



## MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Warrensburg Central School District Community,

It is hard to believe we are halfway through the school year. When compiling the newsletter, I reflect on all we have accomplished in and out of the classroom. In addition to providing academic opportunities, our district offers clubs, sports, and activities that allow our students to explore all their interests. We have seen students not only participate in these, but thrive. Our sports teams made headlines. Our music department sent students to showcase their talents on stages beyond our community. Our In The Zone program continues to provide an outlet for students to play, serve their community, and travel locally.

We welcomed a new principal to our High School, a new food service provider, and a new Director of Pupil Personnel Services. I am impressed with how our district has integrated these new faces and services. Student response is crucial to these changes and their feedback on the implementation of new programs has been positive. I am grateful that they have taken the time to be actively involved in change. The decisions we make affect our students and their participation in testing ideas ensures that we deliver programs that place their experience first.

Christian Bruce has stepped into the role of Director of Pupil Personnel Services. Mr. Bruce graduated from Warrensburg and previously served as a history teacher with us. Both of his parents taught at Warrensburg and inspired him to pursue his career in education. It is rewarding to watch someone go from a student to a colleague. Our school district is fortunate to have many former Warrensburg students return as staff members, it is one of the aspects that make our district special.

In a neighboring district, electronic cigarettes (vapes) were confiscated from students. Testing showed the vapes contained dangerous chemicals and drugs. Illicit distribution channels are common for electronic cigarettes, and it's important to know that a vape may contain dangerous and unknown substances. We must work together to inform students of the dangers of vaping in and out of school. Thank you for your partnership in keeping students safe.

Respectfully,  
Amy Langworthy, Warrensburg Central School District Superintendent

### SCHOOL VISION

We maintain excellence to create success.

### SCHOOL MISSION

We educate, nurture, and empower students within a safe and supportive environment to become respectful and successful citizens of the global community.

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**Jan. 23-26:** Regents Testing Week

**Jan. 23:** Junior High Band/Chorus Concert, HS Auditorium at 7:00 PM

**Jan. 26:** Early Release Day

**Jan. 31:** P.R.I.D.E. Assembly, ES Gym at 8:30 AM

**Feb. 12:** B.O.E. Meeting, HS Library at 6:00 PM

**Feb. 19:** Presidents' Day – **No School**

**Feb. 19-23:** Mid Winter Recess – **No School**

**Feb. 29:** P.R.I.D.E. Assembly, ES Gym at 8:30 AM

**March 11:** B.O.E. Meeting, HS Library at 6:00 PM

**March 13:** Mid Winter Concert, 2nd & 4th Chorus/Jazz Band at 6:30 PM

**March 15:** Superintendent's Conference Day – **No School**

**March 18-22:** ES Spirit Week

**March 19:** Jump Rope for Hearts, ES

**March 21-23:** High School Drama Club Production

**March 25:** Early Release Day

**March 28:** P.R.I.D.E. Assembly, ES Gym at 8:30 AM

**March 29:** **No School**

**Apr. 1-5:** Spring Recess – **No School**



## Mr. Bruce Named as Director of Pupil Personnel Services

On Nov. 13, Mr. Christian Bruce began his new role as Director of Pupil Personnel Services. Mr. Bruce is a 2010 graduate of Warrensburg and followed in his parent's footsteps, teaching in the district for five years before being chosen for the position. With his background at WCSD, he has worked hard to build relationships with

students, staff, and families. He aims to visit classrooms frequently to strengthen connections, and he plans to prioritize being visible and available in both school buildings.

Mr. Bruce has an office in both the high school and elementary school. His goal is to be a resource and advocate for families. His door is always open and he welcomes anyone to stop in and say hello.

## Warrensburg Fall Sports Rundown

We are happy to share that ALL of our Fall Varsity athletic teams were recognized as NYSPHSAA scholar-athlete teams! To achieve this honor, 75% of the team's first quarter GPA, when averaged together, must be above a 90. Congratulations to our Warrensburg-Lake George-Bolton Football, Warrensburg-Bolton Girls Soccer, Warrensburg-Bolton Boys Soccer, Warrensburg-Bolton Volleyball, Warrensburg Girls Cross Country, Warrensburg Boys Cross Country, and Warrensburg Golf teams!

- » Both our Varsity Girls and Boys Soccer teams won the David Leach Memorial Tournament, their respective league champion.
- » The Football team defended its undefeated record in the normal season and advanced to play in the Class D Super Bowl.
- » Our Varsity Cross Country Teams went to Sectionals. Team member Brody Olden placed 2nd at Sectionals and qualified for the NYSPHSAA Cross Country State Championship.



