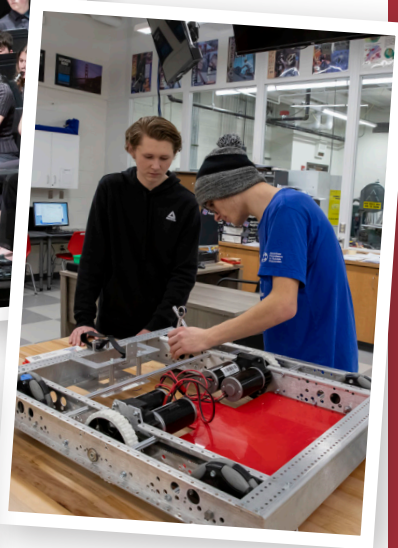


**MANCHESTER-SHORTSVILLE
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Summer 2024



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EXCELLENCE

Challenge and learning are the goals and the rewards

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OUR MISSION

We will challenge all learners and work in partnership with students, parents and community to achieve high standards.

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Message from the Superintendent



Dear School Community,

I hope this message finds you enjoying a restful and rejuvenating summer. I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the many students who have chosen to dedicate portions of their summer to continued learning. Your commitment to growth and education is truly inspiring.

A special thank you to the incredible

adults supporting our students during this summer learning period. Your dedication is pivotal in nurturing our students' potential. Additionally, I want to celebrate the numerous staff members engaging in professional learning opportunities this summer. Your efforts to enhance your skills and knowledge will undoubtedly benefit our students in the upcoming school year.

Reflecting on our journey that began last September, we set a goal to recommit ourselves to listening, learning, and connecting with one another. We have made significant strides in achieving this goal, but there is always room for further reflection and improvement. As we look ahead to the upcoming school year, let's embrace the excitement of continuing the great work we started. We aim to tackle new goals with a renewed focus on collaboration and consistency, building capacity across our District.

I hope each member of our school family continues to take time this summer to engage in activities that mean the most to them with the people who matter the most. Remember, the days may go slow, but the years go fast—enjoy the rest of the summer!

With Red Jacket PRIDE,

Handwritten signature of Christopher J. Barnard in black ink.

Christopher J. Barnard
Superintendent of Schools
Manchester-Shortsville CSD

Red Jacket Schools Introduces New Mascot: The Red Jacket Cardinals



At the Board of Education meeting on July 2, 2024, a significant decision was made as the board approved the district's new mascot: the Red Jacket Cardinals. This change comes as part of the New York State-mandated rebrand.

The new mascot name, "Cardinals," was

recommended by the Rebranding Committee. This decision was based on data and feedback gathered from students, staff, alumni, and community members, ensuring that the new mascot reflects the collective voice of our community.

For a comprehensive overview of the rebranding journey, including input gathered and the decision-making process, interested parties are encouraged to visit the district's new and improved website at redjacket.org

As we move forward with the rebranding process, our next focus will be on developing a new logo. In the meantime, the district will continue to

use the familiar "RJ" logo. The goal is to unveil the new logo by the end of the 2024/2025 school year, marking the completion of this exciting transition.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Board of Education, the Rebranding Committee, and especially our entire community for their unwavering support throughout this process. While we celebrate our rich history, we are thrilled to embrace a new era as the Red Jacket Cardinals.

Stay tuned for more updates as we continue this journey together.

RJ Revamped! District Launches New Website: redjacket.org

We're thrilled to announce the launch of our newly redesigned website at redjacket.org! After surveying families, students, and staff in January, we realized our website needed an overhaul. We've worked hard to improve site navigation and create a better online experience for our parents, staff, and community.

At the top of each page, you'll find dropdown menus for quick access to frequently used content and resources, and a detailed search option for your convenience. Our new

quick-access toolbar includes links to essential resources such as the calendar, menus, and ParentSquare.

We've created dedicated homepages for each of our schools, making it easy for parents to access tailored information. Use the dropdown menu in the top right corner to find each school's homepage. Our calendars are now customizable, allowing visitors to filter and view specific district and school events easily. You can also subscribe to calendars for important

event reminders.

Our revamped news and announcements section includes a photo gallery page, so you never miss what's happening in our district. Keep up with the latest posts from our social media directly from our district homepage, even without an account. Our new website is responsive to all device types, giving you easier access to district and school news on the go.

We hope you enjoy the new and improved redjacket.org!

Best of Luck on Your Retirement!



James "Jimmy" Cheasman has been with Red Jacket Transportation since 9/2008. He is a life-long resident of our district, having graduated in 1977. He came to the bus garage in 2008, after more than 20 years in the automotive repair industry. We have benefited from Jim's auto experience by achieving and maintaining a 100% DOT inspection rating since 2015.

Jimmy also coached Red Jacket Junior Football from 2010 - 2011, and he stepped in and drove a school bus for many years while our district navigated through a driver shortage. After he retires, Jimmy plans on spending time with his wife Karen, his two children, and his new grandchild. He will also be busy completing his honey-do list.

