



## 75 Years Strong

This year marks our 75th anniversary with the theme "75 Years Strong," celebrating our history, community strength, and commitment to educational excellence. We will honor our past, celebrate our present, and look forward to a bright future.

In celebration of the district's 75th anniversary, a banner has been added to our recently updated bell tower logo. We are also excited to welcome our new Saints Mascot, Cee Cee, this year! Please be sure to give Cee Cee a high five if you see them around campus.

Thank you to everyone who has been part of our incredible 75-year journey. We'd like to invite the community to join in the year-long celebration. Please keep your eye out for additional opportunities to celebrate, including the creation of our 100th anniversary time capsule.



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Message from the Superintendent

Dear Churchville-Chili Community, We have had a strong beginning to the school year, and our students are showing they are respectful, responsible and ready! This year, we celebrate 75 years of educational excellence as we mark the 75th anniversary of the consolidation of the Churchville-Chili Central School District. To accompany this milestone, we are moving through the year with a theme of "75 Years Strong." We will not only be celebrating how far we've come during the past 75 years as a district, but we also look ahead to the next 75 years and how we can continue to grow and improve.

Saints Pride could be felt throughout homecoming week this year, as students rallied around our student athletes during competitions throughout the week. The high school celebrated during their pep rally, friendly competitions and powder-puff game. Students showed spirit by participating in themed spirit week days, following this year's theme of "Bright Lights, Big Cities." Our football team also used homecoming as an opportunity to give back to the community, encouraging spectators to donate items for the town of Chili's Salute to Service drive. Thank you to those who attended our athletic competitions and supported our Saints teams.

The Phase VI-2 Capital Project is progressing smoothly. Work over the summer updated classrooms for our students' return, including a new MakerSpace, FACS rooms, a music room and several 5th grade classrooms. Additional classrooms were prepped for work to be completed during the school year. The main office and staircase reconstruction at the front of the building also started this summer. The work is isolated to ensure safety and minimize disruption. We are also excited about the updates to our athletic facilities, with the addition of a baseball turf field, a softball turf field and new tennis courts. This work will go through the 24-25 school year. As we move through the year, there will be additional work to classrooms, the shifting of a second stairwell and the Green House Office, and updates to the kitchen in the MSN Cafeteria. Work also continues at our athletic fields, with updates to the stadium entrance and parking.

This fall we welcomed over 60 new staff members to our team. We continue to focus on teaching and learning and look forward to continued student success through our athletic programs, our fine arts programs, our Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) program and

the many academic and extracurricular options we offer throughout the district.

Please check our website for up-to-date athletic, music and school events occurring throughout the year. In addition, be sure to follow us on our social media sites to learn more about what is happening in our schools.

Go Saints!

Dr. Carmine Peluso



## Celebrating 75 years of excellence at Celebrate! Churchville-Chili

This September, the district hosted the 15th annual Celebrate! Churchville-Chili event to help kick off the year-long celebration recognizing the district's 75th anniversary. The event featured family activities including a "Where's Cee Cee?" scavenger hunt and a photo booth with Cee Cee, informational tables featuring guests from both district and community organizations, food trucks, raffles and the annual ping pong drop. Thank you to everyone who helped us celebrate Churchville-Chili.



## Triple C Awards

### Recognizing FRS Triple C Recipients

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 FRS Triple C Award winners!



*Congratulations to (left to right) staff member Shelly Ellsworth, PTO President Megan Cartwright, students Anthony, Windsor, Hunter, staff members Stephanie Varlan and Jennifer Clark, and (not pictured) student Madelyn.*

### Congratulations Don Mattice

The Board of Education presented CCCSD custodian Don Mattice with a Triple C award during their meeting on September 11.



Don has been an invaluable member of the middle school community, playing an instrumental role in the Capital Improvement work currently underway. Through his collaboration with outside companies, Don has helped ensure minimal disruption and impact on the daily operations at the middle school as we enter the 2024-25 school year.

Congratulations, and thank you Don!

## Welcome! New Faces in Our Schools

Our district was excited to welcome 35 exceptional new teachers, counselors and administrators, along with 25 new non-certified staff members to our schools this fall. We're proud to have them all on our team.



