



The Future of Education Starts Here!

Students interested in entering the field of education have a new opportunity at Churchville-Chili High School this year with the addition of the dual credit course Introduction to Teaching as a Profession with SUNY Brockport. The course is offered to juniors and seniors interested in learning more about teaching. It focuses on how to work with students at different grade levels and how to build a lesson plan. It also discusses aspects of teaching that students might not have considered, such as building relationships with students, problem solving, and compensation and benefits.

Social Studies instructor James Hauck is teaching the new course this year. He said that he hopes the personal experiences he shares with students help them as they determine what they want to do after high school.



“ I really enjoy working with children and I want to make an impact in their lives like my teachers have done for me. ”

- Junior Elena Dembeyotis

Many of the students in the Introduction to Teaching as a Profession class are also involved in the school's Future Educators Club. All students in the Future Educators Club have the opportunity to visit classrooms to observe a teacher of their choosing. They may prepare lesson plans for the class they are shadowing and present their lesson to the students in the class. Club members also have field trip opportunities to help expand their perception of all aspects of becoming a teacher and the related role.

“I really love the environment we have,” says junior Sophie Wanck-Kann. “We’re learning how to write lesson plans and teach to a class, which can be intimidating but the environment we have created helps us feel comfortable with making mistakes and improving.”



In an effort to raise awareness about the importance of our public schools and encourage people to apply to open positions within education, Sophie joined a recent “Step Up for Schools” webinar produced by local public education advocacy group Act for Education. You can listen to the webinar on the Act for Education website: <https://actforeducation.org/live>.

As the need for people looking to enter the field of education grows, it is encouraging to see students express interest and take advantage of the unique, first-hand opportunities offered, even before entering college.



“ There’s a lot of really important life lessons that we’ve learned. As much as it is about education, I’ve taken so much more from this class than just what it’s like to be a teacher. ”

- Junior Rachael Romesser

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Message from the Superintendent



Dear Churchville-Chili Community,

As we embark on the third quarter of the school year, our commitment to the district theme, "We All Belong," remains unwavering. Our focus remains on embracing a supportive and inclusive environment where every individual is supported, valued and empowered to achieve their best. Our high school Voices of Change students have been leading community circles at the elementary schools, while counselors have been providing lessons and groups to meet timely social emotional needs for students. Additionally, our high school team is utilizing the production of "Mean Girls: High School Version" to spearhead an anti-bullying campaign, promoting acceptance.

Exciting progress is underway in our Phase VI capital project, both within the middle school and across the main campus. The first internal phase kicked off in early January with a renovation to IT office space, classrooms and the auditorium lighting. In April, we anticipate renovation of additional classroom spaces to occur, across from the middle school cafeteria. Over the past few weeks, contractors have been clearing hedgerows and bringing loads of sand to prepare the land for our new baseball and softball turf fields. While some work has begun, a majority of the classroom reconstruction and outdoor work (middle school parking lot, transportation lot, turf field work) will take place throughout the summer.

We continue to celebrate the success of our student athletes, musicians and artists. We hope that you can join us at various events showcasing the talents of our students, including athletic contests, fine arts performances and extracurricular activities. Please refer to our district website at www.cccsd.org/athletics and www.cccsd.org/calendar for the schedule of upcoming events.

Thank you for your continued support of our students and the school district. We look forward to sharing more details about our 2024-25 school budget later this spring. Information on budget development sessions can be found on our website at www.cccsd.org/budget.

Respectfully,

Dr. Lori Orologio
Superintendent of Schools

Our Rich History Continues

We're excited to announce that the CCCSD bell tower logo is getting an update ahead of the district's 75th anniversary next year. The new logo is a more true-to-life representation of the architectural design of the bell tower atop Churchville Elementary School.

The bell tower is a recognizable symbol for the district, steeped in the history of the district's establishment in 1950. At that time, the CES building was the only district school, providing education for grades 1-12. The district has used the bell tower as a symbol since the 1950s, with the design prominently featured on many of the Churchville-Chili Crest yearbooks.

