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BUDGET VOTE: Tuesday, May 17th, 2022 from Noon-9pm in the High School Lobby

The Sound of Music: Red Creek CSD Welcomes Parents Back for District Concert



Tust over two years ago, the Coronavirus pandemic forced schools to shut down. Hallways were empty, students were learning remotely, and events were canceled. Fast forward to March 2022, about two years to the day, families in the Red Creek Central School District were allowed back into the building to celebrate a big night for their child, the District Concert.

Parents had visited the building for a few other events earlier in March, like Battle of the Books and the Inventive Minds Competition at M.W. Cuyler Elementary School. However, the District Concert was the first districtwide event.

Families were first greeted by artwork created by students. Dozens of sculptures, photos, and drawings filled the entrance way to the High School. Then came the performances.

"We are so excited to welcome families

back into our building," said Superintendent Dr. Brian Corey as parents found their seats. "Our students have put in a lot of hard work, and we are so happy to be able to share that with you in-person."

The district had a plan in place to allow parents to safely enjoy their

child's performance. For those who couldn't attend in-person, the concert was also live-streamed.

Middle school students took the stage first with performances by the Stage Band, the middle school chorus, and the middle school Band. Cuyler Elementary band and chorus followed. High school students closed out the night with performances by the Select Choir, Jazz Band, High School chorus and the Concert Band.

"The students have worked so hard this year," said Margarette Little, the middle and high school band teacher and Joe Benedict, who teaches chorus at all three schools. "There have been many struggles over the past couple of years, yet the Red Creek musicians have succeeded to overcome and make beautiful music together. We are so proud of each member of our music program."

Kelly Witkiewitz teaches band at Cuyler

Elementary. She says, "It was wonderful to have students ready to perform safely for their parents and community. All of their hard work practicing at home, in lessons and band rehearsals got to shine."

This is not the only performance for Red Creek students this year. The elementary school is preparing for their concert on Thursday, May 12th. The middle and high school chorus has their performance on Monday, May 16th. The middle and high school band concert is Wednesday, May 18th. All performances will be held in the Red Creek High School Auditorium for families to enjoy in-person. It will also be live streamed on YouTube.

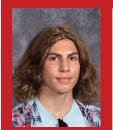
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Red Creek Central School District

Top Five Graduates

Valedictorian: Ethan Malueg



Ethan Malueg, son of Teresa Malueg and Walter Chyrywaty III of Red Creek, has applied and been accepted at the University at Buffalo.

Ethan has been active in National Honor Society – Secretary, Junior and Senior Class President, Varsity Club – President, Student Council - President, Spanish Honor Society, Varsity Cross Country, and Varsity Indoor and Outdoor Track.



Ethan plans to attend the University at Buffalo in the fall pursuing a career in Mechanical Engineering and/or Physics.

Brynita Haas,

daughter of Dale and Ioanna Haas of Red

Creek, NY has been

Smith's College and

Hartwick College.

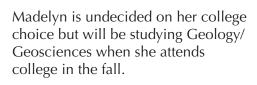
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Salutatorian: Madelyn Clark



Madelyn Clark, daughter of Jane Ayers and James Clark of Wolcott, NY has applied and been accepted at the University of Rochester, State University of New York at New Paltz, and the State University of New York at Oneonta.

Madelyn has been active in National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Science Honor Society, Senior Class Marshall, Science Olympiad, and Jazz Band.





Spencer Fernaays,

son of Scott and York at Oswego.



Brynita has been active in the Science Olympiad, Envirothon, Cross County, Varsity Track, Jazz Band and Chorus.

Brynita is undecided on her major but will be attending Hartwick College in



Ella Reynolds,

daughter of Haley Bibee of Sterling, NY and losh Revnolds of Ontario, NY has been accepted at the Colorado State University, Hartwick



Ella has been active in National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Science Olympiad, Envirothon, Feats of Clay, Cross Country, Swim, Outdoor Track, Jazz Band and Select Choir.

Ella will be studying Geology when she attends the SUNY Oneonta in the fall.





