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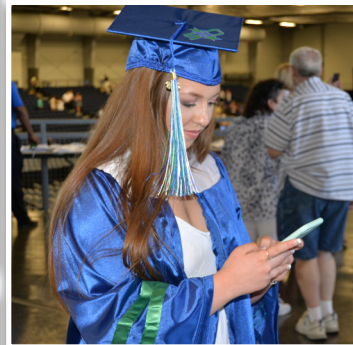
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Congratulations Cicero-North Syracuse High Class of 2018!

Congratulations to the 677 graduates in the Cicero-North Syracuse High School Class of 2018 that recently walked across the stage at the SRC Arena at Onondaga Community College! The top 50 graduates and their colleges of choice are listed

on page 3 of this newsletter. A selection of photos from the graduation ceremony can be seen online on the district's Facebook page at www.nscsd.org/facebook and the complete list of graduates at www.nscsd.org.



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November 5 & 19, 2018
December 3 & 17, 2018

Superintendent of Schools

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The *District Dispatch* is published by the district to inform residents about issues, events and achievements. Suggestions are welcome and should be directed to:

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Thoughts from the Superintendent

A time for celebration, reflection & planning

As summer is underway, it is certainly a time of celebration! Congratulations to the Class of 2018! Each graduate has reached the momentous milestone of high school graduation and each unique individual is a successful piece of the puzzle making up the Class of 2018!

This class, filled with a variety of talents, gives us much to celebrate. They leave behind many outstanding athletic records, numerous awards in the area of performing arts, and for the first time ever, a number of students graduating with a Seal of Biliteracy.

Reflecting on their educational journey, not all graduates took the same path that led them to cross the stage at SRC Arena on June 21st. For some the path was easy and for some it was filled with obstacles and challenges. And for most, it was a combination of positive moments sprinkled among the challenges of life. The path they took no longer matters. What matters is that they all got there in the end!

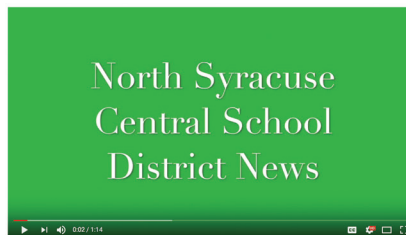
Later this month, the Board of Education will be asked to adopt the 2018-2020 District Goals, compiled through work of various participants this past spring. The extension of the District Goals, carrying us forward, is closely aligned with the areas of focus outlined in **Vision 2020**.

This summer, as we plan for the future, work will continue allowing staff to explore and learn more about Standards-Based Learning, Inclusive Settings and Social-Emotional Learning, all of which help to provide students with various paths toward meeting their learning needs and their ultimate goals.

Best wishes to all for a happy and safe summer! And, don't forget to READ!

Annette Speech

Superintendent of Schools



Be sure to check out our Superintendent's video newsletters online at: www.nscsd.org/supernews

North Syracuse Central School District Mission Statement

The students, residents and staff of the North Syracuse Central School District will work collaboratively to ensure a respectful and diversified learning environment. Our collective focus is to provide educational experiences and opportunities that inspire students to reach their individual potential as productive citizens.



TOP 50 GRADUATES!

Cicero-North Syracuse High School's top 50 ranked students and the college they will be attending this fall:

