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Congratulations Cicero-North Syracuse High Class of 2016!

Congratulations to the 636 graduates in the Cicero-North Syracuse High School Class of 2016 that recently walked across the War Memorial stage in downtown Syracuse! The top 50 graduates and their colleges of choice are listed on page 3





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 Central



Adopted by the Board of Education, August 11, 2014

of this newsletter. A selection of photos from the graduation ceremony can be seen online on the district's Facebook page at www.nscsd.org/facebook and the complete list of graduates at www.nscsd.org.











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Thoughts from the Superintendent

On June 24, 636 graduates, making up the class of 2016, sat before me in a sea of blue and green caps and gowns. What a breathtaking vision! Graduation is the culminating event, a fulfilling end, not only to the school year, but to the 13 year journey known as "school." The Onondaga County War Memorial radiated with an overall sense of achievement, accomplishment, success, pride and joy, as each graduate crossed the finish line to receive their diploma.

This made me think of a story a parent once told me of their 5-year old that couldn't wait to enter kindergarten and "go to school." They were filled with excitement when the day finally arrived, and proudly came home with a smile at the end of their first day only to announce, "Okay, I went to school." In their mind they thought it to be a one-time event, perhaps like taking a trip. They went and it was done. The child was somewhat surprised to learn that they had to go to school the next day, and many days after that.

School is not a one-time event. It is a day-to-day process that involves perseverance and determination over time. Whether it pertains to our recent graduates, whose actions, choices and learnings over the past 13 years, or perhaps your own child who reached the end of the 2015-16 school year; each and every moment counted in their journey toward the finish line.

Summer is a time, not only to relax and have fun, but also a time of reflection. During this busy season of summer, I invite you to take some time to reflect on, and celebrate, the growth and accomplishments of your own children.

Congratulations to all of our students that helped make 2015-16 a successful school year; and a special congratulations to the Class of 2016. We wish them all the best!

Annette Speach Superintendent of Schools

Capital Project Referendum

The North Syracuse Central School District is planning for a capital project referendum this fall. The project will include renovations to K.W.S. Bear Road Elementary School and the installation of new above ground tanks and pumps at the transportation fueling station. The tentative date for the referendum is September 28 with a public hearing to be scheduled prior to the vote.

Project details are being finalized but will include the following renovations at K.W.S. Bear Road Elementary School:

- K-4 classroom reorganization with:
 - small group break-out areas
 - visual connections between rooms
 - potential for adaptable room configurations
- Main entrance relocation
- Redesign of outdoor area to separate car and bus traffic
- Enhanced site security
- A courtyard/outdoor classroom to enhance student learning



TOP 50 GRADUATES!

Cicero-North Syracuse High School's top 50 ranked students and the college they will be attending this fall:

# Student Name College Choice 1. Joseph Collins Princeton University 2. Angela Rice University of Rochester 3. Alyssa Sherry Colgate University 4. Matthew Mondt SUNY Buffalo 5. Mary Kate Bonanni Cornell University 6. Katelyn Wagner Roberts Wesleyan College 7. Zachary O'Neill Rochester Institute of Technology 8. Ashley Bodnar Boston College 9. Emily Gibbs Hofstra University 10. Elise Coombs SUNY Albany 11. Jenna Fryer Ohio State University (Columbus) 12. Nathan Perrotta Clarkson University 13. Emily Nessel Le Moyne College 14. David Nickels University of Rochester 15. Joshua DiFabio Alfred University 16. Andrew Bearkland SUNY Stony Brook 17. Jessica Argiro Fashion Institute of Technology 18. Evan Gakeler Washington and L		-	
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C-NS Class of 2016 Valedictorian & Salutatorian

Congratulations to Joseph Collins and Angela Rice the Cicero-North Syracuse High School Class of 2016 valedictorian and salutatorian.

Following is some brief information about the top two students and their plans for the future.

Valedictorian: Joseph Collins of Liverpool

Parents: Joseph and Virginia Collins



Plans after high school: Attend Princeton University.

Who has inspired him the most: My three sisters, Christina, Angelica and Francesca.

