



Clinton Central School District Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2022

Welcome back!

Dear School Community:

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year.

The Clinton Central School District has been preparing throughout the summer to continue the tradition of providing a safe and supportive environment for our students. Maintaining such an environment allows us to achieve the District Mission:

“Clinton Central School proudly educates and empowers all students to realize their potential in becoming thoughtful, empathetic and contributing members of a global society.”

It has been my pleasure to serve in the role of Interim Superintendent since July, and I will continue to do so until the hiring of a new Superintendent to replace Dr. Grimm. The Board of Education has been involved with a search for a replacement over the past several months and more information will follow in the near future.

The school year offers many opportunities to be part of events affiliated with Clinton Schools. It is always beneficial for our students when community participation is high at school functions. Please take a few minutes to read our newsletter and visit our website at www.ccs.edu to become familiar with our school district and programs.

Thank you for all of your support.

Sincerely,

David Langone
Interim Superintendent

Upcoming Events

September 19-21

Middle School Musical
Auditions

September 22

Elementary Open House
Grade K-2, 6:00 –7:00 p.m.
Grades 3-5, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

September 23 & 24

Homecoming Weekend

September 24

Hall of Distinction Induction
Ceremony Theater, 3:00 p.m.
High School Dance, 7:00 p.m.

September 27

Board of Education Meeting,
5:30 p.m.



Foreign language and ELL teachers Micaela Honsinger and Denise Toia-Kramer enjoy planning curriculum for the upcoming school year.



The New Teacher Academy provided two days of training with administrators and mentors for new staff members to help them acclimate and prepare for the opening of school.

2022 class of

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!



A Perfect Night for the

Senior Ball



The Class of 2022 celebrated their last dance together at the Skenandoa on June 4. Thanks to chaperones Mrs. Meredith Callaghan, Mrs. Michele Dunn, Dr. Matthew Lee, Mrs. Mindy Pavone and Mrs. Kathleen Washburn and to senior class advisor Mrs. Teresa Scott for organizing this celebration.

ANNUAL Senior Walk

Graduating seniors, in caps and gowns, walked the halls of the elementary school inspiring younger students and recognizing teachers who had set them on the path of learning.



END-OF-YEAR *Events & Celebrations*

Fifth Graders Move up!



Fifth graders enjoyed a picnic and ceremony to celebrate the completion of their elementary school careers. Thank you to the parent planning committee, teachers, administrators, staff and families for making it an amazing day!



STUDENTS SHINE AT THE ALL-STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Pictured are All-State Orchestra participants Karina Davis and James Klein. Students are selected through an audition process and must receive top scores in order to be recommended. Thank you for representing CCS so well!

Elementary All-County Music Festival



CCS Chamber Singers performed at the Root Farm open house event. As a token of appreciation, a representative from the farm treated students to milkshakes.



Several CCS students, selected by audition, participated in the Elementary All-County Music Festival held on April 1 and 2 at Proctor High School.

WHAT WE DID ...

On Our Summer Vacation

Under Construction!

Thanks to a generous donation from the **Hamilton College Town Gown Fund**, CCS is now able to offer an Esports opportunity to high school students. A plaque to acknowledge the Town Gown donation will be installed in a dedicated classroom, upgraded through an Eagle Scout project initiated by student Grady Grimm. The room will house the Esports Club and Science Olympiad Team, with equipment purchased through Town Gown funding. Esports is advised by science teacher Frank Aurigema, and Science Olympiad by science teachers Kathleen Washburn and Meredith Callaghan.

Summer School

Students sharpened their skills during the primary grade Rise and Shine summer school program. Thank you to our dedicated staff members and to the **CCSD Foundation**, with the assistance of the **Hamilton College Town Gown**, for funding this important undertaking!



Summer Prep

Throughout the summer months, teachers were hard at work learning new skills and preparing curriculum for the upcoming school year. A total of 71 teachers participated in curriculum writing, workshops, book studies and conferences. Grade level teams were engaged in week-long enVision Math training to gear up for the start of school.

Thank You to ALL of our Summer Staff

Throughout the summer months, custodial, office and administrative staff have been hard at work preparing classrooms, hallways, gyms, grounds, athletic fields, and equipment, as well as hiring new staff and purchasing supplies. Somehow, when students arrive, we are ready. Thank you!



Welcome New Staff!

