



Churchville-Chili residents,

As the warmth of spring returns, it's exciting to see our students preparing for our art shows, spring concert series, athletic contests, and many end-of-year traditions. Our Phase VI capital project at the middle school and outdoor athletic facilities continues to progress, including our new middle school offices and classrooms, the new stairwell at the middle school and the kitchen at the middle school.

In just a few weeks, our annual budget vote and Board of Education candidate election will take place. Developing our school district's budget is a careful and thoughtful process that prioritizes providing high-quality educational programs while maintaining fiscal responsibility. We have dedicated significant time to reviewing expenditures, identifying efficiencies, evaluating student and program needs, and determining staffing requirements. As a result, we are pleased to present a fiscally responsible budget for your consideration on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

The proposed 2025-26 school budget of \$108,879,682, approved by the Board of Education on April 8 represents an increase of 5.4% over last year's budget. This results in a 3.31% increase in the tax levy, which remains below the district's levy cap of 4.59%.

On the ballot, you will see our proposed school budget for the 2025-26 school year along with one additional propositions:

Proposition 2: Purchase of ten electric school buses

New York State has mandated that public school districts transition to zero-emission buses by 2027, with full adoption by 2035. To ease the transition, we are proposing the purchase of ten electric buses using the New York Bus Incentive Program funding and funds from the 2024 School Bus and Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund.

To learn more about why now is the right time to begin purchasing electric buses, please visit our "Preparing for the Future of Student Transportation" section of this budget brochure, located on page 6.

This year will look slightly different at the polls, with the transition to new electronic voting machines. These new machines should ease the process and cut down on the amount of time it takes to vote. We have a tutorial of how to use the new machines on the budget section of our district website.

Additional information about our district's proposed 2025-26 budget, as well as Board of Education candidates, can be found on the district website at <https://www.ccsd.org/Budget>. The district has also shared our "Breaking Down the Budget" videos throughout the spring, which I encourage you to watch to learn more about our budget process.

We look forward to seeing you on campus for our upcoming student events and celebrations and hope you will take the opportunity to vote on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

Go Saints!

Dr. Carmine Peluso
Superintendent of Schools

*Budget
Vote*

May 20, 2025

Middle School
North Cafeteria, Door 31
noon-9 p.m.



Summary of Budget Proposals

	Budget 2024-25	Proposed Budget 2025-26	Difference	Percentage
Expenditures	\$103,303,515	\$108,879,682	\$5,576,167	5.4%
Revenues	\$58,316,153	\$61,802,927	\$3,486,774	5.98%
Appropriated Fund Balance/Reserves	\$2,686,589	\$3,375,826	\$689,237	25.7%
Tax Levy	\$42,300,773	\$43,700,929	\$1,400,156	3.31%
Estimated True Value Tax Rate	\$14.57	\$14.41	(\$ 0.16)	(1.1%)

As illustrated by this table, a budget of \$108,879,682 results in an increase of 5.4% over 2024-25.

Budget Information

How we arrived at the budget

Four Board of Education meetings were held that were dedicated to budget discussions. Principals, directors, instructional leaders and community members were consulted in this process. Each request was carefully analyzed to determine what should be included in the budget. The district worked hard to maintain quality programs across the district, support educational programs and services vital to successful implementation of district goals, meet the needs to all students and staff, meet the safety and security needs across the district, while identifying alternate funding sources and cost saving measures to keep the tax levy within property tax cap calculation.



Changes reflected in the proposed budget

- State aid
- Retirement salary savings
- Unfunded mandates
- Special Education services
- Contracted obligations
- Additional staffing and budget allocation:
 - School nurse
 - Speech teacher
 - Autism specialist
 - Teaching assistants
 - Athletic coaches
 - Occupational Therapist
 - IT Department Administrative Assistant



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Three-Part Expenditure

New York State law requires that all school districts present the proposed budget in three parts that include Program, Capital and Administrative. The law also states that these three-part expenditures of the budget must exclude propositions or voter-authorized adjustments.

Program

The Program component of the proposed budget includes expenses associated with instructional programs, teacher salaries and benefits, transportation, special education and community services.

Capital

The Capital component contains maintenance costs for buildings and grounds, custodial services, utilities, tax refunds and judgments, capital expenses and debt service.

Administrative

The Administrative component consists of costs associated with personnel, communications, BOCES administration, all administrators, financial and legal services, the Superintendent's Office and Board of Education expenditures.

