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Congratulations Cicero-North Syracuse High Class of 2019!

Congratulations to the 686 graduates in the Cicero-North Syracuse High School Class of 2019 that recently walked across the stage at the SRC Arena at Onondaga Community College! The top 50 graduates and their colleges of choice



Welcome New Superintendent

The North Syracuse Central School District is proud to welcome Daniel D. Bowles as the District's new superintendent of schools! Mr. Bowles, a long-time employee of the district and resident of the community, officially began his superintendency on July 1.

The district's Board of Education approved Mr. Bowles' appointment this past April after a rigorous search process. "Mr.

Bowles stood out among a highly-qualified field of candidates because of his passion for our district and his proven track record in making effective, student-focused decisions," said former North Syracuse Board of Education President Michael Shusda. "We truly believe that Mr. Bowles has the right blend of leadership skills and experience to keep our district moving forward."







North Syracuse Central **School District**

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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



Before I begin my first column as the new superintendent of the North Syracuse Central School District, let me offer my sincere congratulations to the Cicero-North Syracuse High School Class of 2019!

Some of the graduates crossing the stage at this year's ceremony were my students when I was the principal at

Roxboro Road Elementary School. As I was watching these young people take this step in their educational journeys, I could not help thinking about where they've been, what they've accomplished and what is yet to come ... for all of us.

The North Syracuse Central School District has been my home for the past 20 plus years and I'm honored and humbled to have this opportunity to lead this incredible school district. My own daughters are proud graduates of C-NS and have reaped the benefits of a North Syracuse Central School District education.

As I take on my new role here, one of my goals is to bring attention to the great things happening in our district. We have outstanding students and staff and we are doing some amazing things by working together.

With the approval of the new school budget, we have been able to add additional school counselors to further address the social/emotional needs of our students, a key area of focus. Additional focus areas include the continuation of our work around literacy and expanding STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) opportunities for our students. These increased opportunities will move us to the top of the OCM BOCES Consortium and will allow us to prepare our students for innovative careers and promising college experiences.

I will be spending the summer months listening and learning so that I can do my best to effectively serve our district and community. I plan to be highly visible so I invite you to introduce yourself to me when you see me out and around. I'd love to hear about your child's successes or a teacher that went above and beyond or a staff member who made a difference. I want to hear about those things so I can share them with the community and we can celebrate our successes together and truly recognize the North Syracuse Central School District.

As I said before, I will be taking time to listen to our families and learn even more about this great community I call home, and will follow-up on suggestions that will have a positive impact on the district. Please share your thoughts about ways of communicating so that I can plan to reach out in the most convenient way.

Enjoy your summer and I'll see you soon! Daniel D. Bowles

Superintendent of Schools

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
_ #	Julia Rupp	University of Pittsburgh
1. 2.	Gabriel Khan	
2. 3.		Syracuse University
3. 4.	Benjamin Stevenson	Rochester Institute of Technology
	Kimberly Doyle	Clarkson University
5.	Joshua Pickard	Clarkson University
6.	Anthony Tricarico	Syracuse University
7.	Jenna Sherry	Nazareth College
8.	John Rose	SUNY Binghamton
9.	Paige Bonocora	St. John Fisher College
	Kyle Haas	Le Moyne College
11.		Rochester Institute of Technology
	Morgan Siechen	Southern New Hampshire University
13.	•	Syracuse University
	Emily Temple	Rochester Institute of Technology
	Sarah Klein	Saint Francis University
	Bruce Hepel	SUNY Buffalo
	Donna Lin	SUNY Buffalo
	Delaney Stahrr	University of Indianapolis
	Emily Overend	SUNY Geneseo
	John Jacob	Rennselaer Polytechnic Institute
	Tyler Swanson	Binghamton University
	Christian Carlin-Saracene	Le Moyne College
	Isabelle Popoff	SUNY Alfred State College
24.	Brooke Fedi	SUNY Binghamton
25.	Noah Fiumara	Eckerd College
26.	Alexa Kulak	Le Moyne College
27.	Braden Melveney	SUNY Cortland
28.	Molly Dano	Rochester Institute of Technology
29.	Tyler Lounsbery	SUNY Binghamton
30.	Joshua Hauth	University of Rochester
31.	Alexandra Cifaratta	Suffolk University
32.	Aviana Fedele	University of Central Florida
33.	Max Euceda	SUNY Binghamton
34.	Joseph Metrick	Rochester Institute of Technology
35.	Karlee Marchione	SUNY Binghamton
36.	Alexis Long	SUNY University at Buffalo
37.	-	SUNY ESF
38.	Chase Casler	Pennsylvania State University
39.	Austin Sikora	US Air Force
40.	Connor Lounsbery	SUNY Binghamton
41.	-	St. John Fisher College
42.	Phoebe Brennan	University of Tennessee Knoxville
43.		SUNY University at Buffalo
44.	,	Clarkson University
45.		SUNY ESF
46.	0	SUNY Binghamton
47.		SUNY Binghamton
	Amy Krohl	SUNY Oswego
	Allison Ball	SUNY Geneseo
		SUNY Oswego
50.		Contri Comogo

