Chittenango Community Members:

In the fall of 2012 the CCSD proudly partnered with the non-profit organization Rachel’s Challenge to bring an extremely powerful and life changing program to our Chittenango Schools Community. As we are now well aware, after 7 years of commitment to Rachel’s mission of kindness, Rachel’s Challenge is based on the amazing life and prophetical reflections of Rachel Joy Scott - the first victim of the Columbine High School shootings on April 20, 1999. Embracing the power of kindness, Rachel’s Challenge is making a positive impact in the lives of millions of people every year, including those here in Chittenango. Over the last 7 years, we have held several school-based assemblies for all K-12 children and staff, multiple community-wide presentations and even a powerful high school student event called a “Chain Reaction.” For all those in attendance at these events, thousands of students, parents and community residents, Rachel’s Challenge inspired individuals to safeguard our school community from acts of violence, bullying, hatred and negativity by personally promoting deeds of respect, kindness and compassion.

Since the fall of 2012, students and staff have carried forth Rachel’s message with our own Friends of Rachel Clubs (F.O.R. Clubs) - meeting frequently to organize/implement initiatives enhancing school culture. F.O.R. Club members and their initiatives/acts of kindness are impactful and make a difference in the lives of our students. With equal positive energy and sense of purpose, students and staff of Bridgeport Elementary and Bolivar Road Elementary, have worked collaboratively to weave the core values of Rachel’s Challenge into the tapestry of their respective character education programs and messages. From Bridgeport to Chittenango, elementary students and staff have committed to We Know, We Do, We Feel, the core belief system of Rachel’s message of kindness, empathy and compassion.

To this day, we are surrounded by a visual reminder to “start a chain reaction” of kindness, with the colorful “chain links of kindness” and Rachel’s Challenge banners that adorn our schools.

With great pride, we are excited to announce the return of the Rachel’s Challenge Organization to our school community! After several months of planning with the Rachel’s Challenge organization, we are thrilled to inform you that on Tuesday, November 5 and Wednesday, November 6, Rachel’s Challenge will visit Chittenango once again!

On Tuesday, 11/5 and Wednesday, 11/6 a Rachel’s Challenge presenter will spend time with Chittenango Middle School and High School students conducting “Chain Reaction” events. The purpose is to break down barriers and build social/emotional intelligence through participation in a courageous conversation about empathy and kindness. On the evening of Tuesday, November 5, the presenter will conduct a community-wide presentation for all parents, guardians and community members on the power of kindness and the importance of Rachel’s message.

As we begin our 8th year of committing ourselves to upholding the message of Rachel Joy Scott, we encourage you to mark your calendars and join us for the event on Tuesday, November 5! Additionally, CMS and CHS F.O.R. Club advisors are always eager to welcome new membership. Please encourage your student(s) to join the movement, attend the next meeting and make a difference! Details available in the main office of both the Middle School and the High School.

F.O.R. together, We Are Chittenango!
Michael R. Eiffe, Superintendent of Schools
DISTRICT CALENDAR DATES

OCTOBER
2  BRE/Picture Day
3  CMS/Bldg Plng Team Mtg/3:00PM
4  CMS/Gr 5 & 6 Activity Night/6:00-7:30PM
8  BOE Meeting/Bport/6:30PM
10  BRE/PTA Mtg/6:00PM
11  Bport/Walk-A-Thon
14  Columbus Day/No School
15  CMBA Meeting @ CHS/7:00PM; Bport/Walk-A-Thon (Rain Date)
18  CMS/Halloween/Costume Dance/6:00-8:00PM
23  Junior Honor Society Blood Drive; Bport/Book Fair
24  Bport/Family Fun Night & Book Fair/6:00-7:30PM
25  Curriculum Half Day; Bport/Special Person’s Day;
    CHS/Picture Retake Day
26  MCMEA All-County Auditions @ Madison
29  CMS/Picture Retake Day
31  Boys Modified Basketball Starts

NOVEMBER
1-2  Jr High Area All State @ Ithaca
5  CMS/PTA Mtg/5:30PM; Bport/Picture Re-take Day;
    BOE Meeting/BRE/6:30PM
6  HS Fall Concert/CHS/6:30PM; BRE/Picture Re-Take Day;
    BRE/PTA Mtg/6:00PM
7  CMS/Grade 5 & 6 Play/6:30PM; Bport/PTA Mtg/6:00PM
11  No School - Veterans Day; Varsity Wrestling Starts
12  No School - Parent/Teacher Conference Day
13  Winter Athletic Parent/Coach Meeting/CHS Gym/6:00PM
14  CHS Fall Play/CHS/7:00PM
15  CHS Fall Play/CHS/7:00PM
16  CHS Fall Play/CHS/7:00PM
18  Varsity/JV Winter Sports Start; CMS Fall Concert/CHS/6:30PM
19  BOE Meeting/CMS/6:30PM
26  Go Home Early Drill
27  No School - Thanksgiving Recess
28  No School - Thanksgiving Recess;
    NYSSMA Conference All State @ Rochester
29  No School - Thanksgiving Recess;
    NYSSMA Conference All State @ Rochester
30  NYSSMA Conference All State @ Rochester

