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Churchville-Chili Central School District

Winter 2026

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Fall 2025 **Roc2Change Summit promotes servant leadership**

High school students from Churchville-Chili joined students from Greece and the School Without Walls to host the Fall 2025 Roc2Change Summit. The event brings students together to learn, lead and build understanding across differences. The planning committee designed the day to help their peers gain skills they can bring back to their own schools. This year's theme was Servant Leadership, and students took part in breakout sessions that focused on service, empathy and collaboration.

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> "The planning process really expanded our group because of everyone working together. Planning an event is not easy but I believe our group succeeded in many areas in order to achieve a good ROC2Change. The community was built as well as our club working as a team. In my opinion the event itself went very well and our messages that we displayed got through. Although it was hard to establish what servant leadership actually was, the examples we showed definitely changed the viewpoints of other people and allowed them to think for themselves and share."
>
> - Voices of Change senior Kahlia Boyle

> "This event was worth it. The time and energy we spent planning paid off with the culmination of the final event. Everyone took away the message and meaning they needed in that moment."
>
> - Voices of Change junior Jada Collins-Powell









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A Message from the Superintendent



Dear Churchville-Chili Community,

The school year is moving quickly, and winter is now in full swing. Over the past several months, I've enjoyed visiting classrooms, attending concerts and shows, cheering at games, and watching students learn and grow. I've also seen steady progress across our buildings as work continues through the Capital Improvement Project. No matter where I go, I'm met with strong Saints pride.

Our students continue to shine in many areas, including athletics, music, theater, and clubs. Their hard work is on display each week, and I encourage you to join us at an event this season. You can find a full schedule at *www.cccsd.org/athletics* and *www.cccsd.org/calendar*.

I also want to thank everyone who came out to vote on the Phase VII Capital Improvement Project. Your support helps us keep our learning spaces safe, welcoming, and ready for the future. Thank you for supporting our students and schools.

As we move into spring, we will begin sharing information about the 2026-27 school budget. Updates and meeting dates will be posted at *www.cccsd.org/budget*.

Thank you for your partnership, and I look forward to all we will accomplish together in the months ahead.

Go Saints!

Dr. Carmine Peluso
Superintendent of Schools

Budget Presentations

Commitment to Priorities

Churchville-Chili administrators and the Board of Education will hold budget presentations as the 2026-27 school year budget is developed.

Presentations are scheduled to take place during the following regular board meeting dates:

- February 10, 2026
- February 24, 2026
- March 10, 2026
- March 24, 2026
- April 14, 2026

We invite district residents to attend our budget presentations to learn more about the proposed 2026-27 budget. Information is also available on our district website at *cccsd.org/budget*.

SAVE THE DATE

May 5, 2026
Budget Public Hearing &
Board of Education Candidate Night

May 19, 2026
Budget/Proposition Vote & Board of Education Candidate Election













NHS inductees



We were proud to welcome 77 new members to Churchville-Chili High School's National Honor Society this year and honor Teacher of the Year, Kelley Fahy.

The National Honor Society (NHS) is a program for juniors and seniors with a grade point average (GPA) of 88.0 (unweighted) or above. Requirements for membership include demonstration of character, leadership, citizenship and scholarship.

Commitment to Learner-Centered Principles

This year's inductees include:

Abriella Agnello
Michael Bekridakis
Olivia Briggs
Camille Bussey
Mckenzie Cagle
Lucas Cariola
Nick Carpenter
Olivia Cervini
Kolton Cieslinski
Sarah Ciminelli
Juliana Davison
Connor Dingee
Erin Doles
Toya Donner
Anubis Drew
Dominique Dunn
Kendyl Dykeman
Calleigh Eckman
Avery Ewell
Rinnah Falco
Ava Fedele
Owen Ferrell
Owen Finnemore
Isaac Gale
Grayson Galliford
Natalie Geary
Isabella Goettel
Jonah Gonzalez
Reese Greenlaw
Nicholas Gregoire
Landon Healey
Corinne Henry
Sam Herring
Alexa Hogan
Hailey Hotaling
Anthony Indiano
Nicholas Indovino
Jayden Jager
Carter Johnson
Madelyn Jordan
Yaryna Kohut
Stella LaMorte
Samantha Lawson
MacKenna MacDowell
Riley Marra
Timothy Marsherall
Charlee Marvin
Antanella Masi
Quinn McCarthy
Matthew McIntyre
Sofia Mesiti
Michael Miroff
Adrien Monahan
Clara Munding
Parker Nordhausen
Ava Ozkaynak
Jada Pellett
Eric Phan
Madelyn Pier
Alaina Podszebka
Gianna Pozzuolo
Jack Pynn
Kasen Quayle
Addison Ritchie
Lydia Roesser
Sierra Rowe
Robert Rule Jr.
Emily Schauf
Allie Snyder
Brayden Stedman
Owen Underwood
Caitlin Venti
Adeline Ward
Skylar Williamson
Jordan Wilson
Sophia Winterhoff
Bryce Wolf