### Welcome to CRS Principal Mariana Barry



This summer, the Board of Education approved Mariana Barry as the new principal of Chestnut Ridge. Mrs. Barry stepped into the role following Mrs. Hale's retirement. We want to extend our thanks to Mrs. Hale for her 11 years of dedicated service to Chestnut Ridge Elementary School.

Mrs. Barry brings a wealth of experience and dedication to our district. She served as Assistant Principal at Cobbles Elementary in Penfield CSD during the 2023-24 school year. Prior to her role at Cobbles Elementary, Mrs. Barry worked for the Rochester City School District for 17 years, where she held positions as an Assistant Principal, Project Implementation Specialist, and English teacher. Her extensive experience includes serving as a district mentor, curriculum writer, professional development facilitator, and instructional coach. In recognition of her outstanding contributions, Mrs. Barry received the Rochester Education Foundation "Advantage Inspire Award" in 2014.

As a resident of the Churchville-Chili Central School District, Mrs. Barry is deeply connected to our community, with three children attending schools within our district.

Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Barry to her new role.

### Michelle Matthews appointed Director of Continuing Education



At its August 13 meeting, the Board of Education appointed Michelle Matthews to the district's Director of Continuing Education position. Ms. Matthews has worked in the district's Continuing Education department for ten years and currently serves as the Assistant to the Continuing Education Director.

"I'm excited to continue my work at Churchville-Chili, fueled by my passion for what I do," says Ms. Matthews. "My goal is always to offer quality programs that help community members learn a new skill, enjoy a fitness class, or make students eager to return to camp the next day. I love bringing our community together to learn and grow."

Please join us in congratulating Ms. Matthews to her new role.

## Congratulations to our 2024 August Graduates!

Congratulations to our August graduates, Jakob Gabrielson, Jack Jewell, Ashlyn Rosato and Marie Ryhal.

Our graduates were recognized during the Board of Education meeting Tuesday, September 10. During the meeting, High School Principal Scott Wilson and Board of Education President Kathleen Dillon presented a diploma to Marie, who was in attendance at the meeting.

Best of luck in all of your future endeavors!



## National Merit Scholarship Commended Students

Congratulations to C-C seniors Isaiah Bauch, Adam Sargent and Kaylen Schauf who received Letters of Commendation from our school and the National Merit Scholarship Program in recognition of their high scores on the PSAT/NMSQT qualifying test. The students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the competition. Commended Students demonstrate great academic promise and outstanding potential – we are proud of them and their impressive achievement.



## HS students explore post-grad options at College Fair



**High School** students had the opportunity to talk to representatives from 14 local colleges and universities this September during the Rochester Area College Fair. Thank you to the schools who attended and spoke with our students as they think about post-graduation plans.

## FRESPA Welcome Back Picnic

Our **Fairbanks Road** students and families came out for a night of fun for the annual FRESPA Welcome Back Picnic on September 18. Smiling faces enjoyed a variety of food options and fun for kids including a bounce house and slide. Thank you to our incredibly dedicated FRESPA members who spearheaded this wonderful event for our families.



## MS shows spirit during pep rally

**CCMS** students showed their Saints Spirit during the fall pep rally this September, as a way to kick off homecoming week. Students gathered in the stadium, where classes competed in friendly challenges that included a water bucket race, tug of war and musical chairs. A special appearance was made by Cee Cee, who cheered students along!





## Fire Department Visit



Our elementary schools celebrated fire prevention day this October with a visit from the fire department! Firefighters spoke with students about fire safety and provided tours of the fire trucks. Thank you to the Churchville Volunteer Fire Department for helping promote safety with our students.

## MS Calming Center offers supportive environment

Our **Middle School's** Calming Center is a dedicated space designed to provide students in grades 5-8 with a safe and supportive environment to regulate their emotions and practice healthy coping strategies. This peaceful retreat offers a variety of tools and resources including fidgets, affirmations, journaling materials, drawing supplies, timers, cards and breathing exercises.

## Cee Cee promotes 3 Rs at CRS

**Chestnut Ridge** kicked off the year with a schoolwide assembly to review and celebrate the 3Rs - Respectful, Responsible and Ready! During the assembly, Cee Cee made a special appearance to surprise the students and present a gift of a mini stuffed Saint Bernard to the building team. Now, Cee Cee will always be represented at CRS!