Change to NYS Immunization Law Removes Religious Exemption



On June 13, 2019, the law allowing parents to request and obtain exemptions from immunization requirements based upon statements of religious belief was repealed. The new law, which is effective immediately, no longer allows children to attend school in the North Syracuse Central

School District without required immunizations.

The district will not allow unvaccinated students to participate in any summer programs or to continue enrollment in September if they are not immunized as required by law.

For the 2019-2020 school year only, the law allows previously unvaccinated students to attend school as long as families can demonstrate that those children have received at least the first dose in each required immunization series and that they have age appropriate appointments scheduled to complete the required vaccinations.

As of July 1, 2019, the district requires documentation of immunization for previously unvaccinated students prior to their participation in any programs.

More information, including information about what immunizations are required, is available on the district's website at www.nscsd.org.

District Publications

Thursday, September 5, 2019 is the first day of school for the 2019-20 school year. In late August, the complete 2019-20 school calendar will be mailed to homes of families with already registered 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 the "2019-20 Academic Calendar" news article.

For the 2019-20 school year, the *District Dispatch* will b e published in August, April, May and July. Additional publications will be provided as needed, with all available online (www. nscsd.org) and sent out electronically.

C-NS Class of 2019 Valedictorian & Salutatorian

Congratulations to Valedictorian Julia Rupp and Salutatorian Gabriel Kahn, both pictured below. Following is some brief information about the top two students and their plans for the future.



Valedictorian: Julia Rupp

Parents: Robert and Lori Rupp

Plans for the next few years: I will be attending the University of Pittsburgh to study microbiology on a pre-med track.

What she's enjoyed the most about her high school experience: I have enjoyed playing

violin and being an active member of our music department. My favorite music activity is playing in the pit orchestra for the school musicals.

Favorite quote or saying: "I wish there was a way to know you were in the good old days before you actually left them."

Who has inspired her the most: My sister, Caroline, has inspired me to continue working hard throughout my studies as well as encouraging me to always be there to help others.

Advice to graduating class: Take every day as an opportunity to learn something new because even though our high school years are over, our education will continue throughout life.



Salutatorian: Gabriel Khan

Parents: Shafi and Sheryl Khan

Plans for the next few years: Attending Syracuse University majoring in mechanical engineering or bio-engineering.

What he's enjoyed the most about his high school experience: Creating friendships that

will last a lifetime.

Favorite quote or saying: "Adversity does not build character, it reveals it." - James Lane Allen

Who has inspired him the most: Rob Reilly and Brian Hart, two of my closest friends have inspired me to live my life to its fullest potential.

Advice to graduating class: Do what makes you happy. There is no set path that anyone has to take, find the one that is a fit for you.

C-NS Grad Wins Car From Burdick at After The Ball Party



For more than 35 years, Burdick Automotive Toyota-Scion, BMW, Lexus and Ford has annually donated a vehicle to Cicero-North Syracuse (C-NS) High School's After the Ball party for one lucky senior to win. Along with the gift of the car, Burdick provides regular oil changes for the vehicle's winner. This year's recipient is Coby Castle. Congratulations and many thanks to the Burdick family! Coby is pictured with his new car from Burdick, along with Kelly Pelcher and Kevin Burdick from Driver's Village.

