

NEWFIELD NEWSLETTER



Newfield Central School District

December 2016

LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Newfield Family,

About 16 years ago I had the privilege of hosting an exchange student from Sweden. She was with us for a whole year and taught us a lot about her culture as well as learning about ours. One of the celebrations in Sweden that was special to her was St. Lucia's Day. She assumed we knew about it and celebrated it here too. I had never heard about St. Lucia's Day and admit I was a bit taken aback a few months into her stay when she presented me with a small cloth doll that looked very much like a blond witch wearing a white robe with a red sash and a crown of candles on her head. That this took place around my birthday in mid-December was also a bit unsettling. What was she trying to tell me?!

By this time she was pretty fluent in English so, after laughing at the expression on my face, she explained that it was St. Lucia's Day – a festival celebrated in Sweden that begins their Christmas season. Lucia was a young girl who lived around 300 AD. She would secretly bring food to Christians who feared persecution and were hiding in catacombs under the city of Rome. She wore the candles on her head so her hands were free to carry food to them and she could still see her way through the dark passageways. Lucia was eventually declared a saint and St. Lucia's Day was set aside to remember and commemorate her faith, hope, and bravery.

May the holidays you celebrate this season give you a reason to hope, reinforce your faith, and provide the time to appreciate what you have and who you have in your life.



Happy holidays to you all –

Dr. Cheryl Thomas

NEWFIELD HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

The National Honor Society (NHS) is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to recognize those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, leadership, service, and character. These characteristics have been associated with membership in the organization since its beginning in 1921.



Front Row (L to R): Devonn McKenna, Alora Henry, Katherine Heath, Shelby Hodge (Vice-President), Eric Allen (Co-President), Jordann McKenna (Treasurer), Mariah Schloupt (Secretary), Antoinette Myers, Tyler VanOstrand

Second Row (L to R): Savanna Scott, Meghan Heroux, Taylor Edger, Dante Rynone, Mathew Johnson, Christopher Pierce, Zachary Keagle, Caitlin Howell

Top Row (L to R): Mr. Pawlewicz (Co-Advisor), Ian Grochocinski, Nolan Ruocco, Francis Reilly, Camryn Olmstead, Jacob Brown, Dylan Riley, Mariyah Byrd, Mr. Pfarrer (Co-Advisor)

Missing: Patrick King (Co-President), Rachel Frank

Rick Pawlewicz, Co-Advisor
Peter Pfarrer, Co-Advisor

OPERATION GRATITUDE

Ms. Miller's 2nd grade class has been very busy this month putting together a care package for troops as part of the Operation Gratitude Program. This organization collects excess Halloween candy and distributes it to active troops, Veterans, new recruits and wounded soldiers. Each student donated some of their own Halloween candy along with toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss. Not only did our students donate, but we also received donations from other staff members and local businesses. In all, we collected and sent over 25 pounds of candy, along with at least 50 tooth care supplies. Our soldiers will also enjoy reading the letters our students wrote to them as part of our letter writing unit. We are hopeful that we will receive some return letters from different parts of the world! It will be a great chance to explore some geography and connect with troops currently serving our country.



TREE OF KINDNESS

Students in the Middle School have continued the advisory program by adding to the positive school climate as they created a tree in the downstairs hallway. Each student was able to create and decorate a leaf to describe who they are. Students then were able to add the leaves to the tree to show both their individuality and being part of the school community. The motto on the tree, "We are each unique and beautiful, but together we are a masterpiece" has resonated through the middle school through positive vibes and acts of kindness.



BIOLOGY CORNER

Students in Living Environment and BIO 101 are about to complete a 6-week citizen science project that examines herbivory resistance in plants. Students began in September by building a growth station within the classroom, including designing the most efficient light set-up for our needs. They then planted three cultivars of corn, and monitored plant growth for a month. Students were collecting data such as room temperature & humidity levels, plant growth/size, and light intensity within the growth area, as well as monitoring the water requirements and amount supplied to the plants. The next step was application of Beet Armyworm caterpillars to the plants, and recovery after a week to determine the amount of herbivory damage to each plant, as measured by the mass change in the caterpillars. Students took digital images of the caterpillars at the start and finish of the experiment, and will be using Image J, an imaging program from the National Institutes of Health, to calculate and analyze the mass of the caterpillars from their photographs. The final step of the project is to determine which of the three plant lines was affected the least by the caterpillars' feeding activity. Results will be submitted to the lab of Dr. Georg Jander at Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research at Cornell University.





TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Mrs. Nicole Kotaska has been selected as Teacher of the Month for November. Mrs. Kotaska works tirelessly with the high school student council to build a positive culture in the building. Her work is greatly appreciated! Congratulations, Mrs. Kotaska!

NEWFIELD BAND STUDENTS REPRESENT AT ALL COUNTY BAND



Seven students were selected for the 2016 Tompkins-Seneca All County Band held at South Seneca HS on Nov. 18 & 19. Congratulations to these students who demonstrated a high level of playing ability in order to be selected!

Middle School All County Band Pictured from Left to Right: Helena Griffin, sax; Tatiyana Smith, flute; Zachary Taylor, clarinet



High School All County Band pictured from Left to Right: Ian Grochocinski, trombone; Nolan Ruocco, sax; Rachel Frank, clarinet; Connor Furman, bass clarinet



7th GRADE TRIP TO M.O.S.T.

On November 4th, the 7th grade went on a field trip to the Museum of Science and Technology in Syracuse. Students engaged with many "hands-on" exhibits ranging from the weather, the human body, the solar system and many more. The 7th graders had a great time walking around the museum and enjoying all it had to offer. The field trip also included a screening of the documentary, "Journey to Space" on the MOST's incredibly gigantic IMAX movie screen. Students really felt like they were blasting off on the space shuttle heading into orbit. This was an incredible experience for the 7th graders, and a great day was had by all!



MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL 6-Week Marking Period

Grade 6

High Honor Roll
Adams, Morgan
Albuja-Sandoval, B.
Bickham, Renee
Buckley, Layne
Dawson, Allanah
Dunn, Emily
Foote, Caiden
Gilbert, Jacob
Hardison, Jalen
Hodge, Erica
Jackson, Brody
Jackson, Liane
Leyden-Githler, Isabel
Mickelson, Makayla
Payne, Cassidy
Pealo, Ashlee
Ramsey, Zephyr
Sanders, Leyna
Schwoeble, Zachary
Sinn, Trevor
Taylor, Zachary
Utter, Grace
Weaver, Meadow

Honor Roll
Acevedo, Janessa
Capogrossi, Leah
Castrechino, Cadon
Clark, Jalen
Donley, Joshua
Green, Jeremiah
Griffin, Christopher
Hockenberry, Randy
Ketter, William
Longmire, Vincent
Makinster, Jahnaya
Marshall, Mallorie
Merrick, Judd
Nelson, Julianna
Sayers, Chloe
Zafar Ali, Aaron

Grade 7

High Honor Roll
Baldwin, Jade
Becker, Hayden
Cole, Kennedy
Emery, Michael
Finley, Maleah
Freund, Lyla
Griffin, Helena
Holden, Christian
Mikula, Hayden
Olmstead, Maxwell
Pawlewicz, Derek
Rainbow, Sebastian
Rawn, Ariana
Russell, Jessikah
Schoenfeldt, Kiarra
Tibbals, Matthew
Weiner, Celina
Wood-Ellis, Elijah

Honor Roll
Brewster, Mya-Lynn
Carrican Jr, Jeffrey
Crawford, McKayla
Doner, Michael
Elliott, Marcus
Esposito, Dean
Hurd, Logan
Hurd, Skylar
Reynolds, Ava
Rice, Taylor
Wood, Makya

Grade 8

High Honor Roll
Barron, Ian
Brown, Molly
Chrisman, Travis
DeMann, Timothy
Dunlap, Makenzie
Gehring, Connor
Goodwin, Jenna
Hardison II, Arthur
Hari, Shaylene
Harrington, Jaclynn
Humble, Jacob
Keagle, Zoey
Mikula, Keegan
Moravec, Katie
Moravec, Kelly
Mras, Sophia
Schwoeble, Olivia
Shaff, Lucia
Smith, Kahajen
Smith, Tatiyana
Trask, Gavin
Turner, Maia
Wendt, Mackenzie
Wood-Ellis, Maura
Wright, Ashley