CCS is proud to introduce new staff members for the 2022-2023 school year:

Matthew Bashant, *Physics Teacher*

Matthew Darling, *Custodial Staff*

Erin Eagan, *Director of Pupil Personnel Services*

Megan Foley, *Special Education Teacher*

Robyn Gaffney, *Aide*

Ed Heath, *Custodial Staff*

Amie Johnson, *HS Assistant Principal*

Breana Karrat, *HS Guidance Office*

Alexis Kemp, *Social Worker*

Roderick Lloyd, *Bus Driver*

Gloria Piazza, *Elementary Teacher*

Mackenzie Roy, *Social Worker*

Elgar Sykes, *Elementary Teacher*

Tom Trevisani, *PE Teacher*

Eddie Waskiewicz, *Director of Athletics, Safety and Wellness*

A fond farewell and congratulations to our retirees **Bonnie Bentley, Kathleen Fonda, Kim Garbry, Kelly Gehring, Dr. Stephen Grimm, Kristin Hall, Susan King, Bob Moran, Monica Moshier and Tom Trevisani.**

Best wishes to staff members **Ryan Dugan, Madeline Marsack, Dana Donaldson, Jennifer Matcham, April Cargill and Tayler Clark** who are pursuing new opportunities.

Keep in Mind ...

September 11 Events

On September 11, two important events will occur concurrently on the Clinton Central School campus. The Edward Porter Felt Flight 93 Memorial Project, whose mission is to establish and maintain a memorial to honor Edward Porter Felt, a Clinton native and hero of United Flight 93, will hold a dedication ceremony beginning at 1p.m. at the monument site. Thank you to the September 11 Committee members for providing this educational opportunity to honor all those who acted so bravely during this critical historical moment. For more information, as well as an opportunity to make a donation, please visit www.ccs.edu/domain/412.



Immediately following, 56 bricks will be dedicated at the Brick Garden Ceremony, the first to be held in three years. The Garden dates back to 1993 when it was built to symbolize the loyalty and commitment of residents, students, and alumni of the Clinton Central School District. Access to the Gardens has been enhanced with the installation of a new brick walkway, an Eagle Scout Project initiated by student Sydney Labayewski, as well as a new flagpole donated by a community member. More information about the garden and how to order a memorial brick can be found at www.ccs.edu/domain/28. Then click on Annual Foundation and then Brick Garden & Annual Dedication.

Capital Project Planned

With the final phase of the 2018 Capital Project completed during the summer months, the District has initiated the planning process for the next project in accordance with the Five-Year Capital Plan. Over the course of spring 2022, CCS staff members, architects and financial advisors have worked to establish the proposed scope and budget of the project which will include improvements to libraries, athletic fields, the elementary kitchen, the middle school roof and other miscellaneous items.

The special voter referendum will take place on Tuesday, December 13, from noon to 8:00 p.m. in the theater lobby. Further details will be posted on the school website at www.ccs.edu, and a newsletter will be mailed to district residents prior to that date. Please remember to register with the Oneida County Board of Elections to insure voter eligibility.

Hall of Distinction Induction

On September 24, five accomplished individuals who either were employed by or graduated from Clinton Central School will be inducted into the Hall of Distinction. The Hall of Distinction is designed to recognize and celebrate graduates and retirees of the school district for their accomplishments as well as to inspire current students to future success. Graduates or retirees eligible for consideration will have exemplified the school district's educational philosophy throughout their lives.

Inductees include:

- David J. Burns, Class of 1972
- Wilfred "Bill" Doherty, Class of 1983
- Dr. Peter Kim, Class of 1990
- Anthony Milograno (posthumously), Clinton Central School employee
- Janice Telfer, Class of 1984

Please join us at 3:00 p.m. in the Clinton Central School Performing Arts Theater for this important event!

HOMECOMING SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Girls Varsity Soccer vs. Westmoreland
3:00 p.m.

Girls Varsity Field Hockey vs. Port Byron
4:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Adirondack
10:00 a.m.

Boys Varsity Football vs. Marcellus
12:00 p.m.

High School Homecoming Dance
7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

IMPORTANT Notifications

Mission & Vision Statement

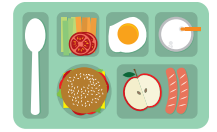
MISSION

Clinton Central School proudly educates and empowers all students to realize their potential in becoming thoughtful, empathetic and contributing members of a global society.

VISION

Our students are prepared for the future through engaging, meaningful and challenging learning opportunities delivered by motivated and inspired professionals, and supported through collaborative partnerships with our community, businesses and organizations, and institutions of higher education.

