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A message from the Superintendent

Thank you to our students, parents, faculty, staff, alumni and community members for being supportive and engaged contributors to a remarkably successful academic year! We have much to look back on with pride, and many achievements to celebrate.



Most recently, the 135th Commencement Ceremony was a fitting tribute to 111 graduates who met the challenges set forth by the New York State Education Department. An unprecedented 100 percent of the seniors who started the school year graduated on June 25. Adding to that impressive statistic, several graduates will receive a combined total of \$844,800 in financial aid from their chosen colleges and universities. I congratulate you all, and wish you well in your future endeavors. I encourage you to stay connected to your alma mater as the years go by, so future generations of Canastota students can benefit from your involvement as alumni. I also send heartfelt thanks to the teachers, staff, and parents who supported our graduates throughout their academic careers.

Many of our students completed Career and Technical Education courses at Madison-Oneida BOCES, in addition to completing requirements for high school graduation. We are proud of them for these additional accomplishments.

Future Canastota graduates took important steps toward that goal with their Pre-K, Kindergarten and 6th grade moving up ceremonies. We celebrate these milestones with them.

We recognized roughly half of the Class of 2016 at the Senior Awards Night. Over \$100,000 in awards and scholarships were presented to students for their achievements in academics, athletics and community service. This is the largest disbursement to date, thanks to the generosity of the Canastota Central School District community that makes this robust awards program possible.

Earlier this year we were recognized by U.S. News and World Report with a Bronze Medal ranking in its list of the best high schools in the country for 2016. The magazine compiles data on more than 21,000 public high schools, and this outstanding accomplishment shows the progress our District is making in its mission of "Striving for Excellence."

The District must also express sincere appreciation for the community's passage of the 2016-2017 budget and bus referendum. We will continue to work diligently to be good stewards of your tax monies as we provide the best possible education to each and every one of our students.

The community showed its strong involvement in the District, as eight candidates vied for four open seats in the Board of Education elections. Please join me in congratulating Mr. Doug Gustin on his re-election to the board. Please also welcome Mr. Timothy Bazan, Mr. Loran Crosby, and Mr. Bill Haddad, three new board members who began their terms on July 1.

We have a busy summer planned, as we implement the Capital Project – Phase II, with facility renovations at Peterboro Street Elementary School, South Side Elementary School, and the High School. These structural improvements will enrich the academic experience for our children.

It has been a wonderful year, and there is so much more to reflect on and look forward to. In addition to reading this newsletter, I encourage you to keep up with District announcements, news and information by visiting our website at www.canastotacsd.org, and by following us on Facebook (a link is on the District website homepage). Enjoy the summer!

Best,
June C. Clarke
Superintendent of Schools

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Canastota
High School
Valedictorian
and
Salutatorian

Congratulations
Graduates!



Alexander Wilcox
Valedictorian

During his Canastota High School career, Alexander Wilcox was President of the local chapter of the National Honor Society. As a Varsity soccer player he was named MVP, selected to the league All Star team, and received the Triple C Captain's Award. He was an All Star in Varsity volleyball, and was a member of the Varsity track and field team. He will attend Clarkson University to study Aeronautical Engineering. Alex is the son of Bruce and Cheri Wilcox.



