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A message from the Superintendent

We welcome the sunshine and this season of refreshment and renewal! As we close the 2014-2015 school year I want to pause and look back on many wonderful end of year events.

The 134th Commencement Ceremony was an outstanding tribute to our graduates, their teachers and the staff at Canastota Central Schools. I want to congratulate each and every one of our 106 graduates, who rose to the challenge of increased demands set by the New York State Education Department. I wish them the very best in their future endeavors.



In addition to completing the requirements for high school graduation, many of our students completed Career and Technical Education courses at Madison Oneida BOCES. We are very proud of these additional accomplishments.

On June 7 2015, we had our Senior Award Night. Many of our graduates received scholarships from local individuals, organizations and businesses. The total amount donated was \$84,000! We are privileged to live and work in such a generous and caring community!

We also celebrated with moving up ceremonies for our 6th graders and kindergartners.

The end of the year is an opportunity for artistic students in all grades to put their talents on display. The Art Department showcased student artwork of all mediums and all ages at the annual District Art Show at the Vincent V. Albanese Educational Center. Our Music Department wrapped up the year with numerous instrumental and choral concerts demonstrating the talents of our students, many of whom also showcased their abilities in the musical, "Bye, Bye, Birdie".

The District must also express sincere appreciation for the community's passage of the 2015-2016 budget and bus referendum. The first phase of the Capital Project is at its halfway point. The roof of the Education Annex/Bus Garage has been completed and work has started on the roof over the Media Center of the Roberts Street Complex.

You will notice that this newsletter looks a little different than what was produced last year. With the help of Madison-Oneida BOCES and our new public information officer we spruced it up, adding more color and making the type larger and easier to read. Let us know what you think by providing feedback to ksims@canastotacsd.org.

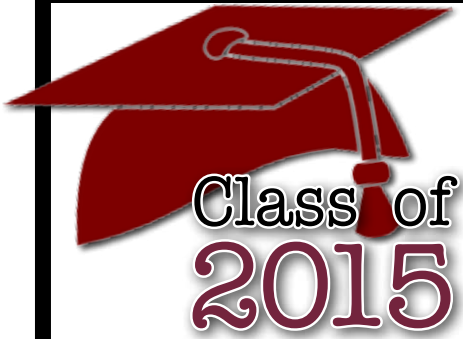
In short, it has been a wonderful year, full of growth and progress. The commitment of our Canastota community is recognized and appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to provide a quality public education as we continue to ensure that Canastota Schools are an excellent place for all students to learn and grow. Enjoy the summer!

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Class of
2015

Canastota
High School
Valedictorian
and
Salutatorian

Congratulations
Graduates!



Rachel Bargabos
Valedictorian

Rachel Bargabos, the 2015 Valedictorian, is a member of the National Honor Society and the National Art Honor Society. She served as president of both organizations. She also served as treasurer of the Art Club. While at Canastota High School, Rachel ran Varsity Cross Country and was a member of the Indoor and Outdoor track teams. She has been recognized several times as a scholar athlete. Rachel received the Wilder Leadership Scholarship from the University of Rochester. She is undecided on a major.



Rachelle Maccarone
Salutatorian

Rachelle Maccarone, the 2015 Salutatorian, is a member of the National Honor Society and has been on the high honor roll every marking period. She has been involved in the National Honor Society Tutoring program for three years. Outside of school, Rachelle has pursued her love of dance. She has been a member of Daphne's Dream Dancers for 15 years, studying a variety of genres including lyrical, jazz and modern dance. Rachelle received a Presidential Scholarship from the Albany College of Pharmacy.



Rome Police Honor South Side Student

Members of the Rome City Police Department came to South Side Elementary School in mid-May to honor Bruce Sancomb, a second grade student, for his work to support the department.