Honor Roll
Acevedo, Lexie
Bell, Isaac
Chaffee, Zackary
Cole, Trinity
Doner Jr., Robert
LaBarge, Kyle
Merriman, Katelynn
Payne, Jakrisha
Putnam-Cole
Reed, Kayden
Royce, Adrianna
Schumacher, Ryan
Tripp, Jordan
Weaver, Mason
West, Hannah
Zifchock, Dyl



PROJECT 4

*Written by students in
Mrs. Baker's class*

The 4th grade participated in Project 4 through the Hangar Theatre which brings in a teaching artist, Ms. Helen Clark, and a musician, Mr. John Simon to work with each 4th grade class to write a play and song. Every practice we would warm up with Ms. Helen. This included body movements, pretending to chew gum and tongue twisters. Working as an ensemble, with no ego getting in the way, was important for our success. We learned to 'move big' and 'talk big' expressing emotions to make our performances spectacular. To write the script, we brainstormed ideas about our topics – Manners, Citizenship, and Healthy Choices. Then we practiced our lines and Ms. Helen showed us where to stand and how to move on the stage. Mr. John Simon taught us how to use rhythm, rhyme and melody to write our songs that went with each play. We performed the play on the HS stage for K, 1 and 2. Third and fifth graders came to watch us on the stage at the Hangar Theatre. Parents were able to come to one or both of the shows. It was a very exciting and awesome experience and we had a LOT of fun doing it!



LOOKING FOR HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS?

The Class of 2019 will be selling locally-made birdseed wreaths this month. The cost is \$13.50 each, and they will be available for pickup after December 5th. Contact advisors Vicki Tibbals (vtibbals@newfieldschools.org) or Rick Pawlewicz (rpawlewicz@newfieldschools.org) to order, or see any member of the 10th grade class! We greatly appreciate your support!



The two "Big Red Buddy Benches" at the lower and upper playgrounds were dedicated on November 8th. David Angello from Johnson Controls, who donated funds for the benches, was in attendance as were some of our Cornell men's hockey volunteers (including Anthony Angello, his son). Joli Zifchock's and Hannah Birdsall's students were also part of the dedication and our photo shoot. Children who do not have someone to play with at recess are encouraged to sit on a "Buddy Bench," so that others know they are in need of a playmate.

COMMUNITY CAROLING

Looking for some fun family time? Community caroling is scheduled for Saturday, December 10th at 5:00. Meet at the one room school house, then travel and sing through town. We will all gather at the Newfield Public Library for our final song and refreshments provided by the Newfield Teachers Association.



What: Community Caroling
 When: Saturday, December 10th, 2016
 Time: 5:00 p.m.
 Location: One room school house (start) and
 Newfield Public Library (finish)

Note: Please dress for the weather and remember to bring flashlights! Donations for the Giving Tree will also be accepted. Need more information? Contact Sarah White 546-9955, ext. 1002 or swhite@newfieldschools.org

WINTER CONCERTS

Come enjoy some live music and support your talented student musicians at one or both of the following FREE concerts:

Elementary

December 8th
 6:30 PM
 Upper Elem Gym
 Featuring Grades 1, 2 & 3

Secondary

Wednesday, December 21st
 Aiosa Auditorium
 Newfield High School
 7:00 PM
 Featuring the High School Jazz Band, High School Chorus, Middle School Concert Band and Middle School Chorus

NEWS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE OFFICE

Rick Pawlewicz 564-9955 ext. 3133 rpawlewicz@newfieldschools.org

December is one of my favorite months. There is an increasing energy that runs through the school as students complete their second marking period, share exciting stories of college acceptances, and cross their fingers for the slightest chance of a snow day! There are certainly a growing number of distractions for students and we need to be even more conscious about assisting them in the development of good academic routines.

The Class of 2017 has been working hard on applications and financial aid. I am happy to share the updated list of colleges that have accepted an NHS student: Alfred State, SUNY Brockport, Cayuga CC, Corning CC, SUNY Delhi, Elmira College, Jefferson CC, Keuka College, Lee University, Middle Tennessee State University, Monroe CC, SUNY Morrisville, Paul Smith's College and Tompkins Cortland CC. Stop by and check out the college acceptance wall and see where our students may end up next year!

