



The Perspective

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USDA Extends Free Meals for All

The USDA has extended FREE breakfast and lunch for all students, regardless of income status, for the 2021-22 school year. This change will allow all students in the North Collins Central School District to receive breakfast and lunch, regardless of family income, throughout the 2021-2022 school year. A parent/guardian will only need to add funds to their child's [My School Bucks](#) account if they want their child to purchase a *second* meal or a la carte items.



Even though at this time breakfast and lunch are provided at no cost, if a parent/guardian believes they qualify for the free and reduced lunch program, we encourage you to still complete the [free and reduced application](#) and send it in to the school.

Completing an application may qualify your children for additional child nutrition benefits, such as the [P-EBT benefit cards](#) that have been provided in the past. We are committed to ensuring that every student has the meals to succeed in school, and appreciate the chance to partner with the [USDA](#) on this initiative.

Bottle & Can Drive



In cooperation with My 2 Sons Recycling Center (10605 Main Street, North Collins), we are holding a year-long bottle and can drive to benefit our high school grades! Just drop off your donations and tell them which class in grade 7-12 **you would like to benefit; they'll do the rest!** The class with the most donations at the end of the school year will receive a picnic catered by Mrs. McCabe and her Advanced Foods Class. Monies are used by each class for their prom, graduation, class trip and other senior events. Thank you for your support!

District News

From the Desk of the Superintendent



Mr. Scott Taylor
Superintendent of Schools

Thank you for your continued support and partnership throughout the first quarter of the 21-22 school year. Our goal has been and will continue to be providing a safe learning environment for students and staff while also recognizing the social/emotional and academic needs of our students. Our students, staff and families have done an amazing job following the daily health protocols and procedures that continue to mitigate the transmission risk of COVID-19.

As a reminder, we continue to post every positive COVID-19 case via letters on **our district website under the tab "District > Coronavirus Information > [Letters to Parents and Community 2021-2022 School Year.](#)"** In addition to the District website, information can be found on the [NYSDOH daily school dashboard](#). Schools across the State are required to complete daily reports which are then published to the dashboard.

We are investigating the needs of the District to identify the highest priority infrastructure items and a blended list of school building enhancements to **support each school's educational programs.**

On another note, we are currently investigating the needs of the District through a possible upcoming Capital Project. Our last voter approved project was in 2018. Each year, our Administrative staff reviews the current condition of our buildings and sites to support educational programming. We plan to review the priority items/areas across the District. The result of the review will identify the highest priority infrastructure items and a blended list of school building enhancements **to support each school's educational programs. More information will be forthcoming.**

Please visit our website if you would like additional information on updated school district items. On behalf of the Board of Education, the faculty and staff, the administrative team, and most importantly, the students ... thank you for your continued support.

Please stay safe and I'll see you along the way.

Get Your Yearbook!



A yearbook is a perfect way to capture the precious memories and priceless photos from your year in school. Nothing else can immortalize the memories you have of school quite like a yearbook can, **and it's a purchase no one ever regrets!**



The 2021-22 Yearbook is available for purchase for a base price of \$75, with additional personalization options available, such as the icons similar to those at the left in order to further reflect your interests. For additional details, please visit our website at www.northcollins.com > [parent](#) > [yearbooks](#).



You may also place your order at www.jostens.com at any time. Full payment must be made by credit card and is due by February 11, 2022. If you prefer to pay by check or money order, **order forms will be distributed in December. Don't miss out on this chance to immortalize your high school memories in a keepsake you will treasure forever!**

Child Find Notification

The North Collins School District is responsible for the identification and evaluation of all students suspected of having a disability residing within the boundaries of the school district. This includes all children (birth through 21) who attend a public or private school, are homeschooled or homeless. Early identification and intervention is essential to help ensure school success. If you suspect your child may have a disability and may benefit from special education and/or related services, please contact Mrs. Jinelle Burger, the Director of Student Services, at 716-337-0166.

NOW HIRING!



Pesticide Notification

New York State Education Law Section §409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and non-public elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year. Please visit our [website](#) for further information and/or if you wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications.

We are always looking for qualified applicants to fulfill substitute positions in our district. Positions range from bus drivers, bus attendants, cafeteria **workers, teachers, teacher's aides, cleaners, and** clerical staff. Please visit our [website](#) to learn of permanent, temporary and substitute positions that may be open, and download an application. We need your skills to help educate the next generation of students. Come join us!

High School News

A Word from the High School Principal



Brandon F. Wojcik
Jr. Sr. High School Principal

Everyone here is committed to taking **care of our students'** mental and emotional needs, and are actively combating these issues in a variety of ways.