## CES Scavenger Hunt

First graders at **Churchville Elementary School** had the opportunity to visit Sprucewood Nature Center to complete a scavenger hunt. Students explored the trails and were able to have fun while identifying nature on an adventure with their classmates and visitors.





## CCCSD students selected for Area All-State festivals

Congratulations to our talented student musicians who have been selected for the upcoming Area All-State Festivals this November. The New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) All-State ensembles represent the highest honors groups, comprising the most accomplished students from music departments statewide. These exceptional ensembles are led by renowned guest conductors, providing students with a unique opportunity to learn and perform under the guidance of esteemed professionals.



### SHS Area All-State:

- Lydia Bauch
- Naomi Nov
- Emma Lessord
- Niccolo Lupiani
- Jordyn Stocks
- Taylor Stocks
- Michael Miroff
- Rinnah Falco
- Isaiah Bauch

### JHS Area All-State:

- Edith Toates
- Violet Wanck-Kann
- Addison Gerhardt
- Benjamin Felluca
- Ayden Mersich
- Juliana Cellura
- Lauren Henry
- Natalie McCaffery

### Conference All-State:

- Niccolo Lupiani

## Recognizing the CCCSD Board of Education

October 14-18 was National School Board Appreciation Week. A special recognition was held during the October board meeting, thanking the board for their dedication to the district and showcasing highlights from our schools.

Thank you to our CCCSD Board of Education for all that you do for our students, staff and school community. You truly help make Churchville-Chili a place where learning leads to a lifetime of opportunities.



## SHS Drama presents: *The Crucible*

This fall the Churchville-Chili Senior High School Drama Club performed Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*. Winner of the 1953 Tony Award for Best Play, Miller's work is widely considered a masterpiece. This timeless classic challenges American ideas of power, intolerance, and justice. *The Crucible* is both a gripping drama and an evergreen parable of contemporary society, and the Drama Club did a spectacular job conveying the story. Congratulations to the entire cast and crew on an outstanding performance!



## Art in District Office

Each year, student artwork is selected to be showcased at the district office for all to enjoy. Our talented artists were honored with a cookie reception to celebrate their work. Stop by the district office to see all of these incredible pieces.



Churchville-Chili 6-8 Musical Presents

# Disney Aladdin JR.

Music by Alan Menken  
Lyrics by Howard Ashman, Tim Rice and Chad Beguelin  
Book by Chad Beguelin

Based on the Disney film written by Ron Clements, John Musker, Ted Elliott & Terry Rossio and directed and produced by John Musker & Ron Clements

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## 2024 Athletic Hall of Fame

Churchville-Chili will welcome five outstanding individuals to the Athletic Hall of Fame in an induction ceremony in Gym A on December 12, 2024. The 2024 inductees, honored for their accomplishments and contributions to the Saints' athletics program, are:

- **Jennifer Consaul - Class of 2010**

Jen is one of the top pitchers in Section V history. She holds the school record for most no-hitters in one season and in a career for her performance in 2009 and 2010. She also holds our school record for most strikeouts in one game with 19. Jen was named first team All-County for three years, and first team All Greater Rochester for two years in softball. After graduation, Jen went on to pitch at Canisius College where she appeared in a school record 126 career games, and set several other records. Currently she is the head softball coach for Army West Point.

- **Jack Flowers - Special Contributor**

Jack was our varsity boys basketball coach from 1985-1989 and was our Athletic Director from 1987 until he retired in 1994. Jack was well respected by all members of the school community for being a respectful, hard working man who greatly cared for others. Jack was instrumental in forming the school's academic eligibility policy and helping launch the first football team in school history. All of this led to an award begin given out in his memory for several years.

- **Scott Horsington - Class of 2003**

Scott is one of the top divers in Section V history. He was the first diver in school history to win sectionals and to go to the NY state finals. He was a two-time Section V Class B diving champion and two-time top ten finisher in the NY state finals. Scott was a diver at SUNY Fredonia where he became a three-time SUNYAC champion and three-time NCAA All-American. Scott went on to coach diving at SUNY Brockport where he is still coaching today. During his coaching career thus far he has been awarded SUNYAC Women's Diving Coach of the Year twice. He was also inducted into the SUNY Fredonia Athletic Hall of Fame in 2016.

