



# Striving for Excellence Canastota

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## A message from the Superintendent

I hope you are enjoying this wonderful summer with family and friends. We ended the 2017-18 school year on a positive note with a beautiful graduation ceremony that was enjoyed by family, friends and community members.

I am so proud of the Class of 2018 and their many accomplishments. At our Senior Awards night this year, we were able to hand out more than \$100,000 in scholarships and awards to our graduates.

These monies will be used to help our Raider alumni 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.

Canastota's generosity is also evident in the consistent support of our school budgets. I am honored to be a part of a community that recognizes the value of a good education. Your tax dollars help ensure that all of the children who attend our schools have access to quality instruction. This translates directly into valuable opportunities for our students, both now and in the future.

I am happy to report that our Regents test scores and our graduation rates have seen steady improvement. This would not be possible without the hard work of our dedicated staff. Our teachers at all levels will spend time this summer in professional development sessions as they work to constantly improve the instruction they provide to the students of Canastota. Our staff is the heart and soul of this organization and I am grateful for their commitment to this community.

As the start of the 2018-19 school year approaches, I am feeling mixed emotions. It is a bittersweet time for me because I have chosen to retire from the district on October 31. I will always cherish my years in Canastota and I know that I will miss all of the amazing people who make up this wonderful community. However, it is time for me to begin a new chapter in my life. I am eager to spend more time with my children and grandchildren and I am looking forward to embarking on a host of new adventures.

June C. Clarke  
Superintendent of Schools



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## Congratulations Class of 2018



The 2018 graduation ceremony was held on June 23 at Canastota High School. Salvatore Cesario Jr., who will attend LeMoyne College, was the valedictorian of the 137th graduating class.

Co-salutatorians were Cassandra Clute and Samuel Evans. Cassandra will attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in the fall and Samuel will be a freshman at Colgate University.

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 18, 2018, more than \$100,000 in awards' monies was distributed to class members.



## FBLA Members Have Fun in Baltimore

Three of our high school students were among more than 13,000 of America's best and brightest youth who traveled to Baltimore, Md., to showcase their talents as future business leaders and vie for the opportunity to win more than \$200,000 in cash awards.

Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda (FBLA-PBL), the largest and oldest student business organization, held its National Leadership Conference from June 29 through July 2. Raiders Emily Case, Carly Cashel, and Lucas Barnello, along with their advisor, Mrs. Elizabeth Garofalo, joined participants from across the United States and three countries. The students were striving to sharpen their core business skills, expand their networks, and participate in more than 65 business and business-related competitive events.

The Canastota FBLA took part in competitions, attended workshops and served as state voting delegates in charge of electing the new national officer team. The trio completed a two-day leadership training, Institute for Leaders, and Emily Case represented the state in the Local Chapter Annual Business Report event as well as the Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure event. In order to compete at the national level, members had to finish as a top qualifier at the State Leadership Conference held in April.

During the trip, members were able to visit the National Aquarium, Washington, DC., the Smithsonian Museums, as well as attend a Baltimore Orioles baseball game at Camden Yards.

Canastota FBLA would like to thank our generous donors for their help in achieving this goal: Canastota Central School District, Lorraine Bruno Arsenault of Bruno Properties, Canastota Chamber of Commerce, Dr. James Colocotronis, Cerio Law Office, New York State Bus Sales and Securities and Investment Advisors.



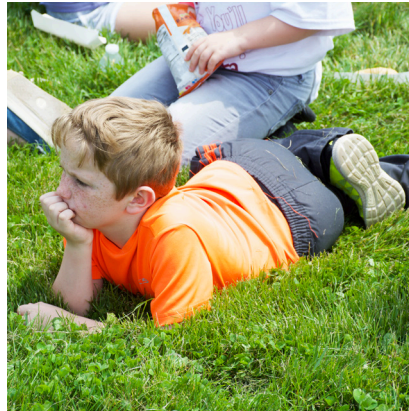
## Families Visit PSES!

In May we celebrated Moms, and in June we welcomed Dads to our kindergarten classrooms at Peterboro Street Elementary School. The parents had so much fun with their little ones, who were happy to spend time at school with their families!



# PBIS Picnic

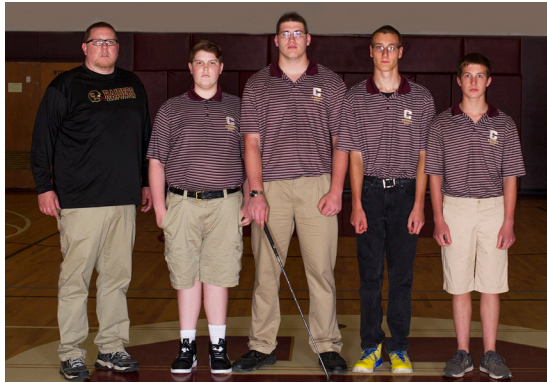
Students from Peterboro Street, South Side Elementary and Roberts Street schools came together at the end of the school year for a picnic to celebrate their hard work with the Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports program. The children enjoyed a picnic lunch on the football field at the Vincent V. Albanese Education Center. Students decorated pinwheels with positive messages that were displayed along the edge of the field and were also visible to the PSES and SSES students as they walked over to the picnic area. The weather cooperated and the festivities ended with students dancing along to “We Are Family!”



# Raider Athletics Spring 2018



**Varsity Boys Track**



**Golf**



**Varsity Softball**



**Varsity Baseball**



**Tennis**

**Varsity  
Girls Track**



# Kindergarten Graduation 2018



# Technology Update

The District's Technology Department Raider 1:1 Chromebook program will continue in the 2018-19 school year with the District offering Chromebooks to students in grades 6, 9 and 10.

Providing devices to Canastota students is part of the District's overall Instructional Technology Plan. Director of Technology Christopher Clancy, along with staff members Emily Annicharico, George Aversano, Courtney Button, Dona Carhart, Liz Garofalo, Tracy Mammone, Sarah Obey, Cecile Retrosi, Erin Tucci and Assistant Superintendent Jason Mitchell, worked throughout the last school year to update the plan. New goals include continuing to move toward digital equity by providing access through the Raider 1:1 program; creating student-centered innovation spaces, also known as MakerSpaces; and helping students develop as multi-dimensional leaders in technology. Digital learning experiences as well as STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) also play a significant role in the new district technology plan. You can see the full plan here: <https://www.canastotacsd.org/search/default.aspx?q=Technology+plan&type=0,249821-350,249821-117%7C-1,249905-124>

## RA1:DER

### A Message From The Board of Education

Because of Superintendent June Clarke's planned retirement in October of 2018, the Board of Education will begin a search for a new superintendent. Ms. Jackie Starkes, Madison-Oneida BOCES Superintendent, will conduct upcoming meetings to guide us in our search. Currently the board will be interviewing candidates for an interim superintendent who will lead and guide our district from the end of October to the search's completion, possibly into next summer.

At our organizational meeting July 10, the board elected Ms. Debbie New as president and Mr. Bill Haddad as vice president.

Please know this board welcomes your interest and participation in our district. We will work together for our community.

## REMINDER

Monday, August 9

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!**

Football practice starts August 13

First practice for all other JV/Varsity  
sports is August 16

First practice for Modified is August 27

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