

Cheektowaga Central High School

Monthly Bulletin

“Where Character, Curriculum & Community Connect”

September 2024



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Welcome to the 2024-25 school year! We are all excited to have students back in our classrooms and hallways, filling them with energy and enthusiasm for learning. We seek to have every child feel welcomed, connected and a part of our Central family. Additionally, we strive to challenge each student to grow in their academic abilities and believe that all students should graduate prepared to meet the demands of postsecondary education, meaningful careers and effective citizenship.

Please take a moment to review [Code of Conduct](#) which outlines the expectations for all.

As we begin the school year, we expect that everyone: staff, students and parents, will be instrumental in helping CCHS continue its tradition of excellence. Together we can find new ways to build character, achieve academic greatness and create lasting high school memories.

Let's make this the best year yet!

Mrs. Cyganovich

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UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

9/4 – First Student Day & final senior portrait date

9/5 – **Fire Drill**

9/6 – Picture Day & Rotation Day

9/10 – Last Day for Schedule Changes

9/10 - **Board of Ed Meeting 6pm LGI**

9/11 – Open House (5pm-7pm)

9/21 – 9/28 – **Homecoming Week**

9/21 – Color Run (12noon)

9/24 – Power Puff Game (6pm)

9/27 – Party in the Parking Lot (3:30)

9/27 – Homecoming Football Game (6pm)

9/28 – Homecoming Dance (7pm-10pm)

September Character Word

Brave

HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

Doors Open for Students	7:00 am
Warning Bell for 1 st Period	7:14 am
1 st Period Starts	7:17 am

HS Main Office	716-686-3601
HS Student Services	716-686-3634
HS Athletic Office	716-686-3659

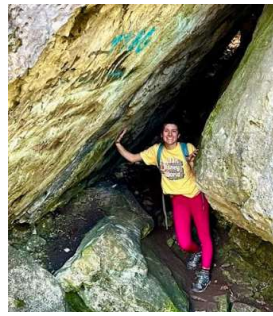


HS TEACHERS NEW TO THE DISTRICT



Mrs. Gates is excited to return to the classroom! A graduate of UB's School of Management, she previously taught at Clarence High School before embarking on a successful career in the

private sector. When asked why she chose to return to teaching now, Mrs. Gates explained, "My passion has always been working with kids. I'm eager to share my extensive knowledge in finance, entrepreneurship, and digital technology with the students of Cheektowaga CSD, and to help them realize that anything is possible."



Ms. Maggiore is excited to start her teaching career at Cheektowaga Central. She was born and raised in WNY and earned both her Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University at Buffalo. She has always had a love for

science, and is eager to share the wonders of biology with her students. In her free time, Miss Maggiore enjoys rock climbing, camping and reading. She cannot wait to meet everyone and start the school year!



Ms. Gilbert is thrilled to join the Cheektowaga Central community. Her connection to Central began during her student teaching semester at the High School, where she fell in love with the vibrant

environment. Born in the City of Tonawanda, Ms. Gilbert attended Tonawanda High School, where she first discovered her passion for English. She continued her education at Buffalo State University, majoring in English Education and earning her Bachelor's degree while also captaining the cheerleading team. In her classroom, Ms. Gilbert centers each lesson around student voice and choice. Expect to see dynamic projects, students actively engaged, and a strong sense of community. She embraces inquiry-based learning, using literature as a tool to help students understand and interpret the world. With over 15 years as a cheerleader and currently coaching the Varsity Cheer team at her alma mater, Ms. Gilbert brings a passion for motivation and support into her teaching, committed to inspiring and uplifting her students every day.



Ms. McClaine is thrilled to join the Cheektowaga Chargers family. She comes with an extensive background in Health & PE and is excited to be able to guide students on their journey through high school, while providing hands-on life skills to engage them in her

classes. Ms. McClaine completed both her undergraduate & graduate work at SUNY Brockport and earned an additional advanced certificate from SUNY Erie. Ms. McClaine strives to provide hands-on experiences that allow students to have a greater understanding for their Physical, Mental, Emotional, Social, Environmental and Spiritual Health. Ms. McClaine's Health Education classes are designed to influence multiple outcomes while encouraging and empowering students to learn new skills that they will use outside of school in order to make healthy choices beyond the realm of Cheektowaga High School. The majestic charger represents independence, freedom, nobleness, endurance, confidence, triumph, heroism and competition. Truly understanding what a "charger" stands for makes Ms. McClaine even more excited to stand tall and proud as a united family while wearing Cheektowaga Chargers gear. Ms. McClaine is honored to be a CHEEKTOWAGA CHARGER!