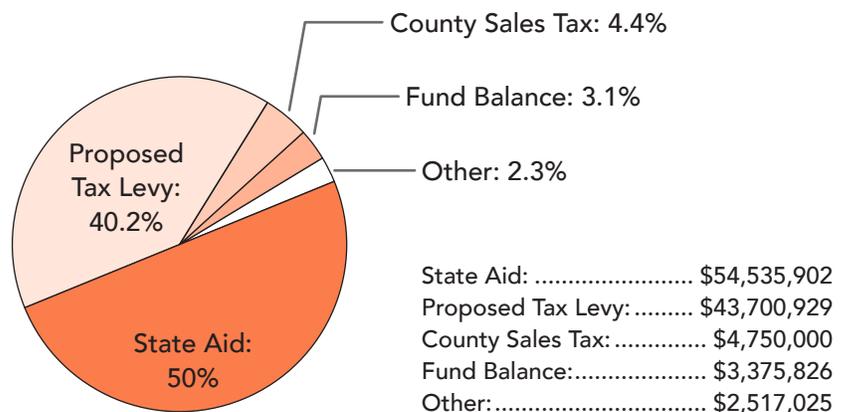
Component	2024-25	Percent of Budget	2025-26	Percent of Budget	Dollar Change
Program	\$74,566,949	72.18%	\$78,439,616	72.04%	\$3,872,666
Capital	\$16,994,664	16.45%	\$18,089,842	16.62%	\$1,095,178
Administrative	\$11,741,902	11.37%	\$12,350,224	11.34%	\$608,323

Proposition 1: Budget

Voters will decide whether to approve the proposed budget of \$108,879,682 as presented by our Churchville-Chili Board of Education for the 2025-26 school year.

Proposition 2: Electric Bus Purchase

Voters will decide on a resolution authorizing the district to purchase ten electric school buses for the purpose of providing student transportation and ancillary educational purposes, including charging stations, original equipment and incidental expenses for the foregoing purpose, at a total estimated cost to the School District, after taking into account New York Bus Incentive Program funding, not to exceed \$3,000,000; which shall be funded by the 2024 School Bus and Infrastructure Capital Reserve Fund.



Town	2024-25 Equalization Rate	2024-25 Actual Property Tax Rate	2025-26 Equalization Rate	2025-26 Estimated Property Tax Rate	Estimated Change	2025-26 Estimated Property Tax (per \$200,000 Assessed Value)
Riga	82%	\$17.77	100%	\$14.41	(\$3.36)	\$2,890
Ogden	100%	\$14.57	99%	\$14.56	(\$0.01)	\$2,890
Chili	100%	\$14.57	98%	\$14.70	(\$0.13)	\$2,890
Sweden	100%	\$14.57	95%	\$15.17	(\$0.60)	\$2,890
True Value of Home	100%	\$14.57	100%	\$14.41	(\$0.16)	\$2,890

Voter qualifications

In order to vote you must be:

- A United States citizen.
- At least 18 years of age.
- A resident of the Churchville-Chili Central School District for at least 30 days prior to the vote.

Absentee ballots

Residents unable to vote because of disabilities, illness, travel or other reasons listed as valid under election law, may request applications for absentee ballots. Residents unable to appear in person at the polls on election day may request applications for early voter ballots. Applications are available on the district website or by contacting the District

Clerk at 293-1800, ext. 2300 or in-person at our administrative offices located at 139 Fairbanks Road. The district must receive applications by May 13, 2025, at least seven days before the vote, if the resident would like to receive the ballot by mail. Residents who wish to pick up their absentee ballots in person may apply through May 19, 2025. In all cases, the ballot must be returned to our administrative offices no later than 5 p.m. on May 20, 2025. Ballots received later than this cannot be accepted under education law, regardless of the postmarked date.

For more information

If you would like to learn more about the proposed budget, please contact Matthew

DeAmaral, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services, at 293-1800 ext. 2330 or mdeamaral@cccsd.org or Dr. Carmine Peluso at 293-1800 ext. 2300 or cpeluso@cccsd.org. Budget information is also available on the district website at www.cccsd.org/budget.

Tax Cap Information

As with all districts, the tax cap is calculated using a complex equation. This year the tax levy cap specific to the Churchville-Chili District is 4.59%. With a proposed increase to the levy of 3.31%, the district is below the State's cap.