- **George Parry - Class of 1963**

George was an outstanding three-sport athlete in soccer, basketball and baseball. He was the 1962 Class B All-County soccer selection. As our goalie, he had nine career shutouts, which was a school record at that time. In basketball, George led the Monroe County A basketball league in scoring in the 1962-63 season with 372 points which was a school record at that time for most points in a season. George was a Class A first team All-County selection in basketball in 1963. Only five athletes made first team in all of Class A. He culminated his career by being awarded Churchville-Chili Athlete of the Year in 1963.

- **Katie Voorheis - Class of 2004**

Katie was a three-sport athlete in soccer, basketball and softball. She was a leading member of four teams that won a Section V title. Teams she was on won a Section V title in every sport. As our soccer goalie, she helped lead our team to win the division title in 2003 and the Section V title in 2002 and 2003. She recorded 12 shutouts as goalie in 2002 and also in 2003, which is still a school record today for one season. On the basketball court, she was a leading member of our team that won the Section V title in 2002, and was named first team All-County in basketball in 2003. In softball, Katie was our leading hitter with a .410 batting average on our 2004 softball team that won the Section V title. She was named first team All-County in softball in 2004 and was awarded Churchville-Chili Female Athlete of the Year in 2004.

Our Athletic Hall of Fame celebrates the accomplishments of outstanding athletes, coaches, administrators and anyone who has made a significant contribution to Saints athletics. For more information or to submit a nomination for 2025, visit <https://shs.ccsd.org/athletics/athletic-hall-of-fame>.

## CCCSD Unified Program named National Banner Unified Champion School

The Churchville-Chili Central School District Unified Program has once again been named as a National Banner Unified Champion School by Special Olympics New York. This distinction marks the highest level of achievement for Unified Champion Schools in the nation, recognizing their leadership in creating inclusive school communities where all students are accepted and celebrated.

A Unified Champion School receiving national banner recognition is one that has demonstrated the highest commitment to inclusion by meeting ten standards of excellence. To achieve banner status, Unified Champion Schools must also demonstrate that they are self-sustainable or have a plan in place to continue these activities in the future.

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## UPK Lottery

The Churchville-Chili Central School District will begin accepting applications for the Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) lottery for the fall of 2025 on November 11. The program will support approximately 90 children in our school district who will be 4 years old by December 1, 2025.

This UPK opportunity is available at no cost to families who reside within the Churchville-Chili District during the 2025-26 school year. Selection for the program is based upon a random lottery drawing, and we cannot guarantee placement at any one school as there are a limited number of spaces available at each building.

**In order to be considered, the district must receive a completed online application by 5:30 p.m. on January 10, 2025.** This application will be available on our website ([www.ccsd.org/universal-prek](http://www.ccsd.org/universal-prek)) beginning November 11. Once completed, the child will be entered into the lottery drawing which will be held on February 5, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

For any UPK questions or assistance, please contact the Office of Instruction at (585) 293-1800 extension 2310.

## Homecoming

Homecoming highlighted our Saints Pride this year, with students and staff participating in spirit week, a pep rally full of friendly competitions and Cee Cee spreading spirit at events throughout the week! Congratulations to this year's homecoming court: Freshman Lord and Lady, Colin Shamback and Emma Kloch; Sophomore Duke and Dutchess, Anthony Indiano and Gianna Denning; Junior Prince and Princess, Mason Simmons and Aubrey Sudol; Senior King and Queen, Anthony Cerretto and Elena Dembeyiotis; and Emperor and Empress, Mr. Marino and Mrs. Hill. Our football team took on Gates Chili in the Battle for Chili game Thursday evening, coming back in the second half to win 28-14, and used the game as an opportunity to give back to the community through the Salute to Service donation drive. The annual powder-puff game was also held following Friday evening's girls soccer game, during which the seniors took on the juniors while the football players coached from the sidelines. Congratulations to the seniors on their win! School spirit was also found at our middle school and elementary schools, who held their own spirit weeks and planned activities to show their Saints Pride.