| # | Student Name | College Choice |
|-----|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. | Zachary Dehm | SUNY Buffalo |
| 2. | Jacob Scarcella | SUNY Binghamton |
| 3. | Madison Gerbsch | SUNY Binghamton |
| 4. | Ava Breitbeck | Syracuse University |
| 5. | Kelly Strong | University of Pittsburgh |
| 6. | Danielle Dattler | SUNY Binghamton |
| 7. | Sydney Fina | Nazareth College |
| 8. | McKenna Lusnar | SUNY Binghamton |
| 9. | Joshua Middleton | SUNY Buffalo |
| 10. | Leo Henry | US Military Academy Army |
| 11. | Kyle Alberici | Randolph-Macon College |
| 12. | Charles Middleton | Albany College of Pharmacy |
| 13. | Nathan Scarlata | University of Richmond |
| 14. | Mia Pestle | Quinnipiac University |
| 15. | Hailee Kolakowski | Onondaga Community College |
| 16. | Mathew Fiel | SUNY Buffalo |
| 17. | Natalie Ackerman | Boston University |
| 18. | Natalie Taylor | Nazareth College |
| 19. | Jackson Franzen | SUNY Binghamton |
| 20. | Alexis Pyke | Rochester Institute of Technology |
| 21. | James Harte | SUNY Buffalo |
| 22. | Olivia Massena | UMASS, Lowell |
| 23. | Lily Casarsa | Nazareth College |
| 24. | Ripley Hoffman | SUNY Binghamton |
| 25. | Kyle Bulko | SUNY Binghamton |
| 26. | Victoria Dunn | Hamilton College |
| 27. | Jason Hughes | SUNY Buffalo |
| 28. | Michael Middleton | SUNY Buffalo |
| 29. | Riley Corcoran | Colgate University |
| 30. | Erin Siechen | Butler University |
| 31. | Dylan Dukat | SUNY Potsdam |
| 32. | Makena Scarlata | SUNY Geneseo |
| 33. | Annina Marullo | Niagara University |
| 34. | Lily Carr | University of Vermont |
| 35. | Ryan Marshall | Clarkson |
| 36. | Vanessa Luangaphay | Syracuse University |
| 37. | Sydney Florczyk | Santa Clara University |
| 38. | Alicia Middleton | Rochester Institute of Technology |
| 39. | Olivia Wilson-Luffman | Rochester Institute of Technology |
| 40. | Megan Tryniski | East Carolina University |
| 41. | Olivia Griffin | Nazareth College |
| 42. | Nicole Schroeder | SUNY Binghamton |
| 43. | Madelyn Murray | SUNY Binghamton |
| 44. | Alyson Thompson | Duquesne University |
| 45. | Jordyn Poole | St. John Fisher College |
| 46. | David Gregory | St. John Fisher College |
| 47. | Austin VanDeWalker | Clarkson University |
| 48. | Julia McDonough | University of Rochester |
| 49. | Cody Barth | Brigham Young University |
| 50. | David Stuenzi Jr. | SUNY Binghamton |

SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM



Children in our community do not need to go hungry this summer. For many kids, summertime means food, friends and fun. For families who count on

school breakfast and lunch, however, the summer months can be stressful and family food budgets have to be stretched even further. The US Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Summer Food Service Program helps fill the hunger gap.

FREE summer meals, funded by the USDA, are available to kids and teens ages 18 and younger at Roxboro Middle School (300 Bernard Street) in Mattydale, NY. This is an open site therefore free meals are available to all children ages 18 and under regardless of income. Registration is NOT required.

The district's summer feeding program will take place at:

Roxboro Road Middle School, Monday through Friday through August 17. Breakfast will be served each day from 8:10 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

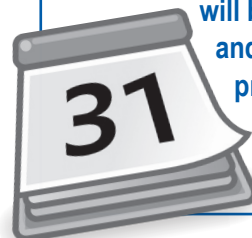
If you or someone you know is interested, go to www.nscsd.org/summerfood or call 315-218-2175 with any questions you may have.

District Publications

Wednesday, September 5, 2018 is the first day of school for the 2018-19 school year. In late August, the complete 2018-19 school calendar will be mailed to homes of families with already registered school-aged children.

If you would like to view the district's academic calendar before you receive your copy in the mail, make sure to visit our home page at www.nscsd.org and click on the "2018-19 Academic Calendar" news article.

For the 2018-19 school year, the *District Dispatch* will be published in August, April, May and July. Additional publications will be provided as needed, with all available online (www.nscsd.org) and sent out electronically.



C-NS Class of 2018 Valedictorian & Salutatorian

Congratulations to Valedictorian Zachary Dehm and Salutatorian Jacob Scarcella, both pictured individually and again below with C-NS Executive Principal William LaClair. Following is some brief information about the top two students and their plans for the future.



Valedictorian: Zachary Dehm

Parents: Paul and Lisa Dehm

Career plans: After college, enter the field of cybersecurity, either in the private sector, or in federal law enforcement.

Plans for the next few years: Attend the University at Buffalo to study electrical

engineering in the Honors College.

What he's enjoyed the most about his high school experience:

Getting involved in the different clubs at school. From track to Optimist Club to Math League, I've had fun, grown myself and forged great relationships with a diverse group of students and staff. I've also taken great enjoyment in the learning process, as the process of acquiring knowledge in areas I'm interested in is very satisfying.

Favorite quote or saying: "I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have." - Thomas Jefferson

Who has inspired him the most: My family members have been a constant source of inspiration for me not only during the past four years, but during my whole life. Their commitment to hard work and positivity always pushes me to be a better version of myself. Furthermore, my older brother has always been a great role model for me, and I continue to learn from his experiences.