Triple C recipients recognized

Triple C recipients from Chestnut Ridge Elementary, Fairbanks Road Elementary and the Middle School were recognized during Board of Education meetings this fall.

The 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:



Middle School recipients *(left to right):* Mrs. McCarthy, Alice L., Callum B., Ryan C., Abrie S., Zach H., Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Kaczanowski and *(not pictured)* MaKaylee R. and Alivia T.



Fairbanks Road recipients *(left to right):* Mr. Guignon, Rocco A., Sarah S., Brooke S., Sydney M., Melissa R., Audrey R.,Tommy A., Madison L. and Ms. Olick.



Chestnut Ridge recipients *(left to right):* Mrs. Cole, Hadeel M., Josie P., Leah P., Maria V., Olivia C., Jace M. and Mrs. Vaccaro.

National Technical Honor Society inductees

Each year, the National Technical Honor Society inducts new Career and Technical Education students. Students taking courses at Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Career and Technical Education Center who have demonstrated hard-work are invited to join.

Fifty students were honored for their career and technical education achievements during the Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES CTE National Technical Honor Society Induction Ceremony. Eight Churchville-Chili students were honored at the event. Congratulations to the following students who earned this distinction:

- Holden Ehrmentraut (Culinary Arts)
- Brianna Ferguson (Dental Assisting)
- Alyssa Jones (Cosmetology)
- Ryan Kropidlowski (Residential and Commercial Electrical)
- Colin Perry (HVAC)
- Dior Powell (Cosmetology)
- Jacob Quinn (Exercise Science)
- Anatoliy Romaniv (Heavy Equipment Operations and Maintenance)



FRS students compose holiday song

Commitment to Learner-Centered Principles

Fourth grade chorus students at FRS had a unique opportunity this fall when they worked with Ms. Olick to compose a holiday song! First, students learned to sing the melody and bassline that Ms. Olick had written. Then, students discussed what they wanted the song to be about and the message to share with the audience. After collaborating on ideas, students voted for the option they liked best and worked to put the final ideas into full sentences to create a song. Working together, students brainstormed ideas for a title and landed on "Winter Wonders." Bravo!



Exploring the outdoors at **CRS**

The Nature Club at CRS is growing. Now in its second year, the club invites students in grades 3 and 4 to explore the school's nature trail and learn about the outdoors. Each grade meets once a month, and interest has grown from about 25–30 students last year to nearly 80 students this year.

This fall, the club hosted a popular haunted nature trail and continues to meet regularly for hands-on activities and time outside. The club is advised by Marissa Cole, who also led the program last year.



CRS student swaps bus for firetruck!

Congratulations to CRS first grader Rory W. on winning the fire safety plan contest and earning a ride to school on a firetruck!

Students learned about fire safety during a visit with firefighters earlier this fall and then created fire safety plan posters to depict their safety plans for home.

Rory arrived to school on the firetruck with her sisters and parents and was greeted with cheers from her first grade friends and teachers.

Runner up winners Amelia M. and Enzso T. were also recognized by firefighters with a certificate.





CES students explore books after school

Students at CES are embracing literature during the after school club Page Turners. The club is advised by Mrs. Pereira, who meets with students by grade level to discuss books through fun, engaging activities. Each six-week session is grade level specific and is based on a theme or topic. Students complete reading at home and discuss books with their peers using conversation, games and projects. The fourth grade session ended just before holiday recess, with students discussing the book The One and Only Ivan. Third grade students will begin meeting at the end of January and will focus on a winter theme.