Chief Kevin Beach, Sgt. Donald D'Aiuto and Officer Scott Hoag, attended the SSES Morning Program to present Bruce with a Certificate of Appreciation and some special gifts (badges, helmet, water bottle, teddy bear). Bruce and his great aunt, Brenda Engle of Rome, created ribbons for the officers to sell, with money raised going to support the "Shop with a Cop" program.

They also created "survival kit" goodie bags that were filled with things like Peppermint Patties (to keep your cool), Payday (because they are not in it for the money), a marble (for when someone says you lost your marbles) and other items that showed how much the officers are appreciated.

The officers were grateful for the expression of support and kindness. SSES staff and students are very proud of Bruce and his willingness to show kindness and compassion for others.



Canastota Entry Stands Out at NYS History Day Competition

Three Canastota students traveled to Cooperstown to participate in the New York State History Day competition in late April. The trio of sophomores qualified to compete at the state level after appearing at the Central New York History Day Competition in March.

Dominique Cesario, Makayla LaRue and Danielle McCallops performed a spoken word titled "S.A.M.E. - South Africans Made Equal," at the Otesaga Resort in Cooperstown. The performance highlighted the legacy and leadership of Nelson Mandela, which was the theme of the competition. It focused on the role Mr. Mandela played in the struggle against apartheid in South Africa. The audience and judging panel responded positively to the entry and the judges' said the trio were "poised," "confident," and "great performers," and referred to their performance as "unique," "well-executed," and an "excellent portrayal of emotion."

While in Cooperstown the group and their chaperone, Mrs. Ronalds, visited the National Baseball Hall of Fame, the Fenimore Art Museum and the Farmer's Museum. Mrs. Ronalds and Dominique Cesario shared information about the trip with the Canastota Board of Education at their May 26 meeting.



Fairbanks Appointed Regional Director of NYS PTA Central Region

Lori Fairbanks, treasurer of the Southside Elementary School/Peterboro Street Elementary School PTA has been appointed as the regional director of the New York State PTA Central Region.

Ms. Fairbanks has "continuously proven to be a solid leader and is well versed in the rules and bylaws of NYS PTA. She has worked hard to help rebuild her unit into a strong organization, one that provides the students with a full range of activities to enrich their education," according to a press release announcing her appointment to the post.

Ms. Fairbanks has served as the PSES/SSES book fair chairperson and as the liaison between the PSES and SSES administrative assistants, as well as liaison between the PTA and the teachers and administrators at both schools. This year she was also responsible for our fundraising.



MOBOCES ESL Teacher Hosts Cultural Fest at SSES



Students in Mrs. Russitano's second grade classroom at Southside Elementary School in Canastota sampled homemade dulce de leche, watched some German dancers and learned about China from classmate Crystal Chen during a mini-cultural festival at the school in mid-June.

Roseann Grotevant, a Madison-Oneida BOCES ESL teacher, organized the event, which included a presentation about Brazil from second-grader Kathellyn Franca and her mother, Josie, who is Brazilian and speaks Portuguese and a presentation on Germany from Julie Volk and her mom, Angela, who is German. In addition, Hannah Edwards, an 8th grade student from Camden, and her parents attended the event and spoke to the students. Members of the Edwards' family, who brought cookies for the students, were excited to meet Julie and Angela Volk.

The students in Mrs. Russitano's class heard the German national anthem and learned about the Euro, saw slides of Brazilian beaches and learned how to say "hello" and "goodbye" in Chinese, Portuguese and German.



Bingo and Movies Highlight This Year's Field Days



Students at Southside Elementary School and Peterboro Street Elementary School ended the year with fun and games at the schools' field days.

Second and third graders at Southside used bingo cards to make their field days fun. Each student had a card with the numbers 1-24 on it, along with a free space. The numbers on the card corresponded to a different field day event. The free space represented their snack, a freezer pop courtesy of the Parent Teacher's Association. When the students achieved a bingo, they received a prize. They were able to earn a second prize if they completed all 24 events.



