



Clinton Central School District Newsletter

BUDGET EDITION 2022-2023

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Dear Clinton Central School District Resident:

Once again, thank you for all of your support this year as we have emerged from the long and sustained challenge of providing the best possible educational experience for our students and families within the shadow of the pandemic. Special thanks go out to everyone who has helped our school community, especially our faculty, staff, administration, and Board of Education.

This is the time of year for the community's thoughtful consideration of our spending plan for the 2022-2023 school year, and I am proud of the work we have accomplished together during the development of this budget upon which you will vote on May 17th. Again, this year we have developed a plan that I believe is educationally responsible to our students and fiscally responsible to our community. We also engaged in an internal process that required us to analyze all areas of our expenditures in order to find efficiencies, which allowed us to decrease costs, and reclaim those funds to preserve our vital programs and improve in areas identified as district-level and building-level strategic priorities. This was a bit easier this year given an increase in Foundation Aid and school improvement funds from New York State, and the wisely allocated use of COVID relief funds.

I do want to call your attention to the additional non-school related Proposition 3 involving proposed taxation by the Kirkland Town Library. This proposition is completely independent of the school district program and budget, and is part of this voting process by law with the school district acting only as a facilitator of the vote, and a pass-through mechanism to collect taxes on behalf of the library. Taxes would be collected from school district residents regardless of the town in which they live; therefore, school district residents are the deciding voter. Again, this is not associated with the school district.

I encourage you to read this budget newsletter and related articles in The Waterville Times newspaper to learn more, and you can also visit the school district website at www.ccs.edu to find access to additional resources that will help you make an informed decision on Tuesday, May 17th. You can also come to our budget hearing presentation on Tuesday, May 10 at 5:30 PM in the high school cafeteria or view a recording of it that will be posted on our webpage shortly thereafter.

Thank you for your time and interest in learning about the school budget and our educational programs!

Sincerely,
Dr. Stephen Grimm



Future Ambassadors

Several CCS students traveled to NYC to participate in the Model UN conference.

They presented, debated and cemented strong international friendships! Three Clinton students spoke at the Plenary Session, which ceremoniously approves the resolutions constructed in committee, in front of about 1000 people from four continents. The CCS group came home with a Best Small Delegation award and several honorable mentions. Congratulations and thank you Mr. Wratten for organizing this wonderful opportunity for our students!

BUDGET INFORMATION

BUDGET VOTE ON MAY 17 | NOON - 8:00 P.M.

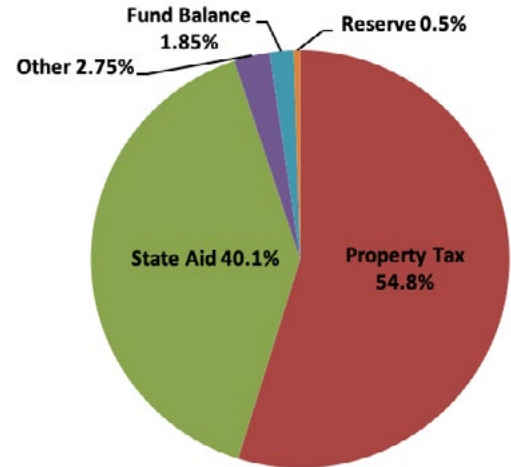
Located in the theater lobby.

BUDGET HEARING ON MAY 10 | 6:30 P.M.

Located in the High School Cafeteria. Meet the Candidates 5:30 p.m.

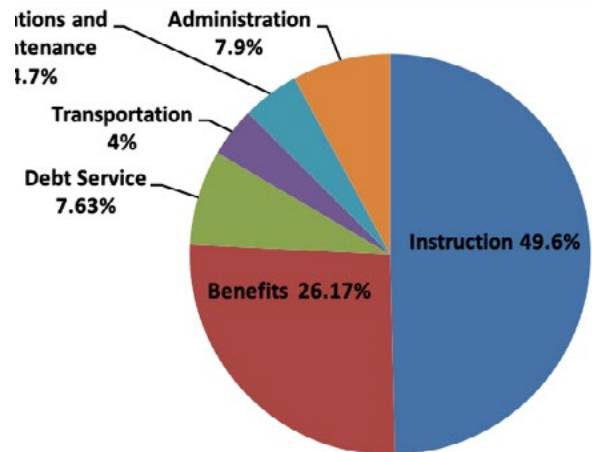
Revenues ... where the money will come from