Advice to graduating class: My best advice would be to look for the lessons in every mistake. When we make mistakes, it's easy to focus on the negative result that we didn't envision. Instead, it's important to focus on improvements that can be made, no matter the situation.

North Syracuse Junior High School cordially invites all incoming 8th grade students and their parents to the annual North Syracuse Junior High School 8th grade orientation BBQ



Wednesday, August 22

4:30 to 6:30 p.m. (assembly at 5:00 p.m.)

8th grade student schedules will be available



Salutatorian: Jacob Scarcella

Parent(s): Jason and Michelle Scarcella

Career plans: Attend medical school to pursue a career as a doctor.

Plans for the next few years: Attend Binghamton University to major in biology while conducting research in biomedical chemistry

through the Freshman Research Honors Program.

What he's enjoyed the most about his high school experience: I've enjoyed the friends I've made and the times we've shared.

Favorite quote or saying: I like the quote, "Party hard, study harder" because I think balance is important.

Who has inspired him the most: My parents for keeping me on track and emphasizing the importance of being a well-rounded person.

Advice to graduating class: Whatever your goals may be, attack them with determination and focus but don't let that distract you from forming important relationships and enjoying the moments you are given.



PARENT NOTIFICATION REGARDING STUDENT WORK AND PHOTOS

During the school year, your son or daughter may have the opportunity to have his/her photo taken, video image and voice recorded, and/or art and written work published in connection with a school district activity or program. Your child's photo (image,) school work and/or name may be published in local newspapers, posted (displayed) on the district's internet site, or used by the requesting organization (local TV or print media) for programming, i.e., backup and their news stories. If you DO NOT want your child's picture, name or schoolwork to be used in newspaper articles, video, and/or district publications, including our district's website, please inform your school principal in writing.

Gillette Road Middle School student receives prestigious 180 Award for making math gains

Angelina Crawford, a student at Gillette Road Middle School, has been named a recipient of the prestigious 2018 National 180 Student Awards, which recognize 15 children across the United States who overcame significant obstacles to become thriving, successful learners. The 180 Student Awards program, now in its twelfth year and organized by global learning company Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, honor students, who along with the help of their remarkable teachers, have made outstanding progress in literacy and math achievement and are now on the path to success in life.

Angelina's teacher, Erika Gilbert, recalls a time when her student was having challenges with math proficiency. "At the beginning of the school year, I rarely saw Angelina in class. She was often absent or tardy, and would miss classes," said Ms. Gilbert.



But as Angelina continued with MATH 180, the intervention program that uses adaptive technology to personalize student instruction, she began to apply what she was learning, her outcomes started to improve and her mind-set began to shift.

As Angelina started to take notes and ask questions, her Quantile® went from a 455 when she first began the program to her current score of 795. Ms. Gilbert attributes this growth to Angelina's commitment and the structure of MATH 180, which allows students to work with manageable chunks of class work.

"I used to think math was not a big deal," Angelina said, "but then I realized that everywhere you go, math is there," she said.

Angelina's aspirations include becoming a veterinarian, and Ms. Gilbert believes that with her surge in confidence and increasing aptitude in math, Angelina's ambitions are highly attainable.

Student winners were carefully selected by an HMH committee based on several factors, including teacher recommendations, student statements and video submissions, as well as data demonstrating reading or math growth according to the Lexile® or Quantile® framework. Each winner will receive a cash prize, and the student's school district will receive READ 180, System 44 and/or MATH 180 materials for their school or district.

Happy anniversary to the new www.nscsd.org!

Please share your feedback as we continue to make improvements



Last August, the North Syracuse Central School District proudly launched a new and refreshed website that included enhancements like improved calendar features, an interactive staff directory, navigation improvements and mobile responsive technology.

Over the past year, we have continued to modify the site based on user feedback and suggestions. We want to continue to improve the site to meet our users' needs so we're looking for your input once again.

If possible, please take a few minutes to browse our site (www.nscsd.org) and subpages and let us know what you like and what you think could be more user-friendly. Constructive feedback and comments are welcome and can be emailed to our webmaster by sending them to webfeedback@nscsd.org.

Please provide as much detail, including copying and pasting URLs if applicable. Thank you!

North Syracuse Central School District presents 2018 Teacher of the Year award to two deserving educators



On June 4, the North Syracuse Central School District proudly presented their 2018 Teacher of the Year award to **two** deserving educators: Katherine Carr (pictured left) and Jill Millias (pictured right). The two will go on to the statewide program for Teacher of the Year, sponsored by the New York State Education Department.