At Peterboro Street Elementary School, kindergarten and first grade students took part in a movie themed field day. The students were able to participate in 20 games centered on different movies. The students had to rely on skills they learned throughout the year to succeed at the games, which included going under the sea with the Little Mermaid, pinning a carrot on Olaf, playing Boo-sketball with Sully and Mike, having batting practice with Chicken Little and scoring a goal against the Incredibles. The Parent Teacher Association supplied popcorn and water for the students to enjoy while they completed events.

The students at both schools were grateful to all of the parents and teachers who volunteered to make the event a success

Canastota Football Program Summer Workouts

The Canastota football program is now running summer workouts. The workouts, which will continue through Aug. 7, are open to all players in grades 7-12 and are held in the Fitness Center at Canastota High School. Monday and Friday lifts are from 10 am – noon or 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday lifts are from 10 a.m. to noon or 4 p.m. to 5:25 p.m. Tuesday and Thursdays speed and flexibility are from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. only.

In addition, varsity skilled position will have Passing League from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Chittenango High School. Junior Varsity Passing League will be from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Canastota High School. Both leagues run through Aug. 5. Parents and athletes are responsible for transportation to and from Chittenango. Varsity passing league participants will leave from Canastota High School at 5:30 p.m. on league days.

There will be no linemen games this year. On August 9th we will have our summer wrap up with a lifting competition from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Fitness Center followed by a Meet the Coaches Night in the Forum Room at 5 p.m. Equipment will be passed out immediately following in the High School Gym.

Practice Start Date:

Double Sessions for Varsity and Junior Varsity players begin Aug. 17th. Practices will run through the opening of school. Please plan vacations accordingly as practices missed not only affect the individual athlete but the entire team. A missed practice is a missed opportunity to better oneself which can never be made up.

Practice times are listed below and may be subject to change due to weather or preparation need. Practices are held at the high school.

Monday, August 17th:	3:00 – 8:15 pm
Tuesday, August 18th:	3:00 – 5:15 pm
Wednesday, August 19th:	3:00 – 8:15 pm
Thursday, August 20th:	3:00 – 5:15 pm
Friday, August 21st:	3:00 – 8:15 pm
Saturday, August 22nd:	11:00 am – 1:30 pm Practice 2:00 – 5:00 pm Fundraiser
Monday, August 24th:	3:00 – 8:15 pm
Tuesday, August 25th:	3:00 – 8:15 pm
Wednesday, August 26th:	6:00 – 9:30 pm Varsity Only 3:00 – 8:15 pm JV Only
Thursday, August 27th:	3:15 – 5:15 pm
Friday, August 28th:	8:00 – 10:00 am
Saturday, August 29th:	10:00 am Varsity scrimmage at Camden 10:00 am scrimmage for Junior Varsity (site TBD)



Fundraiser

From 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Aug. 22, Canastota players will be going door to door selling discount cards. The cards have hundreds of dollars worth of savings and sell for \$20 each. They are good until Aug. 22, 2016. Players will also be collecting returnable cans and bottles.

Congratulations to our 2015 graduates:

Jesse Cellamare, Dequan Entraveria, Zachary Funari, Paul Gregoris, Jakob Phillips, Brandon Pickard, John Popple, Aaron Quaglia, Elijah Sampo, Ryan Sandford, Jacob Sherman, Anthony Sorci, Nathan Walker, and Trenton Zophy.

A special shout out to John Popple who will play football for St John Fisher College.



Mock DWI Drill at High School

Juniors and seniors at Canastota High School took part in a Mock DWI drill in early May. First responders assembled in the parking lot of the school as the Canastota High School chapter of Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) staged the scene of an accident after the prom. The simulated crash was caused by a drunk driver. Gary Ball from Ball Funeral Home and Canastota Police Chief James Zophy spoke to the students about staying safe and staying sober during prom season. Agencies taking part in the drill included the Canastota Fire Company, Canastota Police Department, Lincoln Fire

Department, Greater Lenox Ambulance Service, the LifeNet helicopter, Ball Funeral Home and Gary's Auto in Oneida.

