



GETTING IN THE GAME



ESPORTS CLUB THRIVING IN THIRD YEAR

After school, you may be surprised to see - or hear - that Camden High School's Tuthill Learning Commons becomes one of the noisiest places on campus. A generally quiet library swells with raucous enthusiasm and laughter that is expected of an arcade, and the visuals would match. At its core, the space remains the same. A library is a haven for all, and in this case, it just so happens to involve video games instead of books. Welcome to the Camden ESports program.

Camden ESports is in its third year, and provides a platform for students to compete and collaborate over a shared love of video games. The club currently serves 16 students ranging from 7th grade to 11th grade.

The club originally formed with the idea of competing against schools across the east coast in games like Rocket League, but the focus has recently shifted since to in-person competition, which has resonated with the students. At any given club meeting, you'll see students focused on Mario Kart, Roblox, Rivals of Aether, and Super Smash Brothers, among others. You'll also see students dip their proverbial toes in the water on something they haven't played before.

Along the way, they're making friends across buildings and grade levels they might not otherwise have, and the younger students enjoy having older role models to look up to that share their interest.

While they might be doing this exact thing at home, advisor Dustin Losurdo feels it's hard to replicate the connections students are making by being part of something at school. The sense of connection is equally as important to helping students make positive choices in those important hours after school, when they may or may not have found an outlet for their time otherwise.

"I feel that many of these kids would go home and game anyways, so giving them the opportunity to be part of something and work together is tremendous," Losurdo said. "Instead of gaming "alone" this gives the students the chance to be with friends and other peers who share a common interest."

Student Talent Shines At Shakespeare Competition

Not even a two-hour delay could stop this Tuesday matinee. On Tuesday, January 28th, the Camden High School theatre department presented its 32nd Annual Shakespeare Competition. In front of friends, family, students, and staff, ten finalists took to the stage - each in a spotlight of their own - to deliver impassioned monologues from the works of Shakespeare.

The ten finalists were selected from an original field of nineteen participants, representing some of the most talented students the Camden High School theatre department has to offer. The first round was held prior to Regents week.



The senior-laden field in the finals was also one of the most experienced on record, and included 2024 champion Owen Carr. For approximately 2 to 3 minutes each, they portrayed a wide range of characters from classics such as *Much Ado About Nothing*, *Hamlet*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and *The Taming of the Shrew*, among others.

Among the audience was a group of familiar and knowledgeable judges to grade the students on their work. Retired English teachers Dr. Wayne Edkin and Patty Kimball were on the panel this year. They were joined by current Camden Middle School mathematics teacher and drama club advisor Chelsea Light Morrison. Robin Edkin, who brought the contest to Camden over three decades ago, was also in attendance.

After the group finished performing, the judges recused themselves to a separate room to deliberate on the results.

Earning the two honorable mention honors this year were Owen Carr for his portrayal of Iago from *Othello*, and Isabella Wing for her rendition of a passage by Ophelia from *Hamlet*. Ranking in third place was Alyssa Vera for her portrayal of Juliet from *Romeo and Juliet*. Vera was a 2024 Honorable Mention.

Gage Grinnell landed the runner-up spot for his monologue from *Much Ado About Nothing*, in which he played the role of Benedick.

The 2025 Camden High School Shakespeare Competition champion was Sydney Matthews. Matthews powered through an excerpt of Act 4, Scene 4 of *Richard III*, in which she portrayed Queen Margaret.

Also competing were Mady Redden, Ryan Brown, EleanorAnne Kratz, Hannah Smith, and Hailey Hicks.

The CHS Competition is part of a larger National Shakespeare Competition held annually by the English Speaking Union. Since starting in 1983, the national competition has put hundreds of thousands of young people on stage to step out of their comfort zone and perform Shakespeare.

