

North Syracuse Central School District

# NorthStar Lights

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## Message from the Superintendent



Hello North Syracuse Central School District Parents, Guardians, Teachers and Staff! It seems as though the fluctuating weather trend is continuing this week. Personally, I am looking forward to this weekend's forecasted sunshine and warmth. I hope your plans also include enjoying these final few glimpses of sunshine before the snow flies.

We had a very busy week with two district surveys (parent and staff) closing and election day polling taking place at some of our buildings. Thank you to the more than 3,000 people who took time to share feedback through our parent survey. I will be sharing the results with the Board of Education at the meeting on Monday and then with the community in the near future.

As we've been going through the survey results, please know that we truly do take time to look at all the feedback and comments. I personally printed out the 67 pages of parent comments and am in the process of reading each and every remark. I will do the same with the 33 pages of staff comments. I truly thank you all for your input.

Speaking of thanks, I want to also thank everyone who took the time to vote this past week. As you know, the turnout was tremendous. I am encouraged by this impressive showing of civic engagement!


Next week we honor our military men and women with the Veteran's Day holiday and it makes me proud to know that it is because of these men and women that we have the freedoms we do. Thank you to our veterans for the sacrifices you and your families have made for the rest of us. If you have the opportunity this Wednesday, don't forget to thank the veterans in your life.





Enjoy your weekend and stay well! Check out our District news below to learn about some of the great things going on.

Sincerely,  
Daniel D. Bowles, Superintendent of Schools



## **NSCSD Teams up With Other Local School Districts as C-NS Students Hope for Redemption in Friendly Pajamarama Competition**

  
**Paige's Pajamarama Week**  
*Fighting Pediatric Cancer.  
Funding Hope.*

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CNS: Nov. 9th-13th			Liverpool: Nov. 12th-13th	
West Genesee: Nov. 9th & 13th			FM: Nov. 17th & 19th	

Beginning next week, students at Cicero-North Syracuse High School (C-NS), along with those from other schools in the North Syracuse Central School District, have been challenged to a friendly competition with other local high schools and districts. Hoping for redemption after their school's narrow defeat to Liverpool High School last year, C-NS students are encouraging participation in Paige's Pajamarama WEEK!

Paige's Pajamarama is a charity event allowing students to wear their (school appropriate) pajamas when making a donation to Paige's Butterfly Run, Inc., an organization which supports children with pediatric cancer at Upstate Golisano Children's Hospital. While Pajamarama is usually a day-long event, this year the cozy competition will last more than a week.

In 2019, C-NS students challenged Liverpool High School students to raise more money for Paige's Pajamarama by creating a challenge video, which went viral. While the 2019 challenge was initially only for the high schools, involvement grew and the event expanded to all schools in both districts. In the end, the schools and districts split victories with Liverpool High School earning the most money for the cause but the North Syracuse Central School District raising the greatest amount overall.

This year the North Syracuse and Liverpool school districts have reached out to the West Genesee and Fayetteville-Manlius districts to partner in the competition. North Syracuse and West Genesee are teaming up and Liverpool and Fayetteville-Manlius are partnering. [Click here to watch this year's challenge video](#), which was again created by Jacob Lax, a very talented C-NS graduate.

[Click here to read the full article online...](#)

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## School Meal Pickup for Remote Students

For families that may be unaware, the North Syracuse Central School District is providing meal pick up for students learning remotely. Families can pick up meals on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 4:30-5:45 p.m. at all secondary buildings. Meal pick up will also be available on Wednesday, November 18.

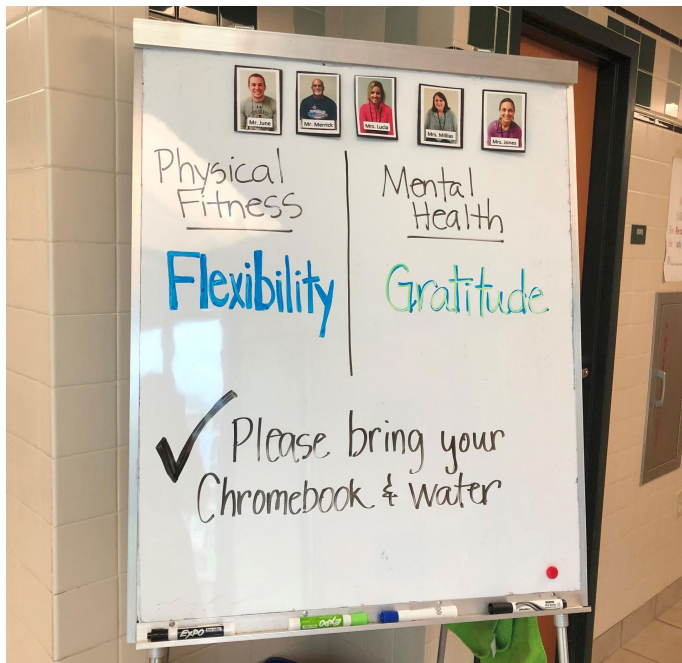
Meals can be picked up at all secondary buildings:

