



Mr. Bragan Retires



3rd Grade Moving Up



2014 Graduation

NEWSLETTER

In her commencement speech to the graduates of the University of California, author Joan Didion once stated, "I'm not telling you to make the world better, because I don't think that progress is necessarily part of the package. I'm just telling you to live in it. Not just to endure it, not just to suffer it, not just to pass through it, but to live in it. To look at it. To try to get the picture. To live recklessly. To take chances. To make your own work and take pride in it. To seize the moment."

Canastota Central School District is not just saying good-bye to the class of 2014 this year, we say good-bye to a Superintendent that took chances, made the work his own and took pride in it. We say good-bye to the President of our Board of Education, a man who did not just pass through the world, but lived in it and strived to improve the education in Canastota Schools. We say good-bye to six dedicated staff members who seized the moments with our students and took pride in their work.

To the Graduates of 2014: We are proud of you and the time that was placed in your education here. As a district, we know you will go far, that you will seize the moment, take chances and make this world your own. As a district we say congratulations and best wishes.



Congratulations Mr. Bragan!

Frederick Bragan, Superintendent of Schools, faithfully served the Canastota Central School District for the past ten years and recently retired on June 30, 2014. An outstanding leader and strong advocate for students, Mr. Bragan led the District through many positive changes, curricular initiatives, two capital projects and increased student achievement across the board. He also spearheaded the implementation of the State's Regents Reform Agenda including the Common Core State Standards, Data Driven Instruction and a new teacher evaluation system.

Mr. Bragan valued strong BOCES and community partnerships for the Literacy President of the Canastota partners for the Literacy was a member of the Madison Fred also served on several committees in various the Special Education Advisory BOCES Legislative Committee Teacher Center Board. He was and state level influencing districts.



partnerships between the District, agencies. He was the 2013-2014 Rotary, was one of the managing Coalition of Madison County and County Early Childhood Committee. Madison-Oneida BOCES capacities. He was the co-chair of Committee, the liaison for the and a member of the BOCES also actively involved at the regional positive legislation for school

Mr. Bragan was recently recognized by receiving the School Library Administrator of the Year Award and the Distinguished Service Award from the New York State's School Board Association's School Board Institute.

Although now retired from education, Mr. Bragan will not cease being involved in education or in his community. He has accepted a position as the Executive Director of the Literacy Coalition of Madison County and will continue being a leader in promoting literacy across the region.



Valedictorian & Salutatorian of 2014

Mark Beach (Valedictorian): At the Canastota Central School District, Mark Beach has been on the high honor roll since seventh grade. He was a member of the National Honor Society (NHS), Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and Science Clubs. He served as the treasurer of both the NHS and FBLA clubs. As a member of the clubs, Mark participated in many various community service activities and assisted as a backstage crew member for school musicals and drama productions. As a student athlete, he was a member of the Varsity Volleyball and Golf teams. Mark has attained the highest GPA in many classes throughout his high school career and has been awarded the Cornell Book Award and Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award. He will be attending Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida in the fall. Congratulations Mark Beach!



Alexander Bazan (Salutatorian): At the Canastota Central School District, Alexander Bazan has been on the high honor roll his junior and senior years. He was a member of the National Honor Society (NHS), Junior High National Honor Society (JH NHS), Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and Science Clubs. Alex received several awards including 1st place in the



Rebecca Eddy and VFW writing contests, 3rd place in business calculations, 2nd place in personal finances and 5th place in business communications all at FBLA District 7 Conferences. As a member of the NHS he participated as a volunteer tutor and a blood drive donor. Alex received a perfect score of 100 on the 2013 English regents exam. He participated in the Health & Wellness Fair each year of high school as a guide and floater. As a student athlete, Alex has been a member of the varsity soccer team since tenth grade and received the Most Improved Award in 2011. He also played JV baseball and volleyball as a ninth grader. Within the community, he served at the St. Agatha's Harvest Dinner, St. Agatha's Crop Walk, and Rotary Pancake Breakfast. Alexander works at TOPS as a cashier-stocker and previously worked at Sylvan Beach Amusement Park for two years. Alex is a Whitman Leadership Scholar in Syracuse University's Martin J. Whitman School of Management and graduated with a minimum of 17 college credits from Canastota High Schools. He will be attending Whitman School of Management at Syracuse University in the fall. Congratulations Alex Bazan!