We thank Jimmy for his selfless service to our district, and wish him the best as he begins this next chapter of his life.



Laura Lankford began driving for Red Jacket in 8/2007. She has lived in our district her whole life, graduating from Red Jacket in 1980. Laura also married and raised her family here. Over the course of her 26-plus years, Laura has ensured the safe transportation of her passengers as well as being accident-free the entire time.

In addition to her driving responsibilities, Laura served on the CSEA contract negotiating team for a number of years. As she sails off into retirement, Laura plans on spending time with her family, and looks forward to meeting her new grandchild this coming fall. She will also be taking many trips to her "happy place", the Adirondacks.

We thank Laura for all she has done for Red Jacket and wish her the best as she embarks on her next chapter.



After working for the district for 23 years, Kim is looking forward to a much-anticipated retirement!

Kim has added several "hats" to her initial job title over the years – she started in February 2001 as an Account Clerk/Typist in charge of the District's payroll; became the Internal Auditor in May 2001; Fixed Assets Manager in September 2006; Board Clerk/Secretary in January 2011; Extra Classroom Treasurer in July 2020; and lastly, Deputy Treasurer in December 2018. She meets all visitors to the District with a warm hello.

After sitting in an office for most of her career, she and her husband, Bill, plan on taking their new motorhome on a three month trip to 48 of the United States. She has been planning this trip for quite some time, demonstrated by the map in her office outlining the entire trip.

Then she plans to come home and enjoy spending time with her children, both RJ graduates – Jeffrey in 2006, and Megan in 2009, and two grandchildren – Carter and Asher.

We wish Kim the best in retirement!



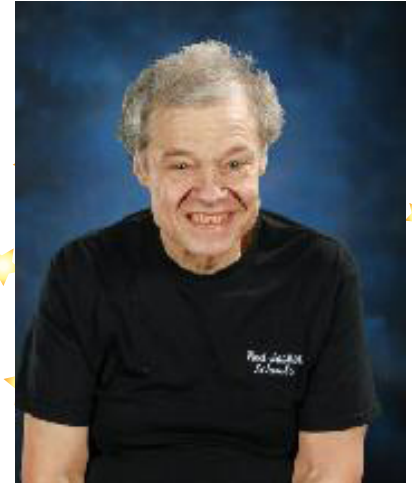
This year, Physical Education Teacher Rick Yehl retired from education. Mr. Yehl started at Red Jacket in 2008. Over his 16-year career, he has served as Athletic Director, PE Director, and Senior Class Advisor, in addition to his teaching responsibilities.

Rick is known in the elementary school for all the things he did to help without ever being asked. Every day, you could find him greeting students during morning arrival, helping students and staff in the cafeteria, laminating materials for colleagues, delivering materials to classrooms, doing the morning announcements, and assisting teachers in packing their rooms at the end of the school year.

Rick constantly went above and beyond for the students and staff of Red Jacket, never looking to be recognized. We wish him the best in retirement; he will be missed!



Mike Roddenbery started working at Red Jacket July 31, 2000 as a Building Maintenance Assistant. During his time here, he had many different duties – from mowing the grounds, to snowplowing, to fixing whatever was broken! He retired March 30, 2024 – we appreciate his years of service and wish him the best in retirement!



Wayne Cheasman, a 1975 graduate of Red Jacket High School, has worked in various capacities on the Red Jacket custodial staff for the past eight years. Known by his peers for his pleasant personality and willingness to help out whenever needed, Wayne has been a cherished member of our team. His dedication and positive attitude have made a significant impact on our school community.

In retirement, Wayne plans to listen to music, stay active by riding his bike, and root for his New York Jets football team. We thank Wayne for his years of hard work and dedication, and we wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement. He will be greatly missed!



Red Jacket's Transportation Dept. Receives Perfect Score From NYSDOT



commitment to safety and excellence. Achieving such a flawless score is a significant accomplishment and speaks volumes about the dedication and hard work of the entire team.

According to the DOT Inspector, while it is not impossible to achieve a perfect rating, it is indeed rare and requires a tremendous amount of effort and dedication. The inspection process goes beyond checking fluids, air levels, and wiper blades. It involves rigorous tasks such as removing 200-pound tires and brake drums to inspect the thickness of brake pads and drum linings.

The Red Jacket Transportation Department has once again achieved a perfect score on its bus inspection by the New York State Department of Transportation. This marks the 11th consecutive year the department has received this outstanding recognition.