Sydney's victory allows her to advance to regional competition, which were held at Syracuse Stage. She prepared a monologue and sonnet for this round of competition, and held her own against the best of the best from across Central New York while also performing three times in the Camden High School Musical, *Mamma Mia!* **Look for Musical Photos in our next issue!**



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Ninth grade student Abigail Hebble was recently crowned as the 2025 Section III champion at 165 pounds with a decision victory over Jasmine Ousley of General Brown. On her run to the title, she defeated Homer's Eila Spanbauer by decision to settle up a defeat from earlier in the season.

After representing Camden in NYSPHSAA's State-Wide Invitational in 2024, Hebble returned to the state's top rung of competition as part of the inaugural New York State Championship tournament held at MVP Arena in Albany.

Over the course of her state run, she amassed a 1-2 record, and earned a hard-fought criteria victory in the consolation bracket.

During the season, nine of her thirteen victories came by way of pin.

Hebble was joined on this year's Section III podiums by Rylie Meagher, who scored a third place class finish, and Astro Johnson, who placed fifth in class. Way to go!

SECTION III CHAMPION GIRLS' WRESTLING



ABIGAIL HEBBLE

Bernabe Wraps Up Career At States



Camden High School senior student-athlete Billy Bernabe wrapped up a brilliant high school skiing career as he competed at the 2025 New York State Public High School Athletic Association Alpine Skiing Championship. This year's championship was held on Monday, February 24th, and Tuesday, February 25th at Gore Mountain in North Creek, NY.

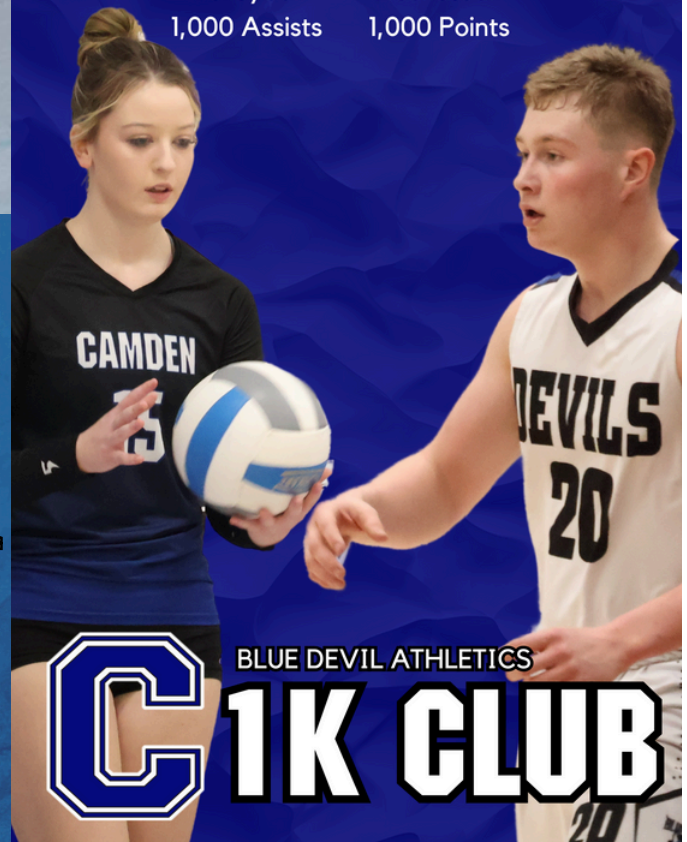
By virtue of season-long performances, Bernabe was the top-seeded skier out of Section III, and had the privilege of wearing bib number 1.

Monday's event was the giant slalom, with Bernabe landing a fifteenth place finish on the merit of a two-run combined time of 2:02.22. He was 18th following the opening run with a time of 1:02.73, and made a big move up the leaderboard with his second run, where he clocked a 59.49.

On Tuesday, the field turned its attention to the slalom, and Bernabe placed 22nd with a two-run composite time of 1:28.89. He clocked a 46.47 on his first run, with the snow softening up considerably because of a rise in temperatures. He went over four seconds faster on his final slalom run with a 42.42.