2025-26 Budget Proposal and Comparison Figures

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2024-25 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2025-26 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2025-26 School Year
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$103,303,515	\$108,879,682	\$106,852,612
Increase/Decrease for the 2025-26 School Year		\$5,576,167	\$3,549,097
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		5.40%	3.43%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.95%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$42,300,773	\$43,700,929	\$42,300,773
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable			
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable			
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy			
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$42,300,773	\$43,700,929	
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$11,354		
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$43,070,010	\$44,241,717	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - F)	\$42,289,419	\$43,700,929	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60% Voter Approval)	\$1,017,591	\$540,788	
Administrative Component	\$11,741,902	\$12,350,224	\$12,190,244
Program Component	\$74,566,949	\$78,439,616	\$78,364,496
Capital Component	\$16,994,664	\$18,089,842	\$14,270,802

Basic STAR Exemption Impact

Under the budget proposed for the 2025-26 school year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹ \$432

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2025-26 by the qualified voters of the Churchville-Chili Central School District, Monroe County, New York, will be held at the Middle School North Cafeteria, Door 31 in the district on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, between the hours of noon-9 p.m.

¹The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Meet the Board of Education Candidates

There are three open seats, each for a three-year term. Candidates are listed in order they will appear on the ballot.



Thomas Albano

585-764-2506
1550 Davis Road
Churchville, NY 14624

How many years have you lived in the district?
7 years

What is your occupation? Retired Peace Officer and Aerospace Engineer

Do you have children attending Churchville-Chili schools?
Grandchildren

Please list your contributions to or involvement in the community and the community service you have done.
• Past chili soccer director/coach/hot dog tournament chair

- Board of Education at CCCSD
- Trainer at Chili Fitness
- American Legion
- Area retired officer of Rochester Police and Law Enforcement

Why do you want to be a school board member?

To continue to support our children, parents and grandparents in the education, literacy, social well-being and special education programs for CCCSD students.

What do you think are the two top issues facing Churchville-Chili schools over the next three years?

1. Sustaining quality teachers and administrators
2. Maintaining higher graduation rates
3. Code of Conduct sustainability



Steve Hogan

585-314-2779
75 Parkway Drive
North Chili, NY 14514

How many years have you lived in the district?
40+ years

What is your Occupation?
Vice President, Business Development at HR Works – a national Human Resources Consulting Firm

Do you have children attending Churchville-Chili schools?
My wife and I have four daughters: Marissa (class of 2023), Olivia (class of 2024), Alexa in 11th grade, and Juliana in 9th grade.

Please list your contributions to or involvement in the community and the community service you have done:

- I've served on the CCCSD school board for 10 years, including the last 2+ years as Vice President. I'm a part of the Finance & Audit Committee and the Safety & Security Committee.
- I'm the current President of the Small Business Council of Rochester, an affiliate of the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce.
- I'm an Executive Board Member and immediate past Board Chair for The Children's Agenda – a nonpartisan think tank and advocacy organization focused on improving children's lives and health outcomes in New York State.

Why do you want to be a school board member?

I would like to continue being a voice for our community into the decisions of our school district. I'm proud of the work our board has accomplished over the last few years, including hiring a new

Superintendent of Schools, a multi-year capital plan and middle-school project to improve schools and facilities, ensured excellent safety and security practices and personnel, strong fiscal management and minimal tax level rate increases, and a focus on recruiting and maintaining the very best teachers to instruct our students. With the community's support, I'd like to continue to serve to ensure we continue improving in all these areas. I would also like to continue working with the board to increase our Pre-K program capacity, including an expansion project to be able to serve more children.

What do you think are the two top issues facing Churchville-Chili schools over the next three years?

Although CCCSD is in a good fiscal position, there is uncertainty at the State and Federal levels. As we look to recruit and retain the very best teachers and staff, ensure state of the art facilities, and maintain excellent academic programs to equip students we need to balance all of this while being sensitive of those in our community living on fixed incomes – and taxpayers who are paying the bill. Fiscal management requires careful planning to meet the many needs of a school district while working to keep any increase to the tax levy at a minimum.