Buffalo Bills help kick off **CCMS** Play 60 Challenge

CCMS kicked off the Play 60 Challenge this fall with a special visit from the Buffalo Bills!

The afternoon began with a pep rally, where fifth and sixth grade students heard from Dion Dawkins, Javon Solomon and George Wilson about making healthy choices and staying active. The players were then joined by Billy Buffalo for a visit through the middle school to say hi to the seventh and eighth graders. Later in the afternoon, students had the chance to practice their skills during a Flag Football Skills and Drills session with the players and representatives from the Buffalo Bills, Wegmans, BestSelf, Project Play and the American Heart Association.



Building bridges at **SHS**

High school students in an applied geometry class spent two weeks learning about design and problem solving by building model bridges. After studying weight limits and strength, students designed and built bridges using only toothpicks and glue.

Each bridge was tested to see how much weight it could hold before breaking. Students then compared the weight of their bridge to the amount of weight it supported to see which designs were the strongest. The project helped students apply math skills in a hands-on and creative way.



NGA hosts Career Day

Ninth grade students had the opportunity to hear from professionals across a variety of fields during NGA Career Day. Students chose four presentations to attend throughout the morning, as they begin to consider what they may want to pursue after high school. This year, over 40 people from the community attended Career Day to speak with students about careers in engineering, business, law and public safety, counseling, health science, animal science, architecture, sports management and media.

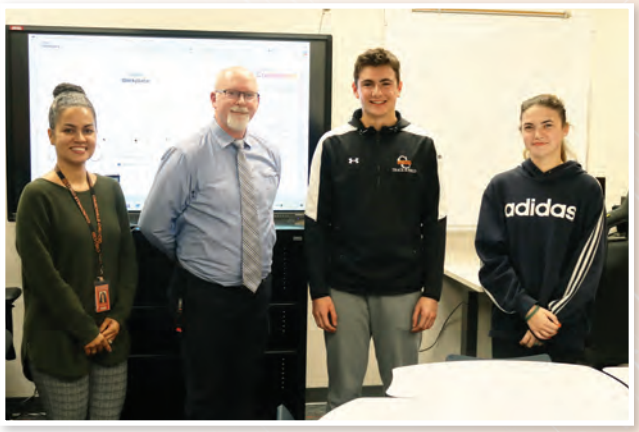




SHS students explore cybersecurity

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Our Information Technology and Career Center teams worked together to provide interested C-C seniors with an opportunity to speak with students in the cybersecurity program at RIT. The Q&A offered insight into cybersecurity courses, clubs and the networking opportunities.



Fifth graders explore the world through biome research

Fifth-grade students have been diving into the fascinating world of biomes. As part of their science studies, they conducted research on different biomes, exploring the climate, geography, plants, animals, and communities that make each one unique. Working in groups, students presented their findings to their classmates, sharing insights about tundras, rainforests, mountains, and more. Through this project, students gained a deeper understanding of the diversity of our planet and the ways people and wildlife adapt to their environments.



ParentSquare

Transition to **ParentSquare** messaging platform

Churchville-Chili Central School District is beginning a gradual transition to a new messaging platform called ParentSquare to improve communication with families. The first step included a transition to ParentSquare for our middle and high school student attendance notifications. Beginning in January, the district moved forward with the second step in the transition and began using the platform to send email updates and robocalls.

Commitment to Priorities

Now is also a good time to update your contact information in the Parent Portal, including phone numbers and email addresses.

Throughout the spring, we will be providing information and training opportunities to prepare our staff and our families for the launch of our ParentSquare app, which we anticipate to begin using at the start of the 2026-27 school year.

Thank you for partnering with us as we continue the process of moving to this new, user-friendly and accessible communication tool.

Calls will now come directly from your child's school or the main district phone number. Please save these numbers so you recognize them when calls come through.

- **District:** 585-293-1800
- **Senior High School:** 585-293-4540
- **Middle School:** 585-293-4542
- **Chestnut Ridge:** 585-889-2188
- **Churchville Elementary:** 585-293-2022
- **Fairbanks Road:** 585-293-4543

Important reminder about emergency closings

When hazardous weather requires us to close or delay school on any given day, there are several ways we inform families. School closings and delayed start times are announced over local radio (WHAM 1180) and television stations (Rochester TV channels 8, 9, 10 and 13). Families can also find this information on our district website *www.cccsd.org* and on our X, Facebook and Instagram pages. If no report is heard or posted, it can be assumed the schools are in session and are opening on time.