Julia Holmes
Volleyball
1,000 Assists

Isaac Lynch
Basketball
1,000 Points



BLUE DEVIL ATHLETICS

1K CLUB

41 Participate In Winter All-County

CAMDEN, NY - 41 student musicians and four teachers from the Camden Central School District took the opportunity to challenge themselves while representing the District at the Madison County Music Educators' Association Winter All-County Festival. This year's Winter Festival was held on Friday, January 17th, and Saturday, January 18th at Oneida High School.

The MCMEA All-County Festivals provide a venue for the best and brightest student musicians from Madison County and Western Oneida County to collaborate, rehearse, and perform together. Musicians are selected via a comprehensive and competitive audition process that requires students to prepare a solo piece, and perform sight reading exercises or scales in front of an adjudicator. They are expected to complete their own preparations ahead of the festival, with very limited rehearsal time available.

The following Camden students and teachers participated:

9-12 Orchestra

Chairperson: Mrs. Jennifer Chase

Students: Abigail Douglas, Alivia Relyea, Nevaeh Sharpe, Coriann Swinbourne, Robbie Chase, Elijah Trautner, Olivia Wing, Larry Fiume, Mackenzie Keil, Hannah Cere

9-12 Choir

Chairperson: Mrs. Amanda Hughes, Accompanist: Mr. Matt Donaleski

Students: Mikinzie Collins, Sydney Matthews, Ryan Brown, Isabella Wing, Alyssa Vera, Gage Grinnell, Garet Rocker, Natalie Hotaling, Lainie Liberatore, Calli Evans, Hannah Smith, Hailey Hicks and Tyler McLeod

5-6 String Orchestra

Conductor: Mrs. Jennifer Guhin

Students: Jasmine Sharp, Isabelle Calkins, Lila Christmas, Maeve Gilsean, Arizona Burleigh, Meyah Hathaway, Mia Cartwright, Nora Fuentes, Annabelle Mikitin, Tomas Fuentes, Taylor Donaldson, Hayden Nobis, Annabelle Slover

5-6 Band

Students: Rachyl Bray, Juliana Light, Josephine Chapman, Avery Lewis, Dante Roselli

Five from CMS Attend Junior Area All-State

Five students from Camden Middle School recently had the honor of representing the Camden Central School District at the New York State School Music Association's Zone 4 Junior High Area All-State Festival. The festival brings together students from across Oneida, Oswego, and Herkimer Counties to perform and rehearse together over a two day period.

Selection is a highly competitive process based on a student's 2024 NYSSMA evaluation. In order to participate, a musician must rank at the top of the proficiency list for their instrument among all entries in the Zone, and receive a recommendation from their school music teacher.

Eighth grade student Max Scholz represented Camden in the Area All-State Junior Band on the Alto Saxophone.

In the Area All-State Junior Orchestra, Camden had four representatives: Eighth graders Olivia Potter, Drew Collins, and Adalyn Whitby were accompanied by seventh grader Katherine Dean to this year's festival.

Two Receive CNY Gold Key Art Award



Two talented students at Camden High School recently added to an already-impressive collection of art accolades with two more prestigious awards. The Camden High School Art Department is pleased to announce that seniors Dolmae Honrales and Matt Melancon were chosen to receive the coveted Gold Key awards for their work as part of the 2025 Central New York Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.

The Gold Key is the highest available award in Scholastic regional competition, and recipients are automatically qualified to compete for medals in the National Scholastic Art Competition. For Honrales, it's her second straight year with a Gold Key honor.

On the National level, the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards have recognized the vision, ingenuity, and talent of our nation's youth since 1923, and provided opportunities for creative teens to be celebrated. Through the Awards, students receive opportunities for recognition, exhibition, publication, and scholarships. Students across America submit hundreds of thousands of works each year for consideration across 28 categories.

All award winners in the regional round are put on public exhibit in the Central New York Scholastic Art Show at Onondaga Community College.

Marshman Receives Outstanding Educator Award

The Camden Central School District is proud to announce that Agriculture teacher Karly Marshman is the recipient of a 2024 Outstanding Educator Award from the Genesis Group of the Mohawk Valley Region. The award was presented on Thursday, November 21st, 2024 at the 18th Annual Genesis Group "Celebration of Education" at Hart's Hill Inn in Whitesboro.