Roberts Street Helps Clear Path for Veterans

Students at Roberts Street Elementary School learned about service dogs and how they help veterans and turned that into an opportunity to give back to the community.

For Roberts Street's yearly "Support Our Troops" fundraiser, Clear Path for Veterans was the recipient. At the end of April, Laurie Fox from Clear Path came to the school visit with a young veteran along with her service dog, Hooch. The veteran and Ms. Fox gave a presentation on how service dogs help veterans who have returned from active duty. Many of dogs come from Wanderer's Rest and are trained and given to veterans in need at no cost to the veterans.

Students at Roberts Street Elementary School decided that Clear Path for Veterans should be this year's recipient of the "Support Our Troops" fundraiser. They collected more than 8,500 bottles and cans and sold 120 American Flag pencils at the school store.

The two events allowed the students to donate \$646.15 to the Dogs2Vets program at Clear Path.

Thanks to everyone who bought pencils and donated bottles and cans. A special thanks to Mrs. Hollibaugh and Mrs. LeBlanc's classes for helping with this fundraiser through the school store and to Allen's Bottle/Can Return.



Stop Summer Learning Loss

When we think of summer, we think of a happy, carefree time when children can have fun and unwind. Sometimes, however, we forget about the potential learning opportunities. Here are some ways to prevent summer slide from author and education blogger Dr. Matthew Lynch.

- **Reading Program:** Set up a summer reading program with your child in which s/he chooses an agreed-upon number of grade-level books to read per month. Make sure that you consult the child's teacher or a librarian for advice.
- **Learning While Vacationing:** If you are planning on taking a vacation this summer, you can turn it into a social studies activity. Ask your child to research the destination's history, cuisine, popular attractions, etc. Also, once you reach your vacation destination, you can schedule tours of famous landmarks and locations, which will increase social studies knowledge.
- **Summer Journaling:** Ask your son or daughter to write a daily journal of all the things learned each day. Remember, you will need to orchestrate learning activities for your children, because you can't trust that they will be able to do it on their own.
- **Turn Daily Activities Into Learning Opportunities:** If you're at the grocery store with your kids, challenge them to add up the total cost of your purchase. Driving to grandmother's house? Ask them to find certain colors, shapes, or patterns along the way.
- **Learning Locally:** Don't forget about the local parks, museums, zoo, aquarium, etc. The community is full of fun activities that can be turned into learning opportunities.

Important Information for Parents & Students Class of 2016



Seniors - Don't Wait!

Parent Ads

Parent Ads may be submitted either pre-designed or with the complete information and directions for our staff to design. Please email your ad or info to yearbook@canastotacsd.org.

They **MUST** be jpg's at least 300 resolution.

Due November 2nd

More information to follow in September at the Senior Meeting, in a September Mailing, and on the Canastota High School Yearbook Page on Facebook!



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SENIOR PICTURES

Due: October 5, 2015

Formal Picture
Informal Picture
Baby Picture

Take your Informal Portrait over the summer with your favorite photographer or photo friend. See above for examples.

Formal Portraits should also be taken over the summer. Be sure to be dressed formally with a plain background.

Baby pictures should be either scanned at 300 resolution and emailed to us at yearbook@canastotacsd.org or brought in and our staff will scan.

The advisors have the right to not accept anything deemed inappropriate, with bad quality, or not fulfilling the requirements.

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Canastota Schools FREE Summer Breakfast & Lunch Program

FREE Breakfast and Lunch available for children Monday thru Friday from July 6 to August 28, 2015 in Cafeteria A of Roberts Street School.

Breakfast is served from: **7:45 to 8:45 a.m.**

Lunch is served from: **11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

Meals are available **FREE**

to anyone under 18 years of age.

Those over 18 will be charged \$3.50 per meal.

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