

Clinton Central School District Newsletter

BUDGET EDITION 2021-2022

A Message from the Superintendent

Dear Clinton Central School District Resident:

Again I write to you during the COVID-19 Pandemic that continues to challenge every aspect of our lives. Despite these challenges, the Clinton school families, staff, and community continues to move forward, coming together to support the needs of the children of this community. I want you to know that I am so proud of, and thankful for, our staff, families and community members who have never stopped helping, whether it be through adjusting family and school schedules, enhancing and improving learning opportunities and experiences (teachers at school and parents at home!), and dealing with the inherent stress of the prolonged shutdown, learning loss, and challenges of work/life balance.

Even with these challenges, our students continue to amaze us with their resiliency, positivity and continued accomplishment in many ways. As you will see in the pages of this newsletter; we have character and we are creative, determined, good citizens, empathetic, engaged, fun and resilient! Our students continue to perform well in the arts, academics and athletics both regionally and nationally in many areas, and we are proud of our schools and students being an integral part of our community through our many service projects and collaborations that continue.

On another note, this is the time of year for the community's thoughtful consideration of our spending plan for the 2021-2022 school year, and I am proud of the work we have accomplished together during the development of this budget upon which you will vote: this year inperson or by absentee ballot.

Again, this year we have developed a plan that I believe is educationally responsible to our students and fiscally responsible to our community. We engaged in an internal process that required us to analyze all areas of our expenditures in order to find efficiencies and reclaim funds to preserve our vital programs, and improve in areas identified as district-level and building-level strategic priorities, and caused by the

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We missed you!









BUDGET INFORMATION

BUDGET VOTE ON MAY 18 | NOON - 8:00 P.M.

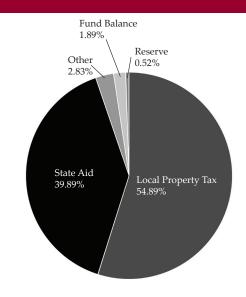
Located in the theater lobby. Please wear a mask and follow social distancing guidelines.

BUDGET HEARING ON MAY 11 | 5:30 P.M.

Located in the High School Cafeteria. Meet the Candidates 6:00 p.m.

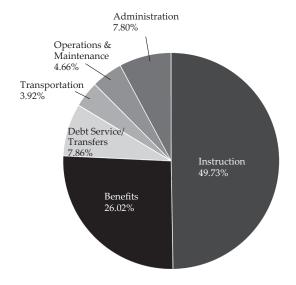
Revenues ... where the money will come from,

Revenues	Actual 2020-2021	Proposed 2021-2022
Local Property Tax	\$16,137,242	\$15,997,529
State Aid	\$11,390,382	\$11,626,163
Other	\$807,769	\$823,561
Fund Balance	\$550,000	\$550,000
Reserve	\$150,000	\$150,000
Total Revenue	\$29,035,393	\$29,147,253



and what it will be spent on ... Expenditures

Expenditure	Actual 2020-2021	Proposed 2021-2022
Instruction	\$14,349,376	\$14,493,830
Benefits	\$7,288,898	\$7,584,983
Debt Service/Transfers	\$2,642,919	\$2,292,044
Transportation	\$1,138,069	\$1,143,065
Operations & Maintenance	\$1,399,413	\$1,358,401
Administration	\$2,216,718	\$2,274,930
Total Expenditure	\$29,035,393	\$29,147,253



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 \$390,732 will be removed and other items as required by New York State Education Department regulations.



Experiential Instruction

Health classes recently learned about the dangers of driving under the influence. Using adult-sized tricycles and blood alcohol concentration goggles, students safely experienced the effect that alcohol consumption has on coordination. Thank you to health and physical education teachers Mrs. Faffley, Mrs. Mihm and Mr. Tesak for helping our students make good decisions!

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 2020 – 2021 budget and the proposed 2021 – 2022 budget.

Program:

2020-21	\$21,363,654	73.58%
2021-22	\$21,853,881	74.98%
Capital:		
2020-21	\$4 583 517	15 79%

Administrative:

2020-21	\$3,088,222	10.64%
2021-22	\$3,106,889	10.66%
Total:		

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.

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 \$29,147,253 estimated by it to be necessary for school purposes for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and to raise so much thereof as may be necessary by tax on the taxable property in said School District.