Revenues	Actual 2021-2022	Proposed 2022-2023
Local Property Tax	\$15,997,529	\$16,330,759
State Aid	\$11,626,163	\$11,950,149
Other	\$823,561	\$820,042
Fund Balance	\$550,000	\$550,000
Reserve	\$150,000	\$150,000
Total Revenue	\$29,147,253	\$29,800,950



And what it will be spent on ... Expenditures

Expenditure	Actual 2021-2022	Proposed 2022-2023
Instruction	\$14,493,830	\$14,785,684
Benefits	\$7,584,983	\$7,798,259
Debt Service/Transfers	\$2,292,044	\$2,289,484
Transportation	\$1,143,065	\$1,195,457
Operations & Maintenance	\$1,358,401	\$1,369,537
Administration	\$2,274,930	\$2,362,529
Total Expenditure	\$29,147,253	\$29,800,950



WHAT HAPPENS IF THIS BUDGET PROPOSAL IS DEFEATED?

The Board of Education has three options under the law:

- Submit the same budget to the voters for a second vote on the third Tuesday of June;
- Revise and submit the budget for a second vote on the third Tuesday of June;
- Reduce the budget by eliminating the purchase of equipment and any amounts tied to the community's use of the school facilities, and declare a contingency budget without a second vote.

If the Board of Education adopts a contingency budget, equipment expenditures of \$326,322 will be removed and other items as required by New York State Education Department regulations.

CAPITAL PROJECT VOTE IN DECEMBER

Plans are underway for a new Capital Project that will include improvements to athletic fields, libraries, the elementary school kitchen, the middle school roof, and other incidental items. It is anticipated that the vote will occur on **Tuesday, December 13**, Please mark your calendars!

More information to follow...

PROPOSITION 1

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Clinton Central School District, Oneida County, New York, is hereby authorized to expend and there is hereby appropriated, the sum of **\$29,800,950** estimated by it to be necessary for school purposes for the fiscal year commencing **July 1, 2022** and to raise so much thereof as may be necessary by tax on the taxable property in said School District.

Proposition 2

Shall the sum of **\$331,279** be raised by the annual levy of a tax upon the taxable property within the Clinton Central School District for the purpose of funding the Kirkland Town Library?*

*Library tax is not school tax and is not part of the school district budget. When a school district is approached by a library regarding tax levies, **the district does not have a choice with respect to whether to present the proposition to voters.** Under Education Law section 259, a **BOE must submit a library appropriation to voters if requested by a library's board of trustees.** For more information, visit www.kirklandtownlibrary.org, or contact Director Anne Debraggio at adebraggio@midyork.org.

Board of Education Candidates

Five candidates will be running for three vacant at-large Board of Education seats.

CANDIDATES INCLUDE:

- Ms. Lisa Magnarelli
- Ms. Erica Shaw, incumbent
- Ms. Mary Kay Vatalaro-Tyksinski
- Mr. Sam Catterson
- Ms. Marie Constantino

The community will have the opportunity to meet the candidates on May 10th at 5:30pm in the High School Cafeteria. The Budget Hearing will follow.

NOTICE

Absentee Ballots are available in the Superintendent's Office by calling **315-557-2253** or by emailing the

THREE – PART BUDGET SUMMARY

New York State requires districts to present their proposed budgets in three categories: program, capital and administrative. The chart below shows the dollar amount and percentage of spending in each of those three categories in the 2021 – 2022 budget and the proposed 2022 – 2023 budget.

PROGRAM:

2021 – 22.....**\$21,853,881**....74.98%
 2022 – 23.....**\$22,458,028**....75.36%

CAPITAL:

2021 – 22.....**\$4,186,483**....14.36%
 2022 – 23.....**\$4,187,477**....14.05%

ADMINISTRATIVE:

2021 – 22.....**\$3,106,889**....10.66%
 2022 – 23.....**\$3,155,445**....10.59%

TOTAL:

2021 – 22.....**\$29,147,253**....100.00%
 2022 – 23.....**\$29,800,950**....100.00%

PROGRAM INCLUDES:

All instructional programs, transportation, athletics, co-curricular and associated employee benefits.