During the presentation to the North Syracuse Central School District Board of Education, Superintendent of Schools Annette Speach mentioned that this is the first time in her memory that the honor has been given to two teachers in one year. "This year both candidates were so impressive that it was impossible to choose one teacher of the year."

Katherine Carr is a social studies teacher at North Syracuse Junior High School and Jill Millias is a physical education teacher at Roxboro Road Middle School.

Burdick Dealership provides car (and other perks) to C-NS grad/OCM BOCES Auto Technology student



For more than 35 years, Burdick Automotive Toyota-Scion, BMW, Lexus and Ford has annually donated a vehicle to Cicero-North Syracuse (C-NS) High School's After the Ball party for one lucky senior to win. Along with the gift of the car, Burdick provides regular oil changes for the vehicle's winner. This year's recipient, Brennon Gallo, has a special appreciation for the generous gift.

While earning his high school diploma at C-NS, Brennon also earned a Career and Technical Education (CTE) Endorsement through OCM BOCES' Automotive Technology program. As such, Brennon is very familiar with the costs associated with maintaining a vehicle. "Working in a garage through the BOCES Auto Tech program gave me a real look at the maintenance needed to keep up a car. It isn't easy and it isn't cheap," Brennon said. "I'm excited that I now have this car that is in great shape but also that I'll be able to save money on oil changes."

Congratulations to Brennon and many thanks to the Burdick family! Brennon is pictured (right) with his new car from Burdick, along with Kelly Pelcher and Kevin Burdick from Driver's Village and C-NS House III Principal Sara Kees.



The Cicero-North Syracuse High School After the Ball Committee would like to also thank the many local businesses who generously supported the annual event with donations and prizes: 5 Wits, All

Star Alley & Tavern, Amazing Mirror Maze, Applebee's, Beauty Nail & Spa, Best Buy, Big Dip, Big Don's Wild River Mini Golf, Bodyworks Massage, Bruegger's, Burdick Toyota, Burger King, Byrne Dairy, Cam's Pizzeria, Carmelita's Authentic Mexican Restaurant, Caron Lambert & Family, Carvel Ice Cream, Cheesecake Factory, China Road, Cicero Country Pizza, Class of 2018, C-NS Character Education, C-NS Cross Country & Track Booster, C-NS National Honor Society, C-NS Optimist Club, C-NS SADD, C-NS Student Government, Community Bank, N.A., Cracker Barrel, Dairy Queen, Dee's Diner, Dejon's Hair Design & Day Spa, Delta Sonic, Dunkin' Donuts, Eskapes, Gazzillo Family Great Wall, Hollywood Theater, Johnny Rockets, Koto Japanese Steakhouse, Kwik Fill, Lavish Salon, Margaritaville, McDonald's, Museum of Intrigue, New China Chen, Nick's Barber Shop, Northern Pines Golf Club, North Syracuse Education Foundation, Paladino's Cicero Pizza, Papa Sports, Planet Fitness, Plank Road Ice Cream, RPM Raceway, Sandi DiBianco, Sardo's Pizza and Fish Fry, Scoops Ice Cream Shoppe, Sonic Drive-In, Speedway, Sweet Frog, Taco Bell, Target, Tarson Pools & Spas, TGI Fridays, The Chickadee Human Eatery, The Cattery Hair Salon & Spa, The Melting Pot, Thee Diner, Tiara Nails & Spa, Volpe Salon & Day Spa, WalMart, Wegmans, Williams Farm Stand, WonderWorks and Zebb's Deluxe Grill & Bar.

C-NS students earn CTE Endorsements on high school diplomas



Congratulations to the 45 students from the North Syracuse Central School District that earned the distinction of receiving a New York State Career and Technical Education (CTE) Endorsement on their 2018 high school diploma. Having achieved the designation demonstrates a student's academic strength and signifies their readiness to enter the workforce or enroll in college.

The following students from the North Syracuse Central School District earned CTE Endorsements through OCM BOCES or at C-NS.

