



DISTRICT DISPATCH

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Central School District

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Thoughts from the Superintendent



The 2022-2023 school year kicked off with the launch of the District's five-year Strategic Plan, Brighter Together, and we began the year with a renewed mission, vision and shared goals.

Building Planning Teams (BPTs) from each of our 11 schools spent time ensuring that their individual building goals were aligned with the District goals. Annually, the Building Planning Teams present their goals to the Board of Education and their collective work honors our Strategic Plan goals. I invite you to learn more about school

building goals on our Brighter Together website at www.nscsd.org/nsbrightertogether.

1. Goal 1 is to increase the high school graduation rate by preparing each student to graduate and be prepared to pursue their post-secondary school pathway. All building goals are aligned to support this academic goal. There are numerous approaches and action plans in place to assist with this goal.
2. Goal 2 is to ensure that all students will become proficient readers. Our elementary teachers have been very busy implementing the Amplify CKLA (Core Knowledge Language Arts) program which is grounded in the Science of Reading. This program will provide our students the foundational skills and background knowledge to become successful readers.

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The CKLA program ensures that K-4 students experience content-rich curriculum to build their vocabulary and background knowledge. Foundational reading skills are taught in a rigorous and age-appropriate manner. Content is consistent across grade levels to ensure that students continually build knowledge and skills through the progressive curriculum. Pictured here are students from Mrs. Marzullo, Mrs. Vinciguerra and Mrs. Preville's second grade classes at Smith Road Elementary School participating in a lesson on Ancient Greece.

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North Syracuse will Hold Chip Camp for Students

The North Syracuse Central School District is excited to announce that approximately 120-150 NSCSD students will have the opportunity to take part in **Chip Camp** this June thanks to a grant from the Micron Foundation, awarded to the North Syracuse Education Foundation (NSEF).

Sponsored by the Micron Foundation, Chip Camp is a day camp filled with hands-on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) activities related to semiconductor manufacturing and engineering jobs. Chip Camp attendees will learn and experience what engineers and scientists do every day in a semiconductor company. Thanks to the grant funding, the camp will be offered at no cost to 7th, 8th, and 9th grade NSCSD students.

The North Syracuse Central School District has been meeting with Micron officials since the Company announced their plans to build their largest ever semiconductor plant at a site in Clay, located completely within the North Syracuse Central School District's boundaries.

Earlier this Fall, North Syracuse Central School District Superintendent of Schools Dan Bowles asked the community to join the District in welcoming Micron to the area. "I cannot begin to express how excited I am about the potential that lies in this incredible new partnership. We have a think tank of great minds working together on this and I know that our initial discussions have only scratched the surface of what is possible," he said. "Our community is about to transform dramatically. As a member of the community, I ask you to join me in welcoming Micron to the NSCSD!"

Superintendent Bowles also spoke about the grant, "I know that this is just the first of many opportunities that North Syracuse students and staff will have because of our burgeoning alliance," he said. "I want to thank our amazing staff for writing the grant and the NSEF for securing the funding for our students. I also want to thank the Micron Foundation for their incredible generosity and support coming into our wonderful community."

The North Syracuse Chip Camp will take place June 27-29, 2023 and will be for students in grades 7-9. Specific details, including eligibility for participation, will be shared with families in the near future. Families are asked to refer to their ParentSquare accounts and to check www.nscsd.org for information as plans develop.

PARENT NOTIFICATION REGARDING STUDENT WORK AND PHOTOS

During the school year, your child may have the opportunity to have their 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 website, 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 website, please inform your school principal in writing.



2023-2024 SCHOOL BUDGET

Brighter Together!