Another top issue facing CCCSD is meeting the social and emotional needs of students. Students face many challenges today, and schools are being relied upon more than ever to support students from all socio-economic backgrounds. Teachers are stretched more than ever to meet the needs of students. When dealing with challenging behavior, as a district we will continue holding kids accountable. However, when kids are struggling, resources are needed to provide support. Staying on top of these challenges takes a multi-faceted approach and a strong commitment from the teachers, administration and the board of education.



Kathleen C. Dillon

585-733-3118
5 St. Christopher Way
Churchville, NY 14428

How many years have you lived in the district?
I have lived in the district for over 40 years.

What is your Occupation?
I am a Social Worker; I retired as the Director of Quality Assurance from the Finger Lakes DDSO.

Do you have children attending Churchville-Chili schools?

Our daughters are graduates of Churchville-Chili. We have a grandson in 3rd grade, a granddaughter in 5th grade, a grandson on the wait list for Pre-K and an infant granddaughter who will attend CRS.

Please list your contributions to or involvement in the community and the community service you have done:

- I have served on the CC BOE as the Vice President and President. I also represent C-C on the Monroe-Orleans BOCES 2 Board of Education.

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Kathleen C. Dillon (Continued from previous page.)

Why do you want to be a school board member?

Serving on the Board of Education is very important to me. We have several initiatives that I would like to be given the opportunity to continue to work on; completion of the Middle School construction project and continuation of work on our next capital project. The new project will address the needs in the elementary schools, expand Pre-K and explore the possibly the Operations and Maintenance Building relocating to better meet the needs of the district.

What do you think are the two top issues facing Churchville-Chili schools over the next three years?

The two biggest issues we are facing include our budget and capital improvements. This year we saw a 14% increase in health care costs. Legislation was passed directing us to buy electric buses. The State Education Blue Ribbon Committee is implementing new requirements for graduation which will direct some changes in our curriculum. Taking into account all of our challenges, we must balance instruction, staffing and building needs so we can continue to provide quality instruction, employ fairly compensated staff, and have well maintained buildings and grounds. All of this has to be done while focused on our tax rate, keeping it as low as possible.



Matthew Smeltzer

585-331-0018
1000 Paul Rd.
Rochester, NY 14624

How many years have you lived in the district:
1.5 years

What is your Occupation?

Pastor of Grace Covenant Church at 224 Chestnut Ridge.

Do you have children attending Churchville-Chili schools?

No.

Please list your contributions to or involvement in the community and the community service you have done.

I oversee a homeless shelter for families and weekly food distribution. I also facilitate school supply collections and published a community resource magazine.

Why do you want to be a school board member?

To help our community, empower families and support educators.

What do you think are the two top issues facing Churchville-Chili schools over the next three years?

1. Maintaining a standard of excellence.
2. Allocating resources in a manner that enables students to thrive.



Jason Marsherrall

585-764-3693
14 Cornflower Dr.,
North Chili, NY 14514

How many years have you lived in the district?
17 years

What is your occupation?

Title Insurance Policy Coordinator

Do you have children attending Churchville-Chili schools?

My wife and I have a 2nd grader at Churchville Elementary School and a 10th grader at the High School.

Please list your contributions to or involvement in the community and the community service you have done.

I am involved with the Town of Chili Traffic and Safety Committee. The committee listens to resident concerns about issues they are facing including concerns about speeding and development. I have been a part of the committee since 2018. I have been a member of the Friends of the Chili Public Library for many years and in 2024 was elected Vice-President. The purpose of the Friends of the Chili Public Library is to support the staff of the Chili Public Library by providing funds for programming and materials that goes beyond what regular funding provides. I am also the co-creator and administrator for the Residents of Chili Facebook Group. The group began in 2016 as a way to positively inform the residents of Chili in regards to items such as government actions, activities in town and through the school districts that serve the town. We also have posts that ask for advice and recommendations and we work to support local small businesses. We have also participated in drives to help obtain school supplies and food drives to help those in need. I also serve as the administrator

for the Facebook group Buy Nothing Chili. This group helps people in the local area find and give away items that they may need or are ready to pass on to someone else. This group helps keep more items out of landfills. In the past I have also served as a district literacy volunteer. I went to the school and helped kindergarten students as they were beginning their reading journeys.

Why do you want to be a school board member?

Working to ensure our young people have a public school district that is supportive, full of opportunities in and outside the classroom and prepares them for life after school is one of the most important things a community can provide. I want to work to help ensure all of those opportunities continue in our district. Pursuing excellence for students, teachers, staff, administrators and our entire Churchville-Chili community is what I will always pursue. I believe being a school board member ultimately boils down to doing what is best for all of our children. That's what I would vigorously pursue as a school board member.

