

# CANASTOTA CSD

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## Letter from the Superintendent

Fall is a season of change and thankfulness. We have much to be grateful for here in the village of Canastota. The Canastota School District has enjoyed many meaningful events this fall including the passing of a Capital Project, hosting the Special Olympics, a spectacular Homecoming Weekend and the Wall of Distinction Induction Ceremony.

The District wishes to sincerely THANK all of our parents, staff and community members who supported the Capital Maintenance Project. The recent vote for the Capital Project was passed with a 69% approval rate. The continued support of our community is very much appreciated and allows the district to move forward with necessary repairs and renovations. Since the project was approved by voters, our architects, King and King, developed and submitted design plans to the New York State Education Department. While we await the State's approval of the plans, the District will hire a construction manager, and conduct bids to determine the contractors that will work on this project. During the summer of 2015 we will work on partially replacing the roof at the Roberts Street Complex and replacing the roof of the Education Annex/Bus Garage. The rest of the Capital Project work will start the summer of 2016. Capital project related work includes: PSES - window replacement and flooring upgrades; SSES - some window replacement, flooring, ventilation and plumbing upgrades; RSES- partial roof replacement, ventilation upgrades, rest room renovations (high school gym lobby) and science wing renovations; Education Annex/Bus Garage- roof replacement.

Canastota Schools hosted the annual Special Olympics Autumn Games on October 3rd. Districts from all over Madison and Oneida Counties, including the districts of Madison-Oneida BOCES, Oneida, Madison, Hamilton, Morrisville-Eaton, Stockbridge, Chittenango, Camden, Cazenovia, Vernon-Verona, Sherrill and of course, Canastota, were in attendance. It was a wonderful occasion with over 300 student athletes participating in such track and field events as the softball throw, shot putt,

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running long jump, standing long jump, and distance races. The District would like to thank Mr. Andy Pino, Athletic Director, Ms. Carolyn Rose, Director of Special Programs and all the administrators, teachers, coaches, staff, students and family members who worked hard to make this an extremely successful event.

Homecoming Weekend was outstanding! In an effort to honor Canastota alumni and the rich traditions of Canastota Schools, we enjoyed a pep rally, parade, bon-fire, dance and football game. To top it off, Dr. Louis Buttino, 1962 graduate of Canastota and current professor at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, spoke on Canastota tradition and featured his new documentary film, Going Home. These events are all evidence of the great sense of community that is an essential part of the Canastota Central School District.

In addition, the annual Wall of Distinction Induction Ceremony was held at the Rusty Rail on October 18th. Five most distinguished alumni were recognized and honored at this event. The honorees included Wheeler Milmoie, Class of 1913; Joseph Fisher, Class of 1947; Dr. Louis Buttino, class of 1962; retired Capt. Gary Tornatore, US Navy, Class of 1967; and Dr. Mary E. Crawford, Class of 1981. The District would like to extend our sincere thanks to everyone involved in organizing and facilitating this ceremony. The accomplishments of our inductees are one more example of the strength of our community and the quality of the students who have graduated from Canastota Schools.

During the past few months I have also been able to meet with many faculties and staff members to discuss our vision as a District for the next 5-10 years. I have gained excellent feedback and insightful comments to the following questions:

- What are our strengths as a District?
- What are our areas of concern?
- Where do you want the District to be in the next 5-10 years?
- How will we get there? What realistic solutions do you suggest to address our concerns?

I will continue to meet with various groups throughout the winter including our building Parent Advisory and PTO groups. I invite all of you to take part in these meetings or to stop in or call me with your thoughts. In addition, you may go to our website and click on "Vision Survey" to download and answer the same questions. Please send these to my attention in the District Office. This information will be used to guide us into the future and in our decision making at all levels with the ultimate goal of becoming a District of Excellence.

As we approach the holiday season, we are grateful for the continuous support and involvement of our community. Happy holidays to all and may you enjoy a warm and memorable holiday season surrounded by the love of family and friends!