As one group begins to wind down the college process, it's time to start working with the Juniors! After the holiday break, I will be meeting with all Juniors to review their PSAT results and initiate the college search process. First step...next year's scheduling! Scheduling for all Juniors (followed by Sophomores and Freshmen) will be in full swing starting in January. I will be meeting with students individually and in small groups to review tentative schedules, course options and much more. Parents are welcome to be a part of this scheduling process and are encouraged to contact me to set up an appointment.

I invite everyone to check out the resources, website links, checklists and presentations on my website. You will find this information helpful in your students' journey through high school. Enjoy!

Excerpt from the Onondaga Flames (a collegiate summer baseball league) newsletter:

MICKEY BEACH NAMED COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY BASEBALL'S STUDENT ASSISTANT MANAGER

by Wayne Walker | Oct 22, 2016 |

Onondaga Flames Intern Mickey Beach, a junior transfer student at Coastal Carolina University, has been appointed Student Assistant Manager to the Chanticleers' reigning College World Series Championship baseball team.

Last year, Beach was the Tompkins Cortland Community College team captain under Head Coach Ryan Stevens, who is also the Flames Director of Baseball. After graduation, Mickey transferred to CCU, where he is a sports management major. "I am excited to have these great opportunities," said Beach, "I am working towards a career in baseball and am thankful for the chance to learn from these top professionals."

Mickey has quickly adjusted to the CCU lifestyle and loves every part of the new challenges. He will travel with the team and assist on any practice and game day needs. A pitcher at TC3, Mickey will also throw batting practice.

"Mickey already has some valuable baseball experience and learning under Coach Giimore is a chance of a lifetime," commented Stevens, "We are very proud to have him a part of our Onondaga Flames staff this summer."

Mickey is from Newfield, New York.



*This month's **Blast from the Past** comes to us from Mickey Beach. He shared the article at left with Coach Augustine, along with a thank you for "the countless lessons you taught me on and off the field." Congratulations, Mickey!*

HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL
6-Week Marking Period

**Students of
Distinction**

HONOR ROLL

Grade 9

Belden, McKenna
Dickens, Matthew
Havlik, Thomas
Howell, Cian
Jesmer, Hope
Kithcart, Anthony
Payne, Patrick
Ryan, Connor
Tyskewicz, Brooke
Westmiller, Josie
Wood, Joshua

Grade 10

Bickham, Kaitlyn
Blakely, Alaina
Hunsinger, Autumn
Masotti, Sebastian
Miller, Carson
Reed, Kylee
Seip, Samuel
Stanton, Damion
Wood-Ellis, Gabriel

Grade 11

Adams, Connor
Castrechino II, Robert
Johnson, Bradley
LaBarge, Stephen
Moravec, Gregory
Wojtanik, Darren

Grade 12

Byrd, Mariyah
Hartman, Jacob
Heffron, Erwin
Hoaglin, Leigha
Johnson, Parker
Kelly, Dustin
King, Marissa
Lannoy, Rylie
Miller, Joel
Poludniak, Devon
Teeter, Abigail
Tyskewicz, Lauren
Van Etten, Scott
Van Wormer, Morgan
Wylie, Dylan

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Grade 9

Adams, Ian
Boykin, LaRon
Christopher, Taylor
Furman, Connor
Grochocinski, Max
Kennell-Ramsey, Lena
Luby, Matthew
McBean, Reaquan
McIlroy, Kyler
Parente, Devon
Pawlewicz, Kade
Schwoeble, Alexander
White, Cameron

Grade 10

Brown, Mackenzie
Clarey, Lucaya
Downing, Morgan
Esposito, Jillian
Hallock, Jasmine
Meeker, Bryan
Mras, Nicholas
Pawlewicz, Anthony
Place, Kayla
Wendt, Shawn
Yalanzhi, Steve

Grade 11

Borgella, Alexander
Brewster, Hannah
Brown, Jacob
Denmark, Atavia
Edger, Taylor
Grochocinski, Ian
Heroux, Megan
Hockenberry, Desiray
Howell, Caitlin
Howland, Ashley
Johnson, Carvin
McCracken, Elizabeth
Olmstead, Camryn
Reilly, Francis
Riley, Della
Ruocco, Nolan
Sawyer, Xander
Severtson, Tristan
Scott, Savanna
Teeter, Michaela