Annual VOTE

TUESDAY, MAY 16 FROM 6 AM TO 9 PM

RESIDENTS WHO LIVE NORTH OF RT. 481
VOTE AT CICERO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



RESIDENTS WHO LIVE SOUTH OF RT. 481
VOTE AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE BUILDING

The North Syracuse Central School District is preparing its budget for the upcoming school year and is committed to enhancing community awareness around the process. District officials have presented their preliminary budget projections to the Board. A number of factors are expected to have a significant impact on the budget. Those factors include:

- Considering inflation: Costs are at an all-time high, but with tax-cap restrictions the District must absorb the costs and make reductions.
- Employment is a challenge: The District struggles to find staff to fill open positions.
- Enrollment: After several years of declining enrollment now leveling off, the District is unsure of the impact Micron coming to the District will have on future enrollment.

Early indications are that New York State will fully fund Foundation Aid to schools this year.

The District's budget priorities are aligned with the five-year Strategic Plan, Brighter Together. NSCSD Associate Superintendent for Business Services Donald F.X. Keegan commented on those priorities saying, "a significant amount of time and energy has gone into the development and implementation of our strategic plan and it is critical that our annual budget reflects an allocation of resources consistent with this plan."

Budget updates: www.nscsd.org/budget

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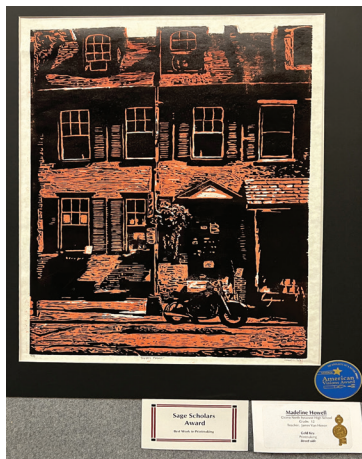
3. Goal 3 is to help students become emotionally competent. In order for students to learn and be successful in any community, our students, teachers, staff and administrators have access to a multi-faceted mental health and wellness support system. Please take a moment to read about programs in place on page 7 and check out our website for more information.

We are sharing a lot of good news in this month's newsletter. Be sure to check out our CNY Scholastic Art Award recipients and some of their impressive artwork on pages 4 and 5. Congratulations to our talented artists! I also invite you to learn about Northstar Network, our own student-run broadcast channel and the students and staff involved in this one-of-a-kind high school collaboration.

Finally, the District is considering a name change and we'd like to know what you think. Please take our quick, two question survey, available on line (www.nscsd.org/survey) from February 10 through 28. Speaking of surveys, thank you for participating in the Communications Audit survey and focus groups this past Fall. We look forward to sharing the results soon. Until then, stay well and warm!

Daniel D. Bowles
NSCSD Superintendent of Schools

NSCSD Students Recognized in CNY Scholastic Art Awards



In addition to winning a Gold Key Award, C-NS Senior Madeline Howell's print "Street side" received the American Visions Awards (sponsored by The Print Hub Syracuse) recognizing the "Best of Show" from all Gold Key artwork and the Sage Scholars Educational Foundation Award for Best work in Printmaking.

More than 1,600 selected pieces will be on display at the Onondaga Community College's Whitney Applied Technology Center through March 4. The top-rated works go on to the national competition and others will be shown at Everson Museum of Art from March 7 through April 5. Several C-NS and North Syracuse Junior High School students were recognized with Gold and Silver Key awards, Honorable Mentions and some even received special recognition.

GOLD KEY AWARDS

- *Photography:* Lucas Aiello for "empty sorrow"
- *Drawing & Illustration:* Megan Balunas for "Myself A Self Portrait"
- *Drawing & Illustration:* Maria Barbato for "Ripples and Waves"
- *Photography:* James Collins for "Rocket Ship"
- *Photography:* Carleigh Colvin for "Sibling Revelry"
- *Printmaking:* Eva Farone for "Field Hockey"
- *Photography:* Anthony Gabrielli for "Ominous Breeze" and "Snowfall"
- *Photography:* Nadia Greco for "Before Ballet"
- *Photography:* Emerson Herrera for "Stories on The Shore"
- *Photography:* Alexis Holowczenko for "Rainy Day"
- *Printmaking:* Madeline Howell for "Street side"
- *Photography:* Bella Julian for "Dark Horizon"
- *Photography:* Meghan McGrath for "Insecure" and "Slow Burn"
- *Printmaking:* Sergei Muller for "Washington"
- *Photography:* Nick Reeve for "On the Move"
- *Photography:* Nikolas Servider for "La Citta Antica"
- *Photography:* Elias Van Dreason for "Covered Emotions"
- *Drawing & Illustration:* Ryan Williams for "Bored"

For more than 70 years, high school students from across Central New York (CNY) have been recognized in the CNY Scholastic Art Awards. Congratulations to our own students who were among those recognized this year.

