



Recognizing Superintendent Orologio



During the November 21 Board of Education meeting, Superintendent Dr. Lori Orologio announced her plan to retire from the district, effective June 30, 2024.

"While we are sad Lori is leaving, we are also happy for her and her family," said School Board President Kathleen Dillon. "On behalf

of the Board, we wish her all the best and thank her for everything she has done for the district and the school community over the last 19 years, including the last 10 as superintendent."

During Lori's tenure as superintendent, she fostered a welcoming and engaging environment for our students to grow and succeed. She updated and has remained committed to the district's goals, Core Beliefs and learner-centered principles, all of which help to make Churchville-Chili a place where students and staff feel a sense of belonging and are encouraged and empowered to be lifelong learners.

"Lori always focuses on the needs of others. She cares deeply about our students, staff and families," says Dillon. "She is hardworking, ethical and driven to do what's best for our school community. We thank her for her years of dedication to our district."

Her principled leadership has helped to move the district forward and was crucial while navigating the COVID-19 pandemic. She worked with staff and families to ensure students had access to lessons through a successful hybrid learning model, provided opportunities for teachers and staff to adapt and develop new methods for their classrooms, and offered guidance and support as the district reimagined education and found better ways to support students.

"Lori inspires all who work with her by modeling a collaborative, thoughtful, intelligent and innovative leadership approach," says Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Giulio Bosco. "She has consistently worked to ensure all students have a safe learning environment, as well as access to high quality curriculum and learner-centered instruction. Our district has greatly benefited under her leadership."

Lori's instructional expertise and collaboration with administrators and staff has been vital during her time with the district. Under her leadership, the following areas were developed:

- The University of Rochester school-based mental health support for students and families.
- Successful yearly school budget planning and management.
- The full-day UPK program at the elementary schools.

- One-to-one technology devices for students and software upgrades with a focus on cybersecurity.
- The mentoring program for ninth grade students, as they transition from middle to high school.
- Security services were expanded with a new security center at the high school and onboard computer access within district security vehicles.
- Facilities were upgraded through multiple Capital Improvement Projects, including a new athletic stadium, updates to the transportation facility, a new pool, elementary playgrounds and renovations at each of the school buildings.
- The district-wide DEI committee and a focus on access, equity and inclusivity.

"Lori exemplifies dedication to our students and the District," says Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Lawrence Vito. "She possesses immense knowledge of all areas of District operations and has an unwavering work ethic. Her passion, enthusiasm and inspiration serves as motivation for all of us to follow her leadership."

The Churchville-Chili Board of Education has appointed Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES District Superintendent Jo Anne L. Antonacci as search consultant as we look to find a new Superintendent of Schools for the district. A timeline for the search for a new superintendent will be forthcoming from District Superintendent Antonacci with the intention to have a new superintendent in place on July 1, 2024.



"Even amid all of her achievements and accomplishments, it is her personal touch we will miss the most," said Kathleen Dillon.

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Message from the Superintendent



Dear Churchville-Chili Community,
 First and foremost, I want to express my appreciation for the privilege to have served the Churchville-Chili faculty and staff, students, community and Board of Education for the past 19 years.

During my 10-year tenure as the superintendent of Churchville-Chili, I have been honored to work collaboratively with staff, focusing on meeting the needs of all students and creating a supportive environment where they can feel a sense of belonging, engage in quality learning experiences, and enjoy a wide range of opportunities such as athletics, music, performing arts, robotics and extra curricular clubs.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our district's educational programs and facility improvements, and collaborative focus on maintaining a safe environment where all students can focus on learning. Further, I appreciate the many contributions of our PTOs and Booster groups that have made such a positive difference for our students. I cherish the relationships built over these past years and look forward to seeing our district continue to grow and flourish.

Respectfully,

Dr. Lori Orologio
 Superintendent of Schools

Elementary Facility Study Underway

The Churchville-Chili School District has established an Ad Hoc District Committee to conduct a comprehensive Elementary Facility Study, aligned with our commitment to providing safe and well-maintained facilities for all students, staff and the broader school community. This study aims to assess current enrollment from UPK to fourth grade, examine the Building Condition Survey (BCS) data, and identify potential needs for additional classrooms and facilities, considering financial implications and community support. The committee is comprised of dedicated representatives from each elementary school, including principals, staff members, parents and board members.