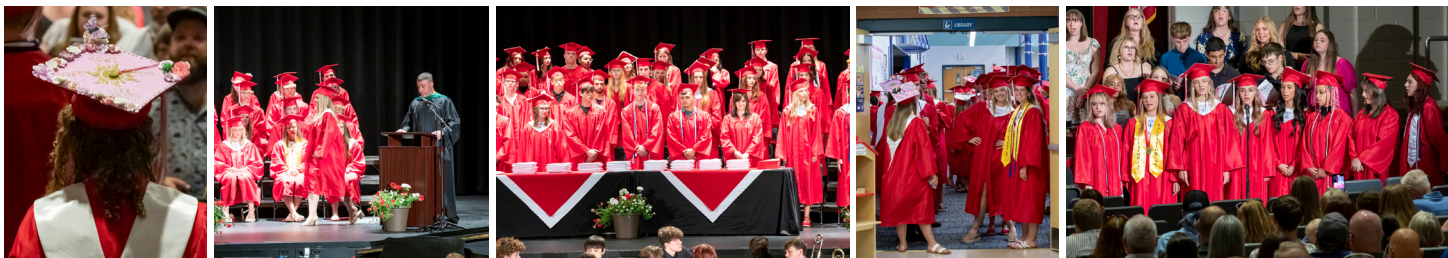
The inspection, which is mandated every six months, revealed zero Out-of-Service Violations—a testament to the department's unwavering

The department's success can be attributed to the diligent efforts of two key players: mechanics Jim Cheasman and Will Ciardi. They are responsible for performing preventative maintenance and conducting monthly inspections on the buses. They also address any potential issues reported by drivers, ensuring that each vehicle remains in top condition.

The Red Jacket Transportation Department takes immense pride in ensuring the safety of its students. This perfect score is a reflection of the district's unwavering commitment to providing safe and reliable transportation for all its passengers.



CONGRATS CLASS OF 2024!



Scan the QR Code to Check Out the Red Jacket Photo Gallery



Ryan Murphy Shines at USA Clay Target National Competition



Ryan Murphy, a dedicated member of the Red Jacket Clay Target team, showcased

his exceptional talent at the USA Clay Target National Competition held in Mason, Michigan, on Saturday, July 13th.

Competing against a field of over 1700 shooters, Ryan distinguished himself during the individual competition by securing an impressive 12th place. His flawless performance, achieving a perfect score of 100/100, demonstrated his remarkable skill and concentration.

In the finals, Ryan continued to perform at an elite level, scoring 98/100 against

114 finalists. This stellar performance placed him 76th overall in the US and 66th in the Male Division.

Ryan's dedication and hard work have brought immense pride to both Shortsville Rod and Gun and Red Jacket. His remarkable showing on the national stage is a testament to his commitment and talent.

Congratulations to Ryan Murphy for his outstanding achievement and for representing our community with such excellence!

Scholarships

The Manchester-Shortsville Central School District would like to thank the following organizations, individuals, and scholarship providers who contribute to the list of scholarships below. Your generosity is helping our graduates pursue their continued education in post-secondary institutions of learning.

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| American Legion Auxiliary Unit 34 Scholarship | JS Goodnow Scholarship | Richard "Dick" Southard Memorial Scholarship |
| Bob Goodell Memorial Scholarship | Judith Macri Memorial Scholarship | RJ Adult Athletic Association Sportsmanship and Leadership Award |
| Bridget Brown Memorial Scholarship | Leon & Ruth Malter Cooley Scholarship | Red Jacket Scholarship Walk-a-thon |
| Cindy Coffey Memorial Scholarship | Madge & Ward Preston Scholarship | Robert Hulbert Memorial Scholarship |
| Clara Johnson Scholarship | Manchester Volunteer Fire Department Scholarship | Sons of the American Legion Americanism Award |
| Class of 1994 Memorial Scholarship | Manchester Shortsville Ladies Lions Club Scholarship | Stewart Matthews Memorial Scholarship |
| Dale Bardun Citizenship Award | Margaret Vienna Memorial Scholarship | Sue Dorscheid Memorial Scholarship |
| Dominic Carra Memorial Scholarship | Mary Ann King Memorial Scholarship | Timothy & Elaine Benjamin Scholarship |
| Ellen McWilliams Scholarship | Mary C. D'Arduini Memorial Scholarship | Turner Schrader American Legion Scholarship |
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| Finger Lakes Gaming & Racetrack Scholarship | Michael D. Misleany Memorial Scholarship | Turner Schrader American Legion Scholarship |
| First Baptist Church of Manchester Scholarship | Monica B. and James E. Romeiser Scholarship | - Dorothy & Melvin Nessinger |
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| Grape Lakes Family Dental Scholarship | Philip J. D'Arduini Memorial Scholarship | FLACE Harriet Goodsell Scholarship |
| Herendeen Trade/Technical Scholarship | Philip N. Bredeesen Jr. Scholarship | Lehigh Valley Snow Riders Snowmobile Club Scholarship |
| James McNinch Scholarship | Red Jacket Community Scholarship | William Plaisted Memorial Scholarship |
| James Weed Scholarship | Red Jacket Faculty Association Scholarship | |
| Jane Cunion Scholarship | Red Jacket Memorial Scholarship | |
| Joshua Herendeen Memorial Scholarship | Red Jacket PTSA Scholarship | |

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