Spencer has been active in National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Varsity Club, Class Marshall, Student Council - Vice President, Varsity Cross Country, Varsity Basketball, Varsity Track, and Band -Vice President.

Spencer will be attending the State University of New York at Oswego in the fall studying Finance.

"It's Amazing": Red Creek Middle School, #TeamCallinStrong, Raise \$10k+ for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital



It starts with a math problem. Then comes the solution. Who would have ever thought such a simple concept, could make a huge difference in the Red Creek community?

This past winter the Red Creek Middle School participated in its 21st Math-A-Thon. The students teamed up to raise \$10,126. For the fundraiser, students are given a booklet with math problems or problems to solve online over February break. Students raise money through pledges per problem solved, or flat donations. All proceeds go to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Over the past four years, Red Creek students have had additional motivation to raise as much money as they could. In August of 2018, Callin Mack, now a second-grader at M.W. Cuyler Elementary School, was diagnosed with a rare cancer called Craniopharyngioma, which is a tumor in the brain. About 100 cases are diagnosed every year. Callin underwent two surgeries in Syracuse, but the cancer was still growing.

That's when the family turned to St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. "Callin went through 30 rounds of radiation, and currently it's stable," said Brittany Mack, Callin's mom.

Cooper Hadcock, Callin's older brother, was in third grade when his brother was diagnosed. Cooper wanted to do everything he could to help. Now in 6th grade, Cooper has participated in the Math-A-Thon the past couple of years. He put together a group of family members and friends to join in on #TeamCallinStrong.

"I don't really have words, I'm super proud," said Brittany. "To be able to tell his brother's story and also include his friends in it to raise money for a good cause, it's amazing.

Fundraisers like the Math-A-Thon help hundreds of families across the country. A portion of the money helps families, like the Mack's, pay for flights, meals and housing as their child undergoes treatment. In some cases, St. Jude will also cover a portion of the treatment that insurance companies don't cover. The hospital also accepts anyone, regardless of the family's income or insurance coverage.

#TeamCallinStrong raised \$1,950 of the more than \$10,000. It's the most money a single Red Creek Middle School team has raised. Team Possible was right behind them with \$1,745.

"I am so proud of our students and community for their hard work and generosity to raise over \$10,000," said Richard Pitts, Red Creek's Math-A-Thon Coordinator and seventh-grade math teacher. "That is a lot, considering we are such a small district and small Middle School" Pitts went on to say that even St. Jude praised the district for the achievement.

Over the 21-years Red Creek has participated in the Math-A-Thon, the school has raised a grand total of \$113,080.

Several local businesses also supported the Math-A-Thon this year. Gallo's Quality Discount, Eastern Shore Associates Insurance Agency, Main Street Barbershop and Sandals & Suits all chipped in.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital treats children with more than 200 forms of cancer and other catastrophic diseases. St. Jude's mission has remained the same for decades, to find a cure through research and treatment. Red Creek students and #TeamCallinStrong will be there every step of the way.

Red Creek Central School District Welcomes Deputy Larkin



The Red Creek Central School District is proud to announce Deputy Brian Larkin as the new School Resource Officer. He replaced former Deputy Travis Dunn in March. Dunn left Red Creek CSD after accepting a position with another law enforcement agency.

Deputy Larkin has served with the Wayne County Sheriff's Office for the past two years. Previously, he served in various law enforcement agencies dating back to 2014.

Deputy Larkin has spent the past few weeks meeting with many students in our community as well as our faculty and staff. He will be visiting classrooms and engaging with students throughout the school day. In addition to school safety, he will be a resource for staff and students and working to foster strong relationships between law enforcement and the community.

The Red Creek Central School District will continue its agreement in collaboration with the Wayne County Sheriff's Office. "This program has been an asset to the school district," said Superintendent Dr. Brian Corey. "We look forward to developing this partnership."



Red Creek Central School District

2022-2023 BUDGET & VOTER INFORMATION



On the Ballot:

PROPOSITION #1

Budget Approval

Voters of the Red Creek Central School District are requested to adopt a budget for the 2022-23 school year in the amount of \$24,181,814 in General Fund expenditures and to expend such funds as may be authorized by the Board of Education beginning July 1, 2022.