Iyana Armstrong (Marketing), Ireland Avery (Automotive Collision Technology), Kylee Bailey (Cosmetology), Sydney Bedford (Health Occupations), Nicole Beradi (Early Childhood Education, Education Fundamentals and Family and Community Services), Samuel Bontemps (Culinary Arts), James Brown (Health Occupations), Michael Bruzgulis (Physical Therapy), Miranda Burdick (Early Childhood Education), Daniel Cordell Jr. (Automotive Technology), Hannah Devaney (Cosmetology),

Donald Drouin (Automotive Technology), Jackson Franzen (Finance), Brennon Gallo (Automotive Technology), Dylan Gifford (Automotive Technology), Adam Golden (Marketing), Mekaylove Greene (Health Occupations), Christina Hance (Early Childhood Education), Ashley Hanlon (Early Childhood Education), Corey Heider (Automotive Technology), Lindsay Hilleges (Early Childhood Education), Christian Hoffman (Construction Technology), Ryan Ingerson (Finance and Marketing), Dylan Jones (Welding), Ivie Lamar (Cosmetology), Emily Locastro (Early Childhood Education), Vanessa Luangaphy (Marketing), Cynthia Lucia (Culinary Arts), Kynethia Lynch (Culinary Arts), Zachary Marchant (Marketing), Daniel Miles (Finance), Ryan Modugno (Computer Technology), Taylor Neumann (Cosmetology), Taylor O'Hickey (Cosmetology), Alexis Olney (Cosmetology), Kurtis Sanborn (Automotive Collision Technology), Mya Sewell (Physical Therapy), Brianna Smith (Early Childhood Education), Payton Snyder (Construction Technology), Jasmine Velazquez (Fashion, Textiles, and Apparel), Isabella Vercillo (Cosmetology), James Waterbury III (Culinary Arts), Kayla Weigelt (Health Occupations), Blaed Wiechmann (Construction Technology) and Evan Wright (Automotive Technology).

Pictured above: (Left) C-NS student Miranda Burdick earned her CTE Endorsement through OCM BOCES Early Childhood Education program. (Right) C-NS student Vanessa Luangaphy earned her CTE Endorsement through C-NS in Marketing.

UPDATE ON NEW YORK STATE FINAL COST REPORT PENALTY

Prior to the close of the Legislative Session this past June, bills were passed in both the Senate and the Assembly for full forgiveness of New York State's imposed penalty for the late filing of final cost reports for certain capital projects dating back 20+ years ago.

We would like to thank Senator DeFrancisco and Assemblyman Stirpe for sponsoring these bills and Senator Valesky, Assemblywoman Hunter and Assemblyman Magnarelli for their support.

At this point, we remain hopeful that the governor will sign the penalty forgiveness into law. We encourage our community members to contact the governor's office to advocate on behalf of the district. Information is available at www.nscsd.org/penaltyupdate.

Notification of Pesticide Applications from 7/1/17 to 6/30/18 - No applications during this period.

Staff and persons in parental relationships can register to obtain a 48-hour notification form by calling Jon Ward, Director of Facilities at 315/218-2174 and requesting an application for notification registration form.

Information can also be obtained from NPTNI @ 1-800-858-7378 or NYS Department of Health at 1-800-458-1158 regarding specific materials that were applied.



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Register your new student now!

STUDENT REGISTRATION

The 2018-2019 school year begins on September 5 and registration has begun! Whether your family is brand new to the North Syracuse Central School District or you have older children enrolled here, it is important to register any new students for the upcoming school year! Register early and beat the August rush! If your child has been attending school in NSCSD, there is **NO ACTION REQUIRED**. This pertains only to those students who have moved into the district or have reached the age requirement for kindergarten.

SAVE TIME BY DOWNLOADING ONLINE

All forms that you need to register your new student for any grade level in the North Syracuse Central School District can be found online at www.nscsd.org/registerme. Just click on the “registration packet” link and download the forms ahead of time to save time when you go to the registration office.

WHAT YOU NEED TO REGISTER

- Completed registration packet
- Parent’s photo identification
- Child’s certified birth certificate
- Child’s most recent physical and immunization record from the doctor’s office
- Proof of residency (current lease, mortgage, National Grid or cable/landline phone bill)

Other items to bring if applicable:

- Custody papers
- Copy of latest report card
- Copy of IEP or 504 plan
- For foster children, a DSS-2999 form and documentation/contact information from social worker are required.

WHERE DO I REGISTER?

The North Syracuse Central School District’s Registration Office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The office is located at the Jerome F. Melvin Administrative Office Building (5355 West Taft Road) in North Syracuse. Contact our registrar by phone at (315) 218-2145 or by email at Registrar@nscsd.org or visit our registration website at www.nscsd.org/registerme.