CAPITAL INCLUDES:

Operation of buildings, maintenance of buildings, refunded taxes, debt service, and associated employee benefits.

ADMINISTRATIVE INCLUDES:

Board of Education, central administration, finance, legal services, personnel, public information, central services, special items, supervision of instruction and associated employee benefits.

Clinton Central School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2021-2022 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2022-2023 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2022-2023 School Year*
Total budgeted amount, not including separate propositions	\$29,147,253	\$29,800,950	\$29,467,720
Increase / decrease for the 2022-2023 school year		\$653,697	\$320,467
Percentage increase (decrease) in each proposed budget		2.24 %	1.10%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.7%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount, Net of Reserve	\$15,997,529	\$16,330,759	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$324,784	\$331,279	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$0	\$0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$0	\$0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$16,322,313	\$16,662,038	\$16,328,808
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$404,405	\$387,433	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$15,593,124	\$15,943,326	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$15,593,124	\$15,943,326	
I. Difference: (G - H): (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative component	\$3,106,889	\$3,155,445	\$3,153,537
Program component	\$21,853,881	\$22,458,028	\$22,179,706
Capital component	\$4,186,483	\$4,187,477	\$4,134,447

If the Board of Education adopts a contingency budget, equipment expenditures of \$326,322 will be removed and other items as required by New York State Education Department regulations.

** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)

Description	Amount
Kirkland Town Library	\$331,279

Basic STAR Exemption Savings

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$711
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The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-23 by the qualified voters of the Clinton Central School District, Oneida County, New York, will be held at the Theater Lobby in said district on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between the hours 12:00p.m. and 8:00p.m. Prevailing time in the Middle School at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

¹ The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Proposed 2022-2023 Breakdown of Expenditures

District Support <i>7.90% of budget</i>	2021-2022 Budget	2022-2023 Proposed
Board of Education	29,360	29,575
Central Administration	259,689	225,530
Business Administration	415,207	439,545
Auditing	26,565	29,400
Treasurer	22,271	23,016
Tax Collection	7,000	7,000
Fiscal Agent Fees	10,000	10,000
Legal Services	45,000	45,000
Personnel	62,164	54,681
Central Printing	111,200	111,200
Data Processing	13,000	13,000
Liability/Property Insurance	129,500	145,700
Refund Taxes	5,000	5,000
BOCES Administration	316,417	311,836
Curriculum Development	125,670	132,016
Supervision of Schools	696,886	780,029
SUBTOTAL	2,274,930	2,362,529
Instruction <i>49.60% of budget</i>	2021-2022 Budget	2022-2023 Proposed
Teaching/Regular School	8,708,222	8,759,695
Special Education	3,390,575	3,595,611
Library/Media	252,788	270,399
Computer Instruction	560,956	537,517
Guidance	303,649	314,621
Health Services	218,961	231,966
Psychological Services	83,353	91,330
Social Work Services	257,134	249,023
Co-Curricular Activities	253,141	265,377
Athletics	465,051	470,144
SUBTOTAL	14,493,830	14,785,684
Student Transportation <i>4.0% of budget</i>	2021-2022 Budget	2022-2023 Proposed
Transportation	973,065	1,025,457
BOCES Bus Maintenance	170,000	170,000
SUBTOTAL	1,143,065	1,195,457