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pandemic. In a year of many unknowns, our strong fiscal planning and positions, combined with additional financial support from the federal and state governments, have allowed us to retain all of our programs and people, and add to areas of need.

I am proud of the results of our budget plan that maintains our habit of continued fiscal responsibility to the Clinton community with a **tax levy decrease of 0.87%** and a modest budget increase of 0.39% (20-21 budget decrease of 0.69%).

I encourage you to read this budget newsletter and related articles in The Waterville Times to learn more. You can also visit the school district website at www.ccs.edu, and our Facebook page (@clintoncsd) for additional resources that will help you make an informed decision. In addition, you can attend our board candidate and budget hearing presentation on Tuesday, May 11 at 5:30 p.m. You can also meet with me and others online at a virtual "Coffee with the Superintendent" on Friday, May 14 at 9 a.m., or a virtual "Soup with the "Soup'erintendent" on Wednesday, May 12 noon. Our website will have the virtual links on the "Upcoming Events" and the "News" sections: www.ccs.edu

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

Sincerely,

Stephen L. Grimm, Ed.D *Superintendent of Schools*

Board of Education Candidates

Three candidates will be running for two vacant atlarge Board of Education seats.

Candidates include:

Ms. Lindsey Bauer

Mr. Sam Catterson, Incumbent

Ms. Melinda Leising, Incumbent

The community will have the opportunity to meet the candidates on May 11 at 5:30 p.m. 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 District Clerk at jscranton@ccs.edu.

Clinton Central School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2020-2021 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2021-2022 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2021-2022 School Year*
Total budgeted amount, not including separate propositions	\$29,035,393	\$29,147,253	\$28,749,677
Increase / decrease for the 2021-2022 school year		\$111,860	- \$285,716
Percentage increase (decrease) in each proposed budget		.39%	98%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.23%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount, Net of Reserve	\$16,137,242	\$15,997,529	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$324,784	\$324,784	
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)	\$16,462,026	\$16,322,313	\$16,322,313
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$711,214	\$404,405	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$15,426,028	\$15,593,124	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$15,426,028	\$15,593,124	
I. Difference: (G - H): (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative component	\$3,088,222	\$3,106,889	\$3,105,045
Program component	\$21,363,654	\$21,853,881	\$21,511,149
Capital component	\$4,583,517	\$4,186,483	\$4,133,483

If the Board of Education adopts a contingency budget, equipment expenditures of \$390,732 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

Basic STAR Exemption Savings	Under the Budget Proposal for the 2021 - 2022 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$720

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2021-22 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 18, 2021 between the hours 12:00pm and 8:00pm, 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 2020-2021 Breakdown of Expenditures

7.8% of budget Board of Education Central Administration Business Administration Auditing	2020-2021 Budget	2021-2022
Central Administration Business Administration	2 44 600	Proposed
Business Administration	26,038	29,360
	251,299	259,689
Auditing	400,030	415,207
	26,565	26,565
Treasurer	21,552	22,271
Tax Collection	8,000	7,000
Fiscal Agent Fees	10,000	10,000
Legal Services	50,000	45,000
Personnel	48,022	62,164
Central Printing	116,200	111,200
Data Processing	13,000	13,000
Liability/Property Insurance	119,000	129,500
Refund Taxes	5,000	5,000
BOCES Administration	315,283	316,417
Curriculum Development	122,713	125,670
Supervision of Schools	684,016	696,886
SUBTOTAL	2,216,718	2,274,930
Instruction		
49.73% of budget	2020-2021	2021-2022
	Budget	Proposed
Teaching/Regular School	8,510,491	8,708,222
	3,403,511	3,390,575
	247,729	
Special Education	441,141	252,788
Special Education Library/Media	•	
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Debt Service		
7.73% of budget	2020-2021	2021-2022
	Budget	Proposed
School Construction Bonds	2,263,919	1,962,044
School Bus Bonds	51,000	1,902,044
Energy Performance Contract	288,000	290,000
	200,000	
SUBTOTAL	2,602,919	2,252,044
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Operations and Mainten	ance	
4.66% of budget	2020-2021	2021-2022
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Custodial Services	1,219,267	1,182,547
Maintenance Expenses	180,146	175,854
SUBTOTAL	1,399,413	1,358,401
Interfund Transfers		
	2020-2021	2021-2022
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TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET

2020-2021 Proposed: \$29,035,393 2021-2022 Proposed: \$29,147,253

When Challenges Arise, Character Is Revealed.