Favorite quote or saying: "Believe you can and you're halfway there." - Theodore Roosevelt

What is your advice to your graduating class? Step out of your comfort zone; you never know where it will bring you.

What do you do to relax and unwind? I enjoy running, anywhere and at any time.

Salutatorian: Angela Rice of Liverpool



Parents: John and Maria Rice

Plans after high school: Attend the University of Rochester.

Person who has inspired her the most: "My mom has inspired me the most throughout my high school career. She is the strongest woman I know, and taught me to always have self respect and a loving heart."

Favorite quote or saying: "Be somebody that makes everybody feel like a somebody." - Kid President

What is your advice to your graduating class? Never take a single thing for granted. Always appreciate the little things in life and never put anything less than 100% into everything that you do.

What do you do to relax and unwind? "When I want to unwind or relax, I like to braid hair or do makeup. I also like to go for a run."

North Syracuse Junior High School cordially invites all incoming 8th grade students and their parents to their annual 8th grade orientation BBQ on Wednesday, August 24, 2016. The event will take place at the junior high from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. with an assembly at 5:00 p.m. 8th grade student schedules will be available.

Spring 2016 Scholar Athletes Recognized

Congratulations to the 120 students from the North Syracuse Central School District who were recently recognized by the Board of Education as Scholar Athletes for the spring of 2016. Student athletes participating in the following sports teams were presented with certificates and recognized in front of the North Syracuse Board of Education, their coaches, families and friends. The list of spring 2016 Scholar Athletes from North Syracuse Central School District includes:

Girls' Softball*

Meghan Bocyck, Elizabeth Bonin, Jessica Callisto, Ariana Corasaniti, Gabriella Corasaniti, Victoria Dunn, Brandi Feeney, Jessica Gonzalski, Samantha Shallcross, Alyson Thompson and Janelle Walters.

Girls' Lacrosse*

Olivia Africa, Julia Alberici, Mary Kate Bonanni, Brenna Duffy, Meghan Duffy, Mallory Eymer, Jessica Foley, Sydney Franco, Lauren Gilbert, Kallie Heffron, Alexis Knoblock, Jenna Lippert, Kaitlyn Lippert, Olivia Massena, Jessica Meneilly, Makena Scarlata, Samantha Tortora and Megan Tryniski.

Girls' Track



Donia Alizadeh, Cassandra Baldwin, Mckenna Bradford, Kierrah Browne-Butler, Asia Couillard, Sarah Davis, Emily Dembowski, Aviana Fedele, Sydney Florczyk, Sarah Freund, Lakin Hibbard, Brittany House, Liliana Klemanski, Amy Kozlowski, Savannah Kuhr, McKenna LaPorte, Bailey Lazore, Marie LeRoy, Dayna Losito, Courtney Mahan, Mackenzie Mahoney, Kenna Maring, Annina Marullo, Destiny Monica, Jilliann Norris, Haley Pestle, Mia Pestle, Julie Phillips, Isabelle Popoff, Amanda Reilly, Samantha Rockhill, Julia Rupp, Hayley Schwarz, Ashlyn Slate, Alyssa Spivak, Abbey Szumloz, Shayla Webb, Headan Wilson and Lauren Witek.

Boys' Lacrosse



Joshua Brazell, Frank Chiodo, Jake Erickson, Joel Firth, Andrew Flack, Brandon O'Brien, Joshua Pickard, Nicholas Riccardi, Austin Rio, Brian Rowe, Nathan Scarlata, Raymond Scarlata, Jr., Clayton Scott, Matthew Townsend and Dante Whitmire.

Boys' Tennis



Johnathon Barraco, Richard Dennis, Mitchell Eager, Mason Gross, Kavin Inthirakot, Jack Irwin, Justin Kegebein, Zachary Kubala, Connor Millias, Trey Nordin-Abbey, Nathan Perrotta, Henry Rose and Jacob Tesfai.

Boys' Track



Andrew Bearkland, Deven Greenlee, Connor Hayes, Alexander Hepel, Jason Hughes, Tyler Hughes, Zachary Kennedy, Matthew Kilian, Edward Mahana, Tyler Michels, Tyler Mosher, Zachary O'Neill, Nathan Osborne, Nathan Poirier, Noah Poirier, Landry Rogers, Justin Silfer, Christopher St. Denny, Daniel Swackhamer, Joseph Tricarico, David Ware, Allen Wells, Michael Wentling-Raymie and Kaleb Woodcock.