Debt Service <i>7.50% of budget</i>	2021-2022 Budget	2022-2023 Proposed
School Construction Bonds	1,962,044	1,962,484
School Bus Bonds	290,000	287,000
SUBTOTAL	2,252,044	2,249,484
Operations and Maintenance <i>4.70% of budget</i>	2021-2022 Budget	2021-2022 Proposed
Custodial Services	1,182,547	1,203,502
Maintenance Expenses	175,854	166,035
SUBTOTAL	1,358,401	1,369,537
Interfund Transfers <i>.13% of budget</i>	2021-2022 Budget	2022-2023 Proposed
School Food Service	5,000	5,000
Special Education/Summer School	35,000	35,000
SUBTOTAL	40,000	40,000
Benefits <i>26.17% of budget</i>	2021-2022 Budget	2022-2023 Proposed
Health, Dental & Vision Insurance	5,075,175	5,244,710
Teachers' Retirement	1,020,893	1,091,023
Employees' Retirement	309,784	250,648
Social Security (FICA)	949,431	971,278
Workers Compensation	51,200	62,100
Life Insurance	8,855	8,855
Disability Insurance	3,000	3,000
Benefits Administration	16,645	16,645
Employee 403B Deferral	150,000	150,000
SUBTOTAL	7,584,983	7,798,259

TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET
 2021-2022 Proposed: \$29,147,253
 2022-2023 Proposed: \$29,800,950

Celebrating US

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.

The 100th Day of School

Students enjoyed dressing up as what they imagine it must be like to be 100 years old.



Seeing Double

Students celebrated a rare calendar event by wearing tutus and dressing in pairs on 02/22/22.



Tea for Two Tuesday!

Tea for Two Tuesday is celebrated on the third Tuesday in March. Students and staff members dressed appropriately for attending a Tea Party with their best friends.

Valentine's Day

Love was celebrated throughout the buildings on Valentine's Day! While elementary students created Valentine's Day boxes, middle schoolers enjoyed an activity night. High school students explored the deeper meaning of what love is, and maybe more importantly, what it is not.



National Learn About Butterflies Day

On March 14, elementary students and staff celebrated and learned about one of the most beautiful and colorful creatures in the world. National Learn about Butterfly Day is an initiative to sensitize and educate everyone, young and old, about butterflies and their importance to the ecosystem. Valued for more than just beauty, a teeming population of butterflies signifies a thriving ecosystem due to their role as predator and prey.



..... Read Across America Week

Students and staff enjoyed the many activities surrounding Read Across America Week and dressing up as their favorite book character. A visit from high school students who arrived in costume to read with elementary classes was a special treat.



Winter Fun Day at the Middle School

Middle school students celebrated the Winter Fun Day by engaging in a variety of self-selected activities including gingerbread cookie decorating, Pictionary, hot cocoa, paint and sip, Singo, arts and crafts, and ice skating at the Clinton Arena. Thank you to faculty and staff organizers, especially Mrs. Faffley (*or is it Cindy Lou Who?*) and Dr. Carney along with the Clinton Arena and Clinton Hannaford for their contributions.



Learning CREATIVELY

Accentuate the Positive

In heART class, students created drawings employing symmetry and positive/negative space, tying into ideas on the impact of positive and negative words and actions.



Collaboration

Eighth grade students from Westmoreland and Clinton collaborated on abstract perspective collages. Working together requires flexibility, acceptance and a positive attitude. Attributes for which we should ALL strive.



Middle School STEM

Mrs. Baker's students worked on a STEM unit about the Physics of Flight, designing and creating airplanes and collecting flight data.



Fuel Your Future

Students in grades 6-8 created artwork that depicts favorite activities as well as healthy foods and drinks that give them needed nutrition and energy to be at their best. The designs visually connect into a circle/diamond pattern to unify.



Gingerbread Architects

High school students in Mrs. Goodelle's AP European History class created gingerbread replicas of interesting places in Europe to earn extra credit. **Amazing!**



The Tell Me Challenge

Recently, Ms. Petrie's marketing class completed an activity based on the Tell Me Without Telling Me social media challenge, #TheTellMeChallenge. The concept is that users ask others to share personal opinions and beliefs without using direct mentions of the subject. The students had to share elements of a brand, subtly emphasize it so that the viewer uses brand recognition to identify it.



Tiles in the Middle School

This creation by middle school art students demands attention when walking the middle school hallway in the bridge building. As tiles are added, the project grows and changes.

Pitching IN



The Lighting of the Wishtree

Project LIT celebrated the lighting of the CCS version of the “Wishtree” inspired by Katherine Applegate’s book of the same title. New Years’ resolutions from students, faculty and community members were attached to the branches of the tree. A special thank you to the Town of Kirkland, Clinton Tractor and the CCS custodial staff for running electricity and installing lights. The tree is located near the theater entrance.