CLINTON HAS CHARACTER!

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.

We are ... CREATIVE!



CCS TV Livestreaming

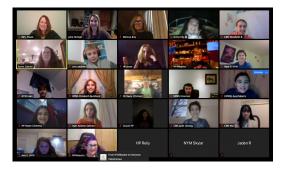
In order to allow spectators to participate in home athletic events, CCS TV livestreaming was created. Thank you to Dr. Grimm and theater manager Keith DeStefanis for making it possible for our athletes to be supported. The CCS TV link can be found on the homepage of the website

in the "Quick Links" section.

In the News

Warrior News videos, available on the high school webpage, cover topics both on campus and in the community. The newscast is part of Mrs. Pavone's high school multi media class.





Battle of the Books

A virtual "Battle of the Books" friendly competition was held with students attending New York Mills and Holland Patent schools. Students appreciated the interaction with other book lovers. The team is advised by library media specialist Karen Zaleski and teacher assistant Melissa Roy.

CCS Artists Work Displayed

Talented senior Olivia Fay's and high school art teacher Mrs. Mindy Pavone's artwork was recently displayed at the Madison-Oneida BOCES virtual art show. Congratulations!









Gingerbread Houses

Students in Mrs. Nicole Goodelle's AP european history researched and recreated historic buildings out of gingerbread as an extra credit project. Outstanding work!

Onomatopoeia!

Grade 3 ELA classes partnered with the art department to create visual representations of the literary device onomatopoeia in the style of pop artist Roy Lichtenstein.







Virtual Visits and Surprise Guests

Orchestra teacher Janelle Conklin invited former student, now teacher, Judith "Koki" Chepkuri to virtually join a fifth grade orchestra rehearsal. The students learned a Swahili folk song and explored Kenyan culture. Project LIT advisor Mrs. Sarah Gaetano surprised students with a virtual visit from graphic novel author Andrew Aydin who encouraged students to be curious, not judgmental. They also enjoyed an art lesson with illustrator Danica Novgorodoff, who allowed them to tour her studio.

Clinton Art Students Shine

The New York State Art Teachers Association (NYSATA) sponsored New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) Exhibit is an annual art exhibit that brings attention to students' work with members of local school boards. K–12 students whose work was included in this year's virtual event are Alicia Amuso, Claire Barone, Adelle Behara, Oliva Bessey-Nolan, Olivia Copperwheat, Soren Eldevik-LaCotera, Caroline Gus, Jenna Hillage-Scribner, Evalet Hogan, Violet Leist, Claire MacPherson, Lydia Mihm, Abbey Notar, Noelle Pape, Megan Wameling and Mallory Wickline.



We are ... DETERMINED

SORA Challenge

Clinton High School Library won the OHM BOCES SORA challenge in the category of Greatest High School Level Checkout Percentage! Thank you to high school/middle school library media specialist Mrs. Karen Zaleski for continuing to encourage students to read while learning virtually! The SORA library app empowers students to discover and enjoy ebooks and audiobooks spanning millions of titles from thousands of publishers.

In our elementary school library, library media specialist Mrs. Katie Parker continued to provide books to students. More than 500 books were loaned out during the six weeks after switching to 100% remote instruction on December 14! These books were typically picked up with other school materials, and were quarantined for seven days to ensure proper sanitation.

2020-2021 Sora Reading Contest Winner! Highest Checkout Percentage: High School

Clinton High School

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BOCES

Congratulations! Great Job!



Congratulations Maddi!

High school senior Madeline Walters completed a Regional Program for Excellence internship at the Masonic Medical Research Institute. At the conclusion of her internship program, Maddi's work was published on November 23, 2020, in the Scientific Reports.



Ring it on!

Congratulations to the girls varsity hockey team for finally receiving their championship rings after a 10 month wait! In addition, the girls finished the 2021 winter season undefeated. Co-captain Mia Lopata, a senior defenseman, was awarded the designation of Section III Player of the Year. We are so proud of the athletes' accomplishments on and off the ice.