Welcome to November, ending what has been one of the most miserable and wet Octobers I can remember. By the time you read this article, we will be close to completing our first quarter of the school year. The end of each marking period is a time for celebrating accomplishments for many of our students. But for some, the thought of the mailman delivering a progress report to the house inspires fear and anxiety. When you pair that with the fallout of the last 18 months, there is **the potential for kids to lose sight of what's really important, and that's their mental health and emotional well-being.** I have shared with you previously our commitment to work through the negative academic influence this pandemic has had on our children for the past 18 months. Now I want to take a minute to let you know about some of the things we are planning to combat the social and emotional impact this experience has had on them.

Extracurricular Clubs - We have allocated grant funding to increase our extracurricular budget in order to allow for more and frequent after school clubs and activities. Teachers have done a great job creating new clubs and other opportunities for students to get involved and socialize with peers over similar interests. We had an all school club fair the day of homecoming, where kids had an opportunity to browse different booths and sign up for what interests them. Class advisors will also be organizing 4 grade level, after school activities throughout the year. This kicked off (literally) yesterday with a kickball game between the sophomores and juniors. Please help us get your student involved, these clubs make a difference and have a huge impact on their emotional well-being.

Field Trips - I have directed our staff to plan all field trips as we would in a normal year. For field trips requiring a **financial contribution from parents, we are requiring travel insurance just in case. If we don't at least plan for these trips, we know they won't happen. This includes our 8th grade field trip to Washington, D.C. Our 10th graders were to be the first recipients of this grant funded educational adventure back in 2020, and we haven't forgotten them. This year we are planning to take both the 8th grade and 10th grade students to our nation's capital. We will continue to follow state and local regulations and support these trips as long as we can continue to do it safely.**

Team-Building Activities - In another effort to promote the social and emotional well-being of our students, we used grant funds to take each grade level to a ropes course. A team from the YMCA at Camp Weona helped the kids with team building skills geared towards helping them make connections with one another, increase motivation, encourage creativity and improve communication. These trips were a huge success and we received great feedback from the students. We are working on their request to make this a yearly event.

Dances and other events - We had over 130 kids attend our welcome back fun and games night on the turf. Our **homecoming parade and girls' soccer game under the lights was also a huge hit and very widely attended. Thanks again to Winter's Rigging for providing the lights for this game and the outdoor welcome back night. I am also very grateful to the North Collins Community for coming out and supporting these "get back to normal" events. Your continued support means so much to our staff and students. We also successfully and safely executed our first indoor dance, opening up the possibilities for more events.**

Peer Mentoring and Peer Tutoring - This year our building will be engaging in another new experience for students. Our new Peer Mentoring program will provide students in grades 7-9 with strong and stable mentor relationships that will positively influence their experience and development. This program will also provide students with the motivation and opportunity for greater engagement in the school community, which leads to a greater success academically and socially. Support and guidance will be provided by upperclassmen leaders in grades 10-12, who will be fully trained in the roles and responsibilities as mentor. The tutoring program will follow shortly thereafter, keep an eye out for this opportunity.

College course credit opportunities - Our amazing teachers worked hard this summer to offer even more opportunity for college credit. Federal grants are also allowing us to pay for these opportunities over the next 3 years. We have been fortunate to add Canisius College, SUNY Fredonia and Hilbert College to our list of post-secondary partners. Students can **be awarded college credit for 13 classes before they graduate, most of which are transferable to other colleges. That's an entire year of college with no cost to students or families. Please contact the guidance department to sign up for these opportunities. A year of college can cost families between \$15,000 and \$30,000 in tuition alone, so please take advantage.**

This has been a tough 18 months for all of us. Although I can't guarantee everything we are planning this year will be able to happen, I thought it was important for you to know that everyone here is committed to taking care of our students and making sure we are addressing their needs on all fronts. As always, we appreciate any feedback or suggestions you have on how we can continue to serve the needs of our kids and our community.

Homecoming Happenings

Thank you for making Homecoming 2021 a success! We had beautiful weather and a great turnout. The sophomore class was the only class with a positive balance and won the Coin War to benefit Special Olympics. With all of the help from all the classes, Student Government sent in a check of \$148.20 to help encourage inclusion in athletics.

Thank you to Mr. Wojcik, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Cataldo and Miss Lauber for judging and announcing the floats; the winner was the senior class for their Cinderella float. Thank you to Sophia Vanstrom who sang the National Anthem at the pep rally and the parade. Thank you also to our custodial staff Mr. Sanders and crew! A BIG thank you also to Mr. Winter for donating the judge's trailer for the parade and the lights for our Welcome Back Bash!