Sincerely,

June C. Clarke

Superintendent of Schools

## Glow Sticks



In an effort to increase pedestrian visibility on Halloween night, the Madison County Children's Advocacy Center in conjunction with the Madison County Sheriff's Office and the Madison County Department of Social Services provided free glow sticks to all of our elementary students. Not only did our students love receiving the glow sticks, but they also helped our students be more visible while they went trick-or-treating Halloween night. Canastota Schools truly appreciates this very generous, thoughtful gift. Thank you for helping to keep the young children of Canastota Schools safer this Halloween! Pictured in left photo: Michael Fitzgerald, Commissioner of the Madison County Department of Social Services, June Clarke, Superintendent.

## Canastota District Offer Residents High School Credentials

If you or someone you know was unable to complete high school or receive a high school equivalency diploma the BOCES Consortium of Continuing Education (BCCE) can help. BCCE offers instruction to adults 21 years or older to improve reading, writing and math skills and classes that prepare adults to take the New York State high school equivalency examination. BCCE does not charge for this valuable program. BCCE is exploring the possibility of offering classes here, in one of our school buildings. If you are interested in attending, please answer the questions on our website under "High School Equivalency Diploma" or call (315) 361-5800.

## RSES Library/Media News

Dear Parents,

We live in a world surrounded by technology. And we know that whatever field our students choose to go into as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly hinge on understanding how technology works. But only a tiny fraction of us are learning computer science, and less students are studying it than a decade ago.

That's why our entire school is joining in on the largest learning event in history: The Hour of Code, during Computer Science Education Week (Dec. 8-14). Last year, 15 million students tried computer science in one week. This year, we're joining students worldwide to reach 100 million students!

Our Hour of Code is a statement that Roberts Street School is ready to teach these foundational 21st century skills. To continue bringing programming activities to your students, we want to make our Hour of Code event huge. I encourage you to volunteer, reach out to local media, share the news on your social media channels and consider hosting additional Hour of Code events in the community.

This is a chance to change the future of education in Canastota.  
See <http://hourofcode.com> for details, and help spread the word.

Sincerely,

Andrea L. Centro  
Principal

## K-3 Students Enjoying New Computer Skills Class



We are pleased to announce that students in grades kindergarten through three are attending weekly computer classes with Ms. Mammone, PSES and SSES librarian. Grades one and three have classes marking periods one and three; kindergarten and grade two will attend marking periods two and four.

The classes are designed to teach computer skills ranging from basic mouse skills like “click” and “drag” to proper keyboarding, using the program Typing Pal. This regular practice builds students’ confidence and technology skill levels and will enable them to continue to be successful 21st Century learners as the district continues to move forward with the Common Core.

According to Ms. Mammone, after only a few weeks of classes students are showing amazing progress and are pleased with their success as they move from one level to another in the program.

## 8th Grade Field Trip to Canal Town Museum



October 14 we went on a field trip to the Canal Town Museum. On the way there we made a stop to Dunn’s Bakery. Some of us got drinks and donuts. After, we walked to the murals across from the museum and there we met Mr. DeGeorgio. From there he brought us to the museum and showed us a slide show about the old canal and some of the buildings. After that he brought the class on a trip down the canal. On the walk he showed us some old buildings. We also saw some ducks and different kinds of birds. We also saw where the old tracks and bridge were along the canal. When we all got back we looked at all the murals. The murals showed us some of the creators of the canal and the founder of Canastota, Captain Reuben Perkins. Eventually we walked back to the museum and looked around. We saw the entire museum and many old tools and how they worked. Canastota was the original home of the first American microscope, tire chains, motion pictures, the fastest and lightest horse rake, steerable toboggans and the Watson wagon. It was home to a motion picture company, the Tuttle Motor Company, a knife company, the Ideal Cut Glass Company, a lift bridge and the site of The Great Race....which an American car won. After that the class walked to New York Pizzeria and enjoyed pizza. We sat there to eat and on our way back to school stopped at Albanese Sportswear store. We also stopped at Red Apple and got a drink and snack. After that we walked back to the school to finish the day.