The district will also continue to utilize our robo call notification system to deliver emails, voice messages and text messages to our families and staff members.

The district uses the information in our Student Management System (Infinite Campus) to contact multiple phone numbers for each family simultaneously. To correct contact information for your family, call the District Registrar at 293-1800 ext. 2041 or visit the Parent Portal.



Award winning **Churchville-Chili Saints athletic logo**

Rickabaugh Graphics, the creator of CCCSD's newly redesigned Athletic logo, was recently awarded with a Badge of Honor by LogoLounge, a community for professional logo designers that holds a prestigious annual competition for top designs. The awarded logos are then featured in their best-selling book series after a selection process. Thank you to Designer, Derek Yoder and Art Director, Eric Rickabaugh for bringing the Churchville-Chili Saints brand identity to fruition with your hard work and creativity!

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High School students learn **life saving skills**

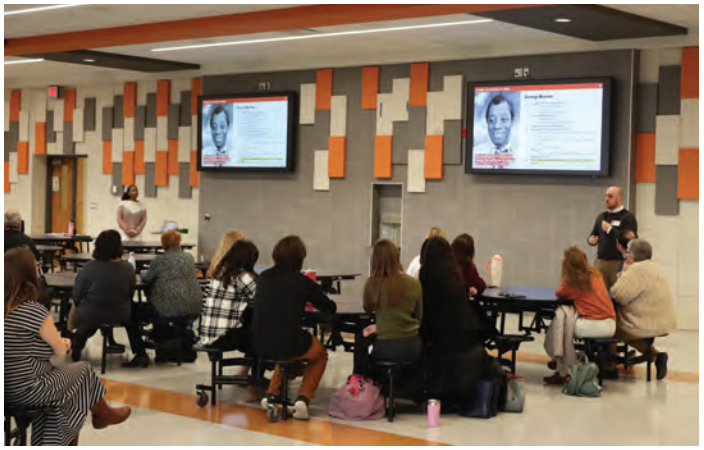
IB Psychology 1 and 2 students participated in suicide prevention training using the QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) method this December. QPR stands for **Question, Persuade, Refer**—three simple steps anyone can learn to help save a life from suicide. Similar to how CPR and the Heimlich maneuver save lives, QPR training equips individuals to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and take appropriate action. When training teenagers, we emphasize the importance of seeking out a safe adult.



Our Local History meets with CCCSD staff

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Our Local History is visiting CCCSD schools this year to discuss practical tools to respond effectively when biased, insensitive, or harmful comments arise in the school setting. Throughout the year, each building will participate in two workshops with Our Local History. Sessions will introduce the Learning for Justice and Speak Up at School sessions, and will involve discussion and collaboration within groups.



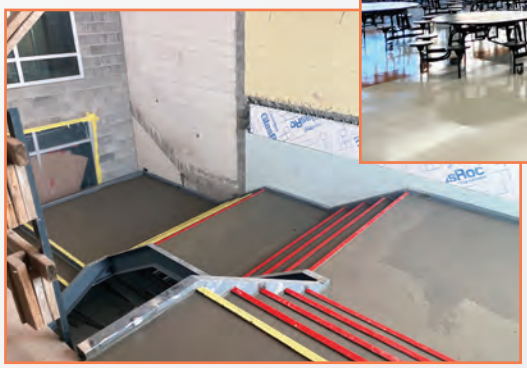
Capital improvement project update

Construction continues on Phase VI of our capital improvement project, with approximately 81% of the project complete.

Recent updates and ongoing work includes renovations at the middle school, including:

- Classroom
  - Contractors have completed demolition, new framing/drywall, and ceiling installations for the current set of classrooms
  - Installing new classroom casework and wall accessories
  - Installing new classroom flooring
  - Preparing to install new classroom furniture
- Stairwell 3
  - Completed installation of new stairs
  - Completed concrete pour for new stairs
  - Completed installation of curtainwall window system
  - Completed installation of ceiling system
  - Preparing to install stair railing system
- Middle School North Cafeteria
  - Installed sound paneling









MS Drama carries the banner in Disney's Newsies JR.