Kindness Day in the Middle and Elementary School

P2 Warriors collected cash, gift cards and supplies to be donated to the Clinton Cat Rescue. The club also participated in the Great Kindness Challenge, distributing bracelets to fellow students and staff, and encouraging Random Acts of Kindness. Elementary Students lifted spirits of students and staff by bringing treats, smiles and spreading good cheer to all via their beautifully decorated kindness cart. **We could all learn from their example.**

Hope House

Members of the High School Positivity Project visited the Hope House in Utica to volunteer their time. Students enjoyed preparing everything for the soup kitchen dinner service that day. The students are hoping to recreate this amazing experience on a regular basis.



COVID-19 Test Kits

Staff members brave the cold, distributing COVID-19 test kits to families and helping to keep everyone in our community safe.

Coins for Caring

Kindergarten students collected \$650 that they earned by performing household chores. The money was then donated to the Country Pantry. Thank you to our CCS families for their cooperation!



Blood Drives Save Lives

On February 25, the Clinton High School partnered with the American Red Cross for a second successful blood drive. 34 units were collected from 39 donors potentially saving one hundred and two lives! Thank you to all who organized and all who participated in this event. The American Red Cross also provides scholarships to our students based on units donated.

Upcycled DIY Craft Tutorials!

The Clinton High School Environmental Club, LEAP, has made tutorial videos for crafts using recycled materials right from your home! We will be posting a new video every week for you to enjoy with your kids

- 3/04 - Recycled Bottle Bird Feeder!
- 3/11 - Reusable T-shirt Bag!
- 3/18 - Upcycled Plant Garden!
- 3/25 - Recycled Bottle Candy Stand!
- 4/01 - Rope Lamp Shade!



Scan the QR code with your phone camera to get to the Youtube channel or follow this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6fR6Q1QhgoHZXpiPch4WYA/videos>

Making MUSIC



Jr. High Area All-County Band are all smiles in anticipation of a great learning experience.



Jr. High All-County Chorus participants headed to Holland Parent on March 18 and 19 to sing with students from other districts and work with guest conductors.



Jr. High All-County Orchestra are ready to preform!



THE ADDAMS FAMILY

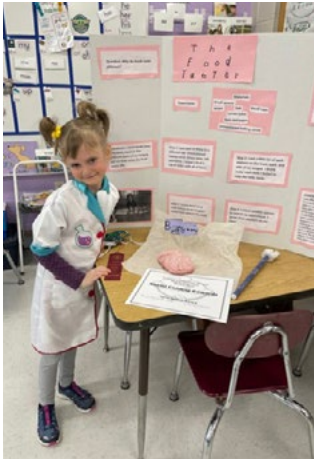
They're Creepy and They're Kooky!
Congratulations to all those who contributed to the success of the high school musical, *The Addams Family!*

Winter Concerts

Nothing compares to performing in front of a live audience! Thank you Ms. Conklin, Mr. Lavender, Ms. Jones, Ms. Lopata and Ms. Wratten for providing this opportunity for students, friends and families.



Exploration



Science Fairs

Thank you to elementary teachers Kelly Landry and Sarah Hullar for organizing another very successful Science Fair, and to cooperative teachers who coordinated 217 students presenting 172 projects in their classrooms. Participants received a certificate and ribbon purchased by the PTA. Covering a broad spectrum of research projects, winners of the High School Science Fair were invited to participate in the spring Regional Science Fair held at Utica College! The High School Science Fair is advised by teacher Frank Aurigema.



The Physics Behind Curling

The Environmental Science class recently went on a field trip to the Utica Curling Club where they participated in the sport inspired by the 2022 Winter Olympics. The class learned about the science involved in curling while having a great time!



Middle School Career Day

Students were introduced to a menu of career choices, both virtually and in-person, learning about the nature of the career chosen by the presenter, why they chose it and why they love what they do.



Hour of Coding

Fifth grade students have enjoyed participating in an Hour of Coding global event thanks to the effort of Professional Development Coordinator Amie Johnson.