Mrs. Petschke is looking forward to becoming part of the Cheektowaga Central family. A graduate of SUNY Cortland & SUNY Brockport, she has also resided and studied in Spain. Mrs. Petschke has taught Spanish from

elementary school through high school. She organized student trips and traveled abroad with students to Spain, France, and Mexico. Outside of the classroom, Mrs. Petschke is a former competitive equestrian, loves to train animals, and is an avid landscape gardener. She enjoys learning, exercising, skiing, hiking, biking, traveling, snowmobiling, and more. She looks forward to getting to know her students and working with CCSD colleagues because she believes - "Working together, everyone achieves more".



Mrs. Vahratian spent 11 years teaching in Maryland and Michigan before returning to her hometown of WNY. She spent the past year at home with her son who will be celebrating his first birthday this month. Mrs. Vahratian has a Bachelor's

in Social Studies Education from SUNY Fredonia and a Master's in the same area from Buffalo State. She is a huge fan of the arts and works part time as a house manager at the Theater of Youth in Allentown. Mrs. Vahratian is excited to be teaching seniors in Economics and Government here at Cheektowaga Central!



The high school has a **Learning Center** (C131) that is open for academic support during the day. Any student may go here during study halls & lunch.

Departments offer support afterschool till 2:32 and there are busses to get students home. The schedule is as follows:

Monday- Science, Social Studies & PE
Tuesday- Math, PE & All Specials
Thursday – ELA & PE
Friday – World Languages & PE



JOIN US FOR...
Cheektowaga Central High School's
Open House

Wednesday, September 11th
Stop in anytime 5pm-7pm

Meet staff, visit classrooms and collect information!

There is no set schedule. You are free to move at your pace and ask course specific questions.

HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Home Matches

9/06 - Girls Tennis (Depew) 5pm
 9/06 – Varsity Football (W. Seneca E.) 6pm
 9/07 – Boys Soccer (Will South) 10am
 9/09 – Girls JV & V Volleyball (Will East) 5pm
 9/10 – Girls Swim (Will South) 5pm
 9/10 – Girls Tennis (Iroquois) 5pm
 9/12 – Boys Volleyball (City Honors) 6pm
 9/13 – Boys Soccer (Will E) 6pm
 9/13 – Girls Swim (Lake Shore) 5pm
 9/14 – JV Football (Kenmore E) 10am
 9/14 – Girls Volleyball Tournament (8am)
 9/16 – Boys Volleyball (W. Seneca E.) 6:30pm



HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Home Matches

9/17 – Boys Volleyball (Iroquois) 5pm
 9/17 – Boys Soccer (Amherst) 6pm
 9/17 – Girls Tennis (Springville) 5pm & 6:30pm
 9/18 – Girls JV & V Volleyball (Amherst) 5pm
 9/20 – Girls Swim (Hamburg) 5pm
 9/21 – Girls Swim Tournament 9am
 9/21 – JV Football (Pioneer) 10am
 9/25 – Girls V & JV Volleyball (W. Seneca E.) 5pm
 9/25 – Girls Tennis (Lake Shore) 5pm
 9/26 – Boys Volleyball (Lake Shore) 6:30pm
 9/26 – Girls Tennis (Maryvale) 5pm
 9/27 – Varsity Football (Lake Shore) 6pm
 9/28 – Boys Soccer (Depew) 10am
 9/30 – Girls Tennis (Tonawanda) 5pm



STUDENT CALENDAR



September

2024



Character Word: Brave

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Labor Day No School	3 District Staff Day	4 1st Student Day	5 Fire Drill 9:50	6 Picture Day Rotation Day	7 Physicals 8am-10am
8	9	10 BOE mtg 6pm	11 Open House 5pm-7pm	12 Bills Shirt Day	13	14 School Beautification service project
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 COLOR RUN Homecoming Kickoff
22 Happy 1st Day of Fall	23	24 Power Puff Game 6pm	25	26	27 Pep Rally Party in parking Lot	28 Homecoming Dance 7pm - 10pm
Homecoming Week						

