



Encouraging and embracing engagement at Churchville-Chili

Churchville-Chili Central School District is showcasing our talented students during our "You CAN do both!" campaign.

In an effort to encourage students to become involved in a variety of activities and to show there is no need to choose between music and athletics, the district is shining a spotlight on students at both the middle school and the high school who balance their time between multiple extracurriculars, classes and clubs.

"I love this campaign because it highlights and honors what we have always known in the music department, that our student musicians are multi-talented and connected to the school community in countless ways," says Director of Fine Arts Jeff Smith. "The lessons that students learn uniquely in the music environment like hard work, perseverance, delayed gratification, and working as a group towards a common goal clearly translate and transfer to many areas of their lives."

Keep an eye on the district's social media pages throughout the year for the "You CAN do both" posts and share some love for our students who go above and beyond!

"I've met people who decided to quit musical ensembles because they have a lot going on. I understand that impulse but I think it's important not to get discouraged because it is possible to balance both. Music is important because so many people are part of it and enjoy it, and it will impact your life."

- Isaiah Bauch, senior



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Dear Churchville-Chili Central School District Community,

This fall semester has flown by! During these past few months of the school year, I've had the opportunity to visit classrooms, attend field trips, cheer on our athletic teams, take in both the high school and middle school theater performances, and watch as our buildings continue to improve through the ongoing Capital Improvement Project. Throughout it all, I've been met with overwhelming Saints pride.

I encourage you to attend one of our upcoming athletic contests, a fine arts performance or one of our building's parent teacher organization meetings this winter. It always warms my heart to see our community come together and become involved in our students' education. I truly believe it takes a village and I've seen that on display here in Churchville-Chili.

I'm happy to share that our ongoing construction at the middle school is progressing and our main office is expected to return to its permanent location when we return to school after break. Additionally, students and staff have now moved into their new classroom spaces and another set of classroom renovations has begun.

I hope everyone has an opportunity to rest and recharge during our holiday recess. I look forward to our return to school in January and all that it will bring.

Go Saints!

Dr. Carmine Peluso
Superintendent of Schools



Superintendent Carmine Peluso visits Mrs. Brongo's class at the high school.

Recognizing CES 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 CES Triple C Award winners!



Congratulations to (left to right) staff member **Michelle Raab-Crawford**, students **Messiah, Peyton, Taha, Griffin, Nora, Madalyn**, staff member **Tracy McDonough**; and one community member who was honored posthumously, **Rita Kanaley**.

NGA teacher awarded Golden Apple

Ninth Grade Academy teacher Kelly Dunham teaches Living Environment to freshmen, but it's the lasting impression she makes that led NGA student Nicholas Buscemi to nominate her for News 8's Golden Apple Award.

"Mrs. Dunham engages with students and always has a positive attitude," said Nicholas. "She is a bright teacher and always has a smile on her face. Everyday I always look forward to going into class because she makes it fun to learn."

News 8's Katrina Irwin surprised Mrs. Dunham with a special presentation of the award, featuring Nicholas, NGA House Administrator Mary Leach and students Mrs. Dunham impacted over the past few years.

You can watch the Golden Apple presentation on the News 8 website, rochesterfirst.com.



Congratulations to **Kelly Dunham**, pictured with NGA student **Nicholas Buscemi** and News8 reporter **Katrina Irwin**.

National Honor Society

We are proud to welcome 92 new members to Churchville-Chili High School's National Honor Society this year and honor Teacher of the Year Jeremy Burchell. Inductees include:

Bailey Adlowitz	Brooke DiGiacomo	Samantha Hauck	Emily Murano	Jack Sloan
Olujuwon Akinpelu	Chloe Dykeman	Benjamin Heizmann	Braeden Naujokas	Emma Snitchler
Avery Aloï	Cameron Dziakonias	Ashlee Hiser	Megan Neidel	Andrew Sookram
Joseph Andrecolich-Montesano	Lydia Eddy	Haley Inges	Alexis Olson	Taylor Stocks
Isaac Bailey	McKenzie Elliott	Ella Jenkins	Ryan Pastecki	Finnean Storie
Gavin Bonnewell	Audrey Ennis	Riley Juszcak	Mercy Payne	Aubrey Sudol
Kahlia Boyle	Natalie Esposito	Christopher Keller	Corrina Penner	Paige Sugarman
Cody Briceland	Jillyan Ewing	Caleb Krenzer	Dylan Percassi	Kyler Thomas
Ava Briggs	Payton Faix	Annie La	Colin Perry	Yelizaveta Tyshkova
Elijah Britton	Louis Ferrari	Lauren Laing	Jenna Phan	Nicholas Vaccaro Jr.
Shavonne Callahan	Rahlin Finch	Malena Leastman	Kaitlyn Pozzuolo	Ryan Vujanovic
Kayla Cervini	Georgia Fitzgerald	Brady Lindsay	Na'zari Reed	Maggie Watkins
Katie Chesher	Cy Fox	Erin Marone	John Rhine	Vanessa Wiesmore
Frank Cirri	Maren Freece	Ella Martin	Laila Rowe	Melana Willard
Lily Clinton	Julia Gaffney	Madison Mastrodonato	Julian Samalot-Monroig	Cole Wilson
Caleb Comas	Madison Gagnon	Jacob McGowan	Ryleigh Scarlato	Tessa Wood
Nathan DelGudico	Evan Girolamo	Sloane Miller	Carter Schulmerich	Bailey Zehr
Bailey DiGiacomo	Kaitryn Guilfoyle	Joshua Miner	Alex Sikorski	
	Addison Harpole	Greta Morgan	Mason Simmons	



Congratulations **Black Scholars!**

Congratulations to the Churchville-Chili 2024-25 Urban League of Rochester Black Scholars Early Recognition Honorees. The Black Scholars program provides academic recognition, college readiness assistance, and scholarship incentives to students who achieve and maintain a 'B' average or better (83% and up) throughout high school. Honorees were recognized during the 40th Annual Early Recognition Ceremony at Nazareth in November.

Paige Bagley	Anubis Drew	Camille Bussey
Juanita Bishop	Lariana Drumgoole	Jada Collins-Powell
Elijah Burnley	Mariah Elliott	Nilah Green
Jace Carter	Ella Jenkins	Jayden Jager
Madeleine Dingus	Laila Johnson	Madelyn Jordan
Rudolph Fahnbulleh	Richard Morris	Michael McKeiver
Serriana Hood	Dior Powell	Ariana Mistretta
Patrick Johnson	Briawna Pross	Natalia Mistretta
Sydney Parker	Laila Rowe	Julianna Person
Na'zari Reed	Antwan Anderson	Zakai Rogers
Olujuwon Akinpelu	Quentin Baker	Sierra Rowe



National Technical Honor Society

Each year, the National Technical Honor Society inducts new Career and Technical Education students. Students taking courses at Monroe2-Orleans BOCES Career and Technical Education Center who have demonstrated hard-work are invited to join.

This year, CCCSD has twelve students in seven programs being inducted. Congratulations to:

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| Ryan Amico - Carpentry | George Gaffney - Medical Laboratory Assisting and Phlebotomy |
| Quinlan Hickey - Carpentry | Calyse Russell - Medical Laboratory Assisting and Phlebotomy |
| Michael St. Denis - Carpentry | Paul Sesnie - Residential and Commercial Electrical |
| Natalie Lindsay - Cosmetology | Alexi Finnigan - Welding |
| Emily Stanes - Cosmetology | Alexander Wojtylak - Welding |
| Payal Gajmer - Dental Assisting | |
| Nathanael George - Heavy Equipment Operation and Maintenance | |



Thanking our veterans at CRS

Ahead of Veterans Day, our schools welcomed veterans for special assemblies and lunches throughout the day as a way of saying "thank you for your service."

Veterans with family members attending Chestnut Ridge were invited to visit the school for a special assembly Friday morning. The special guests were welcomed by art displays and signs

throughout the building and then to the sound of cheers from our CRS students as they entered the cafeteria for the assembly.

Students performed patriotic songs for the veterans and also recited facts about Veterans Day.

Thank you to our men and women who have served.



Exploring career options at the Ninth Grade Academy

Students at the Ninth Grade Academy had the opportunity to start thinking about life after high school during Career Day this November. More than 35 presenters attended the event, providing information for students to consider as they explored career options they were interested in. Thank you to the businesses and professionals who attended the event, and to our High School Career Center for organizing this opportunity for the freshman class.