Canastota's Graduating Class of 2014

Jorge Blanco Abad (*F*)
 Christopher Charles Armstrong (*R*)
 Erica Lynne Baena
 Elizabeth Kathlene Barry (*R*)
 Alexander Thomas Bazan (*M, N, P, RH, S, #14*)
 Mark Elliot Beach (*M, N, P, RH, S, #6*)
 Jazmyne O'Resa Beebe (*R*)
 Felicia Elizabeth Cornish Bernier (*N, RA*)
 Benjamin Lloyd Binsley (*R, T*)
 Avery Tyler Brennen (*P, RA, #6*)
 Cheyanne Rae Brooks (*R*)
 Heidi Rae Buell
 Meagan Marie Buyea (*R, T*)
 Hayley Renee Calkins
 Michaela Arlene York Cardner (*R*)
 Josiah David Carrier (*R*)
 Elijah Alexander Cary (*AH, RA*)
 Paige Rosell Casler (*N, RA*)
 Mary Katlain Clark
 Kyle Lee Clemens (*R, T*)
 Kayleigh Jean Coon (*RA*)
 Alexis M. Cornell
 Amber Lynne Courtwright (*AH, N, RA*)
 Brandon Michael Crawford
 Megan Mary D'Amico (*AH, N, P, RA, #14*)
 Destiny Lyla Davis (*R*)
 Skye Marie Davis (*R*)
 Autumn M. DePugh
 Benjamin A. Dickenson (*R*)
 Daniel Geoffrey Dickerson (*P, RA*)
 Allyssa Marie Drummond (*R*)
 Daniel m. Dunn II (*R, T*)
 Kayla Rose Dupre (*RA, #3*)
 Dallis Durant (*R*)
 Bradley Roy Eisenhut (*N, P, RA, S*)
 Joseph Scott Everspaugh Jr.
 Alexis Taylor Ezman (*R, #3*)
 Courtney Lynn Fenner (*T*)
 Benjamin C. Foepfel (*R, T*)
 Sabrina Gabrielle Fowler (*RA, #6*)
 Samuel V. Graham (*R, #8*)
 Trisha Marie Green (*R*)
 Madison Jean Gregoris (*N, P, RH, #3*)
 Garrett Jacob Grinnell (*R, T*)
 Katelynn Ann Gushea (*R*)
 Connor Douglas Hanauer (*R*)
 Taylor Nichole Hawkins (*R, #8*)
 Elaine Catherine Hoch-Schmidtka
 William Thomas Hoch-Schmidtka
 Cortney Elizabeth Honeyman
 Matthew Joseph Hood (*R, T*)
 Wesley Reginald Hood Jr. (*P, RA, #11*)
 Danielle Marie Hubbard (*R*)
 Tyler Michael Jeffris (*RA*)
 De'Shawn Akeem Jacob Joyner (*R*)
 Brittany M. King (*R*)
 Jason Allen Kirik (*B, RA, T*)
 Eric Daniel Klaister (*R*)
 Cara Ann Klish (*R, T*)
 Dominique Christine Knaul (*N, R, #11*)
 Michael Jon LaBarbera (*T*)
 James Eric Ladd (*R, T*)
 Brian Joseph Lasnicki (*N, P, RA, #11*)
 Shane Cassidy Leary (*P, RA*)
 Aaron David Lester (*M, N, P, RH, S, #14*)
 Hafeezah Yasin Lewis (*N, P, RA, #11*)
 Thomas Edward Lints (*N, P, RA*)
 Vanessa Ann Loomis (*R, T*)
 Anna Nicole Maison (*N, R, #11*)
 Dakota McAllister (*Aug. 13*)
 Amanda Rebecca McCallops (*R, #8*)
 Alexa June McCarthy (*AH, N, P, RA, V*)
 Morgan Ashley McFall (*R, T*)
 Ace Lee William Meade (*R*)
 Anthony Lawrence Micaroni (*M, N, P, RH, S*)
 Anthony Michael Miller (*R, T*)
 Jack Miller (*R*)
 William Jacob Milligan (*M, N, P, RH, S, #14*)
 Jacob Steven Morris (*P, RA*)
 Lorissa Shawn Mudge (*R*)
 Melissa Marie Mudge (*R, T*)
 John Giachino Nirelli (*B, P, R*)
 Steven James Olden (*B, R*)
 Kyle Oram (*Aug. 13*) (*R*)
 Ariel Marie Orcutt (*B, N, RA, T, #3*)
 Amelia Elizabeth Osborne (*B, R*)
 Konnor E. Oster (*P, R*) *n*
 Joseph Peter Palamara (*R*)
 Juliana Evelyn Palamara (*R, #11*)
 Lisa Palamara (*R*)
 Jordan Pannell (*Aug. 13*) (*R*)
 John Richard Passino
 Christopher Todd Polisse
 Ericka Arlene Pratt (*R, T*)
 Joshua William Proctor (*R*)
 Natalie Jo Ralston (*R, #3*)
 Joseph James Rapasadi III (*R*)
 Alessio Ratti (*F, P*)