CALANDARWIZ

Our website provides parents/community members ease of access to an enhanced calendar feature called Calendarwiz. With real-time RSS and iCal feeds, Calendarwiz makes it easy for you to keep up with events and stream to Outlook, iPhone or Android calendars.

For instructions on how to use the iCal feed with iPhones or Androids, please visit our website and follow the appropriate link.

iPhone Users: https://www.calendarwiz.com/knowledgebase/entry/92/

Android Users: https://www.calendarwiz.com/knowledgebase/entry/139/

Mobile: https://www.calendarwiz.com/chittenangocsd

SCHOOL TAX COLLECTIONS

Community Bank will be collecting school taxes this fall, from September through November 6th.

Payments can be made whenever the bank is open, either at the drive-in or any teller window at the Chittenango Branch only of Community Bank.

If you need any information with regard to your school tax bill; i.e., dates, amount due, or proof of payment, please go to http://www.taxlookup.net.
SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION WEEK

The week of October 21-25, 2019 has been designated as School Board Recognition Week by the Governor of New York State. Please feel free to thank our Board Members for their unselfish volunteer time when you see them. This year, at the Board meeting scheduled for November 5, 2019, Chittenango Board of Education Members will be recognized for their contributions to the Chittenango school community. Each Board Member will receive a certificate and a gift expressing our appreciation for their voluntary service to the Chittenango Central School District.

Front Row: Louis Cianfrocco, Geoffrey Zimmer, Daniel Gibbons and Siubhan Bongiovanni; Back Row: James Boswell, Russell Wehner, Phil Austin, Edward Gratien and Daniel Mayer.

CCSD ELEMENTARY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

For five weeks over the summer, the K-4 Elementary Enrichment Program was held at Chittenango Middle School. Over 100 students attended the program for half days with Mrs. Biviano, Mr. Cierick, Mrs. Cullen, Mr. Gushea, Mrs. Just, Mrs. Quinn, Ms. Reneé, Mr. Willey, and Mrs. Wilson. Students worked on their reading, writing, and math skills through classroom instruction and engaging activities! We are so proud of our teachers and students who dedicated their time to continue their education over the summer.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Dee Schaffer from the CNYSPCA spent two days last spring with the 7th grade students in their Home and Career Skills classes. The first day, Mrs. Schaffer talked about the history and the role of the CNYSPCA. She also spoke about animal cruelty in both Onondaga and Oneida Counties, the areas the CNYSPCA covers. She brought along four of her rescue dogs for the students to meet and greet. The second day, she assisted the students in making items for the animal shelter. The students made Peanut Butter and Pumpkin Dog Biscuits, Fleece Tug Toys, and Cat Lavender Sachets. The students enjoyed making the items for a worthy cause.
STUDENT-ATHLETE COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

On August 24th, the Fall Chittenango Varsity and JV Sports teams participated in the 6th Annual Student-Athlete Community Service Day. Players, along with their coaches, parents and community members, volunteered at various locations, including the Lions Club Botanical Garden on Dyke Road, Phase 1 of the Creek Walk, Oakwood Cemetery, Kirschenheiter Park and the Chittenango Fire Department.

This event is a great team bonding experience and an excellent way to for the athletes to show their Bear Pride while they give back to the community for all the support they show the teams during the year!

Working together to accomplish goals is what we do in Bear Country!

CCSD EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM

Our Extended School Year Program took place at Chittenango Middle School this summer. Mrs. Colagiovanni and Mr. Caraher, along with instructional aides, planned endless opportunities and events for our exceptional learners throughout the six-week program.

