CHITTENANGO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HONORED TO HOST A LOCAL VETERAN FORUM

To honor the sacrifice and service of our U.S. military, our High School Media Center hosted local veterans on November 21st and 22nd. Hundreds of Chittenango students were treated to outstanding personal veteran testimonies of their combat tours. The presentations were strengthened by a rich collection of hundreds of military combat service-related memorabilia from the Civil War to the Vietnam War. All six veterans also emphasized the value of public service and finding meaningful causes to volunteer to assist our community and nation. Our students and staff would like to thank these six veterans for spending two complete school days with our students to share their experiences defending Americans abroad, while educating our students at home.

Robert Good’s extensive display of war-related memorabilia was well received by our students. Our heartfelt thanks go out to the following veterans for their service and education they offered us all over these two days:

- Robert Good, U.S Army, War in Iraq
- Dan Delaney, U.S. Army, Vietnam War
- Joshua Weaver, U.S. Army, War in Afghanistan
- Albert Norris, U.S. Army, Germany, Vietnam War & Korean War
- Paul Hrynio, U.S. Air Force & U.S. Army, War in Iraq & Afghanistan

SELECT CHOIR OPENS FOR PENTATONIX

On Saturday, December 14, the Chittenango High School Select Choir was again honored to be invited to open for the renowned A Capella group PENTATONIX at the Turning Stone. The musicians performed in the lobby as the crowd gathered and then sang five songs on stage. Thanks to everyone who were able to share this experience with us!

TAXPAYER INFORMATION

The Chittenango Central School District code number is 111 for NYS income tax purposes. You must enter the school district and code number of the location where you lived on December 31, 2019 even if:

1) you were temporarily absent; 2) your children attended a school outside of the district where you lived, or 3) you had no children attending school.

You may now obtain a copy of your school tax bill at: http://www.taxlookup.net
DISTRICT CALENDAR DATES

FEBRUARY
1  Sr. High Area All-State @ Ithaca College
3  CMS/Grade 5 Science Fair/6:00-7:00PM
5  Bport/Book Fair
6  CMS/BPT Mtg/3:00PM; Bport/PARP Family Fun Night/6:00-7:30PM
7  CMS/Grades 5 & 6 Activity Night/6:00-7:30PM
10 CHS/8th Grade Parent Orientation/6:00PM
11 BOE Meeting/CMS/6:30PM
12 BRE/PTA Mtg/6:00PM
17-21 No School - Mid Winter Recess
22 MIOSM Concert #1 MS @ CHS/6:30PM
25 MIOSM Concert #2 HS/Elem. @ CHS/6:30PM

MARCH
2-6 CMS/Spirit Week
2 BRE & Bport Kindergarten Registration/ 9:30-11:30AM and 12:30-2:30PM
3 BRE & Bport Kindergarten Registration/ 5:00-7:00PM
6 CMS/Middle School Madness @ CHS/6:00PM
9 Targeted PRE-K Registrations @ Bport/ 8:30AM-5:30PM
10 BOE Meeting/CMS/6:30PM
12 BRE/PTA Mtg/6:00PM; Spring Athletic Parent/ Coach Meeting/CHS Gym/6:00PM; CMS/ 5th Grade Drug Free Day; Bport/STEAM Night/ 6:00-7:30PM
13 No School - Superintendent’s Conference Day
18 CHS/Junior Honor Society Blood Drive
19 CMS/Grades 7 & 8 School Play/6:30PM
20 MCMEA Spring All-County @ Camden; CMS/ Spring Dance/6:00-8:00PM
21 MCMEA Spring All-County @ Camden
24 CMS/PTA Mtg/5:30PM; Budget Information Meeting & BOE Meeting/CMS/6:30PM
25 NYS ELA Grades 3-8 Testing
26 NYS ELA Grades 3-8 Testing; Spring Musical “Les Misérables”/CHS/7:00PM
27 Spring Musical “Les Misérables”/CHS/7:00PM
28 Spring Musical “Les Misérables”/CHS/2:00PM & 7:00PM
30 Modified Sports Start

STAR PROGRAM REMINDER

The New York State School Tax Relief (STAR) Program is available to resident homeowners whose income does not exceed $500,000 per year.

STAR Exemption Program: For long-time owners with an existing STAR exemption, homeowners receive an exemption on the school bill each year. Enhanced STAR is available to senior homeowners, one of whom will be 65 by December 31, of the year the exemption will begin, and whose incomes do not exceed $88,050*. They must apply with their local assessor office by taxable status date, typically March 1. You must also be enrolled in the state’s Income Verification Program (VIP) to continue receiving the Enhanced STAR benefit.