The Churchville-Chili 6-8 Middle School Drama Club wowed during their production of Disney's Newsies JR. this November.

The show is a 60-minute version of the 2012 Broadway musical, based on the 1992 film. Inspired by the rousing true story of newsboys in turn-of-the-century New York City, Newsies JR. features a Tony Award-winning score by Alan Menken and Jack Feldman and a book by Tony Award winner Harvey Fierstein.

The Churchville-Chili 6-8 Middle School production included 75 dedicated cast and crew members who spent weeks auditioning, set-building and rehearsing the show. Bravo!



CCCSD hosts Area All-State

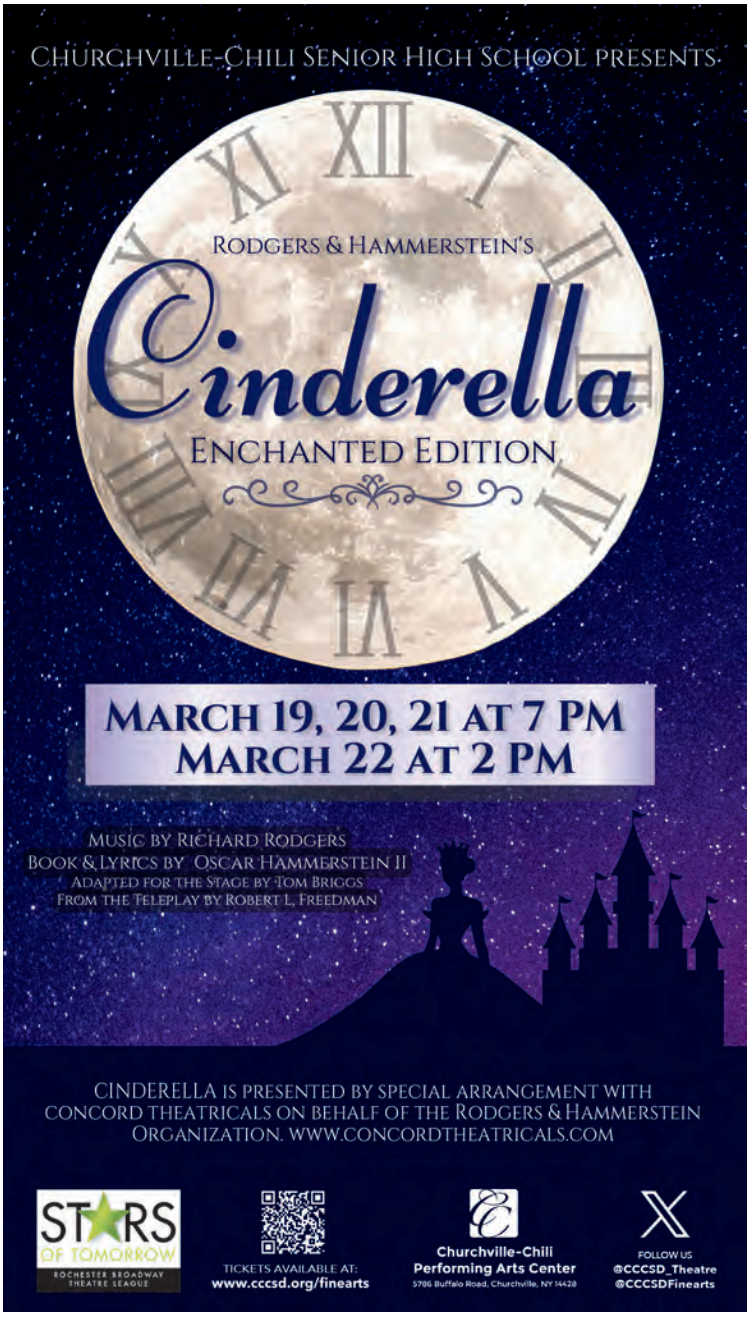
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Churchville-Chili CSD hosted 58 schools for this year's NYSSMA Zone 2 Senior High Area All State Concert held at the Churchville-Chili Performing Arts Center (CCPAC) in November. The weekend consisted of rehearsals leading up to two concerts featuring the following ensembles: Band, Orchestra and then Mixed Chorus and Treble Chorus. Between both concerts, almost 2,000 tickets were sold. Congratulations to these talented musicians and directors!