By: Wayne Wallis and Jeremy Domena

## A Magical Night of Nights

By Directors Tim Bazan & Kelley Brenon

The Canastota High School Drama Club presented the fairy tale farce “Haphazardly Ever After” by Jeff Fluharty on Friday, November 7, and Saturday, November 8.

This year’s production was “produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, Colorado” and was directed by Kelley Brenon and Tim Bazan who have been involved with the Canastota High School Drama Club for the past six years.

This year’s production featured twenty-nine student cast members including the following Class of 2015 seniors who performed in their final Drama Club production: Ed Bland as King Barnabas, Rebecca Dolloff as Queen Mildred, Tyler Rifenberg as Narrator, Drew Rogers as Paige, Eva Schwitter as Stage Crew One, and Derick Trost as Prince Slacker.

The cast performed selected scenes earlier in the day on Friday, November 7, to all students in K-3 and 4-6. Various classes in 7-12 were able to enjoy the afternoon selected scenes if their 8th period teachers accompanied them to the performance. All who attended enjoyed the show and rousingly applauded the cast for their portrayal of characters on stage!

A kind king and queen were having trouble in their royal family- four obnoxious, bratty, adult children who did not live up to their royal titles. There appeared the mean Princess Cinnamon (played by sophomore Hanna Denney), the not-so-bright Princess Peppermint (played by sophomore Danielle McCallops), the vain Prince Hairgel (played by sophomore Nicholas Wright), and Prince Slacker (played by senior Derick Trost), who thought being a prince was just way, way too hard. The king and queen tried everything to bring happiness and harmony to their family. They hired a royal therapist (played by sophomore Dominique Cesario), brought in royal teachers (played by freshman Jessica Emmerich and sophomore Kaileigh Becker), and even attempted to marry off their children, all to no avail. The king and queen were simply ready for a happily-ever-after that didn’t include adult children still living at home, so they called for help from the fairy godmother (played by sophomore Dominique Cesario). However, after learning the outrageous cost of hiring the fairy godmother, the king and queen decided to create a do-it-yourself fairy tale with the help of supplies purchased at the Enchanted Depot. Of course, CHAOS erupted as nothing proceeded as planned, but everyone was changed by their experiences. And through a series of haphazard events, the royal family just may have been able to live happily ever after, after all---- BUT ONLY THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE SHOW KNOW HOW IT ALL ENDED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Tons of magical fun awaited the audience in this original, one-of-a-kind fractured fairy tale farce! After viewing the performance on Saturday night, high school office assistant Maryanne Peryer commented that she found the play to be funny with actors who performed awesomely, and high school assistant-principal Chris Rogers exclaimed, “Medieval hilarity at its finest!” Class of ’16 student Jake Smith commented, “I loved it so much- I couldn’t stop crying as I was laughing so hard!” and Junior Josie Sgarlata shouted, “This play is one of the best I’ve seen so far!!”

## Concession Stand support at CSSF Drama Production



*Trinity Macdonald ran the the CSSF concession stand during the drama production “A Magical Night of Nights”.*



*Jeremy Domena helped run the CSSF concession stand during the drama production “A Magical Night of Nights”.*



### Canastota Student Scholarship Fund Group Concession Stand at Halloween Dance



*CSSF's vice President Whitney Chaires running concession stand at Halloween Dance.*

The Canastota Student Scholarship Fund group has approximately 25 members. The group raises money for students with financial need for academic and social activities. The club returns cans and bottles, runs dances, concessions, the November 14th Harvest Ball at the Rusty Rail, and sometimes the school's Talent Show. Teachers, students, staff and administrators work to keep the club a success.