Together, the committee will review enrollment data, evaluate existing facility space, and address various needs such as staffing, instructional resources and programs. By analyzing this information, we aim to ensure that our elementary facilities continue to meet the evolving needs of our students, staff and community, providing a welcoming environment conducive to quality education and growth.



Identifying a Churchville-Chili Athletics Mascot

We are excited to announce the district is in the process of determining a mascot to be used for Churchville-Chili athletics and more! We believe it is essential for this new mascot to reflect the spirit and values that define us. To accomplish this, the athletic committee - made up of students, faculty and board representatives will work together to ensure the new mascot embodies our strong sense of unity, resilience and pride. While we are looking to add a mascot that can be used for athletic purposes, **we will remain the Churchville-Chili Saints**, with our orange and black color scheme. Please be on the lookout for more information in January!

2023 Honorees Inducted into Athletic Hall of Fame

Churchville-Chili High School recently welcomed five outstanding alumni to its Athletic Hall of Fame. The ceremony was especially meaningful as many of our past Hall of Fame members were also in attendance. The newest inductees, honored for their accomplishments and contributions to the Saints' athletics program are:

- Roger Hill, Class of 1965
- John Iacucci, Class of 2014
- Annamarie Kostarellis, Class of 2017
- Nancy Thornton, Coach
- Liz Zorn, Class of 2006

The Athletic Hall of Fame celebrates the accomplishments of outstanding athletes, coaches, administrators and anyone who has made a significant contribution to Saints athletics.



Fine Arts Highlights

HS Sophomore Selected for Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra

Congratulations to Taylor Stocks, a sophomore at the senior high school, who has been chosen for the 2023–24 Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra (HYSO) at The Hochstein School. Stocks, who plays viola, said, "I really enjoy my time in Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra. It gives me an opportunity to challenge myself, and acquire new skills. Being in HYSO also allows me to meet and collaborate with student musicians outside of Churchville-Chili."



The HYSO performs professional repertoire in multiple concerts throughout the school year and is comprised of students from 29 different schools, including homeschooled students, who gather every Saturday morning for an enriching musical experience. The group is also gearing up for an exciting tour of Italy in Spring 2024.

Churchville Students Attend Area All State

Congratulations to our middle school and high school students selected to perform at the annual New York State School Music Association's Jr. High and Sr. High Area All State. Festivals. Students were selected to participate in the Honors bands, orchestras and choruses based on their individual performances at the NYSSMA solo-festivals this past spring.

Jr. High Area All State:



(left to right) Lauren Henry - Symphony Orchestra, Rinnah Falco - Symphony Orchestra, Edith Toates - Mixed Choir, Madison McLean - Mixed Choir, Gabriella Conner - Symphony Orchestra and Parker Nordhausen - Symphonic Band.

Sr. High Area All State:



(left to right) Violet Kolupski - Mixed Choir, Gabrielle Toates - Symphony Orchestra, Isaiah Bauch - Symphony Orchestra, Taylor Stocks - Symphony Orchestra, Maeve Rosati - Treble Choir, Myiah Garcia - Mixed Choir, Dylan Bromage - Symphony Orchestra, Silas Payne - Symphonic Band and Naomi Nov - Mixed Choir. (not pictured) Caleb Krenzer - Symphonic Band and Niccolo Lupiani - Mixed Choir.

Fall Athletic Highlights

C-C Teams Bring Home Sectional Blocks

The Churchville-Chili Boys Varsity Soccer Team won the Class AA Sectional Championship, defeating Spencerport to earn the title for the first time since 1990. The team was led by their three captains, including Elijah Bailey, who scored the game-winning goal with 1:04 remaining in overtime, bringing the final score to 3-2. The team's run ended when they took on Clarence in the Regional Championship on November 4.



The Girls Varsity Cross Country team also brought home a sectional block this fall, winning the Class A Sectional title at Letchworth on November 4. With a score of 61 points, the team moved on to compete in States where they placed 5th in New York State! In addition to the sectional title, Girls Varsity Cross Country Coach Richard Strasser was also named 2023 Section V Class A Girls cross country coach of the year. This is his second time earning this honor.