'Merica Monday



Twin Tuesday



Wacky Wednesday



City vs. Country Thursday





7th Grade
Beauty and the Beast



8th Grade
Three Little Pigs



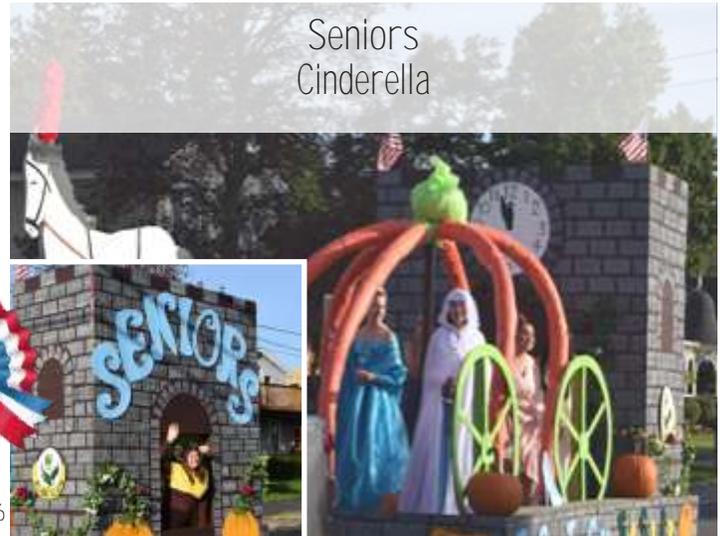
Freshmen
Jack & the Beanstalk



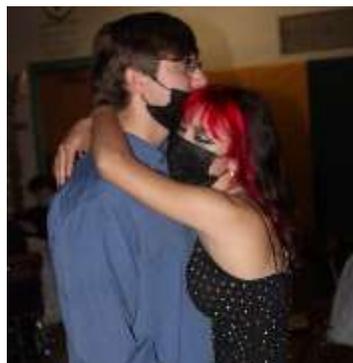
Sophomores
Rapunzel



Juniors
Little Mermaid



Seniors
Cinderella



Homecoming Court 2021

King — Nicholas Wittmeyer

Queen — Patrizia Schneider

Prince — Zachary Beck

Princess — Emma Stalker



NOTE: All safety protocols were adhered to the entire night. Masks were removed briefly in order to take pictures only.

On the Ropes

In the month of October, each grade had the opportunity to visit Camp Weona in Gainesville for a full day field trip. The camp gave students a chance to work together as teams, improving their communication, leadership and cooperation through several unique

challenges, including a low ropes course. It was not only fun, but a great way to come together outside and enjoy some time learning more about each other and themselves.



Guidance Office News

2021-22 SAT Registration and Test Dates

The SAT is a globally-recognized college admission test that lets students show colleges what they know and how well they can apply that knowledge. It tests their knowledge of reading, writing and math—subjects that are taught every day in high school classrooms. Most students take the SAT during their junior or senior year of high school, and most college and universities use SAT test results to make admission decisions. * *Other test centers may be available; please consult our website for a full list, or check online at collegeboard.org.*

TEST DATE	APPLICATION & REGISTRATION DATE	NEARBY TEST CENTERS**
November 6, 2021	October 8, 2021	Eden, Fredonia, Frontier, Orchard Park, St. Francis, UB North
December 4, 2021	November 4, 2021	Fredonia, Global Concepts, Hamburg, St. Francis, UB North
March 12, 2022	February 11, 2022	Clarence, Fredonia, Global Concepts, Hamburg, St. Francis, UB North
May 7, 2022	April 8, 2022	Eden, Fredonia, Frontier, Global Concepts, Hamburg, Orchard Park, St. Francis, UB North

Test Center Location Codes:

Eden High School—33376 Hamburg High School—33477
Frontier High School—33470 Springville Griffith High School—33882
Gowanda High School—33453 St. Francis High School—33130

North Collins High School Code — 334195

Register at sat.org/register. Check test centers on collegeboard.org for dates listed as they are subject to change. High school students who cannot afford to pay test fees may be eligible for SAT fee waivers. Please contact the Guidance Office at 337-0101, ext. 1310 for more information.

Kindness Corner

On Thursday, October 21, an elderly gentleman in a wheelchair or a walker **was entering the barbershop in town in the pouring rain. That's when** Daniel Lara, a 7th grader, stepped in to help. He held an umbrella over the man's head so he could safely get into the shop without getting soaked. When asked the next morning whether Daniel knew the man in question, he responded, "No, it was a random man." This boy went out of his way in the rain, getting wet himself, to shelter the elderly gentleman **from the rain. It's small acts of kindness like these that make our** community a better place. Great job, Daniel!



College-Planning Timeline

It's never too early to begin planning for your future. Students who hope to attend are encouraged to plan ahead to make the most of their choices. Consult the timeline below to see if you're on track with your college plan. Remember you can always speak to a guidance counselor at any time to discuss your options.

Grade 7-8

- Talk to friends and family members about careers and possible school choices.
- Consult with your middle and high school counselors to find out which courses you should take that will qualify you to attend certain colleges and/or career fields.
- Discuss your financial situation with your parents to see how they can assist you in paying for education. Work together to establish a savings plan in which you can participate.
- Learn about financial aid options available from your counselor.
- Join and participate in clubs, organizations and volunteer experiences.

