

Cheektowaga Central High School

Monthly Bulletin

"Where Character, Curriculum & Community Connect"

December, 2023



PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

As the snow falls and the winter holidays approach, it is the perfect time to teach our children about being helpful, grateful, generous and kind. We are a community with many gifts and talents. Now is the time to share these talents with others. Students can learn about various volunteer opportunities in our Student Services Center.

Due to the busy nature of the season, sometimes schedules and added responsibilities can cause stress. Concerts, parties, family visits and so many other events seem to get packed in. So as the holidays approach, please offer your child the gift of extra time. Offer them an I.O.U. for a special event or activity. Even wrap up the I.O.U. or put it in a gift bag. When students are asked to write about a fond memory, it usually isn't a particular gift they choose to write about, but rather a particular experience they had with someone special.

Thank you for entrusting us with your most precious gifts. Have a wonderful and safe holiday season!

Mrs. Cyganovich

UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

- 12/12 - Board of Ed Meeting** at 6pm
- 12/15 - Progress Report Grades Close**
- 12/20 - HS Winter Concert** at 7pm
- 12/22 - Last day of classes**
- 12/25/23 – 1/1/24 Winter Break**

Character Word of the Month **KINDNESS**

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

Remedial 1:54pm – 2:32pm
(Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri)

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



"TO KINDNESS AND LOVE, THE THINGS WE NEED MOST!"

- GRINCH



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Short Story Writing

Students in Mrs. McCormack's 9th grade class have read and analyzed several short stories this year. They are now taking all of the tools they've learned to write an original short story. Students will write a narrative fiction in any genre they choose. Their stories will follow a plot structure and use many literary techniques covered in class.

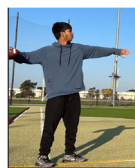
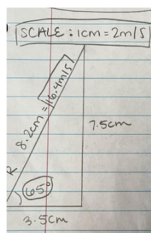


Math and Foods Budget Battle

This month in Math and Foods students watched Budget Battle to learn strategies for our in class Budget Battle. Students spun a wheel to determine the amount they had to plan a breakfast for the entire class. This included the use of coupons and the recipe serving size conversions. We look forward to voting on our breakfast of choice to cook for the remainder of the month.

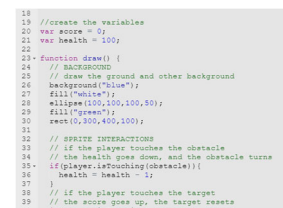


Physics: Physics students have been learning about projectile motion. They have applied what they have learned to solve how far away to put a target from the table to have a marble roll off it and hit a bull's eye. In addition, they also determined mathematically which "sport" they were best at, by calculating the angle a ball was thrown or kicked.



Computer Science: Students in Computer Science Principles learned the basic workings of Instagram using what javascript code they have learned so far.

Coding: Students in code are applying what they learned for animation, to create basic video games with user interaction

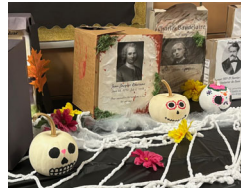
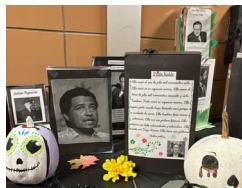


In Food & Nutrition students worked on dessert recipes using fruit. Apples were the popular vote. Pictured are apple crisp & apple pie.





In the beginning of November, many world cultures celebrate those that are deceased. Dia de los Muertos is a lively celebration that originated in Mexico. La Toussaint is celebrated in Francophone countries and has roots dating back to the middle ages. Students researched and wrote biographies of famous historical figures.



Spanish 2 students created their own Catrina dolls in observance of el Día de los Muertos. La Catrina is a reminder to enjoy life and embrace mortality.



Students enjoyed the beauty of the Art-Deco architecture of Buffalo City Hall and rode the original elevator to the observation deck to get a panoramic view of downtown Buffalo. Then they had an opportunity to see the McKinley Monument, which was built in honor of President McKinley who was assassinated in Buffalo at the Pan-American Expo. On the way to the Buffalo History Museum we stopped at the Theodore Roosevelt Inauguration Site on Delaware Ave. This home is where Roosevelt was sworn in as President of the United States after McKinley died. At the Buffalo History Museum, students saw artifacts from some of the greatest moments in Western New York sports history. We also viewed exhibits from the Continuum, which is the history of Erie county dating back a thousand years. If you're interested in learning more about the History of Western New York, sign up to take this class in the second semester.

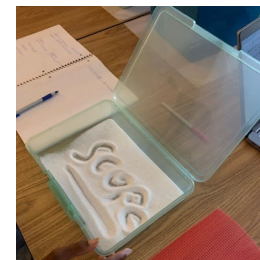


Mrs. Crumlish's Studio in Art classes competed in a "Hand Turkey" Challenge where they turned their hand into an IMMENSELY creative turkey with prizes for the two most creative. Ceramic classes worked on coil pot constructions, while Mrs. Forte's Advanced classes worked on abstract self-portraits.



Ms. Bielefeld took part in three interactive, online workshops: Dyslexia Simulation, What is Dyslexia? and Social Emotional Impacts of Dyslexia.

Dyscalculia A specific learning disability in math. Kids with dyscalculia may have difficulty understanding number-related concepts or using symbols or functions needed for success in mathematics.	Dyspraxia Sometimes called developmental coordination disorder. Kids with dyspraxia may have difficulty planning and performing tasks that require fine motor skills, such as writing, tying shoelaces or using scissors or paper.
Dysgraphia A specific learning disability in writing. Kids with dysgraphia may have difficulty writing legibly and at age-appropriate speed. Many children with dysgraphia also struggle to put their thoughts down on paper.	Dyslexia A specific learning disability in reading. Kids with dyslexia have trouble reading accurately and fluently. They may also have trouble with reading comprehension, spelling and writing.