The updated version launching this year was developed by our FLASH committee with the help of the communications team and is a return to the authentic, historic tower that marks CCCSD tradition. As we usher



in this fresh representation of the bell tower, we celebrate the endurance of the district and its pivotal role in shaping the educational landscape of our community. The logo bridges our past and present, symbolizing the strength, unity and resilience that define Churchville-Chili Central School District.



A Message from the Superintendent Search Consultant

The search for a new superintendent for the Churchville-Chili Central School District is progressing on schedule. The Board wants to thank the hundreds of students, families, staff and community members who completed the survey delivering valuable input as the Board works to choose a new superintendent. The timetable we are following is projected to keep the district on track to have a new superintendent in place upon Dr. Orologio's retirement at the end of the school year.

An Update on the Mascot Search

Thank you to everyone who submitted ideas through our mascot search survey! During the month of February, our Athletic Committee worked with Rickabaugh Graphics to review submissions and narrow down ideas to three finalists based upon relevance, inclusivity, symbolism and uniqueness. At this point in the process, Rickabaugh Graphics will create visual representations for each of the final mascot concepts. Once the designs are completed, we will share an updated survey with the community to rank designs and help us determine our new mascot. Please be on the lookout for this next survey in early April.

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 Middle School and Chestnut Ridge Triple C Award winners!



Middle School award recipients:



(l-r) Adalynn, Andrea, Teresa (students), Jennifer Kessler (World Language Teacher), Jeff Koster (Science Teacher)

and Rafael Arzuaga (Teacher Aide). Not pictured: Ari (student).

Chestnut Ridge award recipients:

(l-r) Amy Lockamyeir (Kindergarten Teacher), Kristine Kander (First Grade Teacher), Sarah, Micah, Kendall, Serafina, Malek (students) and Christine Skivington (PTO President). Not pictured: Ivan (student).



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION for the 2024-25 School Year

Registration for kindergarten opened online at www.ccsd.org/registration on March 1, 2024.

- District children must be 5 on or before December 1, 2024.
- Registration must be completed online (PLEASE NOTE: registration cannot be completed on cell phones).
- Once online registration is complete, you will be contacted for an appointment to complete the registration process.

Questions?

If you have questions or are unable to complete the online registration, please call the Registrar at (585) 293-1800 ext. 2041.

Get to Know SchoolLinks

Over the next few months, Churchville-Chili students in grades 9-12 will begin using a new college and career readiness platform called SchoolLinks. The district will continue to utilize Naviance through the remainder of the school year, but students will begin to familiarize themselves with the new platform before the full transition is made for the 2024-25 school year.

SchoolLinks is a modern college and career readiness platform designed to prepare students for what comes after graduation. SchoolLinks helps students discover their interests and strengths, explore colleges and careers, and create an individualized career and academic plan that best reflects their post-secondary goals.

SchoolLinks features are user-friendly and were designed to streamline the college and career readiness workflow for counselors and staff. If you want to learn more about SchoolLinks, please visit www.schoollinks.com.

Fine Arts Events Calendar

March

- 7 FRS Open House & Art Show FRS from 5-7 p.m.
- 12 SHS Musical Senior Citizen Preview * CCPAC at 5 p.m.
- 14 SHS Musical - Mean Girls * CCPAC at 7 p.m.
- 14 CRS Open House & Art Show CRS 5-7 p.m.
- 15 SHS Musical - Mean Girls * CCPAC at 7 p.m.
- 16 SHS Musical - Mean Girls * CCPAC at 7 p.m.
- 17 SHS Musical - Mean Girls * CCPAC at 2 p.m.
- 21 CES Open House & Art Show CES 5-7 p.m.

