



News from Cambridge Jr./Sr. High School

ARROWHEAD

Important Dates

- Columbus Day/No school.....10/14
- PSAT (Grade 11).....10/16
- Career Fair at SVMC.....10/17
- Career Jam (Grade 8).....10/22
- SUNY Adirondack
Instant Admission Day.....10/28
- School Picture Day10/29
- Spanish Banquet.....10/30
- Superintendent Conference Day
No school for students.....11/1
- Hudson Valley Community College
Instant Admission Day.....11/4
- Marking Period Ends.....11/8
- Wear Your Orange & Black and
Stand Up Against Bullying.....11/8
- Veterans Day/No school.....11/11
- Report Cards Mailed.....11/15
- Board of Education
Meeting.....11/14
- Thanksgiving recess
No school.....11/27 - 11/29
- Board of Education
Meeting.....12/12
- Wear Your Orange & Black and
Stand Up Against Bullying.....12/13
- Interim Ends.....12/13
- Report Cards Mailed.....12/20

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL GOSS

The 2019-2020 school year is off to a fantastic start! We have several great additions to our faculty and staff due to retirements and other transitions. You can meet them on the back page of this newsletter.

We hosted Open House on the evening of Thursday, September 12. This year, I added a fun spin to the event by including a scavenger hunt through the mobile app GooseChase. Attendees were encouraged to take photos or videos of various items or activities throughout the evening and awarded points for each find. Thank you to everyone who attended, and I hope you found the evening informative and fun. Also, a special thank you to The Council for Prevention in providing "Scene Unseen" in an effort to raise parent awareness.

On the topic of parent awareness, this newsletter contains information regarding the impact and loss of education time due to chronic absenteeism, the potential reasons for absences other than illness, and what the district is doing to help our students and families.

Again this year, I will be adding a fun theme each marking period to recognize our students who achieve principal's list status, which is a GPA of 95.0 or above. The marking periods end:

- ▶ Quarter 1 - November 8, 2019
- ▶ Quarter 2 - January 24, 2020
- ▶ Quarter 3 - April 3, 2020
- ▶ Quarter 4 - June 16, 2020

I hope everyone has a great school year!

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Our guidance office has various resources in getting our students career and college ready.

Students interested in pursuing or exploring careers in the medical field should sign up with Ms. O'Hearn to attend a career fair being held at Southern Vermont Medical Center on Thursday, October 17.

It's never too early for our students to start exploring career paths. On

Tuesday, October 22, Mr. Kraszewski will accompany our 8th grade students to the 3rd Annual Career Jam, to be held at the Saratoga City Center. This event will host over 100 local employers representing diverse fields. The purpose of the field trip is for our students to explore career opportunities and make the students aware of the direct skills needed in our region.

MAY WE HAVE YOUR ATTENDANCE, PLEASE?

Showing up for school on time, every day, all day, might be the single most important factor in achieving academic in all areas of learning, as well as social development. Success at the school level is likely to lead to success in a student's career later on in life. Chronic absenteeism, as defined by NYS Department of Education is missing 10%, or 18 days of the school year, and includes excused and unexcused absences. Every absence, regardless of the reason, can negatively impact a student's growth and learning.

Of course, there are instances when students are genuinely too ill to attend school. Our district takes illness prevention seriously, and our school nurses, Mrs. Goodfellow and Mrs. Young, can refer parents and students to the appropriate various resources in the event of physical or emotional health issues. Additionally, we offer free access to our school counselors, psychologists, and social workers for every one of our students.

Our district also strives to ensure our students, faculty and staff treat each other with respect and kindness. No one should have to miss school as a result of feeling victimized. Anti-bullying campaigns and by-stander empowerment are part of our school climate. We have adopted the DASA (Dignity for All Students Act) which prohibits any type of discrimination, harassment, intimidation, and bullying.

The District has partnered with Northern Rivers (formerly Parsons Child & Family Center) to provide school-based behavioral health services on-site. These services are

designed to provide a variety of services to school age children who have social, emotional, or behavioral needs.

