



## C-NS CLASS OF 2020: #NORTHSTAR STRONG!

On March 16, 2020, life in the United States and right here in Central New York changed dramatically as the COVID-19 virus invaded our lives. Throughout the months of quarantine, high school and college seniors have experienced many unprecedented (and in many cases, unwelcomed) changes as they dealt with the altered reality of their school experience.

Despite the virtual classrooms, closures and cancellations, the Cicero-North Syracuse High School Class of 2020 prevailed! More than 600 students made up this year's graduating class and were recognized with ceremonies and community celebrations including a virtual graduation and a photo display on large outdoor screens at Cicero's Driver's Village.

On June 25, a beautiful, sunny day, graduates crossed the graduation stage as part of the school's drive-up celebration. The day-long event provided families an opportunity to be up close as graduates walked the stage in front of the school and received their diplomas. Families and friends arrived in vehicles of all sorts, decked out in balloons, banners and photographs.

C-NS High School Executive Principal William LaClair commented saying, "This year has been anything but traditional for our seniors. We worked very hard to give them a meaningful and memorable celebration. We're all so proud of their hard work and resilience."



# North Syracuse Central School District

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August 10 & 24, 2020  
September 14 & 28, 2020  
October 5 & 19, 2020  
November 2 & 16, 2020  
December 7 & 21, 2020  
January 4 & 25, 2021  
February 1 & 22, 2021  
March 1 & 15, 2021  
April 5 & 19, 2021  
May 3 & 17, 2021  
June 7 & 21, 2021

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Daniel D. Bowles

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### Newsletter Information

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



### *What a difference a year makes!*

Before I begin, I want to take a moment to thank all of you who voted in support of the North Syracuse Central School District during last month's budget vote and board member election. I am happy to report that the 2020-21 school budget has successfully passed. I know that the past few months have been difficult financially and emotionally and I

appreciate the support of the community...moreso in these challenging times.

Last year at this time, I sat down to write my first column as Superintendent of Schools for the North Syracuse Central School District. I distinctly remember the excitement I felt back then as I anticipated my first year as superintendent. I remember thinking about the bond I would have with the C-NS Class of 2020, my first graduating class — a shared experience for all of us. The picture in my head last July was dramatically different from the reality of June's commencement.

I remember picturing myself spending a few hours in a crowded arena packed with thousands of proud students and families. I thought about shaking the hands of students I had formerly greeted in hallways and classrooms, or watched in athletic competition or marching band. What I did not envision was watching families and friends arrive in vehicles, wearing masks. I certainly did not imagine that my hand would not be extended in congratulations or that my proud smile would be concealed by a mask.

I also did not envision the blue sky and sunshine that greeted the Class of 2020 on June 25. I could not have known that teachers would arrive as cheerleaders or that classic cars, limousines, balloons, banners, bubbles and even fire engine horns would punctuate the day-long celebration. I truly appreciate our staff members' hard work and efforts to provide an exceptional, safe and moving experience for our students and families. The day's celebratory displays created a uniquely memorable experience. I am honored to have been a part of the C-NS Class of 2020 commencement. Congratulations to all of our students and families!

Although June has just ended, we are well into planning for the upcoming school year. As you know, this has been a challenging time as we sort through the guidelines, recommendations and logistics of COVID-19 and its impact on the North Syracuse Central School District. We feel incomplete with empty buildings and hushed hallways. Our schools are meant to be full – full of students, full of teachers, full of learning and full of activity. Please know that we are working very hard to make this happen again. Please take a moment to read about the work our Re-Entry Committee has been doing, and continues to do, around the safe re-opening of schools.

Thank you again for supporting the North Syracuse Central School District. Enjoy your summer and I'll see you soon!

Daniel D. Bowles, Superintendent of Schools

# Construction Underway at KWS Bear Road Elementary

## *District Urges Public to Use Caution and Avoid Closed Work Site*

The long-anticipated and much-needed construction is now well underway at one of the North Syracuse Central School District's oldest elementary school buildings — KWS Bear Road Elementary School thanks to tremendous community support and determination.

While much of the community was tucked away, staying safe at home this past spring, the voter-approved renovations quietly began at the six-plus decades old building.