April

- 12 CRS Musical * MS Aud at 7 p.m.
- 13 CRS Musical * MS Aud at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- 19 Jazz Night * NGA Cafe at 7 p.m.
- 24 SHS Art Show Opening SHS Atrium at 7 p.m.
- 29 7-12 Orchestra Concert CCPAC at 7 p.m.
- 30 MS Art Show Opening Door 37 at 7 p.m.

May

- 2 SHS Band Concert CCPAC at 7 p.m.
- 3 5th Gr. Musical - Finding Nemo Kids * MS Aud at 7 p.m.
- 4 5th Gr. Musical - Finding Nemo Kids * MS Aud at 7 p.m.
- 9 7-8th Grade Band and Orchestra Concert CCPAC at 7 p.m.
- 13 4-6th Grade Orchestra Concert CCPAC at 6:30 p.m.
- 15 5-6th Grade Band Concert CCPAC at 6:30 p.m.

Admission is free for all events unless noted with a *

All Non-Ticketed events are livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@ccfinearts/streams>

For ticketing information, please visit <https://www.ccsd.org/programs/fine-arts>



CRS Teachers Connect Using Seesaw

Teachers at Chestnut Ridge School have been utilizing the Seesaw app to connect with families and showcase student work. This winter, music teachers Brittany Valente and Charlyne Olick had students create musical gifts that were recorded, decorated and shared with families through Seesaw. Students also used Seesaw to record music assignments and submit their work to their teacher, who then provided verbal and written feedback for the students and their families. This has allowed our teachers to maintain engagement with students during face-to-face time in the classroom.

Focusing on Feelings at FRS

First graders at Fairbanks Road School recently worked with school counselor David Santangelo during a week-long lesson on feelings. Students learned that all feelings are okay, and that we have a lot of feelings and they are not always the same as those around us. They also learned how feelings change and how we can have more than one feeling at the same time. This preliminary intervention supports social emotional learning for all students. As students move up through grade levels, they will learn about handling feelings and how to use strategies to cope with big emotions.



Caring Hearts at CES



In February, Churchville Elementary School students helped support the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge. Students around the country participate in the Kids Heart Challenge to learn about the importance of heart health, exercise and giving back to others. During the event, CES students learned the lifelong skill of hands-only CPR and raised funds to help kids with special hearts. This year, the school raised \$23,148 for the event and a few lucky students had the chance to turn CES physical education teachers and the school principals into human ice cream sundaes in celebration!

MS Students Practice Mindfulness

Fifth and sixth grade students have the opportunity to participate in two five-week counseling groups focused on yoga and mindfulness. Students work through breathing exercises and foundation poses that help center their minds and regulate emotions. The groups at the middle school are led by Social Emotional Counselor Shavaughn Stefaniak and School Psychologist Lindsay Reimer.

"Combining movement and stillness, yoga and mindfulness skills equip young students with tools to navigate emotions, boost focus and build inner strength," says Stefaniak. There was such a high interest in the first January session that it was offered again, with the second group meeting during March.



Career Talks at the HS

Churchville-Chili's Director of Safety and Security Bill Sanborn kicked off the new Career Talks series of career discussions at the high school.



Throughout the winter and spring, Career Talks is hosting guest speakers who will introduce students to their profession and share what students should know if they are interested in entering that field. Students may sign up for any talk they are interested

in. For the first discussion, Sanborn explained why he became interested in criminal justice, the steps he took to enter the field, and the various career options within the field. Upcoming talks include healthcare, accounting and hospitality. Thank you to all of our guest speakers for providing this opportunity to our students.

Team 340 Turns Up the Volume

Our FIRST® Team 340 gathered on January 6, joining more than 3,500 teams from around the world for the kickoff of the 2024 Robotics Competition, called Crescendo. Current student team members, team alumni and mentors – present and past – came together to see the broadcast of the newest challenge and to welcome new members to the Team 340 community. Students spent six weeks custom designing, building and programming a robot. Competition began in February. We can't wait to see how these students use science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) to inspire friendships, creativity and exciting game play this year!