Congratulations to all our fall athletic teams on an exciting season!

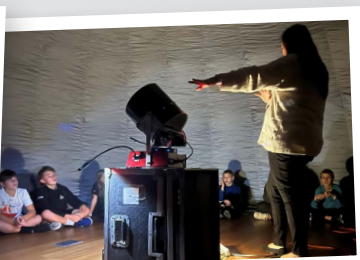
Varsity Game Day Cheer Coach Named Coach of the Year

Our Varsity Game Day Cheer Team had an incredible performance at sectionals this year, placing in the Top 5. Congratulations to Varsity Coach Christine Kocher on being named Section V Class A Coach of the Year!



Students Explore the Night Sky in the StarLab

Students at each of the elementary schools and at the middle school had the opportunity to experience the StarLab this October. First grade students learned about the sun's pattern across the sky, gazed at the stars in the night sky, and even had a chance to make fun shadow puppets! Fifth grade students focused on patterns of the sun during different seasons, as well as the patterns of day and night; explored how a star's distance from the earth varied its brightness; and learned about how the appearance of constellations vary due to earth's position and motion during different seasons. The StarLab has been utilized by Churchville-Chili classes for well over a decade, thanks to a collaboration with BOCES 4 Science. You can learn more about the StarLab at their website, <https://www.starlab.com/how-it-works/>



Native American Heritage Celebrated at CES

Native American storyteller Perry Ground visited Churchville Elementary School this November, presenting to students in grades K-4. Ground's visit aligned with Native American Heritage Month, emphasizing the importance of culture through the stories we share. Students heard traditional Native American stories of the earth's creation and the distancing between the sky and earth. Students also had the opportunity to volunteer to help with visuals during the storytelling process!



CRS Honors Veterans

Chestnut Ridge students and staff gathered to honor veterans during the school's second annual Veterans Day Assembly. Student projects were showcased along the hallways of the school, welcoming their special visitors to the event. Kindergarten and first grade students helped lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and students in grades 2-4 sang patriotic songs. Fourth grade students also helped present facts throughout the assembly, recognizing our veterans and all they have done for our country.



Sixth Graders Explore STEM

Sixth graders have been exploring STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) within the classroom, with lessons focused on bioplastics and the enviroscape. During the lesson on bioplastics, students became chemical engineers to recreate some properties in plastic products we use everyday, using plant-based materials. During the enviroscape lessons, students observed what happens when pollutants are introduced to a watershed and identified point vs. non-point sources of pollution. These lessons are part of a STEM-specific curriculum created by the district's Enrichment/STEM Instructional Coaching Team.



FRS Loves Reading!

The Scholastic Book Fair at Fairbanks Road Elementary School was a great success! Students in grades K-4 had the exciting opportunity to explore a wide variety of books during the fair, which took place during the school day. They were able to browse and choose books that sparked their interests, encouraging a love for reading. The Book Fair provided a fun and engaging way for students to discover new stories and expand their imaginations. Thank you to the FRS Parent Teacher Organization for helping to coordinate this opportunity for students.



Golden Apple Award at the MS

Congratulations to Middle School World Language teacher Kayla Hare, who was surprised with the News 8 Golden Apple Award! Hare, who also coaches modified girls basketball, was nominated for the award by two former French students, Natalie and Violet, for her teaching and coaching skills. According to them, Mrs. Hare is welcoming, cares for her students and makes each student feel special.

"Kayla is an asset to our school community – she cares about students, their lives and their learning," said MS Principal Rebecca Tibbitts. "We are so very fortunate to have her in our building!"

(This aired on Dec. 12 and is available on the News 8 website, www.rochesterfirst.com)



HS Students "Dig" a Healthy Lifestyle

High school students participated in the annual Red Ribbon Week Volleyball tournament this October to raise awareness of the importance of living a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. Ninety students played in the tournament this year. Congratulations to tournament champions, team "Dig It," and to the winners of the best uniform award, team "Word to My Momma." Thank you to everyone who took part this year!



Recognizing Black Scholars

The Urban League of Rochester recognized students at the Early Recognition Ceremony held on November 17. This early recognition program is an extension of the Black Scholars Program, which identifies and supports students in grades 9-12 who have high academic abilities and maintain a "B" or better average. Among the honorees at this year's ceremony were 27 Churchville-Chili students who are excelling in the classroom.



