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A message from the Superintendent

Our school year continues to be a success and our students and staff are all working hard to achieve their goals!

We have students who have been recognized for their artistic abilities, their business acumen and their athletic and academic prowess. I am so proud of each and every one of them, as well as their teachers, coaches and advisors.



The Board of Education has created a new Education Committee to gather input on a variety of topics from parents, community members, teachers, administrators, school staff and students. Topics are decided in advance of each meeting and meeting times and dates can be found on the District Web site as well as on our Facebook page.

At a recent meeting we discussed communication protocols, focusing on crisis communication as well as day-to-day communication.

I want to share with you some of the processes we use for communicating with parents, staff, students and the community during a crisis. First and foremost, if the crisis involves law enforcement, we are required to follow their direction about what we can and cannot communicate to the public. This is vital to ensuring that all of our students and staff are kept safe.

When making a decision about how to communicate information that does not involve law enforcement, I work with our trusted team of administrators to decide how and when to disseminate information. Many factors go into this decision, including how to release information without creating disruption during the academic day, what is best for the students and their families, as well as privacy protections and concerns for students, families and staff. Each of these must be weighed carefully before deciding how to proceed.

Once a decision is made about how to communicate the information and a message is crafted, we decide which avenues are best for sharing and with whom to share first. In general, information is given out to the Board of Education first, followed by administrators, then staff, then parents, students and the community.

We share information in a number of ways, including School Messenger, school e-mail, backpack letters, Facebook and our Web site.

If you have any questions or concerns about how we communicate with our families and the community, please reach out to me via e-mail at jjclarke@canastotacsd.org

June C. Clarke
Superintendent of Schools

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Holiday Celebrations



Family and friends came to school to help their young scholars celebrate the holiday season. Students spent time building gingerbread houses in our Pre-K rooms using a variety of sweet treats. Parents, grandparents and others also turned out to listen to some wonderful holiday music from our kindergarten students at a concert in late December. The teachers and staff at Peterboro Street love to prepare for what is always such a joyful time of year.



Raider Scholars Visit SU for Research

Students in Ms. Ronalds Global II Honors class headed to Syracuse University's Bird Library in mid-December to do some work on their projects for an upcoming competition. The group is participating in the Central New York Regional History Day Competition at Onondaga Community College in March.

Research librarians at Bird Library spent time teaching the scholars how to use the stacks and databases that are available at the library. Once they finished with their tutorials, the students got down to work mining SU's collection for valuable information to use in their projects. This is the second year students from Canastota have been able to access the materials at Bird Library and do research for their projects. In addition to Ms. Ronalds, students were joined by Ms. Jeanneret on the field trip. Good luck at the competition in March!

Students who did research at Bird were: Natasha Austin, Matt Carnevale, Emily Case, Carly Cashel, Skyler Donley, Gabbie Edwards, Nick Engle, Ben Evans, Cody Gushea, Brett Gustin, Sam Haddad, Joshua Heckerman, Alexis Hiltbrand, Jenna Hyde, Eden LaRonde, Audrey Mascareno, Gracie Morris, Hayley Patane, Sara Shaver, Payten Shirley, Alyse Stockbridge, Lexi Stout, Abbey Timmins and Dylan VanValkenburgh.





FBLA Members Advance to State Competition

Members of the Canastota High School chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) took part in the annual Spring District Meeting in early January at Morrisville State College.

Eighteen High School students and one Junior High student attended, along with 125 members from 10 chapters from Madison, Oneida, and Herkimer counties. The students spent the day competing in written and performance events in the areas of business and technology. Raider FBLA members won several awards and two Canastota students advanced to the state competition, with two members who will serve as alternates. District 7 is allowed two entries in each event.

Students who advanced were Emily Case, first place, Job Interview and Matthew McDermott, second place, Client Services. Alternates are: Hannah Farwell, third place, Basic Decision Making and Lucas Barnello, third place, Impromptu Speaking.

Emily Case, Carley Cashel, Lucas Barnello, Matt McDermott and April Dabrowski served as District Officers and assisted the State Vice President for District 7, Alexis Venettozzi from Little Falls High School, during the meeting. The New York State FBLA State Leadership Conference will be held in Binghamton this April. Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda, Inc. (FBLA-PBL) is a nonprofit career and technical student organization that prepares students for careers in business and business education. Its 250,000 members and advisors in 12,000-chartered chapters include representatives from the United States, the Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, and Europe. Its mission is to bring business and education together in a positive working relationship through innovative leadership and career development programs. To learn more, see FBLA-PBL's web site at www.fbla-pbl.org.

2018-19 Teaching Opportunities

Full-time tenure track opportunities are anticipated for the 2018-19 school year. Go to:

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for information.