Thank you to our festival and ensemble coordinators from C-C:

- Site Coordinator: Jeff Smith
- Band Ensemble Coordinators: Stephanie Bezon & Allison Chipman
- Orchestra Ensemble Coordinator: Chelsea Wahl
- Mixed Chorus Coordinator: Erik Reinhart
- Treble Choir Coordinator: Jane Huffer



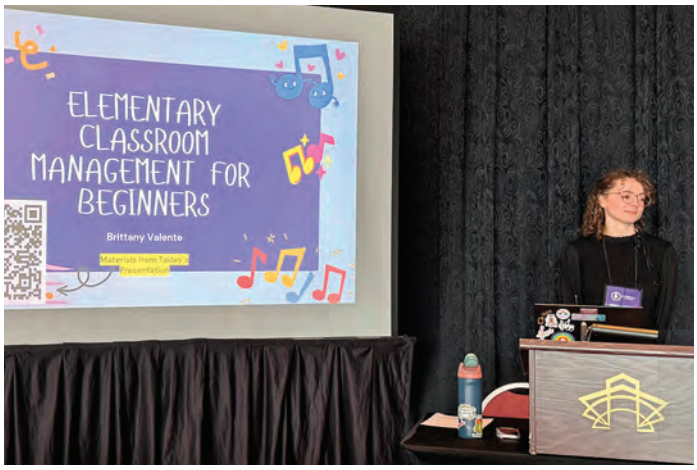


C-C teachers share expertise at NYSSMA Conference

Three Churchville-Chili music teachers presented at the NYSSMA state conference this winter.

- **Brittany Valente** shared strategies for strong classroom management.
- **Amber Kelley** presented "Play To Your Advantage," focusing on the use of play to support learning and community in music classrooms.
- **Terry Bacon** led two sessions: one on using music aptitude assessments (PMMA and IMMA) to guide instruction, and another on helping students compose using both traditional music notation and digital technology.

We are proud of our educators for representing our district and sharing their knowledge with colleagues across the state.



High School student artwork on display

This winter, Churchville-Chili students are sharing their talents with the wider community. Twelve high school students have artwork on display at Rochester Institute of Technology and Nazareth University. These shows highlight student voice, strong partnerships, and the power of arts education.

START HERE art exhibition at RIT
Eight Churchville-Chili students were selected for the **START HERE** exhibition at RIT. This annual show features student artwork chosen by teachers from across the Rochester and Finger Lakes region.

One Churchville-Chili student earned special recognition for his piece in the exhibition. Senior Jaise Newman won the School of Art's Art Education Award for 3D work.

Churchville-Chili students featured:
Kelly Bosco: Maren Freece, grade 12 and Azura Jones, grade 12

Kate Jacobs: Jaise Newman, grade 12 and Allison Kates, grade 10

Sara Rogers: Madelyn Pier, grade 12 and Natalie Esposito, grade 12

Jordyn Wolcott: Baraa Shaibi, grade 9 and Z Duch, grade 12

Shared Spaces art show at Nazareth University
Four Churchville-Chili students are also part of **Shared Spaces**, a teacher and student art show at Nazareth University. This biennial exhibit celebrates the close learning relationship between teachers and students. Teacher and student artwork is displayed side-by-side without names, so each piece stands on its own.

Churchville-Chili artists featured:
Kelly Bosco and Shavonne Callahan, grade 12

Kate Jacobs and Addison Wilson, grade 11

Sara Rogers and Taylor Stocks, grade 12

Jordyn Wolcott and Mya Arrendell, grade 10

MAG
MEMORIAL ART GALLERY
UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER

Visiting the MAG

Art students from the Senior High School visited the Memorial Art Gallery in November as the first in a series of visits throughout the year. Fifth grade students will visit the MAG in February, and high school students will attend again in April for a sculpture field trip.



Churchville-Chili athletes shine in state championship competitions

Churchville-Chili student-athletes continue to make us proud on the biggest stages in New York, showing strong teamwork, determination and heart.