The project has been a long time in the making, first seeking community support through a Capital Project Referendum in October of 2016. That vote was approved, but due to project costs being higher than planned, a second referendum was needed. That vote was also approved in December of 2019 and the project was set to begin this spring.

After sorting through some configuration concerns along with building closure due to COVID-19, construction was able to begin early. Now that the work is progressing, the District would like to advise the community to be cautious around the building and to avoid the area if possible.

NSCSD Director of Facilities, Matt Erwin, who is overseeing the project, wants to ensure that work progresses safely. Erwin, who has seen some curious onlookers exploring the construction site, cautions, "The construction site at Bear Road Elementary is closed to the public. Some people have continued to use the school's play areas and walkways but these areas are just not safe right now."

He added, "We want to remind people to pay attention to the physical barriers and warning signs that have been put up for their safety."

Construction fencing has been placed around the site where possible, but has been knocked down by pedestrians in some areas. The District is working to put up sturdier barriers and increase the number of signs directing people away from unsafe areas.

Additionally, for community members curious about the building progress, the District will be documenting the progress with pictures posted on the website and will provide updates at Board of Education meetings.

Mr. Erwin invites the community to visit the District's website at [www.nscsd.org](http://www.nscsd.org) and check for project updates. "The changes are exciting for all of us and we want to share the building's transition with our community in a safe manner."



# C-NS Class of 2020 Valedictorian, Salutatorian & Top 50 Students

Congratulations Valedictorian Madeline Thorne and Salutatorian Alexander Nobles! Following is some brief information about the top two students and their plans for the future. Also below is a listing of the top 50 students in the C-NS Class of 2020 along with their colleges of choice.



## Valedictorian: Madeline Thorne

**Parents:** Mark and Sandi Thorne

**Plans for the next few years:** Accounting at St. Bonaventure University to become an accountant

**Who has inspired her the most:** My family has inspired me the most because they prove

to me that you can accomplish anything that you commit to. They have taught me how to love and be myself.

**The best part about social distancing:** Getting more than 5 hours of sleep a night and spending time with my family and dogs.

**The biggest impact of the pandemic on my senior year:** Missing out on activities at the end of the year and missing out on all the time I could have spent with my friends and amazing teachers.

**Advice to class:** Stay focused. Work hard. Be kind. Don't give up.

**The one thing I hope to accomplish in my lifetime:** Achieving my personal goals and getting my own dog.



## Salutatorian: Alexander Nobles

**Parents:** David and Michele Nobles

**Plans for the next few years:** Bioscience and Biotechnology MS degree at Clarkson University to become a biomolecular research scientist

**Who has inspired him the most:** My parents, they have taught me to always put forth my best effort in everything I do.

**The best part about social distancing:** Sleeping in.

**The biggest impact of the pandemic on my senior year:** Losing out on making memories with my friends before we all go off to college.

**Advice to class:** Make time to do things that bring you joy.

**The one thing I hope to accomplish in my lifetime:** To leave a legacy of compassion by helping those who need it.

Student Rank & Name	College of Choice
3. Jillian Elizabeth Strong	University of Pittsburgh
4. Brooklyn Xia Coates	SUNY Binghamton
5. Sierra Christine Clary	University of Tampa
6. Stephanie Elizabeth Krick	Edinboro University
7. Natalie Kathryn Romano	Clarkson University
8. Madison Julia Ranalli	Utica College
9. Torie Alexandra Gleason	Le Moyne College
10. Jennifer Nicole Carl	St. John Fisher College
11. Brianna Marie Reilly	Le Moyne College
12. Pooja Divyesh Patel	University of the Sciences
13. Emily Margaret Zhushma	Le Moyne College
14. Tina Wang	University of Akron
15. Emily Analisa Pilz	Brigham Young University
16. James Edward Corl III	Le Moyne College
17. Emilie Rose Felicia	SUNY Binghamton
18. Abigail Michele Krichbaum	SUNY Binghamton
19. Faith Emily Ruggiera	Rochester Institute of Technology
20. Allen Puskar	SUNY Binghamton
21. Kyle James Tudman	University of Pittsburgh
22. Sarah Anne Herter	University of the Sciences
23. Emily Nicole Ferenc	Colby College
24. Gracie Isabella Gleason	Ithaca College
25. Madeline Shea Walker	SUNY Binghamton
26. Seaver Joseph Schultz	Rochester Institute of Technology