Note: Athletes pictured were present at the June 20, 2016 Board of Education meeting to accept their certificates. *No athletes from the Girls' Softball or Girls' Lacrosse Teams were able to attend the meeting due to a Regents Exam the following day

Notification of Pesticide Applications from 8/1/15 to 6/30/16 February, 2016: 1 gram Quantum Ant Bait (EPA #432-1506) at Roxboro Road Elementary School

Staff and persons in parental relationships can register to obtain a 48-hour notification form by calling Jon Ward, Director of Facilities at 218-2174 and requesting an application for notification registration form. 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.

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If you haven't already, don't forget to find us on Facebook this summer! If you are a Facebook user, please visit the district's Facebook page and "like" us. Our site is maintained for the community, by the district, and is updated frequently to share news of the latest student and staff achievements, school and district sponsored activities and events, and other district information. Share the page with your friends so that we can use Facebook to get information out to as many people as possible.



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 summer meals, funded by the USDA, are available to kids and teens ages 18 and younger at both Roxboro Road Elementary (200 Bernard Street) and 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. Registration is NOT required.

The district's summer feeding program will take place at:

Roxboro Road Elementary School, Monday through Friday from July 5 through August 4. Breakfast will be served each day from 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and lunch from 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Roxboro Road Middle School, Monday through Friday from July 11 to August 19. Breakfast will be served each day from 8:20 a.m. to 8:50 a.m. and lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

If you or someone you know is interested, go to www.nscsd.org/summerfood or call 315-218-2175 with any questions that you may have.

District Publications

Wednesday, September 7, 2016 is the first day of school for the 2016-17 school year. In late August, the complete 2016-17 school calendar will be mailed to homes of families with school-aged children. If you would like to view the district's academic calendar before you receive your copy in the mail, make sure to visit our home page at www.nscsd.org and click on "2016-17 Academic Calendar" under **Quick Links.**

For the 2016-17 school year, the District Dispatch will be published in August, September, January, February, April, May and July. All issues will also be available online (www.nscsd.org) and will be sent out via SchoolMessenger.

7 teams win Sectional Championships during 2015-16 school year!



The 2015-16 school year was an exceptional one for many of the district's hundreds of student athletes. Among the tremendous accomplishments for our athletic teams, this year, seven teams were named Section III Champions! Congratulations to all our athletes for their outstanding efforts on and off the field, court and beyond! This year's Sectional Championship teams (pictured left to right, top to bottom) are: Girls' Swimming, Girls' Cheerleading, Boys' Volleyball, Girls' Basketball, Boys' Outdoor Track, Boys' Soccer and Boys' Baseball.



District Dispatch

Roxboro Road Middle School's Sue Straub is North Syracuse Central School District 2016 Teacher of the Year



The North Syracuse Central School District is proud to announce its 2016 Teacher of the Year winner: Susan Straub, a fifth grade teacher at Roxboro Road Middle School. Sue will go on to the statewide program for Teacher of the Year, sponsored by the New York State Education Department. She was recognized as North Syracuse Central School District's 2016 Teacher of the Year at the Monday, June 20 Board of Education meeting.

Sue has worked for the North Syracuse Central School District in various elementarylevel instructional roles for nearly 30 years. Throughout her decades of work in the district, she has constantly worked to improve her teaching skills by participating in countless hours of professional development and by collaborating with others.

Sue was recommended for Teacher of the Year by several of her coworkers who wrote extensive and glowing letters on her behalf. Roxboro Road Middle School

Principal David Shaw refers to Straub as an expert in her field calling her teaching "the work of a scholar and an artist all wrapped into one." Congratulations Sue, and best of luck in the New York State Teacher of the Year Competition!

Other finalists in the North Syracuse Central School District 2016 Teacher of the Year competition were: Wendy Grabowski, Special Education Teacher at Cicero-North Syracuse High School; Karen Seamans, Music Teacher at Gillette Road Middle School/Roxboro Road Middle School and Shannon Vogt, Science Teacher at North Syracuse Junior High School.