One of our favorite events was attending a Mets game at NBT Stadium, where our own Jack Hallock threw the first pitch! We even met Scooch, the official mascot of the Syracuse Mets, who did his best to make us laugh! Another highlight was when our middle school counselor, Mrs. Peterson, brightened everyone’s day when she brought Jake, her 7-year-old Great Pyrenees therapy dog, to visit our program for story time and some snuggles! Mrs. Peterson rescued Jake from Kentucky via the Cayuga Dog Rescue. He captured the attention of everyone with his large size and gentle nature. Our exceptional learners in Mr. Caraher’s 7-12 classroom took on the challenge of serving breakfast to the Elementary Enrichment Program who also shared the building this summer. They went on field trips every Monday to shop for over 100 students, then organized and delivered breakfast each morning. It was great to see the programs working together.
My name is George Aversano and I am honored to join the Chittenango family. I received my undergraduate degree at SUNY Oswego and my master's degree at LeMoyne college. This will be my 13th year teaching and I am extremely excited to start the year! Teaching is not only my job but my passion. I am married and a proud father of two wonderful little girls. One of which is starting her journey in Kindergarten at Bolivar Elementary! They keep us on our toes. I enjoy spending time with my family, reading and being out on the water, fishing.

I look forward to the journey ahead of us! Go Bears!

Hi! My name is Megan Dudden and I am very excited to be a new member of the Chittenango family as a Spanish teacher at the Middle School! I received my Bachelor's degree in Spanish from the University at Buffalo, which inspired me to live and teach abroad. Shortly after, I decided to volunteer and teach in Chile, which helped in getting a lot of experience with not only the language but also the wonderful culture in Latin America. Upon returning home I completed my Master's degree from Niagara University in Education. In my free time I enjoy kayaking, hiking and going to Syracuse games. I feel honored to have the opportunity to work in this community and look forward to making this a great year!

Patricia (Tricia) Giffune comes from Herkimer, NY. I graduated from Elmira College with a degree in speech pathology. From there I went to NTID (National Technical Institute for the Deaf) in Rochester and toured the U.S. with the deaf and hearing acting company, Sunshine Too. Following this, I worked briefly for Herkimer BOCES and then moved to the Bronx and taught at the Fred S. Keller Preschool as a speech therapist. Upon moving back to the Mohawk valley, I worked at Little Falls City School District. My first role was a teacher for the hearing impaired. I pre-taught all core classes for each grade level containing a hearing impaired student. After that role the district moved me into the AIS position for sixth grade math and ELA. Working with that grade level led me to the ELA position for sixth grade.

I am very excited to be a part of the Chittenango family and join the ranks of proud bears.

My name is Bridget McGlynn, and I will be the School Psychologist here at the middle school for the upcoming year. I am so excited to start my career as a Chittenango Bear! I received my Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from SUNY Geneseo, and from there went on to receive my Master of Arts and Certificate of Advanced Study in School Psychology at Alfred University. I am currently a doctoral candidate working on completing my dissertation, with the hopes of becoming Dr. McGlynn by the start of summer 2020! My professional interests involve connecting mindfulness with exercise, particularly with running. In my free time, I enjoy outdoor activities, reading, and spending time with my friends and family. Having grown up in Syracuse, I am so excited to finally return to the area to settle down with my new husband and begin our next chapter!

Hello! My name is Andrea Orio-Li, and I am extremely excited to be a part of the Chittenango Central School District as the new School Counselor at Bridgeport Elementary! I was born and raised in Syracuse, which is where I currently reside. I graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from SUNY Oswego, NY and a Master of Education in School Counseling from Frostburg State University, MD. I am entering my seventh year as a School Counselor and it continues to be my passion to serve students and families. I believe every student is unique and deserves a champion to advocate for their happiness and success. I hope to guide and empower our students to be the best possible version of themselves. It is clear to me that a positive and familiar culture exists in this District and community, and I am eager to be a part of it! Thank you to all who have already welcomed me with open arms and I look forward to meeting the rest!
**SCHOOL CLOSINGS**

Whenever road or weather conditions in the Chittenango Central School District require closing school for all or part of the regularly scheduled school day, major commercial radio stations in the Syracuse broadcast area will be notified as soon as possible, as well as TV Channels 3, 5, 9, and 10. Occasionally it is necessary to close school early due to rapidly deteriorating weather conditions or an adverse condition within a particular school. When this situation occurs, the district will notify local radio stations and students will arrive home early. This information will also appear on the school district website (www.chittenangoschools.org). Parents should make arrangements for the supervision of their children on “snow days,” or in the event of early dismissal. We recommend that such arrangements be made as soon as possible to guard against the occasional early season storm. When Chittenango schools are closed, all scheduled activities, events, and programs in the schools for that day are cancelled. The school closing information applies to all students receiving transportation on Chittenango Central School District buses, including parochial and private school students, BOCES students, and all others.

**PARENTS’ RIGHT TO KNOW**

Under Federal "No Child Left Behind" legislation, it is the right of the parent of any student attending Bridgeport Elementary, Bolivar Road Elementary, Chittenango Middle or Chittenango High Schools to request information regarding their child's classroom teacher(s) and paraprofessional staff assigned to teach their children. Minimum information parents may request includes:

- Whether the teacher has met State qualification and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
- The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree; and
- Whether the child is provided direct services by other CCS professionals and, if so, their qualifications.