PROPOSITION #2

School Bus Purchase Approval

Voter approval is requested for the purchase and/or lease of two (2) 66-passenger school buses with diesel engines for a total amount not to exceed \$275,000. Eighty-five to ninety percent of the monies for such purchases will come from the State in the form of Transportation Aid.

PROPOSITION #3

Red Creek Free Library Proposition

The Board of Trustees of the Red Creek Free Library have requested voter approval authorizing the Board of Education to assess and levy upon the taxable property of the District the additional amount of \$12,000 for a total sum of \$64,000 annually. This proposition is separate and not related to the school budget.

Board of Education Membership Election

Three (3) vacancies on the Board of Education are up for election at this year's Annual Meeting/Election. They are for one (1) two-year term beginning July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2024 and two (2) three-year terms beginning on July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2025. As per voter approval in May 1994, seats for the Board of Education are elected on an at-large basis. This means that if three seats are vacant, the top three vote getters will assume office. Six (6) candidates have filed nominating petitions for the three (3) vacancies: Nancy J. Henner Dingman, 7th Street, Sterling; incumbent Lawrence E. Curtis, Wolcott Road, Red Creek; Stephanie L. Kaiser, West Bay Road, Sterling; incumbent Susan A. Kuck, Hill Top Road, Sterling; Elizabeth V. Decker, Shafer Road, Sterling and Jolean B. Bliss, Jenkins Road, Red Creek.

CANDIDATES ★ Vote for any THREE ★					
Nancy J. Henner Dingman	Three (3) vacant seats				
Lawrence E. Curtis*	One (1) ending				
Stephanie L. Kaiser	June 30, 2024				
Susan A. Kuck*	and				
Elizabeth V. Decker	Two (2) ending June 30, 2025				
Jolean B. Bliss	* Denotes incumbent				

The vacant seats will be filled by the three (3) highest vote getters (including write-ins).

What you need to know:

Were there any staff additions or reductions in this budget?

There are no planned staff reductions based on the 2022-23 budget. All vacated positions will be evaluated based on the district's needs.

Will Red Creek get additional State Aid in the 2022-23 School Year?

In the 2022-23 school year Red Creek will be receiving a 3.8% increase in State Aid, which translates to an amount equal to \$418,851.

How much is the projected tax levy increase for 2022-23?

The tax levy will increase by 3.24%, or \$151,353, in 2022-23 as required by the tax cap law formula. Assuming no change in assessment or equalization rates, on average a person that paid \$1,000 in school taxes in 2021 will pay approximately \$32.00 more in 2022.

What are the major factors impacting the 2022-23 budget?

The district's health insurance consortium has approved an increase of 21.9% for 2022-23. This increase is reflected in the 2022-23 budget. The district is currently under negotiations with three (3) collective bargaining units, therefore we are anticipating an increase in salaries in all three (3) units. Another major factor reflects the potential increases in operational costs due to inflation.

2022-2023 PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

RED CREEK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SOUTH STREET, PO BOX 190 RED CREEK, NEW YORK 13143

PROPOSED BUDGET 2022-23

	SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS						
		ADOPTED BUDGET 2021-22	% TOTAL BUDGET 2021-22	PROPOSED * BUDGET 2022-23		% TOTAL BUDGET 2022-23	
EXPENDITURES:							
General Support	\$	2,430,704	10.3%	\$	2,591,059	10.7%	
Instruction	\$	10,926,221	46.1%	\$	11,401,647	47.2%	
Transportation	\$	1,583,996	6.7%	\$	1,333,490	5.5%	
Community Services	\$	-	0.0%	\$	-	0.0%	
Undistributed	\$	8,761,617	36.9%	\$	8,855,618	36.6%	
Planned Fund Balance	\$_		0.0%	_\$_	-	0.0%	
GRAND TOTAL	\$_	23,702,538	100.0%	\$	24,181,814	100.0%	