*L-R Wayne Wallis and Jeremy Domena help with concession stand supplies for the Halloween Dance.*

### RSES Parent Parking Lot



*New parent parking lot entrance at Roberts Street campus.*

Thank you to our Buildings and Grounds Department for their hard work and dedication in making improvements to the Roberts Street Parent Parking Lot. On October 31, an entrance was added to the parking lot to better accommodate the traffic patterns at drop off and pick up. Mr. John Regan, our new Buildings and Grounds Supervisor quickly addressed the task by the entrance, painting arrows, and posting signs to assist our parents with this change. We are delighted with the new system.



*New parent parking lot at Roberts Street campus.*

## The Canastota Art Club field trip

The Canastota Art Club had the pleasure of attending an inspirational field trip to Cazenovia's Sculpture Art Park and Critz's Farm on October 28th. The day was spent photographing and sketching the inspiring world around them; many were "caught" enjoying drawing the nature that surrounded them. Twenty nine creative art club members and their advisors, Mrs. Boisen and Mrs. Whalen, accompanied by the high school Vice Principal, Mr. Rogers, had many inspirational and eye opening adventures on this artistic voyage to Caz for the day. At the sculpture park, students enjoyed wandering through the woods finding hidden sculptures among the trees, created by established residence artists (including a CHS alumni Kailee Findlay). The afternoon was spent at Critz's farm enjoying the fall colors including the pumpkins and foliage. Many students were enjoying their time with the animals. This trip is always a favorite among the Art Club members. What a wonderful way to boost creativity and inspiration than a beautiful day looking at art and the fall foliage.



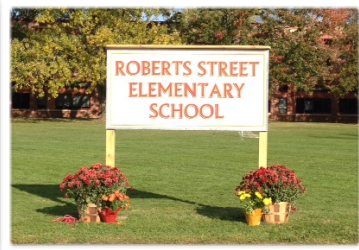
## Character Education in Action

Once again, Peterboro Street and South Side students and staff are working together to help families in our community. They are participating in the annual service project called "Change a Family's Holiday." The service project is a way for students to put the monthly character education themes into action. At Peterboro Street School Clifford's big idea for November is "helping others" and for December is "working together." At South Side School the theme for November and December is "we are a caring community."

Cans are distributed to each classroom and students and staff are bringing in change each day from November 4th to December 4th. The money that is collected will be donated to the Opportunity Shop in Canastota. They will use the money to help fund their programs for local families in need, such as their Christmas angel program, food and personal item baskets for the holidays, the food pantry and school supplies for students.

This has been a very successful service project for a number of years. Students learn that working together they can make a difference! The Opportunity Shop is always very appreciative of the donation.

## RSES Has an Identity!



On a beautiful fall afternoon, the students, faculty, and staff of Roberts Street Elementary attended the unveiling of the new sign. Fourth grade teacher Tracy Timmins led the ceremony along with her Government Club students. Last year, Mrs. Timmins and her students presented to the Board of Education a schematic drawing of the sign created by Mr. Timmins. Over the summer the sign was built, and we are delighted with the finished product.

## Literacy Listening Center in Pre-K



Devon is sitting in our literacy center listening to fall books on CD. This center has just opened and all the students are very excited to use it. We have learned where the cover, back, spine and title are on our books as well as recognizing that every book has an author and an illustrator.

## Social Worker Shorts

The Take It or Leave It Basket Program is a big success!! Students at Roberts Street are donating their unopened, untouched snacks and drinks to peers who may experience hunger over the weekends. Currently, the program is serving 13 students in grades 4-6 and would love to expand to the Junior High if food donations increase. Anyone can donate to the program. For more information, please contact Dana Podkowka, LMSW, at Roberts Street Elementary (697-2029).

Roberts Street Elementary has recently sponsored an anti-bullying poster contest. Many children participated and winners were selected in each grade. All of the posters are displayed around the school. Winners received a gift card to Walmart or credit at the school store. In November, students will have another chance to compete in a Poetry/Prose Contest about being respectful and standing up for what is right! Stay tuned for more details!!

On November 25th, Roberts Street Elementary, along with Canastota Junior High, hosted a speaker from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Students in grades 4-6 and 7-9 attended an assembly regarding cyber-safety and cyber-bullying. In turn, district employees made a donation to the Ride for Missing Children through the Friday Donor Days collection.