Team WORK



Indoor Track & Field Warriors Make Headlines

Three Clinton Warriors earned individual Section III Class B-2 Championship honors. Seniors Claire Barone (*pole vault*) Jenna Deep (*shot put & weight throw*) and freshman John Musante (*3200 meter run*) totaled four individual section III class B-2 Championships on February 2 at the SRC arena in Syracuse.



Science Olympiad Team Moves Up!

The Science Olympiad team placed 3rd out of 31 teams in the Regional Competition and subsequently qualified for the State Tournament in Syracuse.

Team members include Leah Borton, Karina Davis, Joey DeTraglia, Gideon Dreier, Victoria Elefante, James Klein, Emily Le, Izzy Marcus, Isla McCullough, John Musante, Moein Nia, Jason Rivera, Landon Stilz, Ollie Walters and Ali Wratten. Students lined the high school corridor to give the team a proper send off to the State Competition.



Thank you Tech Team!

Mr. O'Rourke's high school technology students have been very busy putting their problem solving skills to use. They recently helped design and build the enormous Addams Family musical set as well as six workbenches for their newly acquired workshop. Great job and thank you for your contributions!



Middle School Ski Club

Thirty-seven middle school students have been having fun and getting fit as members of the Middle School Ski Club. With the potential to create a lifelong love of the sport, students are given the opportunity to increase their physical activity level and to socialize safely. Thank you to Mrs. Mihm, Mr. Tesak, and former CCS teacher Ms. Zappavigna for making this happen!

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Scholar Athletes

CCS winter varsity sports teams received the designation of scholar athletes for maintaining a team GPA of at least 90%:

Team Scholar Athletes

Boys' Basketball: **91.87**

Girls' Basketball: **93.40**

Girls' Ice Hockey: **93.31**

Boys' Indoor Track & Field: **92.19**

Girls' Indoor Track & Field: **95.58**

Girls' Volleyball **90.00**

The Clinton Central School District recognizes that athletics are an extension of the classroom experience, designed to support and enhance academic achievement, and strives to involve as many students as possible to maximize opportunities to support moral, social and emotional growth of student athletes.

Congratulations to all of our athletes for a great season.

2022 8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL



UNDEFEATED SEASON 10-0



BREHAUT - BUTCHER - CONSTANTINO - CROUSE - GAETANO - GALE - JIMENEZ - PETO - SEYMOUR



Winning Team!

The 8th grade girls' basketball team enjoyed an undefeated 10-0 season. Congrats to team members and to Coach Gaetano!

Extending OUR REACH



Virtual Guest Sydney Guillaume

Vocal music teacher Jenna Wratten arranged a virtual lesson with renowned composer/conductor Sydney Guillaume who led students in a robust rehearsal of one of his own compositions. Mr. Guillaume's compositions are known to be intricate, challenging and yet highly spirited. They promote human values and are full of heart and passion, and are performed and enjoyed by audiences worldwide.



Mathcounts!

Middle school students Martin Amuso, Andrew Bashant, Sam Bono, Ethan LaBuz, Emily Roy & Ilia Suvorov competed at the regional Mathcounts competition held on February 17th, where they enjoyed interacting with students from across New York state. Congratulations to Emily Roy, Ethan LaBuz, and Sam Bono for advancing to the New York State Mathcounts Competition in Saratoga Springs. Mathcounts is advised by math teacher Susan King. Great job, everyone!

Rotary Club of Utica ROTARY THIS WEEK! March 4, 2022

Outstanding Educator Program welcomes Clinton

This week, Rotary Club of Utica welcomes Clinton High School seniors Erica Racioppa and Joey DeTraglia.

Erica is a member of the school's varsity volleyball team and National Honor Society. She enjoys reading, painting and singing as well as being the volunteer scorekeeper for the JV volleyball team. Erica hopes to major in anthropology or archeology, and she is currently looking at St. Michael's College in Burlington, Vermont. Erica's counselor, Kelly Zeparelli, describes her as extraordinary, humble, athletic, kind hearted, intelligent, hard-working, and ambitious.