	SUMMARY OF REVENUES							
	ADOPTED BUDGET 2021-22		% TOTAL BUDGET 2021-22		Р	PROPOSED * BUDGET 2022-23		% TOTAL BUDGET 2022-23
LOCAL SOURCES:				_			_	
Property Tax	\$	4,675,861		19.7%	\$	4,827,214	**	19.9%
Planned Balance	\$	-		0.0%	\$	-		0.0%
Sales Tax	\$	150,000		0.6%	\$	160,000		0.7%
Interest and Eamings	\$	4,000		0.0%	\$	4,000		0.0%
Rentals	\$	35,000		0.1%	\$	-		0.0%
Other Sources	\$	494,300		2.1%	\$	520,650		2.2%
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$	355,619		1.5%	\$	817,672		3.4%
Reserves (Unemployment, Retirement, Bus Purchase, Liability)	_\$_	445,000		1.9%	_\$_	445,000	-	1.8%
SUB TOTAL	\$	6,159,780		25.9%	\$	6,774,536		28.0%
STATE SOURCES:								
Foundation Aid	\$	10,998,934		46.4%	\$	11,417,785		47.2%
Other State Aid	\$	5,183,029		21.9%	\$	4,388,274		18.1%
BOCES Aid	\$	1,297,523		5.5%	\$	1,538,907		6.4%
Textbook Aid	_\$_	63,272		0.3%	_\$_	62,312	-	0.3%
SUB TOTAL	\$	17,542,758		74.1%	\$	17,407,278		72.0%
GRAND TOTAL	\$	23,702,538		100.0%	\$	24,181,814	=	100.0%

^{*} Estimate

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Tax Rate on True Valuation

2021-22 Actual Tax Rate on True Value	\$12.61
2022-23 Tax Rate on True Value (Estimate based on 2021 assessments and equalization rates)	\$13.50 *

^{*} The Tax Rate on True Valuation and the final Local Tax Levy will be determined in August 2022 or as soon as the certified tax rolls (assessments) and equalization rates (as set by the State) are finalized.

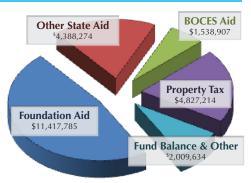
^{**} Estimated Tax Levy INCREASE = 3.24%

At a Glance:

2022-23 BUDGET REVENUES

Explanation of Revenues

• The amount that the district will receive in Foundation Aid for the 2022-23 school year will increase by approximately 3.8%.

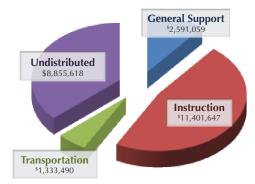


- Students with Disabilities, Transportation, and Building Aid make up the major portion of the "Other State Aid" category and are paid by the State based on prior year expenditures.
- Major items in "Local Sources" include sales tax received from Wayne County, Interest and Earnings, and Appropriated Fund Balance from the prior year's budget. The Appropriated Fund Balance has been increased for the 2022-23 school year.
- The district will increase the tax levy by 3.24% which is at the tax cap limit. This means if your assessment and/or equalization rates remained the same as prior year, your taxes may increase slightly with this budget.

2022-23 BUDGET EXPENDITURES Where our money goes:

Explanation of Expenditures

• The budget for the 2022-23 school year is \$24,181,814, which is an increase of \$479.276 or 2.02% from the current budget.



- The Instruction section, which includes items such as teacher salaries, classroom textbooks and supplies, programs for students with disabilities, and interscholastic athletics, accounts for 47.2% of the overall budget and has increased \$475,426 or 4.4% from the current year.
- The Undistributed section of the budget accounts for 36.6% of the overall budget and includes such things as group health insurance, employee retirement system contributions, Social Security payments and debt service.
- The Undistributed section of the budget again includes a \$100,000 transfer to the Capital Fund for minor improvements to school district buildings in the form of a Capital Outlay Project. It is important to note that approximately 88% of this expense will be returned to the district in the form of Building Aid in the following year.