Jacob Purdy
Salutatorian

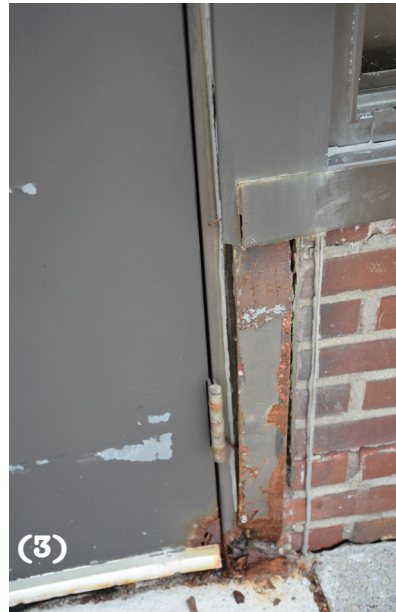
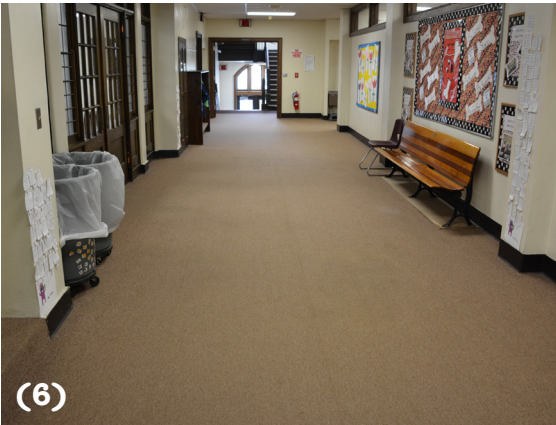
While a student at Canastota High School, Jacob Purdy was Vice President of the local chapter of the National Honor Society. He was a member of the Science and History Clubs, and a Boys State attendee. Academically, Jake ranked among the top four students for all four years of High School. He played Varsity basketball and baseball. He will attend Clarkson University to study Engineering (Civil or Environmental). Jake is the son of Steve and Dee Purdy.

Commencement
June 25, 2016

See more photos on
our Facebook page.



Photo Essay: Capital Project - Phase II



Work has started on Phase II of the Capital Project at South Side Elementary School, Peterboro Street Elementary School and the Junior/Senior High School. As with any construction project, safety and minimal disruptions to the educational process are our top concerns.

In mid-June, faculty and staff worked with movers to box up items and get them transferred into storage. Over the summer, construction crews will be working to replace worn flooring and carpeting with new vinyl composition tile (VCT); install new heating units, lights, counters and cabinets; install new wall partitions; replace windows; install new ceilings; and paint. At SSES, the main entrance doors will be replaced and a new exterior sidewalk ramp will be installed near the gym entrance.

Carefully thought-out plans are in place to address any concerns and to keep the project on schedule. Fully compliant asbestos abatement is being conducted during the renovations.

New windows for Peterboro Street Elementary School are set to arrive in August. As a result, some installation will take place while school is in session in September. Students in the affected areas will briefly move into designated locations prepared to host them while windows are replaced two rooms at a time.

If you have questions or concerns about the project, please contact School District Business Leader, Cara Stevens at 697-2025.

Here are some 'before' photos of areas slated for construction and renovation this summer. Clockwise from top left: (1) Old carpeting being held together with duct tape in a SSES classroom. This will be replaced with VCT. (2) SSES classroom to be outfitted with a new door. (3) Weather-damaged section of the SSES front entrance, slated for replacement. (4) Flooring and heating unit to be replaced in a Jr/Sr High School classroom. (5) Worn teaching desk to be replaced in a Jr/Sr High School classroom. (6) Carpet slated for replacement with VCT in the 1st floor corridor of PSES.

Works from K-12 Student Artists on Display at 13th Annual Art Show



The Canastota Central School District community provided a great turnout for the 13th Annual Canastota K-12 Art Show on May 12.

This year the creative theme was "The Butterfly Project." This event is an opportunity for artistic students in all grades to put their talents on display. The Art Department showcases student artwork of all mediums, from drawings and paintings to ceramics and a sculpture installation.

Attendees enjoyed sweet potato pie and coffee in the Harlem Renaissance Cafe, which was set up in the Media Center Library. This was a first-time student project combining education and research on history, music, poetry, audio/visual and food.

Selections of award-winning artwork will be featured in the 2016-2017 Canastota Central School District calendar. Visit www.canastotacsd.org and go to "School News" for a list of art show award winners.

Left: "Butterfly Serenity" by Alyssa Deneve, recipient of the Assistant Principal's Award 9-12.

Canastota Schools FREE Summer Breakfast and Lunch Program

FREE breakfast and lunch is available for children Monday through Friday from July 11 to August 19, 2016 in Cafeteria A of Roberts Street Elementary School.

Breakfast served 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. Lunch served 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Meals are available **FREE** to anyone 18 years old or under.

Those 19 and over will be charged \$3.50 per meal.