The program draws thousands of entries from students across CNY with entries judged by professional artists, educators and photographers.

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SILVER KEY AWARDS

- *Digital Art:* Lily Alletzhauser for "Sunset on the meadow"
- *Mixed Media:* Jackie Anderson for "Queen of Hearts"
- *Printmaking:* Jasmine Ayre for "Scars of Vengeance"
- *Photography:* Sam Budihardjo for "Exhaustion" and "Surreal Wonder"
- *Jewelry:* Skylar Denton for "The Butterfly"
- *Drawing & Illustration:* Linsey Dietter for "Mother and Baby"
- *Painting:* Thomas Eden for "Adirondack Lake Campsite"
- *Photography:* Blake Fefee for "Shadows"
- *Photography:* Austin Fosberg for "Mirror of Nature"
- *Photography:* Anthony Gabrielli for "206" and "Cooperation"
- *Drawing & Illustration:* Sean Graves for "What the Cluck"
- *Photography:* Nadia Greco for "Thread"
- *Photography:* Emerson Herrera for "Anatomy of a Leaf"
- *Photography:* Amanda Johnson for "No Trespassing," "Spiraling" and "The age of extinction"
- *Photography:* Matthew Jordan for "Partin Ways"
- *Photography:* Sadie Krause for "Empty Shoes"
- *Photography:* Gabrielle Kuersteiner for "Lake In The Tree"
- *Photography:* Arundel Lairmore for "Itsy Bitsy Spider"
- *Photography:* Joshua Lent for "Country Life"
- *Photography:* Emily Marko for "the beauty within"
- *Art Portfolio:* Grace McElwain for "Life Itself"
- *Photography:* Goddess Muhammad for "pretty in pink"
- *Painting:* Amari Nobles for "Khadija for Supreme Court"
- *Photography:* Sandya Powdyal for "Flowers"
- *Photography:* Arianna Procopio for "Let it go!"
- *Photography:* Maria Rossi for "Snail"
- *Photography:* Kendall Rumble for "Spreading Love"
- *Jewelry:* Maddalena Servider for "memories in Maine"
- *Comic Art:* Malachi Spight for "Bugs" (pictured above) and "The Overpass: Adventures"
- *Drawing & Illustration:* Kaelyn Timm for "Absent Minded"
- *Drawing & Illustration:* Mary Twe for "Dad"
- *Photography:* Emma VanBeveren for "Lost Days in Fall"
- *Photography:* Elias VanDreason for "Perseverance"
- *Ceramics & Glass:* Christina Wagner for "Cup and Saucer"
- *Photography:* Marissa Wessels for "Waterfall at Chittenango Falls NY"
- *Photography:* Jaden Zimmer for "Morning Rush" and "Reflection of Life"

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CNY Scholastic Art Awards

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Pictured above: C-NS Senior Anthony Gabrielli's Gold Key Award Winning Photograph "Snowfall"