Freshman Year

- Build a flexible schedule allowing for study time, extracurricular activities, and other interests. Stay organized with a day planner.
- Make a 4-year schedule of classes that increases your eligibility to attend the college of your choice.
- Start developing a resume by keeping a scrapbook of your accomplishments, including articles about yourself, awards you have won, and activities in which you have participated.
- Find out about summer jobs and how to gain the skills necessary to obtain one. Look into volunteer opportunities that will expand your experience and skills.
- Take your parents with you to talk to your counselor about your interests, post-secondary plans, and career information.
- If you plan to pursue athletics while in college, check out the NCAA requirements.

Sophomore Year

- Visit your school counselor or college counseling office and explore college catalogs, websites, and other college materials including financial aid **information. Plan to attend our school's college visits to speak with college recruiters in person about their program offerings.**
- Reevaluate your high school course selection to make sure it meets college requirements.
- Try to complete most of your academic requirements by your junior year.



Junior Year

Fall (August through December)

- Take the PSAT in October to help prepare you for college entrance exams. The PSAT may also qualify you for certain scholarships.
- Attend sessions with college representatives who visit your high school or visit local college fairs.
- Develop a list of possible post-secondary schools. Your counseling office and/or school library may have book and materials to help you. The internet will be your friend in this process.
- Talk with an admissions counselor to determine if there are any institutional scholarships for which you could apply.
- Begin researching private sources of financial aid. Many community foundations, civil and fraternal organizations offer scholarships for post-secondary education, but you need to apply for them. Also, check online through fastweb.com and other scholarship resources.

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Spring (*January through May*)

- Take the SAT/ACT. Check with your intended college(s) about which test they prefer and what scores you need for admission and scholarship consideration. Begin narrowing down your choices.
- Schedule campus visits, including overnight visits to get a feel for life on that particular campus.
- Check with your counselor, libraries, community organizations, and Student Outreach Services for the names and addresses of possible scholarship sources. Keep track of due dates and deadlines.

Summer (*entering Senior Year*)

- Practice writing online applications without submitting them. Ask others to proof them, especially the essay.
- Read all college mail and send reply cards back to schools of interest.
- Apply for scholarships with deadlines in the fall; you may be too busy once school starts.

Senior Year

Fall (*August through December*)

- Make sure you continue to meet high school graduation and college admission requirements.
- Apply for financial aid by completing and submitting your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon after October 1 as possible. The FAFSA is available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Ask for assistance through college Financial Aid Offices.
- The information you receive back after the FAFSA is processed is the Student Aid Report (SAR). If any portion of the information on the SAR is incorrect, correct it and resubmit it to the processing center.
- Submit any additional financial aid forms and documentation that is required by the school of your choice, including if you have been selected for Verification. Some of these forms may be available online, including the FAFSA and some admission applications.
- Register for the Advanced Placement (AP) exams, if enrolled.
- Meet with visiting admissions representatives from the schools that interest you.
- Arrange visits to schools you are considering and schedule admissions interviews, if required.
- Make the financial preparation of your portfolios, audition videos, writing samples, or other evidence of talent required for admission and/or scholarships. Finalize your resume to send with your applications.
- Take or retake the SAT or ACT.
- Identify at least two of the following to write solid recommendations forms for you: a teacher, an extracurricular advisor, a counselor, a principal, or any employer. Give the recommendation forms to teachers, counselors, etc. at least one month before they are due. Follow up on the progress of these recommendations.
- Submit your college applications. Apply to more than one school to increase your odds of admission. Be careful of submission deadlines!
- **Talk with your parents about what type of budget you'll be on your freshman year.**
- If seeking athletic scholarships (Div. I & II schools only), contact the coaches from the schools you are considering and include a resume of your accomplishments.

Spring (*January through May*)

- Call the schools you have applied to and confirm receipt of your application materials, including letter of recommendation and housing applications.
- Request that your counselor send a copy of your transcript to the school where you have applied. Make sure your first semester senior year grades are included on the transcript.
- Notify the school(s) in writing by the proper deadline as to whether you are accepting or declining admission.
- Review your financial aid award letter with your parents and be sure you understand the terms and conditions that accompany each kind of aid.
- Notify the financial aid office of any outside scholarships or grants that you have accepted since your initial application.
- Be aware of the due dates for tuition, fees, room and board, and other expenses. Find out how your financial aid will be disbursed and whether you can defer payments until the funds are available.
- Respond immediately to all correspondence regarding school, scholarships, and financial aid.
- Participate in summer orientation programs for incoming freshmen after graduation to ensure you are prepared for entering your first semester and have completed all necessary steps at your college.

The Exchange Rate

North Collins is fortunate to have *five* exchange students from all around the world enriching our school this year! One of them, 17-year old Patrizia Schneider, hails from Switzerland, where she lives with her parents and younger sister, Michaela. During her year in North Collins, she is residing with Choral Director Mrs. Jill Finkley. **Let's get to know Patrizia a little better!**

WHY DID YOU WANT TO BECOME AN EXCHANGE STUDENT?
My mom did an exchange year when she was my age and she said it was one of the best experiences in her life, so she inspired me. It was also about getting to know a different culture and making friends.