Cross Country highlights

- Rahlin Finch placed 21st in the NY State Championship race. His finish secured a spot in the NY State Federation meet on November 22 in Wappinger Falls, where he finished in 20th place out of 290 runners, earning a medal.
- Hannah Khuns earned 52nd place in the NY State Championship race, capping off a strong season.



Girls soccer historic run

- The girls soccer team reached the NY State Class AA finals for the first time in school history.
- The Saints fell 3–0 to a strong Albertus Magnus squad, ending an amazing season filled with hard work and unity.
- Tessa Wood earned Goalkeeper of the Game.
- Lexi Olson was named Player of the Game.
- The team advanced to the finals after a 3–0 win over Warwick Valley in the semifinals.

Boys soccer makes program history

- The boys soccer team reached the NY State Class AA Final Four for the first time in school history.
- Their standout season came to a close with a close 3–2 loss to Cornwall in the semifinals.

Cheer team success

- The gameday cheer team capped an amazing season with a 4th-place finish in the NY State finals, showcasing their skill, energy, and school spirit.



Girls diving achievement

• Alyssa Purver placed 30th out of 42 divers in the NY State Diving Championship. She was the only seventh grader in New York to qualify for the finals, marking an exciting moment for our program.

Golfers head to States this spring

• Two golfers from the combined CCCSD and Hilton CSD girls team - Reagan Paolini and Jacey Neylon - have qualified for the NY State Championship tournament, scheduled to take place in June.

These milestones reflect the strong partnerships across our schools, families and community. They also support our mission to help students grow their talents and reach high standards on and off the field. Thank you for cheering on our Saints. We invite families and fans to follow district updates and celebrate our students' accomplishments throughout the year.

The **Saints Sports Boosters** online store is open for generic or sports specific gear. The store will remain open throughout the year, with options to customize orders. If you're looking to commemorate a successful fall season, browsing for gifts for the holiday season or preparing to show your spirit during the upcoming winter athletic season, *check it out today* by visiting the link on the Saints Sports Boosters page of our district website.



Cheer team honored by Primetime 585

Congratulations to our Game Day Cheer team who received a News 8 Primetime 585 High School Sports Elite Award for the 2025 Fall season. The award recognizes outstanding student athletes and coaches for their accomplishments throughout the 2025 Fall season. In partnership with Primetime 585, News 8 WROC profiled award recipients during a live award show hosted by WROC News 8 Sports Director, Thad Brown, and Primetime 585's, Karen Iglesia. The team had the opportunity to perform live during the awards ceremony, which also aired on Channel 8. Congratulations to our team and to Coach Christine Kocher!



2025 honorees inducted into Athletic Hall of Fame

Churchville-Chili High School recently welcomed four 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:

Brandon T. Crist - Class of 2018 (accepted by former swim coach Chelsea Whitney)

Lukas Fernandes - Class of 2016

Ty Raines - Class of 2019

Lee Rogers - Class of 1982

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





Unified Bowling on a roll this fall

Our unified bowling team took third place at Gates Bowl during the league championship this fall, with Saints athletes competing against unified athletes from seven teams throughout the region.

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CCCSD is hiring!

At Churchville-Chili, our mission is to challenge all students to strive for excellence while developing their unique talents and becoming respectful, resourceful citizens ready to contribute to a global society.

We are currently seeking dedicated individuals to join our staff across a variety of roles. Whether you have experience in education, support services, or transportation, there are opportunities available and we encourage you to apply.

How to get started

Visit our online employment page to view current openings and apply: *jobs.schoolsites.com/CCCSD*

If you have questions or need help with the application process, contact our Human Resources office at (585) 293-1800, ext. 2320.

If you're looking for meaningful work that impacts students, supports families, and strengthens our community, please consider joining the Saints team. We look forward to welcoming new members who are ready to help every student learn, grow, and thrive.

Promoting wellness this winter

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Churchville-Chili continues to prioritize the social and emotional well-being of our students, staff and entire school community. Our district's *Wellness Hub* is available through the district website, *cccsd.org* and is a valuable resource for families. It offers various support links, including library information, park information, as well as wellness activities and videos.

Our CCCSD food pantry is also up and running, thanks to class of '25 alum Thomas B. and our current middle school students who regularly maintain the pantry. You can find the pantry at the walkway behind the Operations and Maintenance building, near the exit of the middle school parking lot.