Paper: RCSD Launches Free 24/7 Tutoring Service

Support, however and whenever you need it Unlimited 1:1 tutoring Writing feedback Available in English, Spanish, app.paper.co French & Mandarin

The Red Creek Central School District has officially launched Paper, a 24/7 tutoring service. Paper is a resource for students grades 6-12 that will provide homework help in all academic subjects and writing feedback. According to the company's website, Paper is an Educational Support System (ESS) that provides schools and districts with a platform to support personalized learning.

Students can get instant live help from educators around the clock. The tutors are trained employees from Paper. The program platform will be done through digital access and will be chat based.

Paper's dashboard includes an "Ask a Tutor" bar where questions are typed out and entered. Students who may learn

better visually can take advantage of a whiteboard feature, as well as the option to upload files and images. If a student has an essay they would like input on, they can upload the document straight to Paper. A tutor who specifies in English will then respond with feedback and an annotated copy of their essay.

The cost of the program will be completely covered by COVID-19 relief funding, which will not impact the approved budget. "We are excited to offer this additional resource for the students at RCCSD," said Superintendent Dr. Brian Corey. "The main goal is to provide a flexible resource that students can access on their own time. This program is a great example of a resource to assist all our students grades 6-12, with the educational gaps created by COVID. This program is possible due to the COVID relief funds available to the district."

For more information, go to our website www.rccsd.org.

Inventive Minds



Do the liners of your gloves always come out when you take them off? Or maybe you have trouble finding your seatbelt in the dark? Those are just a couple of the problems students at M.W. Cuyler Elementary School solved by creating an invention. It's all part of the school's Inventive Minds competition.

Here's how it works. A student comes up with a problem. They then go to the drawing board, creating an invention to solve it. Next comes the sales pitch. The inventors must create a display board and then speak to why it's needed. "The students are judged in several areas," said Nora Bartholomew, one of the programs coordinators and third grade teacher at Cuyler Elementary. "Judges will look at the invention itself, the students display board and the overall presentation."

Cuyler Elementary has held the competition for 22 years. It became so popular, other districts across the region have joined in on the fun. On March 22nd, the Cuyler Elementary held its in-school competition. Twenty-three students presented and were judged on their inventions. Twelve were selected to compete in the Invitational on March 25th.

This year, students from Lyons, Clyde-Savannah and Hannibal school districts made the trip to Cuyler Elementary to compete. Six of the Top 10 inventions were all from Cuyler Elementary, including the top three spots. Addison DeVinney, a 4th grader at Cuyler, took the top spot with her Bouncy Boredom Buster. "My family and I usually go on vacation every year and I wanted to create activities that attach to a suitcase to help get the wiggles out during the car ride," said Addison. "It feels like a dream. I was really surprised because there were so many cool inventions, but I'm happy I won."

Liam Denisi came in second place with The Giddy Up. His invention was a rope ladder that connected to a saddle to make it easier to get up on a horse while out for a ride. Lauren Yonker rounded up the top three with her Liner Slider. She created a five-prong mechanism to easily slide your glove liners back inside after taking your gloves off.

"I'm very proud of all our students," said Tammy Curtis, another coordinator of the program and second grade teacher. They put in so much hard work to succeed and no matter where they placed, a ll our students have a lot to be proud of."

Next year, Hannibal will host the Inventive Minds Invitational at Fairley Elementary. Cuyler Elementary is hopeful to defend their title.



One Final Ride



In just a few weeks, years of hard work and dedication will pay off for the Seniors of Red Creek High School. In June, they will walk across the stage and be handed their diploma in a memorable graduation ceremony. These have been a tough couple of years for this class, trying to succeed in the classroom while dealing with a global pandemic. Fortunately, the students have been able to continue some annual traditions.

In February, the Red Creek Class of 2022 snow tubed down the hills of Greystone

Tubing in Walworth. They didn't go down the slope one-by-one. Instead, the student's each held a rope, keeping the tubes tightly together, symbolizing their bond with one another.

"It's nice to see the students bond because right now they don't have a lot of opportunities to due so with COVID" said Nicole Czeck, the Senior Class Advisor. This is just the second year the Seniors have gone snow tubing and Mrs. Czeck says she plans on making this one of the newest traditions.