Nicholas Relyea
 Cory M. Robertson
 Matthew A. Russitano (*N, P, RA, #14*)
 Raven Salay (*R*)
 Stephen J. Salay (*R*)
 Megan Marie Seale (*R, T*)
 Stephanie Marie Seitz (*RA, #6*)
 Dylan Wade Shanahan (*R*)
 Anthony John Sicilia (*P, RA*)
 Austin James Smith (*RA*)
 Isaac Michael Smith (*B, P, R, T, #3*)
 Jade Nicole Smith (*RA*)
 Jessica Raelle Smith (*T*)
 Kyra M. Smith (*R*)
 Zachary Steven Smith
 Alicia Elizabeth Soucia (*R, T*)
 Anthony Michael Spara (*M, N, P, RH, S, #11*)
 Jacob William Totten (*P, R*)
 Alex Joseph Truax (*B, R*)
 Joseph Anthony Vaccaro (*B, N, RA, T*)
 Vu Hoan Vo (*F*)
 Joshua Allen Whaley (*N, R, #8*)
 Travis Allen Wheatley
 Brian Whitcombe (Jan. 14)
 Kayla Marie White (*R, V*)
 Harley Free Whitmeyer (*RA*)
 Marisa Lynne Williams (*R*)
 Jason Michael Woolridge
 Zachary Thomas Znuj (*RA, T, V*)

AH – Art Honor Society
B – Business/Marketing Honor Society
F – Foreign Exchange Student
N – National Honor Society
P – Advanced Placement and/or College Classes Taken
R – Regents Diploma
RA – Regents with Advanced Distinction
RH – Regents with Advanced Distinction and Honors
R - Regents with Honors*
T – State Technical Endorsement
V – Vocational Honor Society
- Number of College Credits Earned
M – Mathematics Annotation
S – Science Annotation



Pre-K News

Pre-kindergarten students from Canastota celebrated the end of their first year of school on Monday morning by performing songs, nursery rhymes and finger plays they learned throughout the year.

Before the performance began, parents were treated to a slideshow of students' current and baby pictures. After the songs, parents and siblings joined their children for juice and cookies.



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6th Grade Moving Up



Canastota High School FBLA Members Attend National Leadership Conference in Nashville, TN

More than 10,300 of America's best and brightest youth traveled to the historic city of Nashville, TN to make some history of their own as they showcased their talents as future business leaders and vied for the opportunity to win over \$165,000 in cash awards.

Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda (FBLA-PBL), the largest and oldest student business organization, held its National Leadership Conference in Nashville on June 29–July 2. Participants from across the United States and two countries were in attendance for this exciting conference to sharpen their core business skills, expand their networks, and participate in more than 60 business and business-related competitive events.



Three Canastota High School members, Derick Trost, Julia DiVeronica, and Ariel Orcutt, attended the conference with their advisor, Mrs. Elizabeth Garofalo. Becky Brothers also accompanied the group to Nashville. While at the conference, the Canastota members participated in competitive events, attended workshops, and served as state voting delegates in charge of electing the new national officer team. Julia DiVeronica represented New York State FBLA in the Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure event while Derick Trost and Ariel Orcutt represented the state in the Local Chapter Annual Report event. Derick Trost, a Canastota High School senior, will serve as the 2014-2015 New York State FBLA President.

Canastota High School CTE-Business Department Named Department of the Year

The Canastota High School CTE- Business Department was recently notified that they have been named as one of two “Business and Marketing Education Department of the Year” award recipients for 2014 by the State Education Department and Business Teachers Association of New York State. This award will be presented at the BTA bi-annual conference that will be held in Syracuse next fall.

