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## A message from the Superintendent

I hope you are all busy enjoying the summer with friends and family. We capped off the 2016-17 school year with so many good things! I want to thank the residents of Canastota for voting to pass the 2017-18 budget. I am honored to be a part of a community that recognizes the value of a strong education. Your support of our school district ensures that all of Canastota's children have access to quality instruction. This translates directly into opportunities for our students.

I am so proud of the Class of 2017 and their many accomplishments. At our Senior Awards night this year, we were able to hand out nearly \$100,000 in scholarships and awards to our graduates. These monies will be used to help our graduates further their education at institutions of higher learning. This awards night would not be possible without the support of the many Canastota families and businesses who contribute to our scholarships.

When I spoke to the students at graduation, one of the things I told them was to live their life with a purpose. I encouraged them to follow their passion and find ways to give back to their community. Your support is a shining example of why this is so important to all of us. So, again, thank you, from the bottom of my heart.

Visitors to the Roberts Street complex this summer will notice much work being done as we continue to progress with our capital project. In addition, new windows have been installed at Peterboro Street Elementary School. Our teachers are staying busy this summer with several professional development opportunities! They all work very hard to update their skills and to keep the curriculum aligned with the New York State Education Department standards. This allows them to provide our students high-quality instruction each and every day.

I look forward to the start of a new school year on Sept. 7, 2017! Continue to enjoy your vacation and stay safe!

June C. Clarke  
Superintendent of Schools



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# Congratulations Class of 2017



The 2017 Canastota graduation ceremony was held on June 24 at Canastota High School. Dominique Cesario, who will be attending the State University of New York at Geneseo, was the 2017 valedictorian. Deanna Carlone, who will be attending Springfield College, was the salutatorian.

This year's graduating seniors have much to be proud of and many of them received scholarships and awards from both their colleges and area community groups. At the Senior Awards Night, held on June 19, 2017, nearly \$100,000 in awards monies was presented to the class.





## RSES 4th Graders Visit Boat Museum

Jennifer Nolan's students spent some time exploring at the Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum.

The museum offers lots of hands on fun and students were able to learn about life on a canal-era boat and were able to use some of the construction tools that were available during that historical period. They also explored the museum's Canal Store and were able to learn about the social life and commerce of the era.

In addition, the students participated in an archaeological dig at the site, looking for artifacts from the time period!



## CHS Musician Wins National Award

Incoming Canastota senior Zach Piatkowski is the 2017 winner of the New Horizon award from the National Polka Association. The award is given annually to one "musically talented person who shows extreme interest in performing polka music" in the United States. Zach plays saxophone and clarinet in a polka band with seven of his friends. He said he also can play keyboard, but does not do so with his band. The group is made up of musicians from throughout New York and they do most of their rehearsing in the Albany area. Zach says he comes by his interest in polka music naturally, his dad plays the accordion in a band and while his mom does not play an instrument, Zach said she does know all of the dances. He said he has been interested in music since he was 4 and he plans to go into the medical field. He also wants to choose a college with a good music program. Zach is enrolled in the Madison-Oneida BOCES New Horizons program for his senior year.. Zach picked up his award and was honored at the group's Polka Convention in Cleveland, Ohio.





# Capital Project Update

Work continues this summer on Phase II of our capital improvement project. Voters approved the project in the Fall of 2014. Canastota residents will see new windows as well as masonry repair at Peterboro Street Elementary School; mechanical upgrades, classroom renovations and new ceilings at the Roberts Street complex; and science room renovations as well as upgrades and renovations in the art rooms at the Junior Senior High School.

In addition, the work on the Capital Outlay Project that was approved as part of the 2016-2017 budget is progressing. This work is on the exterior insulating and finish system at the Roberts Street complex near the gymnasium, weight room and high school cafeteria. It included cleaning, patching, re-caulking and repainting, as well as the installation of new bollards to protect the exterior of the building from wear and tear.





# Raider Athletics

## Fall 2017

Canastota Raiders athletes are gearing up for the 2017 Fall season!

Our football players are participating in a number of activities to prepare for their first game on Sept. 1 against Holland Patent. Starting in early July, and running through early August, the team has open workouts for all players in grades 7-12 at the high school Fitness Center. Team members were also encouraged to participate in a Passing League at Chittenango High School and Varsity players attended a team camp at Morrisville from July 17-19.



On Aug. 6 there will be a lifting competition at the Fitness Center, followed by a Meet the Coaches Night in the Forum Room and then the handing out of equipment in the High School gymnasium. Double session practices for Varsity and Junior Varsity players begin Aug. 14th and will run from 3:30 – 8:30 pm. Players should bring a bagged dinner. The first practice for modified players will be at 4 p.m. Aug. 28.

Practice for soccer, field hockey, cross country, tennis and cheerleading begins Aug. 17. Modified practices begin Aug. 28. Players should check with their coaches for practice times.

This year's Homecoming parade and festivities will be Friday, Oct. 6!  
Let's go Raiders!

## REMINDER

Monday, Aug. 7

Fall Sports Physicals  
from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
at the High School!

Your Physical must be up to date  
if you are playing a Fall sport!





# Kindergarten Graduation 2017





# Technology Update

The District's Technology Department is looking forward to an exciting school year. We will be launching a new District web site and our District Instructional Technology Plan includes a provision to provide devices (Chromebooks) to students across the district. In some grade levels, this will include providing devices on a 1:1 basis (one Chromebook: one student). We're calling our 1:1 Chromebook program Raider 1:1. The goal is to provide opportunities for students and teachers to collaborate, think critically, participate in project and inquiry-based learning, and make their classrooms more efficient.

The District's Director of Technology, Christopher Clancy, has announced that the first phase of Raider 1:1 will begin this September. Students in grades 11 and 12 will be provided with Chromebooks to use throughout the school day and at home.

This phase also includes students in grade 5. Those classrooms will be outfitted with Chromebooks for each student, however, they will not take them home. Instead, Chromebooks will be housed in classroom carts for overnight storage and charging, Mr. Clancy said. The District plans to continue providing devices to additional grade levels during the 2018-2019 school year and beyond.

"This is an exciting step for our district and our students. Special thanks to building technology committees, teachers, students and administrators who have come together to share their feedback, plan and help organize Raider 1:1," Mr. Clancy said. The Raider 1:1 logo, shown above, was created by Canastota art teacher Denise Whalen.

An information night for parents and community members who want to learn more about Raider 1:1 will be held later this summer.

The plan is to create a handbook and student agreement for the project. These will be posted to the district's new web site, which is expected to launch in early August.

The screen shot at right shows what the front page of the new Web site will look like!

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