The available services include:

- Individual counseling
- Family counseling
- Group counseling
- Behavioral intervention
- Family support services

The benefits of this service include:

- The immediacy that staff can help address issues in the moment
- The convenience of having the services provided at the school means students will miss less classroom time as they do not need to leave for appointments
- Working parents do not need to miss time from work to provide transportation to appointments
- An increase in positive interaction between parent and child
- A greater success for the child at school and at home

Case management, psychiatric consultation, and medication management for students is available to complement the counseling.

Services are available during school vacations and summer and can be coordinated by calling (518) 677- 8527 x1494.

MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT

1 or 2 days per week may not seem like a lot of time missed but....

How does being 10 minutes late add up?

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	Over 13 years that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Almost 1.5 years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	Over 13 years that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1.5 weeks per year	Nearly half a year
20 minutes per day	1 hour and 40 minutes per week	Over 2 1/2 weeks per year	Nearly 1 school year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years

STUDENT NEWS



(L. - r.) Morgan Couture, Gabby Wilbur, Paige Wulff, Ajanta Deibel, Ruth Nolan, Coral Eriksen

On Friday, September 27, six students in our distance learning Vet Science and Ag Business classes participated in the 14th Annual Agriculture & Natural Resources High School Day at SUNY Cobleskill. Some of the competitions they participated in included ice cream product development and branding. The students used manual agitators to create an ice cream flavor, and then developed the packaging. The equine competition included recognizing good conformation, assessment, anatomy, and identifying tack. Canine small animal judging included identifying small animal breeds and identifying various veterinary tools used to treat small animals. Paige Wulff received a plaque for first place in the canine small animal contest.



Congratulations to the students selected as Student of the Quarter grades 7-12 for the fourth and final quarter of the 2018-2019 school year. They were (l. - r.) Natalie Giordano (12), Abbie Kennedy (11), Tylor Peavy (10), Tathyana Lima (9, absent from photo), Zoey Thomayer (8), Noah Burke (7). Please note: the numeral after each student's name represents the grade they were in during the 2018-2019 school year.



Charlotte Butz and her father Steve Butz visited the Capitol. Charlotte's artwork (top) can be seen in the background.

Toward the end of the 2018-2019 school year, an original pencil drawing "Woman in Stripes," created by Class of 2019 graduate, Charlotte Butz, was selected as the first place winner in the 21st Congressional Art Competition. The original work is hanging in a public viewing area of the U.S. Capitol for the next year. Charlotte and her father, Steve Butz, traveled to Washington D.C. over the summer, where they were given a tour of the Capitol, viewed the artwork and met with Congresswoman Elise Stefanik.



(Front- kneeling) Dan Van Alstine
(L. - r) Jordan Brown, Gabe Sgambettera, Fiona Mooney, Emma Haynes, Eden Bailey

Congratulations to the six students who earned the prestigious CHEMISTRY BEAKER MUG award for achieving a 90 or above on the June 2019 chemistry regents exam. Beaker Mug recipients demonstrated not only the motivation to do well, but consistently dedicated the time to accomplish and understand their academic work.

NEW FACULTY & STAFF



Allison Campney
Math Resident



Jessica Emrich
Math



Kendra Holbriiter
Special Education



Danyelle Ketrng
Social Studies Resident



Stephen Marquart
Special Education



Jeff Tucker
Teacher's Aide



Mike Vecchione
Teacher's Aide

SENIOR SCENE



Cambridge seniors Nolan Byer and Abigail Maher have been recognized as commended students.

Congratulations to seniors, Nolan Byer and Abigail Maher, for being named commended students in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program. A letter of commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) will be presented to both students by Secondary Principal Goss at a later date.

Approximately 34,000 commended students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not advance in the 2019 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, students achieving commended status placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.6 million students who entered the 2019 competition by taking the 2018 preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT).

CCS Drama Club Presents

SPOON RIVER ANTHOLOGY
by Edgar Lee Masters

at Hubbard Hall

Friday, October 18th & Saturday, October 19th at 7:30PM

Sunday, October 20th at 2PM

For Tickets visit hubbardhall.org