Winter Raider Athletics



Girls Varsity Basketball



Bowling



Boys Varsity Basketball



Track and Field



Girls Varsity Volleyball



Boys Volleyball



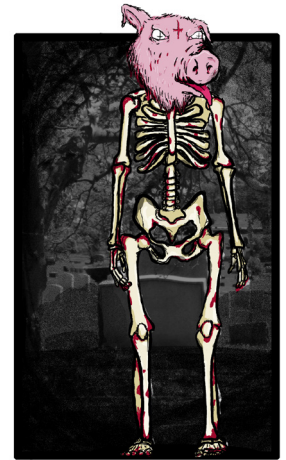
Varsity Wrestling

Raider Art Wins Awards

Artists had their work chosen for inclusion in the 2018 CNY Scholastics Art Exhibition. Winning art is on display in the Whitney Building at Onondaga Community College until March 2.

There were more than 5,592 pieces of art submitted for consideration and judging!

Artists who had pieces chosen were: Nick Leinberger - Gold Key for his Digital Art "Skeleton Pig" (at right); Zoelle Strong (2) Honorable Mention for her Portfolio "November Theory" & Silver Key for Mixed Media Portrait "Textured Portrait"; Carly Becker - Silver Key for Mixed Media "The layer of immortality"; Jennifer Fiore Silver Key for Digital Photograph "Final Pathway" (at left); Cody Gushea - Honorable Mention for Drawing & Illustration "Self Portrait"; Hunter Gushea - Honorable Mention for Drawing & Illustration "Katelynn"; Crystal Miller - Honorable Mention for Drawing & Illustration "Reaching for C7"; Skyler Donley - Honorable Mention for Digital Photograph "Choke"; Serina Holston - Honorable Mention for Digital Photograph "Onion" (at top) and for Mixed Media "Interconnectedness"; Andrew Marshall (Dylan VanValkenburgh & Nick Engle) - Honorable Mention for Sculpture "Lampsicle."



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Support staff - Bus drivers, bus attendants, food service, nurses, secretaries, cleaners, school monitors, teacher and library aides

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Grocery Shopping Fun



Kindergarten and first grade students learned a lot while shopping for dinner in Physical Education classes. A mock grocery store was set-up and students held various jobs including shoppers, cashiers, baker, deli worker, and baggers. Students worked on social, ELA, and math skills. They also learned about My Plate and practiced sorting foods into different foods groups.

Music Students Attend OCC Program

Four Canastota scholars had the opportunity to participate in Onondaga Community College's "Music Student for a Day" program in late fall. Logan Hood, Crystal Miller, Hannah Potter and Garrett Whitmeyer were able to spend time on the college campus. The group attended college classes and a concert and had lunch with current OCC students. The students were able to mingle with high school juniors and seniors from schools around Central New York, who also participated in the event.



For Logan, it was a chance to clarify goals. "I found out I don't want to go to college for music," she said. Logan said she went to classes on music theory and music appreciation while on campus.

The students said it was their music teacher at Canastota who encouraged them to attend. "Mr. Buneo got us interested in the program," Crystal said. "I went last year and I knew I had to go again." Seniors who attended the event were also invited to audition for enrollment in OCC's Music Department. College officials say the event is very popular because it offers students the chance to get an "inside view" of college life as a music major. The Canastota students said they were very impressed with the technology and music equipment that is available at OCC.

Garrett, who is a junior, plans to attend the program again next year, and Crystal, who is a senior, supports that decision. "Going twice makes a huge difference. Last year I went to a class that wasn't just for music majors, so I got to experience something different."

The students, who were at the college from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., were surprised by the size of the campus and the lack of structure. "College life is so much more free," Logan said.

"It's easy to get lost," Garrett said.

As part of the event, the students enjoyed music provided by OCC's percussion ensemble. "It was amazing," Garrett said. "Not traditional percussion at all. They had a siren whistle solo!"

The group said they would recommend the program to other students who are interested in exploring music as a college major. "I think you should not overlook OCC when you are looking at colleges," Crystal said.

Coach Laidlaw Reaches Milestone

Marcia Laidlaw, coach of the girls volleyball team, reached a milestone in her coaching career on Jan. 17, 2018. Coach Laidlaw won her 800th volleyball match, beating Adirondack in straight sets. Coach Laidlaw is the only active coach in the state to have reached 800 wins, according to the New York State Public High School Athletic Association. Congratulations Coach Laidlaw!



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MakerSpace a Hit with SSES Scholars

South Side Elementary School's MakerSpace is up and running thanks to the efforts of the SSES MakerSpace Team: Tracy Mammone, librarian; Jennifer Nolan, special education teacher; Melissa Palkovic, art teacher; and Shelby Russo, third-grade teacher.



In the space, SSES students are able to invent, design, experiment and build using science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM) skills. The scholars collaborate with their peers on projects and STEAM challenges. Teachers also utilize the MakerSpace when time permits.

Challenges available in the MakerSpace include Kits and K'nex, coding, design, engineering and building using popsicle sticks, weaving, decorating using bottle caps and using a peg board, a Lego wall or a magnetic wall.

The MakerSpace is a popular spot and students are given the chance to enjoy the area for 30 minutes every other week with their class.



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