Left to right: Juanita Bishop, 11; Isabella Akins, 12; Olufemi Akinpelu, 12; Paige Badley, 11; Rudolph Fahnbulleh, 11; Javarri Peterson, 10; Antonio Rivera, 11; Olajuwon Akinpelu, 10; Ricardo Lagares, 12; Anubis Drew, 10; Larry Copeland, 10; Sydney Parker, 11; Patrick Johnson, 11; Madeline Dingus, 11; Laila Johnson, 10.

Not pictured: Jace Carter, 11; Phillip Clark, 12; William Dingus, 10; Lariana Drumgoole, 10; Serenity Jager, 12; Ella Jenkins, 10; Emma Jenkins, 10; Richard Morris, 10; Na'zari Reed, 10; Camella Roberts, 12; Laila Rowe, 10; Olivia Walker Lightle, 12.

Students Inducted into National Honor Society

We were proud to welcome 84 new members to Churchville-Chili High School's National Honor Society this year and honor Teacher of the Year Karl Biedlingmaier. Inductees include:

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| Olufemi Akinpelu | Kelsey Froman | William Morgan | Emily Stanes |
| Maddie Alley | Ayla Gedmintas | Deric Olson | Lily Stewart |
| Paige Bagley | Michaela Goettel | Sydney Parker | Jordyn Stocks |
| Nathan Barski | Annamaria Hagen | Jenjira Pellett | Lillian Stouffer |
| Thomas Bekridakis | Ryan Hanley | Alexandra Percassi | Angeliki Strembenis |
| Leah Bennett | Kaitlyn Hayes | Isabella Pimm | Dillon Swain |
| Noah Berg | Makayla Hazard | Faith Robertson | Aurora Turk |
| Juanita Bishop | Campbell Hewlett | Rachel Romesser | Ava Underwood |
| Eliza Burley | Quin Hickey | Blake Rule | Leah VanHouter |
| Sarah Burley | Annabelle Houlihan | Adam Sargent | Sophie Wanck-Kahn |
| Sydney Burnett | Melissa Jong | Jordan Sassone | Patrick Ward |
| Cecelia Buxton | Lucas Karelus | Katie Schauber | Leah Wilkie |
| Carly Carpenter | Brynley Limbeck | Kaylen Schauf | Arianna Williams |
| Anthony Cerretto | Jaylyn Malark | Julian Serra | Cassidy Wilt |
| Eliana Chalmers | Samantha Marvin | Marija Sholevska | Olivia Winterhoff |
| Cameron Cohen | Dana McCarthy | Maddie Sichak | Graham Wohlers |
| Ellie Comfort | Lawren Monahan | Madeline | Rose Woodfield |
| Deniz Dawani | Diana Morales- | Siriphanthong | |
| Charlie DelGudico | Negron | | |
| Ali DeMatteo | | | |
| Elena Dembeyotis | | | |
| Anna Dingee | | | |
| Madeline Dingus | | | |
| Sebastian Dix | | | |
| Hannah Doles | | | |
| Mae Ennis | | | |
| Violet Everhart | | | |
| Rudolph Fahnbulleh | | | |
| Malachi Falco | | | |
| Frank Fogarty | | | |
| Natalie Fraser | | | |
| Hunter Freece | | | |



NHS Senior Officers (left to right): Silas Payne, secretary; Gabby Toates, treasurer; Sydney Goettel, vice president; Matthew Ewell, president.

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 Fairbanks Road Elementary School Triple C Award winners!



(left to right) Amanda DiBenedetto (staff), Landon, Oliver, Addison, Sabre, Lorenzo, Elliott, Kaitlynn Frisby (staff) and Vern Rehman (community member).

Middle School Students Shine in Madagascar Jr.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the fantastic middle school production of "Madagascar Jr. A Musical Adventure." A big round of applause to our amazing cast for their outstanding performances and to the dedicated crew for their behind-the-scenes efforts. Their teamwork and dedication made this production a true success and a source of pride for our school district. Thank you to all the families and community members for your continued support, encouraging our students to pursue their passions and shine on stage.



Attention, District Residents!