HONORABLE MENTIONS: Maria Barbato (Drawing and Illustration "Stuck"), Lucy Barrera (Photography "Death and Life"), Josselyn Barrington (Drawing and Illustration "Portrait Of An Old Friend" and Painting "The Campfire"), Landon Bennett (Photography "Pine Bush"), Amanda Bryan (Jewelry "ANightSky"), Beauty Chin (Drawing and Illustration "Friend"), Brady Collins (Digital Art "a pop of color"), James Collins (Photography "path to somewhere"), Carleigh Colvin (Photography "Natures Turbulence", "Tomato Tomato" and "Ty"), Daniel Costa (Photography "Market" and "Pub"), Isabelle Dever (Photography "Cozy"), Jennifer Draper (Photography "Old Mates"), Anthony Gabrielli (Photography "Oceanwave"), Sierra Gauthier (Sculpture "Doc Marten"), Ariana Gehman (Photography "Staircase" and Sculpture "Slipping Away"), Alexia Good (Mixed Media "Metal tooling"), Nadia Greco (Photography "Dainty"), Emerson Herrera (Photography "Dog Daze" and "Know The Ropes"), Mya Jenkins (Drawing and Illustration "My Sister; My Hero"), Amanda Johnson (Photography "Encore"), Amelia Jones (Photography "Student"), Bella Julian (Art Portfolio "Deterioration", Photography "Crumble" and "Turks"), Gianna Kimber (Photography "screaming from the inside"), Sadie Krause (Photography "Radial Symmetry"), Carmela LaFace (Photography "Prickly Acorn"), Ryan Leahey (Photography "About the Game" and "Intelligent Coaching"), Isabella Manfredi (Photography "Girl with umbrella"), Emily Marko (Photography "endless" and "lost in the forest"), Cienna Nadeau (Drawing and Illustration "Moon Light"), Jake Roskopf (Photography "In The Trees"), Kendall Rumble (Photography "Follow the Path" and "Lost in the Wind"), Darionna Sampson Gilbert (Photography "Abandoned" and "Missing Child"), Danica Sarosy (Mixed Media "Aphrodite"), Nikolas Servider (Photography "Flapper Girl"), Angelina Slicer (Photography "days long"), Malachi Spight (Comic Art "The OverPass"), Eden Thomas (Drawing and Illustration "Me and My Cat"), Emma VanBeveren (Photography "if trees could talk")



Pictured above: C-NS Junior Nikolas Servider's "La Citta Antica" Gold Key Award Winning Photograph / Pictured below: NSJH Freshman Emerson Herrera's "Stories on The Shore" Gold Key Award Winning Photograph



Pictured below: (left) C-NS Junior Eva Farone's "Field Hockey" Gold Key Award Winning Print / (right) C-NS Sophomore Ryan Williams' "Bored" Gold Key Award Winning Drawing



The CNS NORTHSTAR NETWORK

Did you know that Cicero-North Syracuse is the ONLY local high school offering live pregame and halftime shows complete with student hosts, commentators, analysts, producers, and photographers? Their broadcasts have garnered as many as (over) a thousand viewers and have reached fans from as far away as Ireland this year.

It didn't start overnight. During the 2018-2019 school year, the C-NS business curriculum expanded to begin offering "Sports Media" as an elective for students. The course is designed for students who are interested in continuing to investigate further career opportunities within the sports media industry.

The class is a popular class among students, "because they see the word 'sports' in the title," says Mark Vinnette, the course's instructor. "But there is also a large contingent of students who take this class because it is in the foundation of what they want to do in the future. For those kids, Northstar Network is really the beginning building block."



This year's Northstar Network student broadcast crew "core" group of students includes (pictured above from left to right): Hunter Basciuska, Aaron Tarquinio, Drew Matyasik, Johnny Lisi and Landon Cook. The group is pictured getting ready to broadcast the C-NS vs. CBA Section III Championship game at the JMA Wireless Dome this past November. C-NS walked away with the Section III Title after defeating CBA 34-20.



Students in Mark Vinnette's Sports Media class at Cicero-North Syracuse High School are pictured above working on writing content for the school's "C-NS Morning Show" sports news segment. The students use time in class each morning to review their fellow students' sports accomplishments from the previous day and to write the scripts for the sportscasters who will recite the content as part of the program in Mr. Farranto's Media Communications classes. The students have a limited amount of time to put together the content for each day's news and electronically share their completed scripts with Mr. Farranto's students.