In March, the Class of 2022 also participated in the Senior Lock-In. The free event was held at the Community Center sponsored by the Senior class officers and 21st Century Grant. Half of the gym was transformed into a laser tag course, the other half, a blacklight dance floor. There was also a spread of food and drinks for seniors to enjoy.

The Senior trip is also back on this year. They'll be heading to Pine Ridge Dude Ranch in Kerhonkson, NY on May 13th. That's in addition to Senior Prom, a picnic and a Moving-Up Day Breakfast, which is new this year.

"I can say that it is really exciting for us to offer some events to our students again," said Raina Hinman, the High School Principal. "The COVID pandemic had really put some difficult parameters and restrictions on what we can offer for social gatherings. I am excited that we were able to offer the seniors an opportunity to come together before graduating."

Fourty-eight seniors are set to graduate in June. Superintendent Dr. Brian Corey, who took over back in 2019, has seen this class grow from the start of their High School journey. "We are so proud of the accomplishments of the Red Creek students as well as their resilience during these challenging times," said Dr. Corey. "It is nice to see such a strong bond between the members of this class despite most of their high school experience being disrupted. We look forward to watching all of our students engage in the activities and events that make RCCSD a special place."

Message from the Superintendent



It has been my pleasure serving the Red Creek Central School District as the Superintendent of Schools starting in the 2018-19 school year. I continue to be truly impressed with the high

level of pride and dedication to the school by the community, staff, and students. With the support of the community, we have been able to provide many extraordinary opportunities for our students while affording them a broad range of academic offerings. Our students are able to enjoy high quality instruction and support from our faculty and staff

I would like to extend a sincere

congratulations to our senior class who will be graduating on June 24, 2022. I believe that they are prepared for college and careers, but most importantly to be productive members of society.

Our budget for the 2022-23 school year is sound and includes continued support and development for initiatives that we implemented in previous school years. These additions focus on student programming, safety, student supports and services, and instructional assistance in content areas. We are very proud of these accomplishments and plan to continue development of these areas as well as other areas of the district. The budget meets the Tax Cap Law allowable amount which is a 3.24%, affording the district the opportunity to increase our tax levy by \$151,353 from the 2021-22 budget.

This year the Board of Education has three (3) open seats, two (2) Three-year

terms and one (1) Two-year term, 6 candidates have filled out petitions to run (see inside).

Along with the budget proposition is a proposition to purchase (2) 66- passenger school buses, a proposition to provide additional funding to the Red Creek Library, as well as the election of three Board of Education members. I urge you to review the budget materials that can be found on the district website at rccsd.org. Please feel free to email me with any questions that you may have. The budget voting will take place on Tuesday, May 17,2022 from 12:00 until 9:00 P.M. in the High School Foyer.

I would like to thank you for your support, and if you should have any questions, please contact me at brian.corey@rccsd.org.

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Dr. Brian Corey

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Office of Curriculum Update by Cynthia Hay

Strategic Planning: The Red Creek Central School District engaged in the Strategic Planning process guided by consultants from the University of Rochester. The process involved gathering a group of stakeholders that included; district administration, teachers, students, parents, and staff to set a direction that will focus the district's initiatives for the next five years.

The process included taking a deep dive into the current state of the district. This

was accomplished by gathering data on academic programming, student achievement, and culture. The data was gathered through a community and staff surveys, staff and student interviews as well as data on district performance.

The stakeholder group met four times to study the data and come up with a rough draft of the strategic plan. The plan will be presented to the community at the May 18th board meeting.

Focus points that have come out of the plan include responding to New York State's Department of Education call to action

around Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. To begin this work the district needs to create a team of stakeholders willing to assist with this work. Please email DEI@rccsd.org if interested in participating in this work.

Another focus point leads to the need for a program evaluations. The district will start this work focused on two areas, math and ELA. The district is looking for stakeholders interested in participating in this work. Please email program.evaluation@rccsd.org if interested in participating in this work.

Budget Vote — Tuesday, May 17th noon-9pm

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Superintendent of Schools **Mr. Brian M. Corey**

Business Administrator **Mr. William R. McDonald**

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