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: Beauty Nail & Spa, Big Dip, Big Don's, Body Works, Brick & Brew, Burger King, Cam's Pizzeria - Cicero, Carmelita's, Carvel Ice Cream, The Chickadee Human Eatery, China Chen, Jeff Cirillo, CMC Dance Studio, C-NS Honor

Society, C-NS SADD, C-NS Star Shop, Community Bank, Core Life, Cracker Barrel, The Cuttery, Dairy Queen, Delta Sonic, Sandi DiBianco, Gazzillo Family, Great Wall, Jimmie Johns, KFC, Kwik Fill, Lakeshore Country Club, Lambert Family, Lavish Salon, Limp Lizard, McDonald's, MLO Salon, Northern Pines Golf Club, North Syracuse Education Association, North Syrause Education Foundation, Paladino's Cicero Pizza, Papa's Sports, Planet Fitness, Romano Toyota, Speedway, Spera's, Sweet Frog, Target, Thee Diner, Utica Pizza Co., Volpe Nail Salon, Wegmans, Wendy's and Zebb's Deluxe Grill and Bar.

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.

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Welcome New Superintendent

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Bowles has dedicated more than twenty years of his educational career to North Syracuse students, starting in the district as a school counselor at Cicero-North Syracuse High School in 1997 and staying through 1999. He began working as a school district administrator in 1999, first serving as an associate principal at Gillette Road Middle School, then principal at Roxboro Road Elementary School in 2001 and moving into the central office role of Director of Elementary Education in 2008. From 2012 to June 2019, he served as the district's Associate Superintendent.

Prior to his work in North Syracuse, he served as a school counselor in the Utica City School District. His educational experience includes certification of advanced study in educational administration from SUNY Cortland in 1999, a master's degree in educational counseling from St. Lawrence University and a bachelor's degree in sociology from St. Lawrence University. Mr. Bowles also holds permanent New York State Certification as a school district administrator and as a school counselor.

"I'm excited to take on this new role and am looking forward to working together with all stakeholders in the best interest of our students," Bowles said. "My goal this summer is to be highly visible throughout the community and to meet as many people as possible so that we can begin to collaborate. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to me when you can!"

Bowles succeds former Superintendent Annette Speach, who retired in June after more than 30 years of service.

North Syracuse Junior High School cordially invites all incoming 8th grade students and their parents to the annual North Syracuse Junior High School 8th grade orientation BBQ



Wednesday, August 21 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. (assembly at 5:00 p.m.) 8th grade student schedules will be available

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 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. Registration is NOT required.

The district's summer meal program takes place at:

Roxboro Road Middle School, Monday through Friday through August 16. Breakfast will be served each day from 8:10 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 12:40 p.m.

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



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.

North Syracuse Central School District 2019 Teacher of the Year is Sara Bambino from Cicero-North Syracuse High School





On June 17, the North Syracuse Central School District proudly presented their 2019 Teacher of the Year award to Sara Bambino. She will go on to the statewide program for Teacher of the Year, sponsored by the New York State Education Department.

Sara began working in the North Syracuse Central School District in 2004, first as a summer school teacher, and then continuing as an English teacher at North Syracuse Junior High School. In 2012, she began teaching various courses at Cicero-North Syracuse High School. Her teaching has included AIS English, Speech, Creative Writing, English Honors, American Literature, Emotional Intelligence and more.

Sara lives by the Positivity Project's motto, "other people matter," a mind-set that she feels has shaped her teaching. "Imagine if each of us approached our moments with the mind-set of maximizing positivity and building up the other people around us. It would allow for clear, candid conversations, an increase in empathy and productivity—and most of all create strong, healthy relationships within multiple facets of our lives," Sara said.

"This is what I spend each day striving towards with our students—those I see in my class and those that I interact with in different ways throughout our building and community."

Sara has an excellent reputation and great experience as a classroom instructor and as a leader of students, staff, and community. Sara's many achievements include partnerships with the Syracuse Stage Young Playwrights Festival, the Positivity Project, as well as an ongoing leadership role in Special Olympics at C-NS High School.