- Cicero-North Syracuse High School (6002 Route 31, Cicero) inside of the school at the main entrance by the flag pole (MOVED as of 11/2)
- North Syracuse Junior High School (5353 West Taft Rd., N. Syracuse) at the school's kitchen door in back of building
- Gillette Road Middle School (6150 South Bay Rd., Cicero) at the school's front door
- Roxboro Road Middle School (300 Bernard St., Mattydale) at the school's front door

As a reminder, the District is currently partnering with the United States Department of Agriculture to offer FREE breakfast and lunch meals to ALL students. [For additional information about school meals, click here.](#)

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## NSCSD November 6 Shining Stars: Roxboro Road Middle School Physical Education Staff



The North Syracuse Central School District is excited to have received our first NSCSD Shining Star Shout-out! Roxboro Road Middle School Associate Principal, Ashley Carducci, wants to recognize the Physical Education (PE) staff at that school for the great work they are doing focusing on SEL (social emotional learning) in conjunction with their normal instruction.

[Click here to read more online or to nominate your own Shining Star.](#)

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## Share a Shout Out to a Shining Star

The COVID-19 pandemic has led to unexpected challenges to both teaching and learning but we know that many of our students and teachers are thriving in this environment. We also know other staff are going above and beyond to keep students and families safe and informed.

We'd love to hear (and share) the inspirational stories you have so we can keep the positive vibes going. If you'd like to recognize a North Syracuse Central School District student, teacher, employee or even a volunteer, please complete a short online form giving us some basic information.

["Nominate" a Shining Star](#)

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## Wellness Wednesdays

When NSCSD school buildings had to close their doors to students and staff in the Spring of 2020, the District started "Wellness Wednesdays" as a way of pulling families together in spite of COVID-19. As the 2020-2021 school year progresses, we need to connect now, more than ever, so we've gotten the "Wellness Wednesdays" band back together. The Wellness Wednesdays website will be our way of sharing resources, information and importantly YOUR thoughts, photos and artwork.

The "Wellness Wednesdays" topic for the current week is Appreciation - filling the buckets of others and filling our

own! Can you tell us how you fill the buckets of those around you?

With Wednesday, November 11 as a day off for Veteran's Day, we want to remind our community to be grateful for the sacrifices of our military families. Please thank a veteran for their service!

[Visit the Wellness Wednesdays Website](#)

## Join the "I Am Grateful" Project Video for NSCSD

Please join us in our "grateful" project this month. While it has been a different and challenging school year so far, we know there are things in school that we are grateful for whether you are remote or in person. Staff and students, [please click here to view our slides](#) and then print out the one for the building you are in, write what you are grateful for, take a picture and [put in our padlet by 11/17 by clicking here](#). Then, check out our district wide video on 11/24. Showing gratitude can make us healthier both physically and mentally!

## Send Us Your Photos!



Because this school year has been so different, it has been challenging to get new photos for our District website at [www.nscsd.org](http://www.nscsd.org) and other publications. So...we need your help!

We would love to share your photos of at home school environments. If you're willing to share, please send your high quality images using the link below. We'll be using your photos in this newsletter and other publications throughout the school year. Additionally, high resolution, horizontal photos will be considered for the District website.

[Submit Your Photos Now!](#)



## Important Upcoming Dates

**November 9**

Board of Education Meeting

**November 11**

Veteran's Day - No School for Students/Staff

**November 13**

10 Week Reporting Period Ends (Gr. 5-12)

**November 16**

["More Than Sad" Virtual Presentation](#)

## Quick Links

- [Technical Help Website](#)

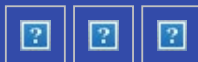
- [Family Wellness Website](#)

- [Online Calendar](#)

- [Google Classroom Help](#)

- [November Blood Drive Info.](#)

- [Prudential Spirit of Community Awards](#)



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