5th Graders visit **Challenger Learning Center**

Fifth grade students at the middle school had the opportunity to visit the Challenger Learning Center this fall. Students prepared for the visit ahead of time by receiving mission-specific roles and completing a pre-mission assignment. While at the learning center, students stepped into their roles to complete two missions - landing a probe on Mars and then picking up a crew that had been stationed on Mars. Using math, science, communication and problem solving skills, the classes successfully completed their missions and saw their flight badges added to this year's Challenger Learning Center wall of fame!



Sending pumpkins flying using **STEM at CES**

Fourth grade students explored engineering by building pumpkin catapults during STEM enrichment. Students were encouraged to engineer a catapult device using provided materials - craft sticks, rubber bands, spoons and tape - that would be able to load the (candy corn) pumpkins. Once constructed, students tested their catapults and determined areas that could be improved.



HS students **organize Red Cross blood drive**

Students and staff members showcased CCCSD kindness by generously donating during the high school's Red Cross blood drive in November. The Red Cross received 42 donations during the event, capable of saving up to 126 lives. Thank you to our student volunteers and to the American Red Cross for making this happen.



Churchville-Chili High School recognized as **W!se 2023-2024 Blue Star School**

Churchville-Chili High School has been recognized as a Working in Support of Education (W!se) Blue Star School for the 2023-24 school year.

Churchville-Chili High School administered the W!se Financial Literacy Certification Test to students following a course on personal finance. To earn the Blue Star School award, the high school achieved an 80% passing rate on the national standardized test. Students who passed the test became Certified Financially Literate™ and earned a W!se CFL™, demonstrating that they have developed sound financial knowledge and skills.

Congratulations to our CTE - Business Department on your continued work supporting our student success and to our amazing students on this accomplishment.

Embracing differences and inclusivity at FRS

Students at Fairbanks Road engaged in inclusivity lessons this fall, with a focus on our differences and how they make us special. Students learned that we are all different and need different things to keep us happy and comfortable. They also discussed their own strengths and the things that might be difficult for them. The lesson tied in the zones of regulation and how it is okay to have feelings, but that it is important to work with adults and peers to find a way back to the "green zone." The goal of the lessons was to continue to develop empathy, kindness, and understanding of differences in all of our students and make sure all students feel safe.



Churchville-Chili students selected to perform in RPO Holiday Pops Festival Choir

Three Churchville-Chili student musicians have been selected to perform with the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra this holiday season. Graham Wohlers (Bass 2), Paige Sugarman (Soprano 2) and Sydney Burnett (Soprano 1) will perform in the Festival High School Chorale during the Gala Holiday Pops performances this December.

Our students were among 145 selected to perform out of 225 nominations. Students prepare and rehearse the music on their own leading up to the recital, with the full group coming together to rehearse three times with Principal Pops Conductor Jeff Tyzik before performing for a crowd.

The performances were held at Kodak Hall in December and featured 9 holiday pieces including Silent Night, Ave Maria, We Wish You a Merry Christmas, and more.



Congratulations to (left to right): **Graham Wohlers, Sydney Burnett and Paige Sugarman.**

Students selected for Hochstein Youth ensembles

Congratulations to Churchville-Chili Senior High School juniors Taylor Stocks and Corrina Penner, and seniors Isaiah Bauch and Jordyn Stocks, who have been chosen for the 2024-25 Hochstein Youth ensembles at The Hochstein School. Students work hard to earn a place in the ensembles, which perform professional repertoire in multiple concerts throughout the school year. Taylor will play the viola and Isaiah will play the double bass for the Hochstein Youth Symphony Orchestra. Corrina will play the saxophone and Jordyn will play the Clarinet for the Hochstein Youth Wind Symphony.



Isaiah Bauch and Taylor Stocks (top photo), Corrina Penner and Jordyn Stocks (bottom photo) will perform with the Hochstein Youth ensembles.



Churchville-Chili Central School District

Winter Concert Series

January			February		
9	7-8th Grade Band Concert	CCPAC 7 pm	6	4th Grade Orchestra Recital	CCPAC 7 pm
13	MS Orchestra Concert	CCPAC 6:30 pm	11	CES Band Recital	CES 7 pm
16	5-6th Grade Vocal Concert	CCPAC 6:30 pm	12	CRS Band Recital	CRS 7 pm
23	5-6th Grade Band Concert	CCPAC 6:30 pm	13	FRS Band Recital	FRS 7 pm
27	7-8th Grade Vocal Concert	CCPAC 7 pm			



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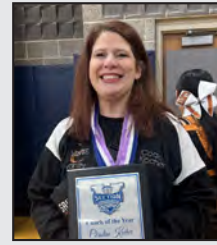
Students at the middle school dazzled during the 6-8 musical production of Aladdin Jr. this November. The CCPAC stage was transformed into Agrabah as students performed the beloved Disney show with familiar songs such as One Jump Ahead, Friend Like Me and Prince Ali. Aladdin even took Jasmine on a magic carpet ride during their duet, A Whole New World. Congratulations to our talented cast and crew on another amazing performance.