Tim Bednarski is the District's Athletic Director and is a critical piece of Northstar Network. When COVID happened and athletes weren't able to have fans in the stands, schools started to create their own broadcasts so that families could watch the games. Most of the broadcasts consisted of a single camera but Tim knew that C-NS could do more. In Mark Vinnette's Sports Media class, a student named Giovanni (Gio) Heater was interested in taking broadcasts to the next level. And together they did just that.

Mr. Vinnette says that having Gio in the program at that time was "like the planets aligned" for sports media at C-NS. "Every school really started to push for this but they were doing just a game on the internet with no sound. Gio was calling the games like a pro."

Gio was part of a team of students from Mr. Vinnette's class to jump in and take the reins of the impressive operation that would become Northstar Network. The original broadcast team included Gio, Kyle Marchak, Robert Bateman and Owen O'Keefe. Gio and Kyle both graduated from C-NS in 2021 and went on to Virginia Tech (VT) to continue working toward sports broadcasting careers.



Aaron Tarquinio (far left) and Johnny Lisi (middle) get ready to interview C-NS Senior Maddy Howell for the school's Morning News Show.

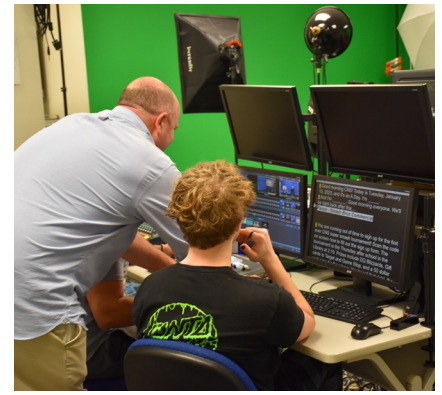
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C-NS graduates (left to right): Giovanni Heater ('21) Beth Mowins ('85) and Kyle Marchak ('21) are pictured together in a



Northstar Network's Johnny Lisi, Aaron Tarquinio, Emma Hall and Landon Cook at a 2022-23 boys' basketball game with NSCSD Board of Education member Xavier Moody-Wusic.



Mr. Farranto works with a student in one of his media communications classes to produce each day's CNS Morning Show program.

Rob Bateman and Owen O'Keefe both graduated in 2022 and have gone into broadcasting in college. Rob has joined his former Northstar Network team at Virginia Tech and Owen is a freshman at Butler University in Indiana.

The young men all have impressive broadcasting accomplishments with Gio even starting already to accrue a list of celebrity interviews including ESPN Commentator and fellow C-NS grad Beth Mowins. Additionally, Gio was recently named as one of two official "voices of" the Salem Red Sox, a Minor League Baseball affiliate of the Boston Red Sox and is on the watch list for the prestigious 2023 Jim Nantz Award recognizing outstanding collegiate radio and TV sports broadcasters.

But even with the original team members having moved on, the show hasn't suffered. New this year, one of the show's hosts, Junior Johnny Lisi, has taken over and even started interviewing guests such as Board of Education members, District teachers, administrators and fellow students. Johnny has been involved with Northstar Network since his freshman year when he approached Gio about the program. Johnny said, "[Gio was the show's host at the time] and I had been following his broadcasts and was really interested in what he was doing, so I sent him an email and was lucky enough that he responded within a few minutes saying 'yeah, I would love to have you,' ... so I started working with him right away."

Johnny aspires to have experiences similar to Gio but hopes to stay in the area and attend Syracuse University's (SU) Newhouse School of Communications for sports broadcasting. In fact, Johnny was able to attend a two-week college experience at SU this past summer. Johnny refers to the full immersion as "incredible" in that he had the opportunity to get an inside look at the program and live on campus with other students.

He said, "The visit gave me the chance to apply the skills I've learned with Northstar Network and see how they're going to translate into my college experience and career. The program I went for was sports technology and digital media so I had the chance to go behind the scenes and learn new things like graphic design."