STUDENT SERVICES

- 25 students attended the Northland Workforce Training Center on 11/7.
- College recruiters continue to visit the high school to speak with students.
- Our Be Your Own Hero facilitator continues to work with our Central Academy students on career development.
- Counselors will be discussing course requests and graduation requirements in ELA classes in early December.

Important Upcoming Dates:

- **December 7th** - BOCES presentation to 10th graders about CTE programs
- **December 18** - Villa Maria College Campus Visit

ATHLETICS

Home Matches

12/2 – Track at Houghton College 10am
 12/6 – Wrestling (Hamburg) 6pm
 12/7 – Wrestling (Fredonia) 6pm
 12/9 – Track at Houghton College 10am
 12/12 - G JV BK (Maryvale) 5:00 pm
 12/12 – B Swim (Cleve Hill) 5:00pm
 12/13 – Wrestling (Pioneer) 6pm
 12/12 - G JV BK (W Seneca E) 5:00 pm
 12/15 - B JV/V BK (W Seneca w) 5:00 pm
 12/16 – Track at Houghton College 10am
 12/18 - G JV BK (W Valley) 5:00 pm
 12/20 - B/G Bowling (Tonawanda)
 12/21 – B Swim (Springville) 5:30 pm



Student Calendar

December



2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27 R: Science, Social Studies & PE	28 R: Math, Specials & PE	29	30 R: ELA & PE	1 R: World Lang & PE	2
3	4 R: Science, Social Studies & PE	5 R: Math, Specials & PE	6	7 R: ELA & PE	8 R: World Lang & PE	9
10	11 R: Science, Social Studies & PE	12 R: Math, Specials & PE BOE mtg 6pm	13	14 R: ELA & PE	15 R: World Lang & PE 15-week grades close	16
17	18 R: Science, Social Studies & PE	19 R: Math, Specials & PE	20 Winter Concert 7pm	21 R: ELA & PE HAPPY 1ST DAY OF WINTER!	22 Volleyball Tournament	23



 FESTIVE FUN FOR 2023 				
			Participate daily & get tickets to enter into various gift baskets. Winners will be drawn on 12/22/23	Friday, December 1 National Pie Day Complete pie trivia in your google classroom.
Monday, December 4 National Sock Day Show off your favorite socks! 	Tuesday, December 5 Walt Disney Day Wear your favorite Disney (or any cartoon) character attire! 	Wednesday, December 6 National Mitten Tree Day Deck yourself out in all of your favorite festive accessories. (hats, mittens, jewelry etc)	Thursday, December 7 Letter Writing Day Email staff a kindness message (<i>They will hand you a ticket tomorrow</i>) 	Friday, December 8 National Brownie Day Complete brownie trivia in your google classroom. 
Monday, December 11 National Stretching Day Dress in your favorite workout clothes.	Tuesday, December 12 National Poinsettia Day Wear red, white or green! 	Wednesday, December 13 National Cocoa Day Get comfy & cozy by wearing your favorite pajamas!	Thursday, December 14 More Good Today Day Pick up, fill out & return holiday cards in the office. (<i>These will go to nursing homes</i>)	Friday, December 15 National Ugly Xmas Sweater Day Wear your craziest Holiday sweater!
Monday, December 18 National Twin Day Dress as your favorite twin, squad or group. 	Tuesday, December 19 National Hard Candy Day Dress like a candy cane 	Wednesday, December 20 International Human Solidarity Day Prepare for the coming longest night of the year by wearing your favorite pajamas!	Thursday, December 21 National Humbug Day Wear your grinchiest apparel of all! 	Friday, December 22 Volleyball Tourney Dress like Santa or your favorite holiday character. <i>Holiday basket winners drawn during the volleyball championship.</i>



FINANCIAL AID SUPPORT NIGHT!



- The newly redesigned FAFSA application is set to open on December 31st, 2023.
- The high school will be hosting a FAFSA support night! A Financial Aid Advisor from Canisius University will be available to answer questions and assist families with filling out the FAFSA.
- Parents/Guardians are **strongly encouraged** to attend! This is a great way to make sure the FAFSA application is completed accurately and in a timely manner.



January 11th
4:30PM-6:00PM
 Location: HS LGI



Mark your calendars:
 Graduation will be Tuesday, June 25th
 (weather date June 26th)



JANUARY 2024

Regents and Local Midterm Examination Schedule

Cheektowaga Central High School

JANUARY 23 TUESDAY	JANUARY 24 WEDNESDAY	JANUARY 25 THURSDAY	JANUARY 26 FRIDAY
8:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.	8:15 a.m.
English Language Arts (ELA) Regents ELA 11 Midterm AP Literature Midterm	Geometry Regents Geometry Midterm U.S. History and Government U.S. History & Government Midterm	Global History & Geography II Regents Global History & Geography II Midterm AP Government Midterm	Earth Science Regents Earth Science Midterm Chemistry Regents Chemistry Midterm
12:15 p.m.	12:15 p.m.	12:15 p.m.	
Living Environment Regents Living Environment Midterm AP Chemistry Midterm AP Biology Midterm	Algebra I Regents Algebra I Midterm Physics Regents Physics Midterm	Algebra II Regents Algebra II Midterm	

SENIOR DINNER



VETERANS PARADE