CCCSD Fall Coaches Recognized

Three Churchville-Chili athletic coaches were named as Coach of the Year this fall.

Congratulations to Game Day Cheer Coach Christine Kocher, who was named Game Day Cheer Coach of the Year for Section V Class A for the second year in a row; Boys Soccer Coach John Mahoney, who was named Coach of the Year for both Monroe County Division II and Section V Class AA; and Girls Soccer Coach Brooke Elnicky, who was named Coach of the Year for Monroe County Division II.



Congratulations to **Coach Christine Kocher**, **Coach John Mahoney**, and **Coach Brooke Elnicky**.

Fall Athletic Success

Thank you to our fans who came out to support our student athletes as they competed in sectionals this fall. Our teams had successful seasons, with many of our teams making it to finals. We've seen determination from these athletes as they compete in hard-fought match-ups.

Our **Boys Soccer** team ended their season after a penalty kick shoot-out, falling to Spencerport. The team had a fantastic season with a 12-3-2 record and was named the Division II Sportsmanship team by the Monroe County Public School Athletic Conference. Goalie Mason Simmons was named Division II co-player of the year.

Our **Girls Soccer** team ended their season after a penalty kick shoot-out, falling to Hilton. Congratulations to the team on a fantastic season with a 12-2-3 record.

Boys Volleyball fell to Spencerport 3-2 in the sectional finals at FLCC in a close back-and-forth match-up. Congratulations to the team on a fantastic season with an 11-5-0 record.

Girls Volleyball fell to Hilton in the quarter finals. The team ends the season with a 10-6-0 record.

Varsity Game Day Cheer placed second at sectionals.

Our **Football** team ended the season with a 3-5 record. The team saw success with a 28-14 win over Gates Chili during the Battle for Chili game this fall.

For the 2nd consecutive year, the **CCXC Boys** are the Section V Class A runners-up. The team qualified for the 2024 NYS Federation Championship, competing against the top 30 teams in the state. This is the first time since 1982 the team qualified for the meet.

The **CCXC Girls** finished 5th overall as a team in Class A at sectionals, with two runners both placing in the top 10 individuals. Congratulations to Aubrey Sudol and Hannah Khuns.

Our **Girls Swimming and Diving** team finished 4th overall in the Section V Class B Championships.

Cross County sends runners to States

The C-C Cross Country team sent three athletes to the New York State Championships this fall.

Aubrey Sudol placed 63rd overall in Class A with a time of 19:40. Rahlin Finch placed 32nd overall in Class A with a time of 16:04 and Caleb Krenzer placed 83rd overall in Class A with a time of 17:05.

Congratulations to these talented student athletes who ran against the best high school cross country athletes in the state.



Congratulations to (left to right) **Caleb Krenzer**, **Aubrey Sudol** and **Rahlin Finch**.

2024 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:

Jennifer Consaul - Class of 2010

Jack Flowers - Special Contributor

Scott Horsington - Class of 2003

George Parry - Class of 1963

Katie Voorheis - Class of 2004



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

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FRS student honored with Do the Right Thing award

Congratulations to third grade student, Grady Surdyk, who was honored at the Do the Right Thing award program this November. The program is sponsored by the Rochester Police Department and recognizes students who have gone above and beyond to do the right thing.

FRS Assistant Principal Andrew Guignon nominated Grady for the award after he stepped in to help during multiple medical episodes that occurred at his home, showing initiative and composure during a stressful situation.

Grady was one of 18 students honored during the event.

News 10 covered the award program, which can be viewed [here](#) on their website.



CRS students win fire safety poster contest

Two first grade students at CRS, Ava and Olivia, traveled to school in style after winning the fire safety poster contest.

Students learned about fire safety during a visit with firefighters earlier this fall. Ava and Olivia created a poster displaying their fire safety plan for their house.

The sisters had the opportunity to ride inside a fire truck and were greeted with cheers from their first grade friends and teachers as they pulled up to school.