Hats off to all of our student athletes and coaches who participated in the abbreviated but important winter sports season, and to Mr. King and Ms. White for their hard work in organizing this opportunity. To the right is a photo of the girls hockey team members displaying their championship rings.

We are ... GOOD CITIZENS!

A Better Chance

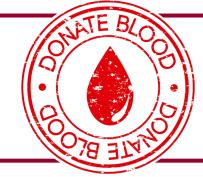
For the past 50 years, Clinton educators and community members have offered a helping hand to hundreds of young students in conjunction with Hamilton College through the Clinton ABC program. A Better Chance, known as "ABC" is a national nonprofit organization that was

launched in 1963 with a mission to increase the number of well-educated young students who are capable of assuming positions of responsibility and leadership. Clinton's local chapter is completely community funded.

Educators Kelly Landry and Amie Johnson have been host families for the ABC program, while Michael Pavone has been inspired by this program with intentions to host a student in the future.







A Successful Blood Drive ... Again!

A successful blood drive was held at Clinton High School where 27 pints of blood were collected from 25 donors which will positively impact 81 lives. Stay tuned for further donation opportunities.

Students Tutor Students

High school National Honor Society members offered tutoring to middle school students who were in need of extra help. Thank you to students Bart Hearn and Katie Dewhurst for their leadership in organizing this effort.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Thank You To Our Community

Students made thank you cards in appreciation of community organizations, practicing their Positivity Project character strengths of gratitude and kindness. We thank our students and teachers for spreading positivity throughout the community we call home!



Rome Women's Shelter Donation

The Positivity Project collected items in the High School for the Rome Women's Shelter. Thank you to everyone who contributed, and to Mrs. Washburn and Mrs. Pavone for organizing this effort.

We are ... EMPATHETIC!



Thank You Essential Workers!

The girls varsity hockey team assembled and delivered holiday gift baskets to essential workers at St. Luke's hospital to thank them for their heroic efforts and to keep them energized during their busy work days. An enthusiastic elementary student, Emma, acted as ambassador for snack delivery to health care facilities, collected through the efforts of middle school Rachel's Warriors members.



Birdhouses for Nursing Homes

District resident Richard Stricker constructed and donated 30 wood birdhouses for elementary art club and OVA members. The painted birdhouses were displayed at the Artisan Corner, and then donated to nursing homes to hang outside residents' windows to spread cheer during this time of isolation.



Goodie Bags for Staff and Students

Thank you Mrs. Esther Miller and the PTA for arranging surprise goodie bags for our faculty and staff to help start the March 19 Superintendents Day with a smile. The seventh grade team also provided treat bags to students in time for February break. Through parent donations, 90 bags were assembled and picked up by senior class members in time for Valentine's Day. Clinton cares!

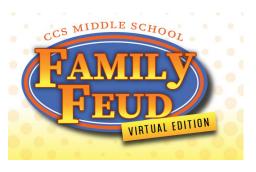


We are ... ENGAGED!



Frog Friends

Mrs. Karas' students have recently invited some special guests to live in their classroom! Mrs. Karas is teaching the students about the life cycle and development of frogs. Students take turns during lunchtime to feed their new friends.

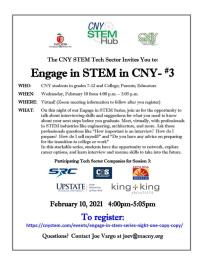


Game Night

A virtual game night was offered to teams of middle school students vs. teachers. Teachers Michelle Taranto and Natalie Bock served as hosts to a fun evening of Family Feud.

Outside Opportunities

Guidance counselors worked hard to ensure that students were aware of outside educational opportunities for additional enrichment during closure.



Hour of Code

Grade five students participated in an Hour of Code and a choice board project to learn more about digital citizenship and safe computer practices, coming together with classmates breakout rooms.



Science Olympiad

On Saturday, January 30, the science Olympiad team competed in a national invitational virtual competition where they placed 69th out of 148 teams. Congratulations! Science Olympiad is advised by high school science teachers Mrs. Washburn Kathleen and Meredith Callaghan.

LEAP!