What do you think are the two top issues facing Churchville-Chili schools over the next three years?

Successful retention of our teachers and staff continues to be a vital issue in our district. Attracting excellent employees and making sure they are able to stay and grow to ensure continuity will make our district stronger. Teachers and staff need continued support to ensure they are put in the best possible position to use their talents to help our students.

Continued efforts to support the mental health of our young people will be a vital part of their continued success. This will require board members willing to listen and react accordingly as the challenges of the current generation continue to present themselves.

Preparing for the Future of Student Transportation: EV Mandate and Smart Planning at No Tax Impact

As part of New York State’s environmental goals, a new mandate will require all school districts to purchase **zero-emission school buses starting in 2027**, with full fleet conversion by 2035. The Churchville-Chili Central School District is taking a **proactive, cost-effective approach** to this transition—ensuring readiness while **protecting local taxpayers**.

This year’s transportation proposition includes authorization to purchase **10 new school buses**, as well as the installation of related infrastructure.

The district is leveraging **state transportation aid, state incentives, and reserve funds** that have already been set aside specifically for transportation and infrastructure needs. By acting now, we can take advantage of these limited-time funding opportunities and avoid higher costs in the future.

There will be no impact on local taxes.

Why Act Now?

- **State incentive funds are first come, first serve**
- **Delaying could lead to higher prices and fewer funding options**
- **A phased approach ensures smoother service with no disruption to students**
- **Drivers and mechanics would benefit from hands-on experience**
- **A longer timeline allows for a more gradual transition**

We’re also staying focused on reliability. Electric bus models continue to improve, and by gradually adding them to our fleet, we’ll gain valuable experience in operating them in our climate without risking performance or safety.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

- Q. Will this raise my taxes?**
A. No. The proposition is funded by state incentives, state aid and district reserve funds.
- Q. Why not wait until 2027?**
A. Costs are expected to rise, and funding may not be available later. Early adoption allows us to plan carefully and save money.
- Q. Why buy 10 buses?**
A. Ten buses represent the maximum number the District is eligible to receive funding for through the New York State Bus Incentive Program. Approving the purchase of all ten now gives the District greater flexibility to plan for ordering, testing, and integrating this new technology. The purchases will be phased in over the next three school years. Taking advantage of grant funding while it is available will help reduce the impact on future budgets as the 2027 state mandate approaches.
- Q. What’s the cost of each bus?**
A. Electronic buses cost approximately \$458,500. The district is eligible for \$220,500 per bus through NYSBA funding. The remaining \$238,000 will be paid from the 2024 Bus Reserve and general transportation aid each year over the life of the bus.

	Diesel Bus	Electric Bus
Bus Cost	\$185,179	\$458,478
Available State Rebates (NYSBIP)		\$220,500
Transportation Aid (81.8%)	\$151,476	\$237,978 *
Total Local Share	\$33,703	\$0

* Limited to total cost of bus



The state mandate is coming—but thanks to careful planning, Churchville-Chili is prepared to meet it **without increasing the financial burden on our residents**.

For more information on the transportation proposition and the full 2025–26 school budget, please visit www.ccsd.org/budget.



GRR 340 wins Regional FIRST Robotics Competition

The Churchville-Chili FIRST Robotics team, GRR 340, took first place during the Finger Lakes Regional Competition and moved on to the National Competition in Houston in April!

FIRST Robotics teams from the tri-state area competed at the Regional Competition this March. Teams formed alliances made up of three teams to compete against other alliances during playoffs on Saturday, until two alliances remained. GRR 340 was joined by SO BOTZ from Tappan Zee High School and OZone from Berlin High School, Olentangy High School, Orange High School and Liberty High School in Ohio. Each year, the competition has a new theme. This year's theme was #REEFSCAPE.

GRR 340 also received the Industrial Design Award sponsored by General Motors, celebrating the team that demonstrates industrial design principles, striking a balance between form, function, and aesthetics.



You can watch a recording of the final matchup on the FIRST Robotics website at <https://frc-events.firstinspires.org/2025/NYRO/playoffs/15>



CCCSD eSports Team Competes on a National Level

Competitive gaming has arrived at Churchville-Chili! The CCCSD eSports team is making waves, bringing students together to compete in League of Legends against teams from schools across the country.