Menus and more information: www.canastotacsd.org, go to "Quick Links." For more information, contact the Food Service Dept.: (315) 697-4000.



New School Lunch Prices

The Board of Education has approved an increase in the school lunch prices for the 2016-2017 school year.

Grades K-3: \$1.95

Grades 4-12: \$2.10

For lunch menus and free/reduced price lunch applications, visit canastotacsd.org, select "For Parents" and click "Food Service & Menus."



Top, left to right: Marian Cerio, Bernard Gleeson, Peter Palamara, Jr., Marcia Anguish (seated), Patricia Micaroni, Colleen Hilts.

Bottom, left to right: Karen Marshall, Roberta Borek, Cynthia Bertolero.

Plaques Presented at BOE Meeting

Superintendent of Schools June C. Clarke presented plaques to retiring District employees and outgoing Trustees during the June 28 Board of Education meeting. Ms. Clarke thanked each retiree for their service to the school district, and spoke highly of their professional accomplishments, work ethic, and dedication to the students.

Board of Education Trustees:

Marian Cerio, 9 years
(Board of Education President 2014-2016)
Bernard Gleeson, 13 years
Peter Palamara, Jr., 3 years

School District Employees:

Patricia Micaroni, Math Teacher
32 years
Jane Lavonas, Library Aide
31 years
Colleen Hilts, Science Teacher
30 years
Roberta Borek, Transportation Director
21 years

Kerry Callegari, School Social Worker
19 years

Karen Marshall, Spanish Teacher
19 years

Marcia Anguish, Secretary
15 years

Cynthia Bertolero, Teacher Aide/Special
Education Aide, 13 years

James Sutton, Bus Driver
12 years

Joan Richards, Guidance Secretary
11 years

Dennis Forkey, Bus Driver
9 years

Athletics



Sports

Highlights:

Football Summer Workout Schedule: Starting July 5, workouts are open for players in grades 7–12. The last day for workouts is August 5. 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 5:00 - 7:00 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 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

Passing League for Varsity and JV Skilled Positions: July 6 to August 3, Wednesdays, 6:00 - 8:30 pm, at Chittenango. Varsity exception on 7/20 due to Morrisville Team Camp. Parents and athletes are responsible for transportation to and from Chittenango. Bring your own drinks.

1st Annual Raider Open Canastota Football Fund Raiser Golf Tournament: Saturday, July 16, 8:00 am, at Casolwood Golf Club. \$75 per golfer, \$300 per team. \$100 for hole sponsors. Contact JMSGarlarta@GMail.com if interested.

Football Team Camps (Varsity Only): This summer the Varsity football team will participate in the Morrisville Team Camp. The Morrisville Team Camp is July 18-20, 4:30 - 9:00 pm. The cost is \$60 per athlete.

August 7:

- Lifting Competition (Fitness Center), 2:00 - 4:30 pm. Must lift with us in the summer in order to participate.
- Meet the Coaches Night in the Forum Room, 5:00 - 5:45 pm.
- Equipment Pass Out in the HS Gymnasium, 6:00 - 7:30 pm. Varsity and JV only.

Practice Start Dates for Fall Sports: Double practice sessions for Varsity and JV begins August 15. After August 15, practices continue leading up to the start of school, so please plan vacations accordingly.

Come Out and Support the Raiders! First Home Games of the Fall Season*:

- Boys Varsity Soccer, September 6, 4:30 pm, vs. UASCS
- Boys Modified Soccer, September 22, 4:30 pm, vs. Adirondack Central
- Girls Varsity Soccer, August 29, 4:30 pm, vs. Herkimer
- Girls Modified Soccer, September 23, 4:30 pm, vs. Adirondack Central
- Girls Varsity Field Hockey, August 30, 4:30 pm, vs. Little Falls
- Girls Modified Field Hockey, September 26, 4:30 pm, vs. Morrisville-Eaton
- Girls Varsity Tennis, September 1, 4:00 pm, vs. Herkimer
- Boys Varsity Football, September 10, 7:00 pm, vs. Tully
- Boys JV Football, September 3, 10:00 am, vs. Holland Patent Central
- Boys Modified Football, September 22, 4:30 pm, vs. Dolgeville Central
- Boys and Girls Cross Country, September 14, 4:30 pm, vs. multiple schools