School Lunch Program



The Clinton Central School Food Service staff is looking forward to welcoming your children back to school.

We understand the role of good nutrition in our students' scholastic, athletic and extra-curricular activities and promote school lunch as an important ingredient of their success. We encourage students to eat a balanced lunch which is designed to meet one-third of the U.S. Recommended Daily Allowance Requirement. Funds can be deposited into a student's cafeteria account through the EZSchoolPay link found under the announcements portion of the website at www.ccs.edu.

The Free and Reduced Lunch application can be found on the homepage of the website, in the announcements section. Thank you for your continued support.

School Weather Emergency Closings

The decision to close schools because of adverse weather conditions is not made lightly or easily. The road conditions in the District are reviewed by district and town staff, and the final decision is made by the Superintendent after consulting with the town and surrounding school districts.

A text and/or email will go out on ParentSquare to the phone number provided to the building offices alerting parents of closings or delays. Local media are informed and information is posted on the website at www.ccs.edu.

ParentSquare

ParentSquare is the most commonly used communication tool for district and building notices. Please make sure that your student's building office has your most current contact information on file so that you receive these important communications!

Dignity for All Students Act

No student may act toward another student in a way that might reasonably make them feel threatened or unsafe, or that might reasonably make them unable to concentrate on their schoolwork because of what you might think about their race, color, weight, national origin (where their family comes from), ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity or expression), or sex, or for any other reason. It is against school rules for any student or staff member to do this by physical actions or by verbal statements, including electronic messages. This kind of behavior is prohibited on school property, on school buses, and at all school-sponsored events

You should report acts of bullying, discrimination, harassment and other inappropriate actions that harm others to your Dignity Act Coordinator. Contact information for your Dignity Act Coordinators are:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mrs. Ellen Leuthauser, Principal
315-557-2256

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dr. Shaun Carney, Principal
315-557-2260

HIGH SCHOOL

Dr. Matthew Lee, Principal
315-557-2233

Clinton Central School District Athletics



How Do I Sign Up?!

CCS uses FamilyID to enroll students in athletic programs. For each sports season, information will be shared on Parent Square with the FamilyID link provided. You can also find documents including sign up requirements, the Athletic Code of Conduct, Section 111 Updates, the Athletic Calendar and directions to playing fields at www.ccs.edu under the Department Tab, then Athletics. Go Warriors!

Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response

In accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Act of 1987 (AHERA), and CCS Policy #7100, a copy of building inspection reports are available for review by appointment. CCS Policy #7365 ensures that all areas disturbed through renovation or demolition are tested for lead and asbestos.

Please contact Mr. Glenn Kulinski at 557-2390 with any questions.

Use of Pesticides

The District recognizes that pests can pose a significant risk to health and property, and that significant risks exist in using chemical pesticides in the school environment. In accordance with CCS Policy #8115, pesticides will not be used on District playgrounds, turf, athletic or playing fields unless an emergency occurs, which will be handled in accordance with applicable law and regulation. In the event that this becomes necessary, all District staff and parent/guardians will be notified.

Code of Conduct

The most current Code of Conduct can be found in the **Quick Links** section on the homepage of the CCS website, as well as in your child's beginning of the year agenda or handbook. Many questions regarding acceptable behavior and apparel can be found in this document. The District Policy Manual can also be found on the website under the district tab, then board of education.

Watch for required policy notifications and updates through Parent Square.

LIVE  **STREAMING**

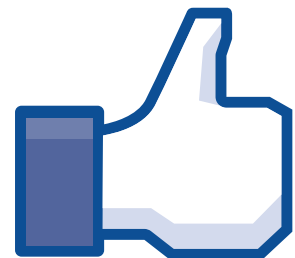
Many school events are livestreamed and announced at least a day in advance. Select events continue to be available for viewing using the CCS TV livestreaming link in the Quick Links section of the website, www.ccs.edu. Coming soon, video recordings of Board of Education meetings will be posted on the website.

Access to Teachers APPR Scores

Regulation 9420-R.1 of the District Policy Manual explains procedure, enabling parents to request information regarding the APPR scores for their child's teacher using Exhibits 9420-E.1 and 9420-E.2.

The District Policy Manual can be found on the website, www.ccs.edu, under the District tab, then under Board of Education.

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OLYMPICS *of the Visual Arts*

Olympics of the Visual Arts teams from all three buildings received awards in a number of categories.
Congratulations!