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NOTIFICATION REGARDING EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

The North Syracuse Central District has an Emergency Response Plan in place to address student and staff safety issues. The plan would be activated in the event of a local disaster or school emergency.

Statistics show schools are still among the safest places to be on a day-to-day basis, due to the strong commitment of educators, parents, and communities to their children. Nevertheless, disasters do happen and, because of that, no community can be complacent in its efforts to make its schools even safer.

As part of its Emergency Response Plan, the district has a designated chief emergency officer who is responsible for coordinating communication between staff, law enforcement and first responders to ensure staff understanding of the district-level safety plan. The chief emergency officer will also be responsible for communicating details to staff during an emergency.

Also in the event of an emergency, the district's school information officer will be responsible for disseminating information to the public by communicating with local media and the community. Several communication methods are available to the district and will be utilized as appropriate. Such methods include text, email and telephone alerts, website updates, social media messages and media announcements.

The district's mass communication system, School Messenger, utilizes the student/parent/guardian information stored in its student information system. Therefore, it is imperative that parents and guardians ensure that their contact information is correct in the student information database. Whenever your contact information changes, be sure to contact your child's school immediately to update your information to ensure that you receive emergency communications from the district.

Drills

Parents and guardians should also be aware that the district conducts unannounced emergency and lockdown drills at each school in the district throughout the school year. Law enforcement and emergency personnel may be included in these drills when possible. Parents and guardians will be notified of any drills taking place immediately before the drill and building announcements will be broadcast over PA systems or by activating building alarm systems. Visitors to school buildings will also be notified of emergency situations/drills such as a shelter-in-place, hold-in-place, evacuation, lockout or lockdown.

The North Syracuse Central School District's Emergency Response Plan will also be posted online at the beginning of each school year.

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C-NS students earn CTE Endorsements on high school diplomas



Congratulations to the more than 50 students from the North Syracuse Central School District that earned the distinction of receiving a New York State Career and Technical Education (CTE) Endorsement on their 2016 high school diploma. Having achieved the designation demonstrates a student's academic strength and signifies their readiness to enter the workforce or enroll in college.

The following students from the North Syracuse Central School District earned CTE Endorsements through OCM BOCES or at C-NS (for Business, Information Technology, Marketing and Finance): Zachary Arcaro (Automotive Technology), Tyler Austin (Automotive Technology), Steven Bateman (Automotive Technology), Melissa Bell (Cosmetology), Brandon Brown (Marketing), Cayla Burton (Physical Therapy), Austin Bush (Automotive Technology), Justin Carmona (Automotive Technology), Frank Colavecchio (Automotive Collision Technology), Tiffany Collard (Health Occupations Technology), Alyssa Courtney (Laboratory Technology), Ollicia Crenshaw (Culinary Arts), Jessika Crossman (Cosmetology), Brianna Desimone (Physical Therapy), Kevin Dunnihoo (Automotive Technology), Jacob Dupra (Automotive Technology), Emily Flood (Culinary Arts), Drew Furgeson (Construction Technology), Evan Gakeler (Finance), Justin Haines (Marketing, Finance and Information Technology), Eugene Hairston (Automotive Technology), Julie Hamilton (Culinary Arts), Zachary Hanlon (Automotive Technology), Kaitlyn Herb (Health Occupations Technology), Elizabeth Kozlowski (Culinary Arts), Garrett LaFluer (Construction Technology), Samantha Lamica (Laboratory Technology), Tyler Lawrence (Automotive Technology), Savannah Loomis (Finance), Teira Martin (Health Occupations Technology), Joshua McDougall (Automotive Collision Technology), Madeleine Medley (Culinary Arts), Nic Misita (Finance), Troy Misita (Marketing), Mackenzie Moore (Computer Technology), Christopher Morgan (Automotive Technology), Patricia Murry (Cosmetology), Noah Napoli (Automotive Technology), Brandon O'Brien (Marketing), Kayla Pierce (Culinary Arts), Ciara Prothro (Health Occupations Technology), Trinity Prothro (Laboratory Technology), Dominick Quackenbush (Construction Technology), Cailey Reith (Health Occupations Technology), Morgan Reith (Health Occupations Technology), Tyler Richer (Automotive Technology), Jacob Schipani