Student Rank & Name	College of Choice
27. Austin Erik Raabe	Belmont University
28. Ibrahim Nafeez Khan	St. John Fisher College
29. Tyler Andrew Gibbens	Binghamton University
30. Melanie Rainbow	Le Moyne College
31. Sophie Mae-Monique Kuryla	SUNY Cortland
32. Mackenzie Danielle Simon	University of Connecticut
33. Jenna Alyssa Imbesi	Le Moyne College
34. Emerson Elizabeth Hurley	St. John Fisher College
35. Madison Elizabeth Ruggiera	St. Lawrence University
36. Cameron DeGan	Le Moyne College
37. Muhaned Abdelmoniem Kamal	SUNY Binghamton
38. Joseph Tyler Chase	Plumbers & Steamfitters Local 267
39. Julia Nicole Petrin	Montclair State University
40. Alexandra Wittenburg Miller	Hobart and William Smith Colleges
41. Joshua William DeGroot	SUNY Binghamton
42. Dante Joseph Carioti	Bentley University
43. Caitlin Graham	Onondaga Community College
44. Lauren Ally Bulko	SUNY Binghamton
45. Xavier Andres Rivera	Alfred State University
46. Ryan Hunter Cappon	SUNY Buffalo
47. Brian Joseph Pellegrino	Syracuse University
48. Jacqueline M. Cupoli	Bentley University
49. Molly Patricia Carroll	SUNY Oswego
50. Gabrielle Ann Anagnostopoulos	Syracuse University

## District Publications and Calendar

Tuesday, September 8 is the first day of school for the 2020-2021 school year. In late August, the printed school calendar will be mailed to homes of families with already registered school-aged children.

This year, because of the challenges of planning events during uncertain times, the District is stressing the importance of using the online calendar to verify events. The online calendar provides more specific, up-to-date event information than the calendar which is published in August. The link for the calendar is [www.nscsd.org/calendar](http://www.nscsd.org/calendar).

Users can customize their online calendar to include multiple schools, district events and meetings and can even download event information to their mobile devices. Families are encouraged to verify event dates and times using the online calendar.

Sports Schedules and athletic events are listed separately on the C-NS Athletics website at: [www.cnsathletics.com](http://www.cnsathletics.com).

For the upcoming school year, the *District Dispatch* will be published in August, April, May and July. Additional publications will be provided as needed, with copies of all newsletters available online ([www.nscsd.org](http://www.nscsd.org)) and sent out electronically.

## 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 grab and go 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.

The grab and go program takes place Monday through Thursday until August 13. Meal pickup (breakfast and lunch) is available from 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

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



### Notification of Pesticide Applications from August, 2019 through June, 2020

Application Date	Product(s) Applied	Location(s)
May 27, 2020	Glufosinate-Ammonium EPA# 432-1229	C-NS, *GRMS, *NSJH
May 27, 2020	Vegetation Control	C-NS, *GRMS, *NSJH
May 28, 2020	All Mineral Fertilizer	CE, *C-NS, *GRMS
May 28, 2020	Broadleaf Weed Control	CE, *CNS, *NSJH, *Roxboro Complex, *GRMS
May 28, 2020	Granular Fertilizer	*NSJH, *Roxboro Complex

Staff and persons in parental relationships can register to obtain a 48-hour notification form by calling the District's Director of Facilities, Matt Erwin at 315/218-2174 and requesting an application for notification form.

Additional information about specific areas treated at each location is also available through the District.

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.

\* Indicates that products were applied at multiple locations on school grounds.

# Register Your New Student Now!

## STUDENT REGISTRATION

The 2020-2021 school year begins Tuesday, September 8 and registration is underway! 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. Please be aware, even if you have a child previously registered for a preschool program, you are still required to register that child for kindergarten.

If your child has been attending school in NSCSD (other than a preschool program), there is NO ACTION REQUIRED. This pertains only to those children who have moved into the district or have reached the age requirement for kindergarten. Due to current regulations for physical distancing, the District is not open for in-person registrations. The District is currently accepting registrations only by mail or email.