The Canastota High School Business Department teachers, Mrs. Elizabeth Garofalo and Ms. Patricia Ragan were recognized for their efforts in developing and providing a rigorous and relevant program of study for high school students in the area of business and marketing education. The business department staff was especially cited for the innovative courses, teaching strategies, professional development, co-curricular activities, and creative learning experiences they provide which help prepare students for success in both postsecondary study and future employment in the global economy of the 21st century.

This represents the department's fourth state award, having received this prestigious recognition in 2003, 2007, and 2010.

Canastota Football News

Honors:

In May, Jesse Cellamare was selected as Prom King.

The football players completed a fundraiser. Thank you so much for those who participated, supported, and donated! The entire football program appreciates your continued support. The top three fundraisers were Collin Milman, Cameron Bellino, and Paul Gregoris.

On June 26th, the following seniors became the 133rd class to graduate from this proud community with its rich tradition. Congratulations to Conner Hanauer, Tyler Jeffris, Eric Klaister, Mike LaBarbera, Brian Lasnicki, Jacob Morris, John Nirelli, Steve Olden, Konner Oster, Matt Russitano, Raven Salay, Anthony Sicilia, and Joe Vaccaro. Thank you so much for the blood, sweat, and tears! We truly hope football has taught you strong values and virtues which will help you to continue to be fine young men. Good luck and remember you are always in the family!

A special congratulation is in order for Steve Olden who will be continuing his football career at Alfred University.

Summer Football Camp:

Your Canastota Raiders just finished competing in the Syracuse Football Team Camp. Once again the Raiders received high praise from the Syracuse coaching staff as well as other local high school coaches. The following players participated: Owen Albanese, Cameron Bellino, Ed Bland, Jamie Cellamare, Jesse Cellamare, Gary Everspaugh, Paul Gregoris, Dewane Jayson III, Ben Marshall, Kyle McGovern, Jordan Miller, Jake Phillips, Brandon Pickard, John Popple, Aaron Quaglia, Anthony Sorci, Nate Walker, Michael Zupan, Ryan Zophy, and Trenton Zophy.

Summer Workout Schedule:

Starting July 7th, workouts are open for all players between the grades 7 – 12. The last day for workouts will be August 11th. Workouts will be held in the Fitness Center at the high school.

Monday and Friday lifts are from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm or 4:00 – 6:00 pm.

Wednesday lifts are from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm or 4:00 – 5:25 pm.

Tuesday and Thursdays speed and flexibility are from 4:00 – 6:00 pm only.

Starting July 9th Passing League and Linemen Games will be every Wednesday up to August 6th

Wednesday nights the skills will have Passing League at Chittenango from 6:00 – 8:30 pm

Parents and athletes are responsible for transportation to and from Chittenango

Passing League participants will leave from Canastota High School at 5:30 pm

Wednesday nights the linemen will have Linemen Games in Canastota from 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Future Dates:

Your Canastota football team has been selected to play in “The Kickoff Classic”. This is only the second time Canastota has been selected to play. The last time Canastota was selected was 1996. The game will be held in the Carrier Dome on **September 7th** at 10:00 am.

On **July 19th**, from 12:00 – 2:00 pm, Canastota players will be going door to door selling “Kickoff Classic” tickets. Our program needs to sell 300 tickets. The pre-sale price is \$7; however we will charge \$8 and use the extra dollar towards our program. The \$8 asking price is the same price fans will pay at the dome door on September 7th. Those players who participate in the ticket sale will be invited to a pizza party and video game tournament. This event will be held directly after the ticket sales. Players who participate need to meet at the high school at 11:45 am. ***Kickoff Classic tickets will also be sold at Albanese Shoe Store***

On **August 10th**, at 5:00 pm we will have “Meet the Coaches Night”. This meeting will take place at the high school and in the Forum Room. During this meeting we will also go over rules and expectations. Parents and players need to attend.

On **August 13th**, from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm we will have a lifting competition. **At 2:00 pm we will hand out equipment for Varsity and Junior Varsity players only.** Competition and equipment pass out will be held at the high school.