(Automotive Collision Technology), Matt Siegel (Marketing), Nicole Straughter (Early Childhood Education), Amber Sutton (Cosmetology), Adriana Thomas (Culinary Arts), Brianna Vercillo (Health Occupations Technology), Robert Vinch (Health Occupations Technology), Adam Vono (Culinary Arts), Cameron Waters (Automotive Technology), Heather Wilson (Physical Therapy), Sarah Wilson (Cosmetology), Taylor Wise (Culinary Arts), and Cody Zacholl (Automotive Collision Technology).

Students must take and pass both written and performance exams, which can be norm-based, requiring students to achieve higher scores than are typically accepted for passage. Performance exams are observed and scored by field experts not affiliated with the educational institution.

Students pictured (above left) are 7 of the 10 from C-NS that earned their CTE Endorsement at C-NS through Business/Marketing courses at the high school. Front row: Savannah Loomis (Finance), Nic Misita (Finance), Evan Gakeler (Finance). Back row: Justin Haines (Marketing, Finance, and Information Technology), Brandon O'Brien (Marketing), Brandon Brown (Marketing), Matt Siegel (Marketing).

Pictured below: Cayla Burton, an OCM BOCES Physical Therapy student, takes measurements on another student in class.



PARENT NOTIFICATION REGARDING STUDENT WORK AND PHOTOS

During the school year, your son or daughter may have the opportunity to have his/her 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's internet site, 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's website, please inform your school principal in writing.



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Don't forget to keep your brain in shape this summer! Students in the North Syracuse Central School District are among 60,000 plus across Central New York with access to thousands of free e-books this summer.

Thanks to the OCM BOCES School Library System, which is participating in the myOn digital library, students can access thousands of books that can be read on computers, laptops and other devices.

Students in all 23 of OCM BOCES component school districts can access the myOn e-books collection by going to www. myON.com and logging in. Students will need to enter their school name, student identification (as their username) and the password "books" in order to access the database free of charge through OCM BOCES.

Students that read and log at least 10 books through the myOn program by September 2, 2016 will be entered into a random drawing for an iPad Mini. Additionally, there are prizes for the top readers in elementary, middle and high school. For more information about prizes or the 2016 Summer Reading Program, visit http://about.myon.com/reading-campaigns/2016-summer - prizes.

Congratulations to Cicero-North Syracuse (C-NS) High School graduate, Kaitlyn Wheeler, for having won a 2014 Ford Focus at the school's After the Ball Party! Each year, Burdick Automotive Toyota-Scion, BMW, Lexus and Ford has generously donated a vehicle to the event for a lucky senior to win.

C-NS teacher Sara Villnave is one of the After the Ball party coordinators. She believes that the company's annual donation is one reason that the party is so successful each year. She said, "We appreciate this donation so much because it really is a huge incentive for students to attend the event, which is a safe, positive and fun way to spend time after the senior ball."

Kevin Burdick and Kelly Pelcher work with Burdick's donation program at Driver's Village. The program has provided a vehicle for the student event for approximately 30 years. Kevin said, "We're glad to continue [this program] for the North Syracuse Central School District. Our family's roots are here in this community; my dad is a graduate of the district and he proudly started this program."

He continued, "The best thing about this donation is seeing the reaction of the student that wins the car. They can never believe that they actually won a car and are so appreciative. It is an awesome feeling to have such a positive impact."

Kaitlyn Wheeler will be attending Le Moyne College in the fall and is excited to have won the car.

The Cicero-North Syracuse High School After the Ball Committee would like to also thank the many local businesses who generously supported the annual event with donations and prizes.

Kaitlyn is pictured above with her new car from Burdick. Pictured with her are (left to right): C-NS Teacher Sara Villnave, Kelly Pelcher and Kevin Burdick, (Kaitlyn), C-NS Executive Principal William LaClair and North Syracuse Central School District Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Dawn Wilczynski.

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