Each match, five students from the CCCSD team take on a randomly selected opponent, working together in real-time to strategize, communicate, and achieve their shared objective. Every player has a specific role to fill, and teamwork is key to success.

The eSports club was formed last spring under the guidance of advisor Jason Runyan, a teacher at Chestnut Ridge Elementary School. With matches taking place each week, the team continues to grow and hopes to expand in the coming years.

Students in grades 9-12 are encouraged to join and participate. Whether experienced or new to the game, this club offers an exciting opportunity to build teamwork, strategy, and leadership skills in a competitive and fun environment.

233 students inducted into World Language Honor Society

Churchville-Chili High School students displaying excellence in the study of French and Spanish were inducted into the World Language Honor Society during a ceremony on Tuesday, April 1. Congratulations to the 233 French and Spanish students recognized during the induction.



National Junior Honor Society

114 eighth and ninth grade students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society this March. Students were recognized during an induction ceremony, featuring a congratulations from guest speaker Superintendent Peluso and a description of the five pillars of the National Junior Honor Society - knowledge, leadership, service, citizenship and character. During the ceremony, families were introduced to each student and their academic goals for the future. The introduction video is available on the district website for those who would like to watch.



Student Photography Showcased in Through the Student Lens Gallery

Congratulations to eight talented high school photography students whose work was selected for display in the Image City *Through the Student Lens* photo show.

Gianna Smith, Collin O'Donnell, Ava Fedele, Emma Voncannon, Elliott Crafts, Owen Ferrell, Bianca LiBritz, and Allie Snyder all had pieces featured in the exhibition, which ran from March 18 to April 13 at the Neuberger Gallery on University Avenue.

Gallery visitors had the opportunity to view their stunning work during regular hours, and a special opening reception for Churchville-Chili artists was held on Friday, March 21. The district is proud of these students for their creativity and dedication to the arts.



Mock Trial Team Brings Courtroom Drama to Life

The courtroom comes to life each week as the Churchville-Chili Mock Trial team competes against schools from across the region, showcasing their critical thinking, public speaking, and legal reasoning skills. This year's team consists of 12 dedicated students—six lawyers and six witnesses—who work together to analyze case materials, craft compelling arguments, and present their cases in front of a judge.

Mock trial competitions feature both civil and criminal cases, allowing students to explore different aspects of the legal system. Unlike a typical debate, mock trial places a strong emphasis on both legal merit and performance. Students are scored not only on the strength of their arguments but also on how convincingly they portray their roles. Each competition consists of two rounds—one week, CCCSD's plaintiff team faces off against the defense from another school, and the following week, the roles reverse, allowing the full team to participate.



With a talented group of students participating this year, the CCCSD Mock Trial team is making a strong impression in competitions. Their dedication to preparation and performance highlights the district's commitment to fostering leadership, collaboration, and real-world skills. As mock trial participant Audrey Ennis put it, *"My favorite part about it is it helps us practice our public speaking skills and teaches us to collaborate with other people on a common goal."*

Churchville-Chili student finishes first at SkillsUSA regionals

A Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Career and Technical Education student from Churchville-Chili Central School District finished in the top spot at the SkillsUSA New York Area 1 Regionals held on March 4.

Churchville-Chili student Jessica Sushko (Baking) earned gold in Baking and Pastry Arts. In total, BOCES 2 CTE students medaled in eight competitions, showcasing their talent and dedication.



The **Wee Deliver Post Office** is a school-wide, student-run post office where peers can mail letters to friends and staff members within FRS. The club is run by third grade students who have been recommended by teachers and interviewed by Mr. Yunker. Students collect, sort and deliver the mail each day. FRS staff members and students at all grade levels are invited to write letters to spread joy, encourage friendship and practice literacy skills!

Each of the Wee Deliver employees has a special role: Post Master, Mail Carrier, Nixie Clerk, Facer, Sorter, Publicity Coordinator or Communications Manager. The children work at the post office in the morning as they enter the building, or in the afternoon right before dismissal. Although they each have a separate role, teamwork is key to making sure that the mail arrives safely to their teachers and classmates!



Elementary students take the Kids Heart Challenge

All three elementary schools participated in the Kids Heart Challenge again this year. Last year, Chestnut Ridge was the number one participating school in all of New York State and took on the challenge of repeating the accomplishment this year.