Sara also coordinates the district Corporate Challenge team and C-NS Making Strides for Breast Cancer team. Of her many inspiring stories, two stand out. Sharing her own experiences as a NSCSD student and graduate and how she transformed her morning duty into a supportive "Breakfast Club" for C-NS students. Certainly Sara represents the best qualities of teaching and caring.

When C-NS began the Positivity Project this past year, Sara signed up to become one of the project's team

leaders. She strives to share the project's 24 character strengths with her students and peers.

Lisa VanBeveren, one of Sara's fellow English teachers at C-NS, said the following about Sara, "If there is something positive going on at C-NS, there is a solid chance that [Sara] is behind it. [She] makes her classroom a place where inclusivity is further fostered by bringing general education and special education students together for team building and lessons in emotional intelligence."

Lisa's sentiments are echoed by C-NS House II Principal Ann Lorenzini who said, "Sara is kind to every student that she encounters. She builds a rapport with each student that allows her to push them to be better learners and better people."

Other finalists in the North Syracuse Central School District 2019 Teacher of the Year competition were: Kristine Norton, Special Education Teacher at Smith Road Elementary School; Arlene Osborne, 4th Grade Teacher at Lakeshore Road Elementary School; Danielle Rausa, Music Teacher at Roxboro Road Elementary School; Karen Seamans, Music Teacher at Gillette Road Middle School and Shannon Vogt, Earth Science Teacher at North Syracuse Junior High School. Congratulations to Sara and all our dedicated finalists!



This year, students in Mrs. Bambino and Mrs. Santoferrara's English classes at C-NS participated in the Young Playwright's Festival through Syracuse Stage, in conjunction with Syracuse University. Through the festival, students wrote original 10-minute plays that were then judged by Syracuse University staff. Semi-finalists attended a writing workshop at Syracuse Stage and winners had their plays performed by Syracuse University drama students. Two C-NS students were selected for the quarter finals: Tyler Catus for "Play Writers" and Maria McDowell for "Torn." C-NS student Kaileah Decker was a semi-finalist for her play, "The Oreo Theory" and Greg Buckley was a winner for his piece, "That One Friend." Congratulations to all our playwrights!



C-NS Students Earn CTE Endorsements on High School Diplomas



Congratulations to the 74 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 2019 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 High School.

Lauryn Abar (Early Childhood Education), Olivia Abry (Family and Consumer Science), Brooke Andrews (Cosmetology), Aubree Bachus (Health Occupations Technology), Garrett Belanger (Media Marketing Communications), Anthony Blanchard (Welding Technology), Shavaughn Browne (Health Occupations Technology), Andrew Brunozzi (Finance), Nicole Buccina (Cosmetology), Shannon Bucher (Physical Therapy & Rehabilitative Professions), Megan Buchanan (Physical Therapy & Rehabilitative Professions), Christian Bumbaugh (Computer Technology), Kyle Burgmeier (Automotive Technology), Antonio Butera (Career Development), Devon Butler (Automotive Technology), Katelyn Calkins (Family and Consumer Science), Jenny Cabrera (Cosmetology), William Canzano (Construction Technology), Christian Carlin-Saracene (Marketing), Izaiha Carr (Welding Technology), Matthew Carr (Finance), Cameron Carter (Finance), Coby Castle (Culinary and Pastry Arts), Alexandra Cifaratta (Finance), McKenzie Cochran (Finance), Marielena Cruz (Finance), Makayla Curtis (Health Occupations Technology), Jordan D'Agostino (Automotive Technology), Justin DelVecchio (Marketing), Dominic Dionne (Computer Technology), Alexis Dishaw (Health Occupations Technology), Trinity Drozdz (Computer Technology), Dwyer (Automotive Collision Technology), Mackenzie Andrew Fassett (New Vision Medical Professions), Ashley Flint (Health Occupations Technology), William Frank III (Culinary and Pastry Arts),