## SSES Students Participate in the Homecoming Parade



*Ms. Carnaban and Mrs. Stanek made dreams come true for SSES students who marched in the Homecoming Parade in October. A good time was had by all and this momentus first was very exciting!*



## Fall Athletics Season Highlights

Cross Country - Rachel Bargabos finished 15th in the NYSPHSAA Cross Country Championships at SUNY Canton.

Football - Opened season at Syracuse Carrier Dome with a 55-0 victory over Little Falls and qualified for the Section III Class C Play-offs.

Field Hockey lost in Section III semi-finals against Holland Patent 3-2 in overtime.

Boys Soccer finished the regular season at 8-8 losing to South Jefferson in the Section III tournament.

Girls Soccer won the Canastota Kickoff Classic.

Girls Modified Field Hockey and Boys Modified Soccer had undefeated seasons.

All-Star Recognition: Cross Country - Rachel Bargabos, Lindsay Bazan, and Adam VanValkenburg

Girls Soccer - Maureen Krak & Deanna Carlone

NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athletes Fall 2014

### VARSITY FOOTBALL

Anthony Sorci  
 Nathan Walker 12  
 Douglas Simmons 9  
 Zach Funari 12  
 Kyle McGovern 11  
 Tyler Doane 11  
 Cameron Bellino 11  
 Aaron Quaglia 12  
 Benjamin Marshall 9  
 Michael Zupan 11  
 Owen Albanese 11  
 Kris Rutherford 11

### BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

Matthew Stedman 10  
 Kelli Whitmeyer 10  
 Ethan O'Connell 10  
 Joshua Blanchard 11  
 Drew Rogers 12

Alexander Wilcox 11  
 Jacob Debrucque 9  
 Robert Burbank 11  
 Kenneth Keil 12  
 Dawson Lester 9  
 Nathan Arria 9  
 Christopher Bigos

### GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

Alexa Pedersen 12  
 Rachel Bargabos 12  
 Emily Seale 10  
 Lindsay Bazan 10  
 McKenna McDonald 9  
 Emily Galton 11  
 Kayla Marshall 11

### GIRLS VARSITY SOCCER

Deanna Carlone 10  
 Rebecca Dolloff 12  
 April Dabrowski 9  
 Kari Kimball 9  
 Maureen Krak 12  
 Mackenzie Mitchell 8  
 Brianne Wilcox 12  
 Kristie Morris 11  
 Brooke Weber 10  
 Jade Shimer 10  
 Sophie Debrucque 12  
 Devin Lee Robinson 8

## FBLA Members Attend National Fall Leadership Conference



Left to Right Blair Debrucque, Julia DiVeronica, Nichole Delaney in front of World War II Memorial

From November 6 – November 9, three members from Canastota High School’s FBLA chapter traveled to Washington, DC to attend the Future Business Leaders of America National Fall Leadership Conference. Members attended two general sessions on Friday and Saturday evenings where motivational speakers provided dynamic inspirational keynote addresses. On Friday and Saturday members also attended many informative workshops that were presented throughout the day.

While in Washington, the Canastota members visited the monuments and memorial parks of the National Mall, the Capitol, Smithsonian Museums, and viewed the White House. Mrs. Elizabeth Garofalo, club advisor, accompanied the members to the conference.

### Third Grade Author at South Side Elementary



Gabriella reading her story at SSES Morning Program.

Third grader, Gabriella, wrote a story about "a little flower who was different because he was a square. When he went to school, all of the kids picked on him because he was a different shape. A girl said "it doesn't matter if you're different, it's just about if you're a good person."

Gabriella was able to share her story with the whole school at an October Morning Program. The message in her story about being different and still accepted among friends was very well received. We are so proud of her at South Side!

### Roberts St. Poster Contest Winners



Winners of poster contest: Lana Maher, Willow Heckerman, Ezekial Percival, Emily Snyder, Carly Becker, and Harrison Vanlone (not pictured).

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