Churchville-Chili administrators and the Board of Education will hold budget presentations as the 2024-25 school year budget is developed.

Presentations are scheduled to take place during the following regular board meeting dates:

- February 13, 2024
- February 27, 2024
- March 12, 2024
- March 26, 2024

We invite district residents to attend our budget presentations to learn more about the proposed 2024-25 budget. Information is also available on our district website at:

<https://www.cccsd.org/departments/business-services/budget-development>.

SAVE THE DATE

May 7, 2024: Budget Public Hearing & Board of Education Candidate Night

May 21, 2024: Budget Proposition Vote & Board of Education Candidate Election

Grades K-4 Report Cards Are Now Digital!



This year, families with students in grades K-4 have the opportunity to receive their students' report cards virtually, through the Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Families who opt-in to this method will no longer receive a physical copy of the report card, unless specifically requested.

Once within the Parent Portal, which can be accessed at <https://ic.cccsd.org/campus/portal/chili.jsp>, the report card can be found by navigating to the Documents tab under the menu and selecting a specific student and then selecting the 2023-24 school year. The report card should appear within the folder as a document that can be opened on either a mobile device or desktop.

Free Meals for All Students



The Churchville-Chili Central School District was recently approved for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), a program funded by a partnership between the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and New York State, allowing the district to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students, every day, for the remainder of the school year.

Providing free meals for all students—regardless of income—is a proven strategy to reduce food insecurity,

improve mental and physical health, support students' ability to thrive academically, and bolster educational, health and economic equity. Menus are posted monthly at www.cccsd.org/departments/nutritional-services/lunch-menus.

As we transition to free meals, please adjust or shut off the auto pay function in your MySchoolBucks account. Families do not have to complete any forms for their student(s) to receive free meals at school. However, families are strongly encouraged to complete the Income Eligibility Form (formerly known as the Free and Reduced Meal Application) for the 2024-25 school year, which is tied to other important benefits for both families and our schools. The Income Eligibility Form is available on the Nutritional Services page of the school website at <https://www.cccsd.org/departments/nutrition> or in the district's school nutrition office at 139 Fairbanks Road, Churchville, NY 14428.

We look forward to providing free breakfast and lunch for all students. There will continue to be snacks and a la carte items available for a fee. For more information, parents and guardians can call the School Nutrition Office at (585) 293-1800 ext. 3330.

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Winter Concert Schedule

Date	Production	Location	Time
1/8	7-8th Grade Band Concert	CCPAC	7 p.m.
1/11	MS Orchestra Concert	CCPAC	6:30 p.m.
1/16	5-6th Grade Band Concert	CCPAC	6:30 p.m.
1/1	5-6th Grade Vocal Concert	CCPAC	6:30 p.m.
1/22	7-8th Grade Vocal Concert	CCPAC	7 p.m.
2/8	4th Grade Orchestra Recital	CCPAC	7 p.m.
2/13	CES Band Recital	CES	7 p.m.
2/15	CRS Band Recital	CRS	7 p.m.
2/15	FRS Band Recital	FRS	7 p.m.

Important Reminder About Emergency Closings

When hazardous weather requires us to close or delay school on any given day, there are several ways we inform families. School closings and delayed start times are announced over local radio (WHAM 1180) and television stations (Rochester TV channels 8, 9, 10 and 13). Families can also find this information on our district website www.cccsd.org and on our X, Facebook and Instagram pages. If no report is heard or posted, it can be assumed the schools are in session and are opening on time.

The district will also continue to utilize the Instant Connect notification system. Instant Connect enables administration to record, schedule, send and track personal voice messages to thousands of parents and staff members at the same time.

The district uses the information in our Student Management System (Infinite Campus) to contact multiple phone numbers for each family simultaneously. To correct contact information for your family, call the District Registrar at 293-1800 ext. 2041.

Promoting Wellness This Holiday Season

As we approach the holiday season, it's essential to prioritize our social and emotional well-being. Our district's [Wellness Hub](http://www.cccsd.org) is available through the district website, [cccscd.org](http://www.cccsd.org) and is a valuable resource for families. It offers various support links, including library information, park information, as well as wellness activities and videos. Take advantage of these resources to ensure a healthy and happy holiday season for all.