Joey is a member of the school's cross-country and track teams, Jazz Band, National Honor Society, Student Olympiad, and LEAP Club. He volunteers with the Mohawk Valley Health System. Joey has been accepted to Clarkson University, RPI, Siena College, and Union College, and is waiting to hear from several others. Joey's counselor, Jackie Smith, says Joey is a standout student who exudes positive energy. He is exceptional in his work ethic and intellectual curiosity and is a pure joy to work with due to his nature, inquisitive mind, and driven spirit.

This Week's Program

Our speaker on Friday is Matt Cury, Senior Media Company, Director of Business Development, Rotary Club, Owner and Executive, Night Windows Realty, Owner and Professional Speaker.

You will be speaking about the new focus of the Sentinel, a sixth generation, locally owned paper. The new plan for the Sentinel is to bring expanded coverage of local news to everyone in the Oneida, Herkimer, and Madison counties. We believe strong, true local journalism is absolutely vital to any community's success.

The Sentinel's current subscriber circulation is 2,000; up over seven percent in one month alone and now exceeding some the delivery to the Utica market on February 8, 2022. Local news and local stories covered by local journalists with such generational local ownership is what the Sentinel is all about. The Sentinel relies on a network of the community, and we're looking forward to chatting about it this Friday.

FRIDAY | March 4 | 12 p.m.
Mid York Library System
1600 Lincoln Ave. | Utica, NY 13502
Virtually via Zoom

Currently open seats are \$100-\$125 when in the building and are \$150-\$175 when the audience is watching online. Seating is limited so please purchase in advance.

Deadline for next newsletter (3/11) is Monday, March 7, at noon; submit to secretary@rotaryclubofutica.org

rotary SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES TAKE ACTION: www.uticarotary.org

Congratulations to Erica Racioppa and Joey DeTraglia who will be representing Clinton Central School at Utica Rotary's Outstanding Educator program.

Learning First Hand

Students in Mrs. Washburn's environmental science class recently visited the Oneida-Herkimer County Solid Waste Authority. They learned about the recycling process, new programs such as the Food-2-Energy and Green Waste initiatives, and received a reusable straw at the end of the tour! Thank you, Mrs. Washburn and the Oneida-Herkimer County Solid Waste Authority for providing our students with hands-on learning!



Brewery Tour

High school science students traveled to historic downtown Utica to visit a local employer who prioritizes green business, corresponding with Mrs. Washburn's unit on environmental economics and business. Students toured the anaerobic digester, analytical labs, learned about green business practices, and left with souvenirs! Thanks, Mrs. Washburn and the employees at Saranac Brewery for making this field trip possible.



Margaret Reardon Honored

Middle school student Margaret Reardon was honorably mentioned for her poem "Happiness Is..." Ms. Reardon's work was one of 51 submissions from three counties to the Old Forge Poetry Contest 2022. Congratulations and thank you for your words of wisdom!

Of NOTE



P-The Students Achieve Honors

Congratulations to Wyatt Forbes and Caden Salsberg for their recent academic achievements. Both students have made the Principal's List, which requires a 95-100% average in the OHM BOCES P-TECH program.



Master Teacher

Science teacher Frank Aurigema has been selected as a New York State Master Teacher to join the Mohawk Valley cohort based at SUNY Oneonta. Governor Hochul shared the following:

"The 230 Master Teachers are dedicated professionals who teach science, technology, computer science, robotics, coding, engineering, math and integrated STEM courses across grades K-12 including Advanced Placement, Honors, and Regents levels. I am truly pleased to welcome Frank to this exciting and dynamic program ... I offer my congrats to Frank and to the Clinton Central School District for this honor and recognition."

Well done, Mr. Aurigema!

Emily Le

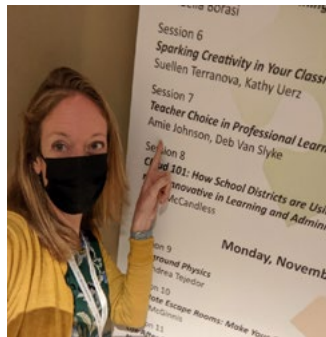
Congratulations to student Emily Le whose microbiology research abstract was accepted by the American Society of Microbiology for presentation at its annual session on June 12 in Washington, DC. Emily has been working with Utica College Professor, Dr. Lawrence Aaronson since the summer of 2021.