WHAT DIFFERENCES AND SIMILARITIES HAVE YOU FOUND IN AMERICAN VS. SWISS CULTURE?

I've noticed that portion sizes are a lot bigger, so I am sometimes not sure what size to order. Also, distances between houses here seem huge to me! Parents tend to be more strict here and teachers or parents are more involved in their kids' lives.

WHAT'S BEEN YOUR BEST EXPERIENCE THUS FAR IN AMERICA?

I can't decide between seeing Niagara Falls for the first time, or Spirit Week/Homecoming with my friends!

HOW DID YOU VIEW AMERICANS BEFORE YOU ARRIVED? HAS THAT OPINION CHANGED?

When Swiss people think about America, they think of fast food, huge cars, guns and pride of their own country. **It's true, there's a lot of good fast food and the cars are bigger, but other than that, I was**

surprised by how open and friendly Americans are, and I like that a lot!

OTHER THAN YOUR FAMILY, WHAT DO YOU MISS MOST ABOUT SWITZERLAND?

I miss public transportation. I am not allowed to drive here, so every time I want to go somewhere I have to ask someone to drive me. With public transportation, I have more independence.

WHAT IS ONE THING YOU WANT AMERICANS TO KNOW ABOUT YOUR COUNTRY?

Our cars don't have cupholders because it's unusual to eat in the car. We pay a lot of money to get our driver's license because you have to take lessons, but college isn't expensive.

FAVORITE CLASS/SPORT:

I like my World War II class with Mr. Bromley, and my lunches with Mr. Finizio. I am on the girls varsity volleyball team, the girls there are great!

FUN FACT:

I don't like donuts.

Thank you very much, Patrizia! We are all so happy that you are **spending the year with us. You've made an excellent addition to our school, and we hope you enjoy your time in North Collins!** Be sure to tune in next time to learn more about another exchange student!



Have You Heard the Newsies?

Announced at the Homecoming Parade, the North Collins Jr.-Sr. High School musical is back! This year's production will be the Tony-nominated *Newsies*.

Loosely based on the 1899 newspaper boy strike in New York City, *Newsies* follows Jack "Cowboy" Kelly and other young newspaper sellers as they push back against the newspaper corporation's exploitative working conditions and ruthless business practices.

Our production is set to take the stage in March 2022, and casting will begin soon! Keep an eye out for future announcements and make plans to join us to celebrate the return to theater at North Collins!



Steps
to
Prevent
Flu

health.ny.gov/flu



Department
of Health

Fight Flu at Home and School

Flu, or influenza, spreads easily and can make people very sick, especially kids. You can help stop flu!

Flu symptoms include:

Fever or chills, body aches, cough, sore throat, headache, runny or stuffy nose, feeling very tired. Some people, especially children, may have stomach problems and diarrhea. Unlike a cold, the flu comes on very suddenly.

Prevent flu!

- Flu vaccine is the best protection against the flu. It is recommended every year for everyone 6 months and older.
- Get the flu vaccine for you and your children every year! It helps make flu sickness milder or prevents it all together.
- Getting the vaccine early in the fall means you and your children will be protected when flu season starts.
- Ask people close to your children, like babysitters and relatives, to get the vaccine, too.
- The vaccine is especially important for people with certain health conditions, like asthma, diabetes, heart or lung conditions because the flu can make them even sicker.

If your child gets the flu:

- Your child will need plenty of rest and lots of fluids.
- Keep your child home from school for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone without using fever-control medicine. This helps avoid giving the flu to others.
- Talk with your child's health care provider before giving a child any over-the-counter medicine.
- Never give your child or teenager aspirin or any medicine that has aspirin in it. Aspirin can cause serious problems.
- If your child gets flu symptoms and is younger than 5 or has a medical condition like asthma, diabetes, or heart or lung disease, call their health care provider. Young children and those with certain medical conditions are at greater risk for getting seriously ill from the flu. Ask their health care provider if they recommend an antiviral drug.
- If you are worried about your child, call their health care provider.

Don't spread flu!

- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water aren't handy, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Cough or sneeze into a tissue or your elbow, not your hands. Put used tissues in the trash.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. That's how germs spread.
- Stay away from people who are sick.

FOOD ON THE GO'S ANNUAL

PIE BAKE SALE

Order Now for Thanksgiving!

APPLE SQUARES: \$12/BOX (6 SQUARES)

PUMPKIN PIE \$15 EACH

APPLE PIE: \$15 EACH

Pick up in Room 104 Monday, November 22 or
Tuesday, November 23 between 2:30 and 3 pm.

Checks should be made out to Food on the Go;
all payments must be received by November 15.



Elementary School News

A Word from the Elementary School Principal



John Cataldo
Elementary School Principal

For the past 34 years, I have had the privilege of working as a teacher, coach, and principal in the most wonderful school and community in the world. I will leave with many memories and a thankful heart.