The Kids Heart Challenge teaches students about the importance of heart health, exercise and giving back to others. This year, Churchville Elementary School raised \$22,345.97, Fairbanks Road Elementary raised \$20,616 and Chestnut Ridge Elementary raised \$31,600. Districtwide, our schools had 564 students participate in the Kids Heart Challenge.



ENL students share news from around the world

English as a New Language students at Chestnut Ridge put together a special assembly this spring, showcasing news from around the world. Students created a slideshow traveling to countries around the world to share information about weather, animals, landmarks, famous people, food, holiday celebrations, sports and fun facts. Each topic was presented as a news segment with students reporting from all over including Yemen, Jordan, Ukraine, Syria, the Dominican Republic, Nepal, Puerto Rico, Kenya, Vietnam, Mexico, Haiti, Pakistan and China. These shining stars have bright futures!



CCCSD students celebrate Read Across America Week

Students at Fairbanks Road School wrapped up Read Across America Week with a special assembly filled with fun and surprises! During the event, mystery readers from the week were revealed, and students enjoyed discovering who was behind the emoji in each video. Adding to the excitement, Cee Cee made a special guest appearance to say hello! A big thank you to DJ Olick and Book Case for emceeding this memorable celebration of reading and literacy.

At Churchville Elementary School, students participated in a March Madness-style book tournament featuring stories that celebrate neurodivergent minds. Each class started with eight books, narrowing them down week by week. The final winner was revealed on March 26.

Our schools had a blast celebrating the joy of reading throughout the week!

40 CCCSD Students Join Area's Best at the All County Music Festival

Forty students from Churchville-Chili Central School District music programs participated in the Monroe County School Music Association All-County Music Festival this March. The students were selected based on their performances during the January MCSMA Solo-Festivals, where students performed a prepared solo and short sight reading excerpt for an adjudicator. Our exceptional young musicians joined students from throughout Monroe County for a weekend of incredible music-making led by outstanding guest conductors.

Congratulations to the following students selected to perform:

Elementary Band:

Evan Cellura
Jeremiah Lukomskiy
Elizabeth Smith

Elementary Chorus:

Emma Clark
Miya Clement
Sydney Garner
Audrey Himes
Azmira Maull
Foster McKay
Fiona Phaneuf
Willow Ripple
Reese Rosario
Brooke Thesing

Jr. High Band:

Harper Burnett
Camdon Emerson
Gunnar Kindred
Griffin Sawyer

Jr. High Chorus:

Karsin Bonfield
Garrett Knowlton
Delaney Mersich
Elizabeth Miroff
Bailey Nordhausen
Hannah Nov
Olivia Zerrillo

Jr. High Orchestra:

Benjamin Felluca

Sr. High Band:

Parker Nordhausen
Jordyn Stocks

Sr. High Chorus:

Erin Hibbard
Casper Komarisky
Michael Miroff
Paige Sugarman
Sophie Wanck-Kann
Melana Willard

Sr. High Orchestra:

Isaiah Bauch
Gabriella Conner
Lauren Henry
Faith Robertson
Taylor Stocks

Sr. High Vocal Jazz:

Reese Greenlaw
Niccolo Lupiani

HS student musician performs with NYS All-State Honor Band

Congratulations to Jordyn Stocks for being selected to participate in the New York State Band Directors Association (NYSBDA) All-State Honor Band.

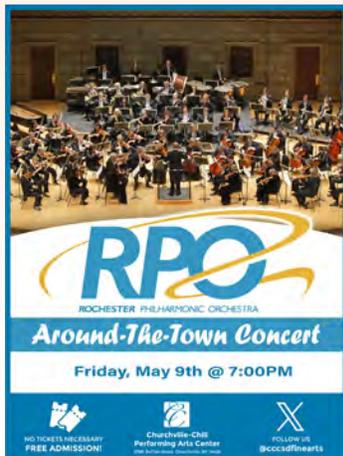
After a successful audition, Jordyn joined top band students from across the state in Syracuse for a weekend of intensive rehearsals, culminating in an outstanding performance. This prestigious opportunity showcases the dedication and talent of young musicians, and we are proud to see Jordyn representing Churchville-Chili on the All-State stage.