Grade 12

Allen, Eric
Banfield, Patrick
Bauer, Cheyenne
Chrisman, Bradley
Frank, Rachel
Havlik, Hannah
Heath, Katherine
Henry, Alora
Hockenberry, Andreaana
Hodge, Shelby
Jacobs, Jordan
Johnson, Mathew
Keagle, Zachary
Ketter, Destani
King, Logan
King, Patrick
McKenna, Devonn
McKenna, Jordann
Miller, Andrew
Myers, Antoinette
Nadvornik, Marek
Pierce, Christopher
Rynone, Dante
Schloupt, Mariah
Schumacher, Kathryn
VanOstrand, Tyler
Westberry, Mark
Worcester, Salena
Yaples, Rachel

9th Grade:

Ian Adams, Taylor Christopher, Max Grochocinski, Lena Kennell-Ramsey, Reaquan McBean

10th Grade:

Mackenzie Brown, Morgan Downing, Jasmine Hallock, Bryan Meeker, Carson Miller, Nicholas Mras, Anthony Pawlewicz, Samuel Seip, Steve Yalanzhi

11th Grade:

Hannah Brewster, Jacob Brown, Taylor Edger, Ian Grochocinski, Desiray Hockenberry, Caitlin Howell, Ashley Howland, Della Riley, Nolan Ruocco, Xander Sawyer, Savanna Scott

12th Grade:

Eric Allen, Cheyenne Bauer, Bradley Chrisman, Rachel Frank, Hannah Havlik, Katherine Heath, Erwin Heffron, Alora Henry, Andeana Hockenberry, Shelby Hodge, Destani Ketter, Patrick King, Devonn McKenna, Jordann McKenna, Antoinette Myers, Marek Nadvornik, Christopher Pierce, Mariah Schloupt, Mark Westberry




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~Newfield Schools Are Community-Minded~



Community Resource Fair


Thursday, December 8th
6:00pm-7:30pm

Newfield Elementary School Cafeteria


Come learn about resources & opportunities in & around our community! Several tables will be set up in the cafeteria with representatives from programs such as:

- **Healthy Neighborhoods Program:** Find out how to get **FREE** smoke alarms, fire extinguishers, carbon monoxide detectors, baby safety items, and how to manage asthma
- **Human Service Coalition:** helps with navigating for health insurance and health advocate services, learn about health care for children
- **Women, Infant, & Children (WIC):** find out if you are eligible to receive nutritious food, gain information about nutrition, gain support for breastfeeding
- **Mental Health Association:** learn about programs, such as; Family Support Services Program- focuses on needs of families with children with social, emotional, behavioral, or a mental health disability
- **Challenge Industries:** ask about their groups for job seekers, job development, job search skills, & activities, and much more
- **Cornell Cooperative Extension:** 4-H; find out about youth programs, Family & Community Development; learn about different parenting programs, Multicultural Resource Center; learn how to eliminate barriers to racial justice, cultural dignity, equity and inclusion, and indigenous rights
- **Advocacy Center:** services such as; emotional support, safety planning, therapy services
- **Newfield Kitchen Cupboard, Newfield Recreation, Public Library, Girl Scouts**

AND MANY MORE! Talk to the different agencies & receive a ticket to be entered to **WIN amazing door prizes** like new books or gift certificates to; **Stella's, O'Hair's Salon, & Littletree Orchards!**



Find out about free services for families!



Win Door Prizes!

This event is sponsored by CCE-Tompkins with funding from the NYSOCFS, with thanks to the Newfield Central School District and Newfield Community.

(607) 272-2292 ccetompkins.org

NEWFIELD RECREATION



Congratulations to the **Newfield Recreation Cheerleaders** for their hard work, dedication and talent. Under the direction of coaches Chyan Hulbert, Kelly Dense Wendt, Amber Rawn, and Ashley Mente the Sr. squad took home a first place and Grand Champions title as well as the Jr's. earning a third place at the South Seneca Cheer competition held on Nov. 5th.

Winter Basketball has begun, but if you missed registrations check in with us at recreation@newfieldny.org

We will once again be offering a pre-k program, "**Active Start**" with an orientation meeting prior to the Christmas break. The program is aimed at giving pre-kers their first group experience in recreation activities as well as emphasize building coordination of gross and fine motor skills all while have some fun. More on this can be found at the town's website: www.newfieldny.org/recreation