Open to students in grades 8-12, FIRST is much more than robots: it's also about leadership and values, self-confidence and inclusion. Team 340 is more than a club – it's a collaborative, problem-solving learning community. Our FIRST has been highly successful, bringing home many awards and launching students on successful future educational endeavors and careers.

<https://www.firstinspires.org/robotics/frc/game-and-season>

MS Talent OnStage!

Our incredibly gifted students wowed the crowd during the annual Middle School Talent Show this February. Twenty students took the stage, performing in 17 acts that demonstrated a range of talents including singing, dancing, acting, instrumentals and even skateboarding. Cast members had to prepare their own acts and submit a video audition. Some students wrote their own songs or created original choreography. Each team attended a workshop where they were coached on how to make their acts stronger. Thank you to everyone who came out to support our talented students.



Building Friendship and Community

HS students in the Introduction to Teaching as a Profession class and the Voices of Change club trained in facilitating Relationship Circles. They then engaged elementary students in the activity, with the goal of building connection, especially with others who may feel different or left out. "I really wanted to do the circles so I can be in touch with my inner child and help other kids who may have had a difficult childhood," said Jada, a member of Voices of Change.





Conceptual Art at the MS

Seventh grade art students have been learning about Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama, paying tribute to her artistic style that features an immersive use of polka dots. The lesson coincides with the "Infinity Mirrored Room - Let's Survive Forever" installation at the Memorial Art Gallery featuring Kusama's avant-garde work. All of our talented young artists' work can be viewed for free during the upcoming Middle School Art Show in May.



35 CCCSD Students Join Area's Best at the All County Music Festivals

C-C students from elementary, junior high and senior high school levels will perform in band, chorus and orchestra ensembles at the Monroe County School Music Association All-County Music Festivals this March. Congratulations to the following students selected to perform:

Elementary: Band - Harper Burnett, Camden Emerson, Jeremiah Lukomisky and Hannah Tompkins. Chorus - Ava Acey, Emma Clark, Miya Clement, Janette Lisle-Saleh, Jovi Mannara, Azmira Maull, Foster McKay, Delaney Mersich, Elizabeth Miroff, Bailey Nordhausen, Resse Rosario and Nicole Ward. Orchestra - Sean Guignon and Vincent Paolucci.

Junior High: Chorus - Christopher Carter, Addison Gerhardt, Conner Guy, Nicholas Kovall, Madison McLean and Edith Toates. Orchestra - Juliana Cellura, Benjamin Felluca, Lauren Henry and Natalie McCaffery.

Senior High: Band - Parker Nordhausen and Jordyn Stocks. Orchestra - Isaiah Bauch, Gabriella Conner, Silas Payne and Taylor Stocks. Vocal Jazz - Myiah Garcia.

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A New Spin on "Mean Girls"

This winter, the high school has used the upcoming production of "Mean Girls: High School Version" to tie into an anti-bullying campaign titled Positively PINK! Each week leading up to the show's opening night, students are discussing the major themes found in "Mean Girls" from "don't judge a book by its cover" to "apologize when you know you're wrong" to "being mean is a choice." A diverse group of students participate in conversations around stereotypes and how they impact acceptance and relationships with others. Each after-school session concludes with an action item, whether to sign a pledge to Choose to Be Kind or to complete random acts of kindness throughout the school day. This campaign has also helped reinforce this year's theme that "We All Belong" in Churchville-Chili Central Schools.

Students Featured in Local Art Shows

Students from our high school had artwork featured in two local shows. Eight students participated in the Start Here RIT Art Show, with junior Campbell Hewlett and sophomore Shavonne Callahan receiving awards for their pieces. Additionally, six pieces from students and staff were featured in the Shared Spaces Show at Nazareth University this year. Students created their own inspired work and exhibited it alongside the artwork of their art instructor in one shared gallery space. Congratulations to our students and staff with featured work!