ABOVE Warrensburg-Bolton Girls Varsity Soccer



ABOVE Warrensburg/Lake George/Bolton Boys Varsity Football



BELOW Warrensburg-Bolton Boys Varsity Soccer



BELOW Warrensburg-Bolton Girls Junior Varsity Volleyball



## Building Updates

### Warrensburg Jr./Sr. High School

Long-term plans have continued to develop under the guidance of Principal Holcomb. Holcomb aims to empower student voices by having them give input on decisions being made in the school. The Student Council stepped up to run Spirit Week and Homecoming this fall. The school is developing student committees so students can provide input about food services, athletics, and more. We hosted an "Elective Fair," where students could explore potential class offerings and note which they want to take. The building tested a six-block schedule in November. After the trial of the block schedule, students and staff gave feedback to decide if longer classes will help to reach educational goals.



The Alternative Learning Environment (ALE) room opened under the guidance of Mrs. Webster. The ALE serves many purposes. If a student has a long-term absence from school, they will spend their first day in the ALE room getting individual help. Students who need individual help or are struggling academically go to the ALE room during study halls for support.

The High School ends each day with the Academic Support Period (ASP), a period where students can attend club meetings, school-wide events, or get academic support. If a student is failing a class, they use this time to review those lessons with their teachers. We update the list of students needing support every week, so students who display improvement can return to their ASP activities quickly.

### Warrensburg Elementary School

The Elementary School entered its benchmarking period in January to assess performance and adjust students schedules as needed. This year, the school started using i-Ready Diagnostics, an adaptive assessment that adjusts its questions to suit students' needs, to guide math curriculum and check student understanding in real time.

This is the building's fourth year using Social Emotional Learning (SEL) techniques. Lesson plans have adjusted to follow the SEL guidance and teachers are showing students skills that help to improve their self-regulation and get them out of their seats to learn in different ways.

Hands-on learning methods have proven to be effective with our youngest. The elementary school assigns mentors to students who may need to develop problem-solving strategies using restorative practices. To help develop reading skills, our students are paired up with a "Book Buddy" from a different grade.



Initiatives within the school have helped to improve attendance records. Field trips, P.R.I.D.E awards, and extra curricular offerings help to keep students excited about school and motivated to learn.

### Warrensburg Central School District

The efforts that our schools are taking are so we can meet the goals outlined in our Long Range Plan. The Warrensburg CSD aims to deliver instructional and assessment practices to fit the needs of all students, and the schedules of all community members. We intentionally provide social-emotional learning and wellness opportunities in our buildings.

### OUR MUSIC DEPARTMENT

In addition to our local offerings, motivated music students have opportunities to participate in high level regional ensembles. These festivals select participants based on their earned NYSSMA score and teacher recommendation. This year, students Lillian Joesph, Summer Krom, and Aubree Parker were selected for the Area All-State Band. In November, musicians from eight school districts in the area gathered together to participate in the CASMA Music Festival held at Schroon Lake CSD. Warrensburg was represented by members of our Elementary Band, Chorus, and Jazz Band. The 23-24 SWCMEA Chorus includes 10 Warrensburg students. Through our partnership with the Glens Falls Symphony, Music Director Charles Peltz has visited our schools to work individually with band students. The Symphony has come to our schools to give musical performances to our students.



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## Food Services at Warrensburg CSD

Beginning this year, food services in our district are provided by the Capital Region BOCES Shared Food Services Team under the supervision of Food Director Kevin Callahan. This team has worked to bring diverse and quality whole foods to our students.

The cafeteria in the High School saw the arrival of a popular salad bar that gives students access to a variety of vegetables, different proteins, pasta salad, and garlic bread sticks. The High School is also planning to establish a student committee to work with our Food Services team to bring student input to the forefront of our menus.

In the Elementary School, the team set up three locations where students can get a "grab-and-go" breakfast before heading to their classrooms. The Community Eligibility Provision program allows our qualifying students to receive breakfast and lunch without any cost to them. No student should have to learn on an empty stomach.

## STAY CONNECTED WITH US

Did you know that we put out an e-newsletter every other week? Each addition of "The Blast" is filled with details to keep you informed on what has been happening in the district and the events we have coming up! With busy schedules and the abundance of events at the school, we hope this can be your one-stop shop for all Warrensburg Central School District news. Check out our website and follow us on social media to stay up-to-date on The Blast and other happenings at the Warrensburg Central School District!

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**BUS DRIVERS AND**  
**BUS MONITORS WANTED**

Warrensburg CSD's Department of Transportation is looking for bus drivers and bus monitors. Interested individuals should scan our QR code or call (518) 623-3570 to apply. The job positions offer benefits and competitive pay. We would love to have you on our team!