As most of you know I will be retiring at the end of November, making this my final elementary principal Perspective article. For the past 34 years I have had the privilege of working as a teacher, coach, and principal in the most wonderful school and community in the world. It has been an honor serving the families and children of North Collins. It has been a joy working alongside some truly incredible people. While I will miss my colleagues, the students and families, I am very much looking forward to the next chapter of my life.

North Collins is and has always been an amazing place. It is a community that cares for and cares about its children. Having been born and raised here, it will always define who I am. This community taught me the value of honesty, responsibility, respect, and hard work. I found out, often the hard way, that it was okay to make mistakes as long as I learn from them. I learned that being a part of something bigger than yourself makes life better. Life is better when you are part of a family, a team, a club, a school, a fire company, or a community. The group will soften the low points and intensify the high points. I am very thankful to have been a part of so many incredible and successful groups in my time in North Collins.

I am thankful for the school system who was instrumental in raising me from age 4 to 17. As a student I made life-long friends, played sports, joined clubs, and learned from incredible teachers and coaches. I learned how to examine the world around me and I felt safe knowing there were adults in the school that cared about me. I can admit it now that I was not a model student. I did what was needed to succeed academically but I was always more interested in friends and fun. I am thankful that the school who knew me so well looked past my flaws and hired me to teach here. I learned and grew even more because of this opportunity and was pushed to be the best version of myself. I am grateful for all this school gave me and did all I could to give back.

I will leave North Collins with many memories, some happy, some sad, all valuable. I will take with me the memories of the principal challenges. I remember crawling out of a tent after sleeping on the roof, riding a horse, and of course, jumping out of a perfectly good airplane. It was a joy challenging kids to read, bringing the school together, and celebrating our accomplishments at the end of each year. I will remember teaching about Latin America with my amigos Barb Carver and Lisa Sager. I will remember tying shoes, sharing the excitement of lost teeth, and saying good morning as the kids got off the bus. I will remember walking the halls looking at student work, wiping away student tears, or bringing them to tears while helping them learn to make better choices.

Every day I thought of the wonderful opportunity I had been given to work here. I did my best not to waste a second. I truly cherished the best of North Collins. Its giving and forgiving heart, and its earthy soul. I worked very hard to help North Collins care for its children, keep them safe, and teach them all I was taught. I worked to pass on the invaluable lessons that were given to me. But now my work here is done. **As I told the Board in my retirement letter, "It is my hope that you find someone who will have a deep sense of community and will care for the children of North Collins as much as I have."**

So, with that said, I would like to welcome Mrs. Kerry Buell as my replacement. I have already seen first-hand how Mrs. Buell cares for the children. I am sure she will learn to love this community as I have. I ask that you give her the chance you gave me. She is ready for the challenge ahead and I have the utmost confidence that she can lead this school far into the future.

Thank you for everything North Collins. You are truly the best!

Meet the Principal: Mrs. Kerry Buell

Following John Cataldo's retirement at the end of November, Mrs. Kerry Buell will be assuming the position of Elementary School Principal. She's very excited to dig in and get started, to work with your children, and to meet the parents. Let's get to know her a bit better!

Born and raised in the southtowns of Buffalo, Mrs. Buell recently celebrated her 20th anniversary with her husband, John. Their full household includes their three kids, Peyton, Brady and Cole; two dogs, Gunnar and Oakley; and two cats, Taylor and Curry. Kerry enjoys reading, traveling, decorating, and participating in karate and kickboxing in her free time. **She's also a huge Bills fan!**



Mrs. Buell has been in education for over 15 years, teaching at every level: Elementary students grades 3-6, middle school math, and high school math. She has also worked as a math coach, a student development coordinator (similar duties as an Assistant Principal) at Global Concepts Charter School, and as a Staff Development Coordinator at Erie 2 BOCES. In these positions, she has worked closely with teachers and other administrators on curriculum and instruction methods.

Currently in her 6th year at North Collins, Mrs. Buell started as a middle school math teacher and moved to High School upon request by the principal. For the past two years, she has worked as a Teacher on Special Assignment for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment. This assignment allowed her to lead the development, coordination, and oversight of our [DCIP](#) and [SCEP](#) Plans. She also serves as the chair of the Educational Advisory Committee, and organizes and facilitates the professional development for our teachers.

Please join us in welcoming Mrs. Buell to her new position. Stop by and say hello!

ES Students of the Month

September/October 2021



The following students were awarded Student of the Month certificates for exemplifying the character trait RESPONSIBILITY during the months of September and October. Each student was presented their certificate and prize at school the week of November 15, 2021. Congratulations to all our recipients, and thank you for making North Collins Elementary School a great place to be!

