was to find



objects in nature that they could see, hear, feel and touch. Our budding scientists saw flowers trying to bloom, heard birds calling to one another, felt the sharp needles of pine trees and picked up numerous sticks on their adventure!

# An Outstanding Season of Music

It's been an exciting spring for Churchville-Chili Central School District's music program. In addition to being named a 2023 Best Community for Music by the NAMM Foundation for the eighth consecutive year, the district's high school Orchestra, Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble brought home an impressive collection of awards from performances at the New York State School Music Association's (NYSSMA) Major Organization Festival in Rochester and the national Music in the Parks Festival in Hershey, PA. Then to top it off, our Concert Choir and Ninth Grade Treble Choir scored top awards at NYSSMA, too!



At Music in the Parks, Churchville-Chili High School's Wind Ensemble was rated "Superior" and won first place in their division and Overall Best Band in the entire competition. The Orchestra garnered second place in their division with an "Excellent" rating – the first time the orchestra



has won a competitive award. Symphonic Band shone as well, with an "Excellent" rating and third place finish in their division.

At the NYSSMA Festival, Wind Ensemble performed Level 6 repertoire - the highest level of difficulty - and Symphonic Band played Level 4 repertoire. Both groups received Gold ratings.

Later at the NYSSMA Festival at Rush Henrietta High School, more great performances were given by our Concert Choir and Ninth Grade Treble

Choir. Concert Choir performed a Level 6 repertoire and received a Gold with Distinction award. Ninth Grade Treble Choir chose to perform a Level 5 repertoire and collected a Silver award.

The Churchville-Chili School District was one of only 830 school districts to be named a 2023 Best Community for Music by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) which recognizes districts around the country for their exceptionally high commitment to music education for all students.



Congratulations to all our music students and their teachers on a spectacular year of music!



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# **Inspiring the Next Generation**

Graduating seniors headed back to the Middle School and then to their respective elementary schools for the annual March of the Senior Saints. Impressive in their caps and gowns, seniors revisited familiar hallways at Churchville

Elementary, Chestnut Ridge and Fairbanks Road schools where their educational journeys began. They delighted and encouraged younger students, and many took a moment to rekindle relationships with favorite teachers.









# **MS Awards**



**NYS Attorney General Award** (presented by Mr. Marsella, Assistant Attorney General): Sheyanne Horton, Robert Rule and Grace Szumigala.



**Teacher's Award:** Morgan Wilson.



**President's Award for Education Excellence:** Presented to eighth-grade students who have had an average of 89.5% or above for seventh and eighth grades.



Churchville-Chili Education Association Award: Jack Pynn and Rinnah Falco.

# **MS Talent Show**

This year's annual Talent Show was a tremendous success! A selection of middle school students performed 16 incredible acts, from vocalists and instrumentalists to gymnastics and more. Cast members had to prepare their own acts and submit a video audition. Some students created their own, such as writing a song or creating

the choreography. Each act attended a workshop where they were coached on how to make their acts stronger. Congratulations to the cast, director/producers and lighting/sound director on a great show.



# Staff Appointments

The Board of Education recently appointed Tracie Swalbach to the district's Coordinator of Social-Emotional Wellness and Inclusivity position; Andrew Guignon as Fairbanks Road Elementary School's Assistant Principal and Ashley Guarino as the Middle School's Red House Administrator.



**Tracie Swalbach** has worked in the district for 12 years and has been an assistant principal at the high school for the last two years. She also served as a school counselor and drug and alcohol counselor in the district. Swalbach is a graduate of SUNY Brockport with a master's degree in school counseling, a bachelor's degree in

psychology and health sciences and Certificates of Advance Study (CAS) programs in School Counseling and Educational Administration.



Andrew Guignon has been an elementary teacher for Brockport CSD since 2010 and was previously a middle school consultant teacher. He has a master's degree in literacy instruction and a bachelor's degree in childhood and special education from SUNY Geneseo and a CAS in Educational Administration from SUNY Brockport.



Ashley Guarino has worked in the district since 2010 as an instructional literacy coach, elementary teacher and special education teacher. She earned her master's degree in education from Roberts Wesleyan College, a bachelor's degree in history from Nazareth, is certified in special and elementary education and has

her intern certification for School Building Leader and School District Leader. She is currently working toward her CAS in Educational Administration at SUNY Brockport.

Please join us in congratulating Ms. Swalbach, Mr. Guignon and Mrs. Guarino on their positions for the upcoming school year.

#### **Board of Education**

Kathleen Dillon, President

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Michelle Aloi

Kevin Johnson

Alycia Nagle

Jonathan Payne

Dr. Cheryl Repass

Amy Wilson

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Lori Orologio

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# **Board of Education Appreciation**

The district's Board of Education (BOE) consists of nine members elected by the community. These volunteers serve in their position for a three-year term and are instrumental in leading and guiding the district. We would like to thank all those who served on the BOE during the 2022-23 school year. We appreciate your time, dedication and commitment to our students. staff, families and community.

A very special thank you goes out to Board member, Michael lacucci, for his 18 years



of service. lacucci's elected term recently ended as he decided not to run again. "Mike has been a leader, role model, mentor and confidant during

his tenure," said BOE President Kathy Dillon. "He always puts the needs of the students and staff first." During his time on the Board he assisted with hiring superintendents and was actively involved in many capital projects and acquiring property for long-term use by the district. Mike was fully engaged in the planning and completion of the high school renovation, performing arts center and stadium, elementary playgrounds and pool, along with countless improvements to roofs and HVAC systems. We truly appreciate his many years of service and his thoughtful, engaged participation.

During the July 11 Reorganization Meeting, the Oath of Office was administered to re-elected BOE member Amy Wilson and newly elected members Michelle Aloi and Kevin Johnson. Each will serve their appointed term until July 2026. For more information on our BOE and members, please see our district website: www.cccsd.org/district/board-of-education.



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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.