Conference Day Staff Recognition

Several staff member were recognized for their many years of service at the March 18 conference day. Each person received a personalized mug made by Clinton Pottery. During conference day, faculty were offered workshops and trainings in K-5 enVisions Math, The Writing Revolution in social studies, special education specifics, micro aggressions and bias workshops, held team meetings and dug in to curriculum writing. In addition, a menu of 1 hour workshops were offered through BOCES covering a wide range of topics. The day was planned with a committee of administrators and teachers and is strategically aligned with state standards and District goals.

Pictured is teacher Chris Carbone displaying mugs she has been awarded over the course of her 35 years at CCS.



Teachers Teaching Teachers

Two CCS elementary teachers, Heather Cirelli and Paige LaBarge, presented at the New York State Association for Computers and Technology in Education Conference in Rochester, showing other educators how to empower student learning through technology in the classroom. Also presenting were Professional Development Coordinator Amie Johnson, and Director of Curriculum and Instruction Deb Van Slyke (not pictured).

A Familiar Face in a New Space

The District is happy to announce that Mrs. Erin Eagan has been appointed as our Director of Pupil Personnel Services. She is filling the vacancy created by the retirement of Mrs. Kathy Fonda.

Thank you, Mrs. Eagan!



With GRATITUDE

We are Grateful to our Community Partners!



Thank you to the **CCSD Foundation** for funding the purchase of an iPad/television display unit for elementary PE (*pictured*) classes as requested by teachers Tom Trevisani and Heather Hillage-Scribner. The students are motivated! And to **Town Gown** for funding the purchase of View Sonic systems to streamline and update the high school science room's technology and equipment reducing interruptions for more a focused presentation. Pictured is high school science teacher Della Smith working with a student Mitchell Peck using the new display tool.. Town Gown also helped fund necessary equipment purchased for the formation of a video-gaming club in the high school.

Farewell to Bonnie and Ryan

In December, Ryan Dugan and Bonnie Bentley were honored for their service in the Clinton Elementary School. Bonnie is retiring after 27 dedicated years of educating students, and Ryan is pursuing his lifelong dream of becoming a professional trainer. We will certainly miss both of their smiling faces! Please remember that CCS will always be a place for you both to call "home."



Grateful Good-byes

We congratulate, with gratitude for their many years of service, several faculty and staff members who retired during or will be retiring at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Retirees include staff members Bonnie Bentley(*pictured*), administrator Kathleen Fonda, social worker Monica Moshier, teachers Susan Karam, Susan King, Kim Garbry, Kelly Gehring, Kristin Hall and Tom Trevisani. **You will be missed!**

How Can I Help?

Parent organizations that support student activities always welcome volunteers.

Clinton Music Parents supports the music educational needs of students and teachers at the elementary, middle and high school levels. Primary activities include fundraising efforts throughout the year, the proceeds from which support a scholarship fund for summer music study and awards presented to seniors in the spring. The CMP funds also support the purchase of "wish list" items identified by the music teachers.

Clinton Sports Boosters is a volunteer organization comprised of dedicated parents, coaches, school administrators, and community partners that helps support ALL athletes in the Clinton Central School District.

Their goals and objectives are to provide scholarships to graduating seniors, to support and recognize the efforts of our teams and our athletes, to provide additional opportunities to our teams and athletes not funded by the school's annual budget, to help maintain and improve athletic equipment and to increase awareness of Clinton's athletic events.

The Clinton PTA provides an important link between school and home and works to enrich the educational experience of children in the district. The PTA has a number of committees that focus on various events, programs, and fundraisers throughout the school year. Volunteers are critical to the success of all of these activities.



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CLINTON MIDDLE SCHOOL'S *Artwork On Display*

The artwork (*pictured above*) of two middle school students, 6th graders *Karnelia Samoshuk* and *Delilah Forbes*, have been chosen for display at the *32nd Annual Virtual Legislative Student Art Exhibit*. Congratulations to our talented students and to art teacher *Amy Pape* for this achievement.