LEAP's goal is to raise awareness about environmental issues and climate change in order to help decrease our local carbon footprint. LEAP, the leaders in environmental awareness and protection club is advised by Mrs. Callaghan who has been the club advisor since its inception in 2013.



We are ... FUN



Snow Much Fun!

Clinton Elementary School students celebrated pajama and snowman day! Mrs. Frank's students used magical snow dough to create their very own snow people.

Spirit Week at the Middle School

Students in the middle school had fun celebrating Virtual Spirit Week and dressing accordingly.





Read Across America Week

Students in Mrs. Mickle's classroom celebrated Read Across America week! Elementary principal Mrs. Ellen, Leuthauser surprised students as their guest reader!

Students Sell Their Ideas

Students in Mrs. Petrie's marketing class, in observation of National Oreo Day, researched, created and designed Oreo cookie packaging! What a sweet way to celebrate!



We are ... RESILIENT



We Love Our Bus Drivers

On a typical day in February, CCS bus drivers delivered special messages from teachers and delivered and collected academic materials at nearly 400 middle school households. Thank you for supporting our students, families and teachers!

Custodians On-Call

Working non-stop, on-call and as-needed, the CCS custodial staff has adopted extra cleaning protocols, installed barriers, measured, set up, moved and reset classrooms and ancillary spaces too many times to count. Flexibility is key. We can't thank you enough!

Working Hard in the Cafeteria

School closed on March 13, 2020, but cafeteria staff remained hard at work since then, even throughout the summer, providing meals by request for pick-up or delivery to all community members under the age of 18. They continue to serve both in-person and virtual students with the help of bus driver delivery. On the day preceding school vacations, families receive a fiveday meal pack to help them through that time period. Thank you for your hard work and your flexibility!

Honoring Faculty And Staff

Every year, staff members are recognized for years of service at CCS. Superintendent Dr. Grimm visited each recipient during their work day, where they were applauded by students and staff, and presented them with a certificate and a commemorative mug from Clinton Pottery. Thank you to staff member Amie Johnson for compiling a video of the presentations that can be viewed on the CCS website, the CCS Facebook page and on CCS TV.

Recipients include: Melissa Roy, Steve Sanderson (15 years); Liz Hobaica, Thad Lawrence, Susan Smith, Trish Boucher, Keith Grygiel, Esther Miller, Jackie Snizek, Kathleen Washburn (20 years); Lisa Tickle, Susan King, Darcey Cross, Teresa Scott, Lisa Colozzi (25 years); Wendy West (30 years); Jim Scoones (35 years). Thank you for your loyalty!



Tech Tip Tuesdays

Professional development coordinator and instructional support specialist Mrs. Amie Johnson assists teachers, parents and students in navigating online instruction with weekly Tech Tip videos every Tuesday. So much appreciated!







Our Nurses Have Heart

Thank you to our Registered Nurses, Mrs. Smiegal, Mrs. Mitchell and Mrs. Hobaica, for taking such good care of us during the pandemic and every day.



Thank you to CCS teachers and staff, students, parents, administrators, community partners and businesses for your effort toward making this past school year the best that it could be despite seemingly insurmountable obstacles.

Together, we succeed. **CLINTON HAS CHARACTER!**

Of Note...

The CCSD Foundation

Founded in 1991, the mission of the Clinton Central School District Foundation is to promote and support excellence in education in the Clinton Central School District. The Foundation's basic premise is that there is no more important gift we can give to our students and to our society than a high quality educational program. To date, the CCSD Foundation has provided a total of \$950,394 in donations to the school. This year, the Foundation will be providing funds for a summer program to help students overcome the educational and emotional gap created by the pandemic. We cannot thank you enough.



The following students, so far, have signed letters of intent to attend the following schools as college athletes. CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST OF LUCK!