"It helped me appreciate the team of people that we have at Northstar Network," Lisi added. "Our crew is so specialized and talented in what they each do. Aaron [Tarquinio] is a total genius with technology. Poe [Porter] is an amazing camera operator and knows how to shoot at great angles. We brought Emma [Hall] on as a sideline reporter and she's been amazing. We also have Drew [Matyask], Hunter [Baciуска] and Landon [Cook] who do play by play and color for many of the games."

Every Sunday, Johnny works with Mr. Bednarski and Mr. Vinnette to come up with a broadcast schedule with the goal of trying to "cover" at least every home game. While the logistics of doing games at another school don't always allow for broadcasts off site, the crew has broadcasted from the Dome and NBT Stadium due to unique access that Mr. Bednarski has been able to provide.

Just like in sports the Northstar Network is a team effort. When they couldn't use their regular booth for a home football game they broadcast from the roof. It involved many different students and staff to make it all come together. They were able to pull it off and that's when a viewer from Ireland wrote "thank you for making it possible to watch my nephew all the way over here in Ireland."

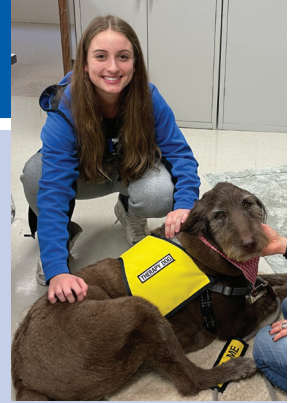
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MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS



THE NSCSD STUDENT SUPPORT TEAM IS HERE TO HELP!



OUR TEAM OFFERS:

- Crisis Intervention & Support
- Academic Help
- Attendance & Behavioral Support
- Language Support
- One-on-One & Group Counseling
- Collaborative Problem-Solving
- Friendship Groups
- Classroom Consultations
- School-Based Mental Health Clinic Services
- In-Class Social Emotional Learning Instruction
- Monthly Health and Wellness Activities
- Health Screening
- Student Interventions
- Parent Assistance
- Mental Health Focused Clubs
- Community Resources & Referrals
- Behavioral Support Plans
- Mental Wellness & Suicide Prevention Training for Staff, Students and Families
- Family Contact & Consultation
- PEOPLE to Listen and Help!

We want you to know about the tremendous student mental health and wellness support team we have in place at our 11 school buildings. Over the past several years, the North Syracuse Central School District has been able to bring on a number of staff who are readily available to support all aspects of our students' well-being. We have a caring community of professionals in our schools, but we know there are times when our students need more. Whether they need support for academics, physical or mental health, we have a terrific team of people to help in any situation!

Throughout our schools, we have been able to build a comprehensive mental health and wellness program with an emphasis on suicide prevention.

The NSCSD partners with Onondaga County, Contact Community Services and Liberty Resources to ensure the most comprehensive services.



Scan our QR code or visit your school's website and click on the **Mental Health Matters** banner to see the PEOPLE available to provide direct help in each building.

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Who Are We? We Want to Know What You Think!

The North Syracuse Central School District is exploring the possibility of changing its name to the Cicero-North Syracuse Central School District. The reason for considering a change is because many community members already think of the District as the “CNS” School District primarily because of the fact that CNS is the name of our high school and all of our sports teams and co-curricular activities. The District wants to have a consistent and recognizable name so that students and staff are unified and have pride in our schools. We are asking students, staff, families and community members to share their opinion about the potential name change by responding to a very brief (two question) survey. The survey is available online at www.nscsd.org/survey and will be open through Feb. 13, 2023.



Learn More and Tell Us What You Think:

- ▶ Scan QR Code
- ▶ Visit nscsd.org/survey

Non-Public School Transportation - Applications Due April 1, 2023

To parents and guardians of students residing in the North Syracuse Central School District: As required by New York State Law, applications for bus transportation to and/or from Charter, private or parochial schools during the 2023-2024 school year, must be filed prior to April 1, 2023.

Applications may be picked up and returned to the North Syracuse Central School District Transportation Department, 5520 East Taft Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212. Applications can also be obtained on the North Syracuse Central School District website. Please contact the Transportation Department at (315) 218-2107 for additional information.