*Pictured: All-County Senior High participants

Save the Date: RPO at CCCSD

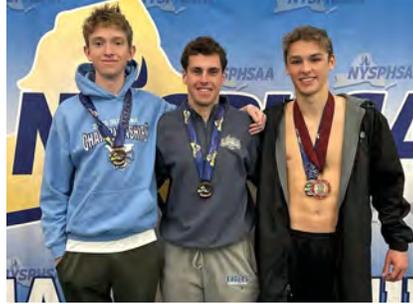
The Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra is coming to CCCSD! Join us for a FREE Around-the-Town concert on Friday, May 9, at the CCPAC. Don't miss this incredible evening of music.



CCCSD winter athletes place at States

Churchville-Chili divers showcased their talent at the **NYS Swimming and Diving Championship**. **Kyler Thomas** earned an impressive **8th place finish**, while **8th-grade diver Jordan Leastman** also had a strong showing, placing **25th overall**. Congratulations to both athletes on their outstanding performances at the state level.

Churchville-Chili's 4x200 relay team consisting of **Bryant Bennett, Eli Burnley, Raoul Likasi, and Peter Szumigala**—placed **2nd overall in NYSPHAA** and **3rd in the Federation** at the **NYS Indoor State Championship Track Meet**. They also set a new **Churchville-Chili school record** with an impressive time of **1:29.53**. Congratulations to these incredible athletes on their achievements.



Last year, Churchville-Chili joined schools across the region by adding a **Girls Flag Football** team. The team was met with interest from the start, with 45 students participating in tryouts in 2024. Since the season ended last spring, the team has hosted numerous workout opportunities which have been well attended.

Due to the sport's popularity, the district has added two modified Flag Football teams for those in grades 7-9. The new teams have a combined total of over 40 players and the season kicked off at the beginning of April.



Our **C-C Saints baseball and softball** teams had an exciting start to the spring season as they broke in the new turf fields! The fields were completed as part of the ongoing Capital Improvement Project and were ready in time for the teams to utilize the turf at the start of the season. If you haven't had a chance to make it out to one of our baseball or softball games, there is still time before the season ends.

Boys Basketball team recognized for sportsmanship

Our boys varsity basketball team was named the recipient of the Thomas Emanuel Sportsmanship award for Monroe County. This award is selected by the varsity basketball officials each year and only one school in each county is selected. You make C-C proud!



Concessions Open

Concession stands are now open for the spring season, with concessions available for the first time ever for baseball, softball and tennis thanks to our newly updated facilities. We hope to see you at a game!

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Camp Invention comes to CCCSD This Summer!



Give your child a summer experience filled with creativity, confidence-building, and STEM learning at Camp Invention. This hands-on program encourages students to collaborate, problem-solve, and explore open-ended challenges led by local, qualified educators.

Dates: July 14-18, 2025

Location: Fairbanks Road School – 175 Fairbanks Rd.

Time: 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM

Cost: \$280 (before discounts) – Payment plans available

Spots fill quickly. Register today at INVENT.ORG/CAMP or call 800-968-4332. Discounts available for early sign-ups and siblings. For more details, contact Camp Director Katie French at kfrench@cccsd.org.

11th ANNUAL

SAINTS SPORTS BOOSTER CLUB, INC. FOOD TRUCK RODEO FUNDRAISING EVENT

FREE admission

WHEN: MAY 22, 2025 4:30 - 8PM

WHERE: Churchville-Chili High School Bus Loop
139 Fairbanks Road, Churchville 14428

WHAT: Food Trucks - Raffles - Music - Fun Games and vendors!

"COME JOIN IN ALL THE FUN"

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CHURCHVILLE-CHILI CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Spring CONCERT SERIES

April

29 SHS Band Concert 7:00 PM

May

5 7-8th Grade Vocal Concert 7:00 PM

7 7-8th Grade Band Concert 7:00 PM

12 4-6th Grade Orchestra Concert 6:30PM

14 5-6th Grade Band Concert 6:30PM

15 7-12th Grade Orchestra Concert 7:00PM

19 5-6th Grade Vocal Concert 6:30PM

20 SHS Vocal Music -Large Ensemble Concert 7:00PM

21 CES Band & Chorus Concert 6:30PM

22 SHS Vocal Music -Chamber Ensemble Concert 7:00PM

27 CRS Band & Chorus Concert 6:30PM

28 FRS Band and Chorus Concert 6:30PM

June

4 SH Dance Recital 7:00 PM



NO TICKETS NECESSARY
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