MIA LOPATA

Quinnipiac: Hockey

KATELYNN DEVEANS

Medialle: Lacrosse

ALEXIS ALTERI

St. Lawrence of Geneseo: Lacrosse

GIANNA TRUNFIO

Vassar College: Field Hockey

GWENDOLYN WILLIAMS

RIT: Soccer

KAITLYN WILLIAMS

Binghamton University: Soccer

ALEXA BOHLING

University of Bridgeport: Soccer

AIDEN WALTER

Springfield College: Football

KOLE DAVIGNON

Castleton State University: Football

COLLIN HEBBARD

Alfred State University: Football

ADAM SCHNIDER

St. John Fisher College: Football

TAYLOR HARVEY

Geneseo: XC, Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field

LUKE BOUSE

Wake Tech College: Baseball





Science Fair

The elementary school science fair was held on March 23 and 26. Student scientists in the making in kindergarten through fifth grade developed experiments and presented their findings to their teachers and classmates. Each scientist was awarded a certificate and a ribbon. The K-2 group had 87 participants and the 3-5 group had 73! Congratulations to all of our scientists, and thank you to Mrs. Landry and Mrs. Hullar for organizing this opportunity for our students.

Clinton High School Presents GODSPELL on May 20, 21 and 22.

This immensely successful rock opera needs little introduction, but when it was first produced on Broadway in 1971, it broke new ground in its stage treatment of the historical Jesus Christ. Based on the Gospel, according to St. Matthew, it deals with the last days of Jesus and includes dramatized versions of several well-known parables.

In person tickets have been limited to families of the cast. All three performances will be available for a livestream. Livestream ticket prices will be available at two price categories; \$10 individual and \$20 household. Beginning in May, streaming tickets will be available for purchase online at www.showtix4u.com and with a link through our school website. Curtain at 7:30 p.m.



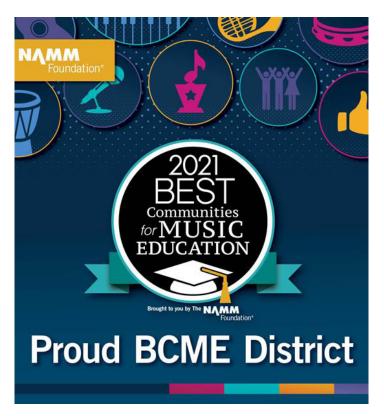
Safety Improvements

In an on-going effort to improve school safety, a blue light lock-down system has recently been installed and tested. Blue warning lights have been placed throughout buildings and at various outdoor locations to alert anyone on or near the campus when a lock-down is in progress.



NAMM

Congratulations to our music department for receiving the NAMM Foundation's 2021 Award in the category of "Best Communities For Music Education!" The National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) has recognized Clinton Central School for its commitment to music education. We are so proud and thankful to our educators and students to have earned this distinction!



Student Poet Featured

Initiated by student Paul White as an Eagle Scout Project in 2016, and supported by Kirkland Town Library Friends and Clinton Historical Preservation Commission, the Poetry Path leads readers on a village tour where plaques feature poems written by local and student poets, and other works connected to that site. Visiting author Kwame Alexander challenged middle school students to write poems which were compiled and published as "Words of a Warrior", and were subsequently judged individually for inclusion in the Poetry Path.

Congratulations to student Alicyn Calcara whose published work "Memories" is now part of the path at site 11.





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CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL'S National Honor Society Students

Fifty-one Clinton High School students were inducted into the National Honor Society (NHS), elevating the school's commitment to the values of scholarship, service, leadership and character. These students were inducted into the National Honor Society in a virtual ceremony which is available on CCS TV for viewing:

Margaret Bailey, Claire Barone, Joseph Bonomo, Leah Borton, Samuel Butcher, Matthew Cancilla, Lauren Chesebro, Karina Davis, Jenna Deep, Joseph DeTraglia, Graci Dreimiller, Victoria Elefante, Olivia Fay, Dakota Fedor, Henry Fehlner, Aria Fletcher, Andrew Gadziala, Jessica Gale, Kass Gifford, Daniella Goodfriend, Grace Gorczyca, Jayden Hillage-Scribner, Riley Jones, Sarah Klein, Parker Knapp, Alayna Krom, Emily Le, Victoria Lewis, Madison Luke, Sophie MacPherson, Ella Matteo, Dillon Matteson, Avery Maxam, Ava Meier, Henry Memmer, Ella Morse, Moein Nia, Abbey Notar, Carina Pascucci, Luke Pelkey, Andres Quintana, Erica Racioppa, Anthony Ritz, Jason Rivera, Jack Saunders, Liam Schmalz, Cooper Siddon, Katherine Stockwell, Eliot Tinkler, Wyatt Wilcox, Michelle Xu.