## MAIL-IN REGISTRATION

1. Download & Print and fill in the registration packet at: <http://www.nscsd.org/tfiles/folder989/Registration%20Packet.pdf>
2. Make COPIES of:
  - Parent/Guardian ID
  - Proof of residence (utility bill, mortgage statement, lease/rent agreement, notarized statement from landowner)
  - Child's birth certificate
3. MAIL \*\*COPIES OF ALL OF THE ABOVE DOCUMENTS ALONG WITH REGISTRATION FORMS to the district office (North Syracuse CSD Attn. Registration, 5355 W Taft Rd, N.Syracuse, NY 13212) \*\*Do not send original documents!

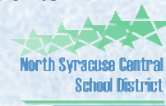
## ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION:

1. GO TO: <http://cns.schooltool.cnyric.org/schooltoolweb/onlinepreregistration>
2. FOLLOW THE STEPS to complete online registration
3. TAKE PICTURES OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS (Use smartphone camera OR download a free scanner app at <https://acrobat.adobe.com/us/en/mobile/scanner-app.html#>)
  - Parent/Guardian ID
  - Proof of residence (utility bill, mortgage statement, lease/rent agreement, notarized statement from landowner)
  - Child's birth certificate
4. EMAIL ALL OF THE ABOVE PICTURES to [REGISTRAR@NSCSD.ORG](mailto:REGISTRAR@NSCSD.ORG). You will need to choose 'SHARE' if you are using your smartphone.

### ***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.*



# North Syracuse Junior High School Principal's Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following 198 students for receiving the North Syracuse Junior High School Principal's Award for academic excellence for the 2019-2020 school year!

Dean Abdel-Aziz	Erinn Cosgrove	Jenna Heick	Kevin Mossow	David Shafer-Mooney
Nicholas Abruzzese	Payne Courbat	Ryan Hill	Sean Mulhern	Brayden Shannon
Liam Adams	Grace Crooks	Zachary Hill	Izzabella Muller	Matthew Sisco
Rocco Albanese	Anthony Crowley	Andrew Hillman	Marissa Navarra	Mckenna Slate
Keira Anderson	Lucas Crystal	Kassidy Hirsh	Sydney Nesci	Erin Slusser
Olivia Anderson	Julia Cumber	Alexis Holowczenko	Brandon Nguyen	Alexander Smith
Rachelle Asare	Haley Cummings	Benjamin Hong	Michael O'Mara	Alaina Sokolowski
Mya Ashkar	Dabria Dawkins	Madeline Howell	Sara O'Reilly	Regan Spangenberg
Maria Barbato	Joseph DeGroat	Emily Hubbard	Michelle Orton	Colin Stanton
Josselyn Barrington	Lauren DeRoberts	Lily Jellison	Kaley Otis	Conner Steiner
Kaylyn Beachner	Catheryn DeSalvo	Noah Johnston	Carly Overend	Grace Sugrue
Alyssa Beckley	Jacob Dietter	Julia Johnstone	Sarah Pacheck	Declan Sullivan
Kimberly Bisesi	Alison Dimitrijevski	Bella Julian	Jillian Paolini	Angelina Sustache
Kaleigh Boismenu	Gabriella DiOrio	Khol Kalfass	Bhavi Patel	Justice Tinker
Gianna Boland	Anabel Donovan	Korrina Karst	Kush Patel	Natalee Todero
Savannah Bold	Wyatt Dupell	Sophia Kinsella	Olivia Peregoy	Allyson Tomkos
Hannah Boyle	Golden Duru	Mark Kondrk	Brady Petranchuk	Megan Truong
Michael Bozinovski	Eva Eichenlaub	Julia Kulakowski	Kayla Petrusch	Kaii VanLuven
Emily Bradley	Peyton Empey	Lauren Laquidari	Derek Phelps	Natalina Vantassel
Kaylin Bristol	Grace Engle	Sean Lawler	Sara Plumpton	Emelie Viera
Mallory Brooks	Anna Esce	Clifford Laws III	Kate Putman	Andrew Vnette
Riley Broton	Genevieve Esker	Ian Leahey	Isabella Rabice	Christina Wagner
Shannon Brown	James Fehrman	Iris Lenweaver	Mia Recchie	Mia Walker
Jeremy Budihardjo	Shea Firth	Mackenzie Leone	Serenity Reed	Julia Warwick
Victoria Buswell	Ella Fisher	Nadine Lozanov	Jessica Ricciardi	Brianna Weaver
Kathryn Byrnes	Jenna Fournier	Brianna Mabee	Molly Ricciardi	Avery Webb
Courtney Calkins	Benson Frye	Timothy Mai	Avery Richardson	Aiden Weiskopff
Eve Campitello	Anthony Gabrielli	Gianna Manipole	Samuel Richardson	Elisa White
Lauren Capone	Andrew George	Alanna Manning	Michael Rivera	Drew Williams
Jack Cappon	Peter Gill	Olivia Marra	Madeleine Rodoski	Kyle Williams
Kaitlyn Carroll	Paige Glassford	Elijah Martin	Luke Roman	Reilly Williams-Gardner
Gabriella Casanova	Alexandria Goike	Haley Maury	Emma Rossman	Jack Wolanski
Jillian Cean	Leila Gould	Austin Mazzoli	Taylor Rutter	Cella Wood
Mason Ciciarelli	Jack Greer	Grace McElwain	Ariana Ryan	Matthew Woodworth
Angelina Cifaratta	Casey Gunnip	Conner McGraw	Jason Salenski	Brooke Wright
Ava Cimino	Elaina Haberek	Nicholas McLoughlin	Adriana Salomone	Madilyn Wright
Amiyahlz Claudio	Braxton Hall	Megan Miles	Dalila Sanchez	Sydney Wright
Carlo Clerigo	Elizabeth Harbold	Hannah Miller	Ava Schiff	Makayla Zirbel
Reece Congel	Molly Healy	Nicole Mirra	Jacob Seitz	
Angelina Cosentino	Ryan Heath	Zinat Mohammadi	Joseph Seliger	