On **August 23rd**, from 2:00 – 5:00 pm, Canastota players will be going door to door selling discount cards. These cards sell for \$20. The cards have hundreds of dollars worth of savings and are good until August 23rd, 2015. At this time the players will also be collecting cans and bottles.

Dome Dedicated:

The following is a list of individuals who have put in extra work to achieve greatness. The more our athletes are willing to work, the more likely we are to reach our goals. Thank you, student athletes, for all of your hard work and dedication.

Cam Bellino
 Owen Albanese
 Kyle McGovern
 Ryan Zophy
 Mike Zupan
 Jamie Cellamare
 Paul Gregoris
 John Popple
 Dewane Jayson
 Trenton Zophy
 Brandon Pickard
 Nick Rouse
 Ben Marshall
 Kris Rutherford
 Jesse Cellamare
 Ed Bland
 Nate Walker
 Dustin Tucker
 Mark Marshall
 Jake Phillips
 Anthony Sorci
 Doug Simmons
 Zach Funari
 Andrew Howard
 Jordan Miller
 Gary Everspaugh
 Erik Marsh
 Zarin Martin
 Nate Enslow

Ethan Findlay
 Jake Sherman
 Jeff Marsh
 Aaron Quaglia
 Jake Barnello
 Marshall Bruggeman
 Andrew Clark
 James Warner
 Tyler Doane
 Devin Gilliland
 Lucas Eddy
 Blake Binsley
 Ion Kilts
 Cody Tannahill
 Hunter Tracy
 Mike Bigos
 Lucas Barnello
 Monique Weimer
 Angel Cafarella
 Georgianna Williams
 Nick Hluska
 Mike Predergast
 Anthony Cesario
 Brandon Otts
 Dequan Entraveria
 Jon Miller
 Zeke Mackey
 Jacob Malbouf
 Darien Fox



Summer Practice Schedule:

Varsity (11th and 12th Grade) and Junior Varsity (9th and 10th Grade) starts practice on August 18th. The practice times are below. Practices are held at the high school.

Monday, August 18 th :	3:00 – 8:15 pm	
Tuesday, August 19 th :	3:00 – 5:15 pm	
Wednesday, August 20 th :	12:00 – 5:15 pm	
Thursday, August 21 st :	3:00 – 5:15 pm	
Friday, August 22 nd :	3:00 – 8:15 pm	
Saturday, August 23 rd :	11:00 am – 1:30 pm Practice	2:00 – 5:00 pm Fundraiser
Sunday, August 24 th :	OFF	
Monday, August 25 th :	3:00 – 8:15 pm	
Tuesday, August 26 th :	3:00 – 5:15 pm	
Wednesday, August 27 th :	5:30 – 9:30 pm Varsity Only	3:00 – 8:15 pm JV Only
Thursday, August 28 th :	3:15 – 5:15 pm	
Friday, August 29 th :	8:00 – 10:00 am	
Saturday, August 30 th :	10:00 am scrimmage at Camden for Varsity 10:00 am scrimmage at Phoenix for Junior Varsity	

Modified (7th and 8th Grade) Practice:

Monday, August 25 th :	3:15 – 5:15 pm
Tuesday, August 26 th :	3:15 – 5:15 pm
Wednesday, August 27 th :	3:15 – 5:15 pm
Thursday, August 28 th :	3:15 – 5:15 pm
Friday, August 29 th :	3:15 – 5:15 pm
Tuesday, September 2 nd :	3:15 – 5:15 pm
Wednesday, September 3 rd :	3:15 – 5:15 pm
Thursday, September 4 th :	3:15 – 5:15 pm
Friday, September 5 th :	3:15 – 5:15 pm



Please plan vacations accordingly as practices missed not only affect the individual athlete, but also the entire team. Realistically a missed practice is a missed opportunity to better oneself which can never be made up.





Congratulations Retirees

Canastota Central School District would like to thank the following Faculty and Staff members for their years of dedicated service:

Leslie Rinaldo— 14 Years of Dedicated Service

Louanne Prince— 24 Years of Dedicated Service

Carol Cook— 20 Years of Dedicated Service

Patti Wolford— 27 Years of Dedicated Service

Frederick Bragan— 10 Years of Dedicated Service

Steven Stokes— 18 Years of Dedicated Service

Walter Hawkins— 21 Years of Dedicated Service

Johanna Hawkins— 30 Years of Dedicated Service



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