The STAR Credit Program: For homeowners who have recently purchased their home or have never applied for a STAR benefit on their current home. NYS issues a STAR check to the homeowner each year (rather than an exemption on the school bill). To register, go to tax.ny.gov and click on, “Register for STAR.” Once you register, NYS will automatically renew your application to determine whether you’re eligible for the Basic or Enhanced STAR. For additional information, please visit www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star. *Amount subject to change

Listed below are the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of the assessors of local townships:

Town of Sullivan
Tanya Pifer
7507 Lakeport Road, Chittenango, NY 13037
315-687-7222 Ext. 207

Town of Cicero
Karen Tavernese
8236 Brewerton Road, Cicero, NY 13039
315-752-1180 Ext. 500

Town of Manlius
Patrick Duffy
301 Brooklea Drive, Fayetteville, NY 13066
315-637-9854
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION TO TAKE PLACE IN MARCH

All resident students born on or before December 1, 2015, are eligible to register for the 2020-2021 school year. Please read the information below to find out more on registering your student.

Information Packets: In February, kindergarten informational packets will be mailed to families that we know have a child eligible to enter kindergarten. Please contact your home school to be placed on its mailing list. If you have an eligible child, but do not receive an information packet by the end of February, contact the Registration Office at 315-687-2854.

Registration Dates: Monday March 2, 2020 from 9:30AM-11:30AM and 12:30PM-2:30PM. Tuesday March 3, 2020 from 5:00PM-7:00PM. You may register at either Bridgeport Elementary or Bolivar Road Elementary School. Registration must be done in person by the resident parent or legal guardian.

Screening: According to NYS law, children entering kindergarten are asked to complete several small academic tasks called “kindergarten screening”. A team of teachers will observe students during these tasks. This will be used to help with class grouping. Upon registration, parents will be given times to sign up for the screening times. Certain cases may require additional documentation. These include residency affidavits, court issued custody documents, Individualized Education Plan (IEP) or Foster Forms (DSS-2999). Please bring these documents with you at the time of registration.

What do I need to register my child?
• Proof of age (example: birth certificate);
• Immunization record from doctor; and
• Proof of residency (examples: telephone bill, current pay stub, a valid lease, signed purchase offer on your home, etc.).

Bolivar Road Elementary 315-687-2880 / Bridgeport Elementary 315-687-2280

3 YEAR OLD PROGRAM – TARGETED PRE-KINDERGARTEN APPLICATION

Applications are currently being accepted for 2020-2021 school year. First selection will take place in the Spring of 2020. Applications will continue to be accepted until all of the available 18 slots have been filled. A waiting list will be established if necessary.

Eligibility: Families must meet all eligibility criteria to be considered for this program. This is a NYS funded Grant opportunity that requires students to meet eligibility requirements of Section 151-2.2(b) of the Regulations of the Commissioner.

Transportation: Transportation to and from this voluntary program housed at the Bridgeport Elementary School is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

Registration: Registration will take place at Bridgeport Elementary School on Monday, March 9 from 8:30AM -5:30PM. Please bring the application with you to registration.

Please call Luann Hollingsworth at (315) 361-5902 or email her at lhollingsworth@moboces.org for more information or to obtain an application. The application is also accessible through the Madison-Oneida BOCES website, www.moboces.org.

4 YEAR OLD PROGRAM – CCSD TO OFFER UNIVERSAL PRE-K IN THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

The Chittenango Central School District is pleased to offer a 4-year old Universal Pre-K program for the 2020-2021 school year. Limited space will be available.

To be eligible, a child must:
• Turn 4 years old between December 2, 2019 and December 1, 2020
• Reside in the Chittenango Central School District

Students must attend the full day program five days a week. Instruction is consistent with the New York State Pre-Kindergarten Foundation for the Common Core, which focuses on a child's social/emotional, cognitive and physical development. Those who submit an interest form between February 3rd and March 15th will be considered for the initial selection process.

To complete the interest form, please visit the CCSD Web site at http://www.chittenangoschools.org and click on Student Registration under the Parents tab.
**FRENCH STUDENTS CELEBRATE ST. NICHOLAS**

French 1 students at the middle school celebrated St. Nicholas on December 6th like children in France and Belgium. Students created shoes and left them out for St. Nicholas to fill with treats (and sticks because we aren’t good all the time). French 4 and 5 students wrote notes of encouragement in French to remind the French 1 students to behave this season.

**Department of Transportation**

New York State Education Law Section 3635(2) requires that a written request be made to the Board of Education of a School District when transportation of a student to a non-public, private, or parochial school is required. This written request should be made annually and should be received by the school district no later than April 1st for transportation for the next school year. Please call the Transportation Department at (315) 687-2870 to request an application.

**CHS STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

Once a month, the faculty at Chittenango High School is asked to nominate students to be our Students of the Month representatives. Students are nominated for a number of reasons that range from improving their study skills and work habits, to being a student leader, their persistence in the classroom and more. In addition to school-wide recognition from their peers, students are awarded a movie gift card. December recipients are (pictured left to right) Nicholas Foran, Joshua Boulter, Clea Revette, Brooke DiFlorio, Keagan Terry, Mia McReynolds, Bailey Foster and Kadin Atkinson.