NOMINATED BY

Mrs. Eder/Mrs. Burgio (AM)
Mrs. Eder/Mrs. Burgio (PM)
Mrs. Abad
Mrs. Suranyi
Mrs. Wolf
Mrs. Lawton
Mrs. Riethmiller
Miss Abad
Mrs. Blakowski

AWARD RECIPIENT

Shooter Bellinger
Emma Croft
Zeppelin Fox
Natalie Gabel
Dakota Emke
Stella Lulas
Clayton Myers
Callie Pruchnicki
Faron Reding, III

NOMINATED BY

Mrs. Springer
Ms. Summers
Miss Burse
Mrs. Reiman
Mrs. Ball
Mrs. Dintino
Mr. Burgstahler
Miss Bley

AWARD RECIPIENT

Elijah Awald
Sophia Montaldi
Trenton Kane
Miranda Gabel
Shailyn Kaufman
Addison Weiss
Megan Witt
Caden Beecroft

Art Club

New to North Collins Elementary this year is an Art Club run by art teacher Ms. Kaitlin Millen. In the Art Club, students will tackle projects like Inktober, murals, revitalizing the school's garden, and creating works of art to be hung up around the school.



Inktober is a month-long project during October where students receive a prompt and illustrate whatever we think goes with it. The best part is that our friends can help offer inspiration and ideas on what to draw. Prompts include; crystal, crunchy, drip, sour, and many others. We are also looking to repaint the farm mural by the faculty room. It's being turned into a beautiful landscape with an eagle. This spring, we are working towards revitalizing the garden we have between the faculty room and primary wing. If you would like to help support our efforts in revitalizing our school's garden, please reach out to Ms. Millen at kmillen@northcollinsscd.org.

Lastly, with the holiday season approaching, the Art Club would like to help spread cheer and happiness by sending cards to veterans to show our appreciation, holiday cards to the nursing home, and overall trying to spread cheer to our North Collins community.

The North Collins Elementary Art Club



Music & Arts

A large graphic for a Veterans Day Concert. It features a central white diamond shape with a black outline, containing the text "VETERANS DAY CONCERT" in blue, bold, sans-serif capital letters. The background is a stylized American flag with red and white stripes radiating from the top, and a blue band with white stars. Below the diamond, on a dark blue background, is the text: "Wednesday, November 10 - 7 pm", "Jr.-Sr. High School Auditorium" on the left, and "Admission by ticket only to maintain social distancing." on the right. At the bottom center, it says "Designed by Vecteezy".

**VETERANS
DAY
CONCERT**

Wednesday, November 10 - 7 pm
Jr.-Sr. High School Auditorium

Admission by ticket only
to maintain social distancing.

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Dear North Collins Families,



Several years ago, the fourth grade started a Veterans Wall of Honor for anyone who has graduated from North Collins and served, or is serving, in the military. If you or someone you know is a North Collins graduate and veteran, we would love to add them to our wall! All you have to do is send an email to [Donna Reiman](#) that includes the following information:

- The name
- The branch of service
- A photo (Military if possible)

We are very proud of our hometown community veterans and the great example they set for our children. Please help us grow our hallway display!

MUSIC BOOSTERS IS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!

Please join us Wednesday,
November 18 at 6:45 pm
in the HS Library

Winter Sports Schedules



Boys Varsity Basketball

DATE	OPPONENT	GAME
Fri, Dec 3	at Portville Tourney	7:30
Sat, Dec 4	at Portville Tourney	TBA
Thu, Dec 9	EDEN	6:30
Mon, Dec 13	at Gowanda	7:30
Thu, Dec 16	at Brocton	7:00
Tue, Dec 28	at Frewsburg Tourney	8:00
Wed, Dec 29	at Frewsburg Tourney	TBA
Thu, Jan 6	at Ellicottville	7:30
Mon, Jan 10	PINE VALLEY	7:00
Tue, Jan 11	BROCTON	7:30
Thu, Jan 13	at Forestville	6:30
Thu, Jan 20	CATT-LV	7:00
Thu, Jan 27	at Franklinville	7:30
Tue, Feb 1	ELLICOTTVILLE	7:30
Fri, Jan 4	at Pine Valley	7:00
Tue, Jan 8	FORESTVILLE	7:00
Fri, Feb 11	at Catt-LV	7:30
Mon, Feb 14	GOWANDA	7:30
Wed, Feb 16	FRANKLINVILLE	7:30
Fri, Feb 18	at Eden	6:30

Boys Modified Basketball

DATE	OPPONENT	GAME
Thu, Jan 13	CATT-LV	4:30
Tue, Jan 18	WEST VALLEY	5:00
Fri, Jan 21	at Forestville	5:00
Mon, Jan 24	SILVER CREEK	4:30
Wed, Jan 26	PINE VALLEY	5:00
Fri, Jan 28	at Gowanda	4:30
Mon, Jan 31	at Cassadaga	5:00
Wed, Feb 2	at Catt-LV	4:45
Fri, Feb 4	at West Valley	5:00
Mon, Feb 7	FORESTVILLE	4:30
Wed, Feb 9	at Silver Creek	4:30
Fri, Feb 11	at Pine Valley	5:00
Mon, Feb 14	GOWANDA	4:30
Wed, Feb 16	CASSADAGA	4:30