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## **Committee Exploring School Re-Entry Options**



As planning for the upcoming school year amps-up, the North Syracuse Central School District (NSCSD) is actively exploring options for the safe reopening of schools. Earlier this spring, the NSCSD formed a Re-Entry Committee with more than 100 stakeholders coming together virtually to formulate a plan. In order to explore all options in depth and best support student learning, the Re-Entry Committee is divided into five sub groups: Instructional Operations Planning, Proactive Infection Planning, Social and Emotional Wellness, Workplace Safety and Communications.

Christopher R. Leahey, Ed.D., Associate Superintendent for Teaching & Learning, has been overseeing the committee's work and says he is grateful for their efforts. "Creating a comprehensive and flexible plan around the safe re-entry of all students and staff has been a tremendous undertaking. Because of these incredible volunteer leaders, teachers, parents and other staff, we have been able to break a monumental task into manageable pieces," Leahey said.

"The work they are doing, always considering critical guidance from federal, state and local experts, will serve as our roadmap as we navigate the academic, social, and emotional effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on students and employees," he continued. "We are prioritizing the health and safety of all as we plan a safe opening in accordance with necessary guidelines."

District leaders are also collaborating with a regional reopening group led by OCM BOCES. All local school districts have been sharing information and ideas and brainstorming solutions. The regional group will meet throughout the summer.

As part of the NSCSD Re-Entry Committee's planning, the District will be administering a survey to families and staff. Regarding the survey, Dr. Leahey said, "Our groups are finalizing their survey questions and we're coordinating with the OCM BOCES regional group. We will be putting the survey link out to the public as soon as possible."

District leaders will have a tight time frame for analyzing survey feedback as they anticipate providing a draft plan to the Board of Education in early August. The draft will provide a tiered approach to reopening safely within all levels of spread and will incorporate the latest recommendations. With additional guidance expected from the CDC and state education and health departments, and with ongoing local meetings, NSCSD's draft will be modified as necessary in accordance with expert recommendations.

Dr. Leahey said, "The plan will be flexible and fluid as we continue to meet with neighboring districts and OCM BOCES and receive updated federal and state guidance. We are very fortunate to have so many great minds coming together to achieve a common goal. By planning and continuing to work together, we will ensure that our schools continue to provide safe and exceptional educational experiences for all students."

The North Syracuse Central School District will update families and staff with back to school information throughout the summer. Parents should check schooltool to ensure their contact information is up-to-date and staff should update their information in WinCap Web. If parents need to update information in schooltool, they should contact the office staff at their child's school building.