The Chittenango Central School District is pleased to inform parents of students in the aforementioned buildings that all classroom teachers have the requisite New York State certifications for their employment. Other CCS professional staff do not provide direct services to students. Questions regarding a teacher's specific baccalaureate or advanced degrees should be sent in writing to: Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent of Schools, 1732 Fyler Road, Chittenango, New York 13037.

**A.I.S. Services**

A.I.S., or Academic Intervention Services, are an important part of the Chittenango Central Schools Program. The overall objective of the services is to provide support for students who are experiencing problems keeping up with the academic pace required in schools. The Federal Government under NCLB (No Child Left Behind) Legislation provides funding to assist districts with these programs. The funding levels are based on the overall wealth of the community and the number of students qualifying for the free and reduced lunch program. The legislation also has requirements that districts must meet including, but not limited to, levels of student performance on mandated testing, qualifications of teachers in core subject areas, parents' right to know (see accompanying notice), and opportunities for parents to provide input on programs the district might use in their A.I.S. services. We also provide notices to parents of children receiving these services which include why their child will have these services available, periodic reports of their child's progress and benchmarks their child has achieved which disqualify them from receiving these additional supports.

Currently, all aspects of A.I.S. are provided by highly qualified professionals whose salaries, in part, are supported by federal funding. The funding only provides a portion of those salaries, the majority of which are supported using NYS aid and local tax dollars.
FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) (20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) is a Federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education. FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level. Students to whom the rights have transferred are "eligible students."

- Parents or eligible students have the right to inspect and review the student's education records maintained by the school. Schools are not required to provide copies of records unless, for reasons such as great distance, it is impossible for parents or eligible students to review the records. Schools may charge a fee for copies.
- Parents or eligible students have the right to request that a school correct records which they believe to be inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student then has the right to a formal hearing. After the hearing, if the school still decides not to amend the record, the parent or eligible student has the right to place a statement with the record setting forth his or her view about the contested information.
- Generally, schools must have written permission from the parent or eligible student in order to release any information from a student's education record. However, FERPA allows schools to disclose those records, without consent, to the following parties or under the following conditions (34 CFR § 99.31):
  - School officials with legitimate educational interest;
  - Other schools to which a student is transferring;
  - Specified officials for audit or evaluation purposes;
  - Appropriate parties in connection with financial aid to a student;
  - Organizations conducting certain studies for or on behalf of the school;
  - Accrediting organizations;
  - To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena;
  - Appropriate officials in cases of health and safety emergencies; and
  - State and local authorities, within a juvenile justice system, pursuant to specific State law.

Schools may disclose, without consent, "directory" information such as a student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, honors and awards, and dates of attendance. However, schools must tell parents and eligible students about directory information and allow parents and eligible students a reasonable amount of time to request that the school not disclose directory information about them. Schools must notify parents and eligible students annually of their rights under FERPA. The actual means of notification (special letter, inclusion in a PTA bulletin, student handbook, or newspaper article) is left to the discretion of each school.

For additional information, you may call 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327) (voice). Individuals who use TDD may call 1-800-437-0833, or you may contact us at the following address: Family Policy Compliance Officer, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20202-8520.
**CHITTENANGO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT RESIDENT**

**OCTOBER 2019 LUNCH MENU**

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**OCTOBER 2019 BREAKFAST MENU**

- Whole Grain Pancake w/Sausage Wrap
- Assorted Cereals & Oatmeal
- Chilled Juices / Milk Choice
- Whole Grain French Toast w/Syrup
- Assorted Cereals & Oatmeal
- Chilled Juices / Milk Choice
- Whole Grain Breakfast Bread or Breakfast Bun
- Assorted Cereals & Oatmeal
- Chilled Juices / Milk Choice
- Assorted Breakfast Pizza
- Assorted Cereals & Oatmeal
- Chilled Juices / Milk Choice
- Mini Pancakes or Waffles
- Assorted Bagels & Muffins
- Chilled Juices / Milk Choice

**PLEASE NOTE:** In addition to posted menu, all schools will provide daily alternates: Peanut butter & jelly sandwich, hummus and yogurt meals available. A complete lunch for grades K-4 is $2.40; breakfast is $1.75. Desserts and other special menu items are priced separately. Free and reduced price meals are available and can be applied for any time during the school year—please contact the Food Service Office at (315) 687-2864 for more information. The menu is subject to change due to the availability of food during the month. The high school and middle school cafeterias will offer other daily choices in addition to the posted menu.

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