**Dates provided from team schedules made available prior to printing. View the current sports calendar for dates of all scrimmages, home games and away games on the Athletics page of www.canastotacsdsd.org.*

Physicals: A current physical is required in order to practice. According to state rules if a player misses more than one practice they will miss the scrimmage. If they miss two or more practices they will not be able to play in the first game. Students should schedule their physicals as soon as possible, as getting an appointment for physicals can be difficult. Students can come to the school's free physical on August 15, from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Students Qualify for Dance Competition: Canastota Central School District students who are part of the Jody Lynn's School of Dance Competition Team have qualified for the National Dance Championships in Atlantic City July 25 to 30. They are part of a team consisting of 32 total dancers for the 2015-2016 season. All the Canastota team members competed in regional competitions throughout the season, and qualified for the national event.

The Canastota dancers going to the competition are: Megan Trujillo, Brooke Congden, Teagan Hopkins, Rebecca McClure, Mackenzie Burnett, Lynne Thielke, Mackenzie Snyder, Avery Austerman, Kaitlyn O'Dell, Mala McCormick, Rachael Timmins, Isabella Conklin, Adeline Debrucque, Breeah Shaw, Emma Grant, Reilly Smith, JoAnna Musacchio, Blakelyn Musacchio, and Abbey Timmins.

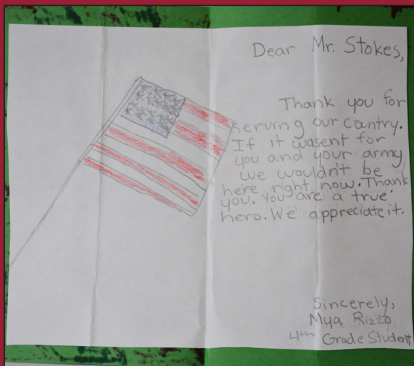
Students Rise to the Challenge and Exceed Reading Goals

Peterboro Street Elementary School and South Side Elementary School students participated in the annual Principals' Reading Challenge this Spring. Students in both schools exceeded their challenges. PSES students were challenged with reading 1,000 total books, and read over 2,000 books. SSES students were challenged with reading for a total of 1,000 hours, and read for a total of 1,016 hours.

PSES/SSES Principal Jennifer Carnahan and Assistant Principal Melissa Stanek agreed to take part in the "Pie in the Face" game if students met their reading goals. Ms. Carnahan and Mrs. Stanek were great sports and put on their "game faces" to meet the challenge "head on."

The top PSES reader was first grade student Avianah Jayson, who read 65 books. The top SSES reader was third grade student Cara Kitchen, who read for 51 hours. They each received a "Pie in the Face" game as a prize.

Top: PSES/SSES Principal Jennifer Carnahan. Bottom. PSES/SSES Assistant Principal Melissa Stanek.



Seniors Receive Awards and Honors

More than \$100,000 in awards and scholarships were presented to Canastota High School seniors at the Class of 2016 Senior Awards Ceremony on June 20. The total amount given out this year is the largest disbursement to date, thanks to the generous residents of the Canastota community. Donors and presenters handed out awards and honors for academics, athletics and community service during the ceremony. The largest award of the evening - \$33,000 - was given to Cristina Damiano by the R. Gene Knox Foundation, in memory of local businessman Gene Knox, Class of 1951. The award is presented to a deserving senior who plans to further his/her education in the field of engineering.

Syracuse.com Publishes Letters

Over Memorial Day weekend, Syracuse.com published a selection of handwritten letters sent by Roberts Street Elementary School students to World War II veteran and Canastota resident Robert Stokes. The 4th, 5th and 6th graders wrote close to 200 letters in a mail call operation arranged by Robert Stokes' son, Steven. A link to the letters is posted on www.canastotacsd.org in the "School News" section.

HeartChase Participants Raise Over \$500 for AHA

Canastota Junior/Senior High School students, faculty and staff participated in HeartChase, a community adventure game and fundraiser for the American Heart Association (AHA) on May 18.