Lvdia Freeman (Family and Consumer Science), Madeline Ganser (Family and Consumer Science), Brianna Garni-King (Cosmetology), Bradley Gendron (Automotive Collision Technology), Emma Goldthwait (Family and Consumer Science), Chloe Gordon (Family and Consumer Science), David Grasso (Marketing), Wolfgang Groetz (Computer Technology), Kyle Haas (Marketing), Jada Hackett (Culinary and Pastry Arts), Heather Hahn (Family and Consumer Science), Conner Hayes (Marketing), Joshua Hemingway-Adsitt (Computer Technology), Spencer Hilleges (Automotive Technology), Jillian Himes (Laboratory Technician), Ryan Hinman (Automotive Technology), Ralph Howe IV (Family and Consumer Science), Davionna Hunter (Cosmetology), Brendan Jones (Automotive Collision Technology), Adriana Kimball (Family and Consumer Science), Nacole LaVancha (Health Occupations Technology), Dante Malcott (Health Occupations Technology), Paige Mathewson (Culinary and Pastry Arts), Tahajza' McGrew (Health Occupations Technology), Stephanie Michels (Family and Consumer Science), Maria Miles (Early Childhood Education), Ryan Nguyen (Finance), Madison Murphy (New Vision Criminal Justice), Austin O'Hara (Automotive Technology), Natasha O'Neill (Early Childhood Education), Andrew Penoyer (Automotive Technology), Bryant Perdomo (Marketing), Jeffrey Perks (Computer Technology), Rosalee Restani (Early Childhood Education), Alec Rischke (Automotive Technology), Joseph Robbins (Automotive Technology), Cassidy Rodford (Family and Consumer Science), Joseph Rodford (Automotive Technology), Robert Salvett (Automotive Technology), Marissa Sargalski (Family and Consumer Science), Daniel Schinnen (Family and Consumer Science), Robert Taylor (Automotive Technology), Joseph Tschopp (Computer Technology), Ivah Tsounis (Cosmetology), Logan Ungleich (Automotive Technology), Sanareya Williams (Cosmetology) Madeline Woods (Marketing) and Katerina Zampini (Early Childhood Education).

Pictured above: (Left) C-NS student Wolfgang Groetz earned his CTE Endorsement through the OCM BOCES Computer Technology program. He is pictured with C-NS Executive Principal William LaClair after being recognized as a National Qualifier in the New York State SkillsUSA Competition this past April. (Right) C-NS student Justin DelVecchio earned his CTE Endorsement in Marketing through coursework at C-NS. He is pictured shaking hands with former North Syracuse Central School District Board of Education President Michael Shusda at the C-NS Class of 2019 Commencement ceremony.

Notification of Pesticide Applications from 8/16/18 to 6/30/19 - No applications during this period.

Staff and persons in parental relationships can register to obtain a 48-hour notification form by calling the district's director of facilities at 315/218-2174 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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DATED MATERIAL – PLEASE RUSH

Register Your New Student Now!

Evening Registration Sessions Available by Appointment Only

STUDENT REGISTRATION

The 2019-2020 school year begins on September 5 and registration has begun! 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! Register early and beat the August rush! If your child has been attending school in NSCSD, there is NO ACTION REQUIRED. This pertains only to those students who have moved into the district or have reached the age requirement for kindergarten.

WHERE DO I REGISTER?

The North Syracuse Central School District's Registration Office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. In addition to normal registration hours, this year we are offering evening registration on the following dates **by appointment only**: August 6, 14, 20 and 29 from 4 to 6 p.m. To make an appointment to register your child during one of the evening sessions, contact our registrar by phone at (315) 218-2145 or by email at Registrar@nscsd. org or visit our registration website at www.nscsd.org/registerme. The registration office is located at the Jerome F. Melvin Administrative Office Building (5355 West Taft Road) in North Syracuse.

SAVE TIME BY DOWNLOADING ONLINE FORMS

All forms that you need to register your new student for any grade level in the North Syracuse Central School District can be found online at www.nscsd.org/registerme. Just click on the "registration packet" link and download the forms ahead of time to save time when you go to the registration office.

WHAT YOU NEED TO REGISTER

- Completed registration packet
- · Parent's photo identification
- Child's certified birth certificate
- · Child's most recent physical and immunization record from the doctor's office
- Proof of residency (current lease, mortgage, National Grid or cable/landline phone bill)

Other items to bring if applicable:

- Custody papers
- Copy of latest report card
- Copy of IEP or 504 plan
- For foster children, a DSS-2999 form and social worker documentation/contact information

www.nscsd.org