**PRE-K AT BRIDGEPORT MAKE GINGERBREAD HOUSES!**

On Wednesday, December 18th, Pre-K students and families spent the morning creating gingerbread houses together. It was a sweet time!
VILLAGE OF CHITTENANGO TREE LIGHTING

To help kick off the Holiday Season, over 30 Chittenango Middle School students performed at the Annual Village of Chittenango Tree Lighting on December 7. Performing upstairs in the fire house, students played various duets, trios, quartets and quintets. There were many holiday favorites, including “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas,” “Silent Night” and “Rockin’ Around the Christmas Tree”. The students enjoyed playing for an appreciative audience, and being able to share their talents with the community. It truly is “The Most Wonderful Time of the Year!”

EXCEPTIONAL LEARNERS SPREAD THE CHEER!

Chittenango Middle School’s Exceptional Learners have been working hard this holiday season putting into practice some of the skills they have learned while also spreading holiday cheer! The students had to gather materials, follow a recipe, and measure the ingredients needed to make salt dough ornaments. They will also be responsible for decorating, wrapping and gifting these ornaments to friends and helpers in our building, as well as their family members. Students were responsible for all parts of the process with guidance from student helpers and staff.

CMS RECEIVES A VISIT FROM POLICE DOG

On Friday, November 6th, NYS Trooper Eric Knapp visited Chittenango Middle School with his canine, Scotty. Trooper Knapp spoke to students in health class about the dangers of drugs. He also demonstrated how Scotty is trained to detect drugs. The students very much enjoyed Trooper Knapp’s presentation and his expertise in the field of illegal drugs and law enforcement.
TABLE TENNIS MADNESS

Seventh and eighth grade students have been working on their table tennis skills during their physical education classes. The unit begins with learning basic hitting strokes including the forehand, backhand, and proper serving technique. Students practiced these skills by participating in warm-up skill drills and group games. The unit concludes with the classes having fun playing in competitive singles and doubles tournaments. Winners from each class were invited to play in an after-school tournament to compete against the winning teams from the other classes. This year’s Table Tennis champion was 7th grader Colin Smyth (pictured left). Congratulations to all participants for their competitive play and good sportsmanship.

CMS VISITS SUNNYSIDE CARE FACILITY

The Chittenango Middle School students in Sixth Grade General Music traveled to Sunnyside Care Facility on December 12th, 2019 to spread some holiday cheer. Hannah Shafer, a student in the class, had the idea to visit this facility because her great-grandmother is a resident there. The musical group had 24 students total and a guest singer, our very own, amazingly talented Mrs. Samsel. It also featured two excellent student vocalists, Taylor Velardi and Hannah DiCesare. This energetic ukulele group performed five songs. From the riveting String Bass solo in “Stand By Me” featuring Brind’Amour Byrnes and Nathaniel Cleveland, to the festive and catchy melody of “Feliz Navidad” featuring Lili Bernard and Trevor Teachout on triangle, this musical group left the audience speechless. The class presented the residents of Sunnyside Care Facility with thirty pairs of fuzzy socks to keep their feet warm in the winter, because after all, the true spirit of music and the holiday season is what we can give to others.
MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOLS

The Bolivar Road fourth grade band recently had their first large group practice in their new rehearsal space. Students have been taking small group lessons with like instruments since September, but this was the first time all the different instruments of the band were playing together. The first rehearsal was spent learning rules and procedures for playing in a large group, playing all together, and learning to follow along, as each group of instruments played, one at a time. After the Holiday recess, students will begin working on music for their very first band concert.

The Bolivar Road fourth grade band will combine with the Bridgeport fourth grade band for the Music in Our Schools concert on Thursday, February 27. We’re off to a great start and can’t wait for our first performance!

SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER TO ALL AT BRIDGEPORT!

Students who ride bus 286 sang holiday carols to students and families during arrival on the morning of Friday, December 20th.

It was a wonderful way to start the day and spread happiness and kindness to all!

MERRY-GO-ROUND YOUTH THEATER VISITS BRIDGEPORT

Fourth graders participated in a theater experience called “The Keepers Voice.” Students learned about the Haudenoasunee culture and traditions along with being introduced to the suffragist, Matilda Gage.

Through their engagement as acting participants, students gained a strong understanding of this important time in our history.

District Telephone Numbers

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### CHITTENANGO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT RESIDENT

#### FEBRUARY 2020 LUNCH MENU

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#### FEBRUARY 2020 BREAKFAST MENU

- Whole Grain Pancake w/ Sausage Wrap
- Assorted Cereals & Oatmeal
- Assorted Bagels & Muffins
- Chilled Juices / Milk Choice

- Whole Grain French Toast w/Syrup
- Assorted Cereals & Oatmeal
- Assorted Bagels & Muffins
- Chilled Juices / Milk Choice

- Whole Grain Breakfast Bread or Breakfast Bun
- Assorted Cereals & Oatmeal
- Assorted Bagels & Muffins
- Served w/ Assorted Fruit
- Chilled Juices / Milk Choice

- Assorted Breakfast Pizza
- Assorted Cereals & Oatmeal
- Assorted Bagels & Muffins
- Served w/ Assorted Fruit
- Chilled Juices / Milk Choice

- Mini Pancakes or Waffles
- Assorted Cereals & Oatmeal
- Assorted Bagels & Muffins
- Served w/ Assorted Fruit
- Chilled Juices / Milk Choice