Teams completed challenges related to heart health, nutrition and exercise at stations set up around the track. This first-time event served as a leadership project for coordinating committee members Jessica Evans (7th grade), Corey Evans (10th grade), Danae Fowler (10th grade), and Serina Holston (10th grade).

Canastota Central School District's Wall of Distinction

From time to time, I am asked about the Wall of Distinction, located in the tunnel by the High School gymnasium. As a Board of Education member who played a part in its conception and development, I would like to share the Wall's history and basic premise.

The primary mission of the Wall of Distinction is not, as many have come to believe, to recognize people who made contributions to community, state or country, although that is certainly an important component of the bylaws. The underlying purpose of the Wall of Distinction is to show people that no goal is out of reach, no ideal is too lofty, no dream unattainable if they possess a degree from Canastota Central Schools.

As parents of athletes, my wife and I traveled to many schools during our children's tenure at CHS. I noticed that in many districts there were areas, often near the gym, where tribute was paid to graduates of that particular district. Other Board members had also witnessed such displays, and so the concept of such a wall was born.

We as a board seized upon this opportunity to present the district in a positive light. As a place where successful, outstanding individuals were launched.

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The bylaws have as a cornerstone requirement that inductees must be graduates of the Canastota Central School District. We have a selection committee that is charged with determining who the nominees will be. These dedicated members have a wealth of knowledge about Canastota's schools, are apolitical and unbiased. They retain their anonymity to avoid undue influence from the community or those campaigning to get their personal candidates nominated.

The Wall of Distinction was designed to honor Canastota's education system by recognizing individuals whose accomplishments range are all-encompassing, from community service, education, athletics and science to medicine, law, engineering, politics, literature, the armed services and more. The Wall's greatest accomplishment, however, is to remind students every day that no dream is unattainable with a Canastota Central Schools diploma in hand.

*Submitted by Steven Stokes,
Former Canastota Board of Education Trustee*

Wall of Distinction to Welcome Four New Inductees in October



You are invited to attend the 2016 Wall of Distinction induction ceremony and dinner on October 15, 2016, at the Rusty Rail Party House. Cocktails at 6:00 pm. Dinner at 7:00 pm. Tickets \$25. Reservation information to be announced.

2016 Inductees:

Edward Cerasia II, Class of 1983
Elizabeth Garofalo, Class of 1975
Alan Burgess, Class of 1964
Dr. David Vanderwerken, Class of 1964 (posthumous induction)

Wall of Distinction nominations are due by February 1 of each year. Forms are available in the main office of each school building, or online at www.canastotacsd.org, "Our District."

Anita Waite Honored Posthumously

The Canastota Alumni Association honored Special Education teacher Anita Sue Waite with the 2016 Educator Award at its annual dinner. Sadly, Anita passed away just prior to the announcement reaching her home.

The Alumni Association recognized Anita for her mentoring, advocacy, encouragement, leadership and sense of humor.

Anita devoted 38 years to her profession. She was first employed in the Canastota Central School District as a teacher at South Side Elementary School, and went on to work at Canastota Middle and High Schools. She was known for her dedication and compassion, and was highly regarded by students, colleagues and parents.

In a letter written to staff upon Anita's passing, Superintendent of Schools June C. Clarke praised Anita as a tremendous asset to the school community. "She changed countless students' lives...and was a tireless advocate for the children she interacted with every day. She will be greatly missed."



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Mr. Stanley Congden
Jr./Sr. High School Assistant Principal

Ms. Andrea Centro
Roberts St. Elementary School Principal

Ms. Jennifer Carnahan
Peterboro St. and South Side Elementary School Principal

Ms. Melissa Stanek
K-3 Assistant Principal

Ms. Carolyn Rose
Director of Special Programs

Mr. Michael Klenotiz
Transportation Supervisor

Mr. Christopher Clancy
Director of Instructional Technology

Mr. John Regan
Director of Facilities



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 JPEGS at least 300 dpi resolution.

Due November 1st

SENIOR PICTURES

Due: October 17, 2016

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 dpi 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.

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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