Girls Varsity Basketball

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Mon, Dec 6	at Silver Creek	5:00
Wed, Dec 8	BUFFALO SEMINARY	5:00
Fri, Dec 10	at Franklinville	5:30
Mon, Dec 13	at Gowanda	5:00
Tue, Dec 21	PINE VALLEY	5:00
Thu, Dec 23	GLOBAL CONCEPTS	6:00
Tue, Jan 4	SILVER CREEK	5:00
Thu, Jan 6	at Ellicottville	5:30
Tue, Jan 11	at Forestville	5:00
Fri, Jan 14	SALAMANCA	5:00
Wed, Jan 19	CATT-LV	5:00
Fri, Jan 21	ELLICOTTVILLE	5:30
Fri, Jan 28	FRANKLINVILLE	5:00
Tue, Feb 1	at Buffalo Seminary	5:00
Thu, Feb 3	at Global Concepts	6:00
Fri, Feb 4	SILVER CREEK	5:00
Mon, Feb 7	FORESTVILLE	5:00
Thu, Feb 10	at Salamanca	5:30
Tue, Feb 15	at Catt-LV	5:00

Boys JV Basketball

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Thu, Dec 9	EDEN	5:00
Mon, Dec 13	at Gowanda	5:00
Thu, Dec 16	at Brocton	5:30
Tue, Dec 28	at Frewsburg	6:00
Wed, Dec 29	at Frewsburg	TBA
Thu, Jan 6	at Ellicottville	6:00
Mon, Jan 10	PINE VALLEY	5:30
Tue, Jan 11	BROCTON	5:30
Thu, Jan 13	at Forestville	6:00
Thu, Jan 20	CATT-LV	5:30
Thu, Jan 27	at Franklinville	6:00
Tue, Feb 1	ELLICOTTVILLE	6:00
Fri, Feb 4	at Pine Valley	5:30
Tue, Feb 8	FORESTVILLE	6:00
Fri, Feb 11	at Catt-LV	6:00
Mon, Feb 14	GOWANDA	6:00
Wed, Feb 16	FRANKLINVILLE	5:30
Fri, Feb 18	at Eden	5:00

Girls Modified Basketball

DATE	OPPONENT	GAME
Fri, Nov 12	CATT-LV	4:30
Tue, Nov 16	at West Valley	5:00
Fri, Nov 19	at Forestville	5:00
Mon, Nov 22	SILVER CREEK	4:30
Tue, Nov 30	PINE VALLEY	5:00
Fri, Dec 3	at Gowanda	4:30
Mon, Dec 6	at Cassadaga	5:00
Wed, Dec 8	at Catt-LV	5:00
Fri, Dec 10	WEST VALLEY	5:00
Mon, Dec 13	FORESTVILLE	4:30
Wed, Dec 15	at Silver Creek	4:45
Fri, Dec 17	at Pine Valley	5:00
Mon, Dec 20	GOWANDA	4:30
Wed, Dec 22	CASSADAGA	4:30

PLEASE NOTE!

Sports Schedules are subject to frequent change throughout the season due to a number of factors. Always check our [website](#) for the latest information.



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PLEASE NOTE: All dates are subject to change. Please check our [website](#) or our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages for the latest information including times and location. You may also contact the school your child attends with any questions you may have.

The Perspective

Postal Patron

Event Calendar

November	5	School Spirit Day (ES only): Tie-Dye Day
	9	Board of Education Work Session, 6:30 pm, livestreamed on our website
	10	Veterans Day Concert, 7 pm, HS Auditorium (by ticket only)
	11	NO SCHOOL: Veteran's Day Holiday
	12	NO SCHOOL: Superintendent's Conference Day
	16	Picture Retake Day (Elementary School only)
	18	Music Boosters Meeting, 6:30 pm, HS Library Media Center
	22-23	Half Day (Elementary School only) - Pickup 11:15, Buses Depart 11:30 Teacher Conferences (by appointment only)
	23	Picture Retake Day, High School only, 8 am-12 pm
	23	Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 pm, HS Library Media Center
	24-26	NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Recess
December	3	School Spirit Day (ES only): Bling It Up Day!
	3-4	Student Government Lock-in for Roswell (overnight)
	9	Music Boosters Meeting, 6:30 pm, HS Library Media Center
	7	Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 pm, location TBA
	15	HS Holiday Concert, 7 pm, HS Auditorium (Snow Date: December 16)
	23-31	NO SCHOOL—Holiday Recess
January	3	School Resumes district-wide
	7	School Spirit Day (ES only): Slipper & Pajama Day
	11	Board of Education Work Session, 6:30 pm, HS Library Media Center
	17	NO SCHOOL—Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
	24	NO SCHOOL—Superintendent's Conference Day
	25	Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 pm, HS Library Media Center
	25-28	Regents Exams (HS only); see forthcoming schedule