WINTER ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS



Two school records were broken during Indoor Track this winter. The boys 4x800 relay team of Nathan Sikorski, Pat Ward, Rahlin Finch and Ryan Giglia, Jr. set a new

record with a time of 8:19.64, and Ricardo Lagares broke the 55m record with a time of 6.48. Congratulations!



Congratulations to the varsity cheer team who competed in the NCA High School Nationals in Dallas, Texas this January and placed in the Top 10 in the nation in their division!



Congratulations to our wrestling team for a successful season. Our Saints brought home the team title during the 55th Annual Akron Tournament and finished in second place in the Monroe County Championships. Senior Gael Sanchez was the Section V Class A2 champion. The wrestling program was also selected by the Wrestling

Officials Association of Section V to receive the Earl Fuller/Frank Marotta Sportsmanship Award.



Varsity hockey forward Parker Farnham also set a new record this winter, recording his 58th career goal to become the leader in career goals in school history. Farnham also became the third player in program history to record his 100th career point during the same game. Congratulations, Parker!



Girls Flag Football Comes to CCCSD

Students at the high school will have the opportunity to participate in Girls Flag Football this spring. This is the first year the sport will be offered in the district. The team will compete against other schools from our area throughout the season.

“Our goals for this season are to establish a culture, learn the game, create traditions and have fun as we begin to build and grow this program” said coaches Dan Corrado and Libby Johnson. “The interest level and positive energy from the girls has been exciting as we head into the spring season.”

We look forward to an exciting season and to watching this new team take the field.

NCAA Signing Ceremony

Join us in celebrating two of our seniors who signed Letters of Intent to play their chosen sports at the college level. We wish them continued success at college.

Olivia Hogan, St. John Fisher, Division 3 for Soccer.

Andrew Berardicurti, Houghton University, Division 3 for Soccer.



Nominations Open for Athletic Hall of Fame

The CCCSD Athletic Department recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of those who have made significant contributions to Saints athletics. The goal is for our students, student-athletes, coaches and community members to appreciate our history and know that they can aspire to great things if they work hard and set their goals high.

The Hall of Fame is open to athletes who graduated at least five years ago, retired coaches who coached a sport for at least five years and special contributors (which may include administrators, parent volunteers or other community members). Nomination forms and a full criteria can be found online at <https://shs.cccsd.org/athletics/athletic-hall-of-fame>. To be eligible for the current year's induction, nominations must be received by May 31, 2024. New inductees will be honored with a formal ceremony in December. Contact Athletic Director Michael Murray at mmurray@cccsc.org with questions.

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CCCSD 2024-25 Budget Presentations

Date	Time	Place	Target Audience
Tuesday, March 12	7 p.m.	Boardroom	BOE, General Public
Tuesday, March 26	7 p.m.	Boardroom	BOE, General Public
Tuesday, May 7	7 p.m.	Boardroom	Open Board Meeting - Budget Hearing
Tuesday, May 21	Noon- 9 p.m.	MSN Cafeteria, door 31	BUDGET VOTE

The Churchville-Chili Board of Education will have three open seats on the May 21 ballot. Voters will select three board members to serve three-year terms. The terms currently held by Alycia Nagle, Jonathan Payne and Dr. Cheryl Repass expire June 30, 2024, and they are eligible to run again if they so choose. To become a board candidate, please obtain a Prospective School Board Candidate Packet from District Clerk Michelle Penner, Central Office, 139 Fairbanks Road, Churchville, NY. More information is available on the district website at www.cccsd.org/district/board-of-education.

**Ready for
 the Eclipse?**



Churchville-Chili Central School District, along with most other districts in the greater Rochester area, will be closed on Monday, April 8 for the total solar eclipse. This exciting event is the last opportunity for large segments of our country to experience a total solar eclipse until 2045. The city of Rochester sits directly in the center of the path of totality for the eclipse. The last time Rochester experienced a total solar eclipse was on January 24, 1925. Please visit the district website for more information regarding the solar eclipse.