The Genesis Celebration of Education is an awards ceremony recognizing excellence in education across the Mohawk Valley region. It includes honorees from public schools, private schools, parochial schools, BOCES, and colleges/universities across the area. Camden has been a fixture at the ceremony recently, with the District's Camp Sum-More-Fun enrichment program and Special Education Summer Program receiving honors.

The magnitude of receiving this honor, especially early in her career, is not lost on Marshman.

"Receiving this outstanding educator award in my third year gives me a sense of pride as well as an internal drive to accomplish even more," Marshman said. "Every day when I walk into my classroom, I constantly think of how fortunate I am to be in such a supportive district and how much growth this district is allowing me to accomplish through this agricultural program."

Marshman primarily works with students at Camden Middle School. In that time, her presence has been transformative for several District students who have discovered Agriculture as an interest, and as a prospective career path.

She has rapidly built the program from humble beginnings in a small classroom at Camden Middle School into a multi-level, multi-building department that advances student interests year-round, even when school is not in session. The expansion has led the District to hire a dedicated high school agriculture teacher, Erin Curtis.

The department features a comprehensive curriculum with expansive opportunities in plant and animal science for students at Camden Middle School and Camden High School. Animals are a common sight in classrooms, as are indoor grow tower facilities that have been used to supply lettuce to areas of need, such as Open HUB Grocery Pickup events with Connected Community Schools. A greenhouse at Camden Middle School is also under construction.

Many of these opportunities have been created by Marshman's incredible knack for developing strong community partnerships, an affinity for outside-the-box learning ideas, and her acquisition of over \$25,000 in grant funding to add classroom equipment for essential hands-on learning. When you walk into the Agriculture Room, you could see students arranging flowers, growing vegetables, dissecting eggs, or learning about a live furry friend up close. The chaotic moments of classroom activity created during these hands-on opportunities are an exciting time on the job.

"My favorite thing every day is the organized chaos that unfolds during my day," Marshman said. "That's when I know students are learning the most!"

Principal Brittany DerCola has had a front row seat to many of these moments, and is excited for Marshman to add this well-deserved honor to her list of accomplishments.

"Karly is deeply attuned to the needs and interests of her students," DerCola said. "She has created a welcoming and inclusive environment where everyone feels safe and valued. Her dedication, visibility, and commitment to excellence make her an invaluable asset to both the school and the district."

The opportunities continue beyond the school day. The Camden FFA Chapter was re-established for the first time in decades under Marshman's leadership. It serves students at the middle school and high school levels. The reborn chapter recently took its first student to the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis, as senior Patrick Eveleth attended this Fall.

In the Summer, Marshman hosts a two-week Agriculture course through the Camp Sum-More-Fun Summer Enrichment Program, where she leads her students through fast-paced experiential learning. She also brings students to compete in Agriculture shows at fairs, such as the Boonville Oneida County Fair and the New York State Fair.

When one looks at Marshman's career at Camden, it forms a list of ongoing accomplishments far too numerous to mention here. She goes above and beyond not just for a paycheck, but to deliver every student the opportunity to reach their potential.



***"The students are the reason I show up every day," Marshman said.
"Each student makes me want to do more for them and set them up for success."***

CHS Hosts Special Olympics Youth Activation Summit

On Thursday, January 30th, student-athlete leaders, teachers, coaches, and athletic directors from across the area convened at Camden High School as Special Olympics New York hosted a Youth Activation Committee session. The Youth Activation Committee is a summit featuring schools from around the area that focuses on inclusivity in sport, school-wide involvement, and inter-scholastic collaboration. It serves to build excitement and drive engagement in the upcoming Unified Sports seasons.

In the Unified Sports program, students with disabilities and students without disabilities all compete together on the same court, field, or alley. Camden currently participates in Unified Basketball and Bowling, and has enjoyed success in both.

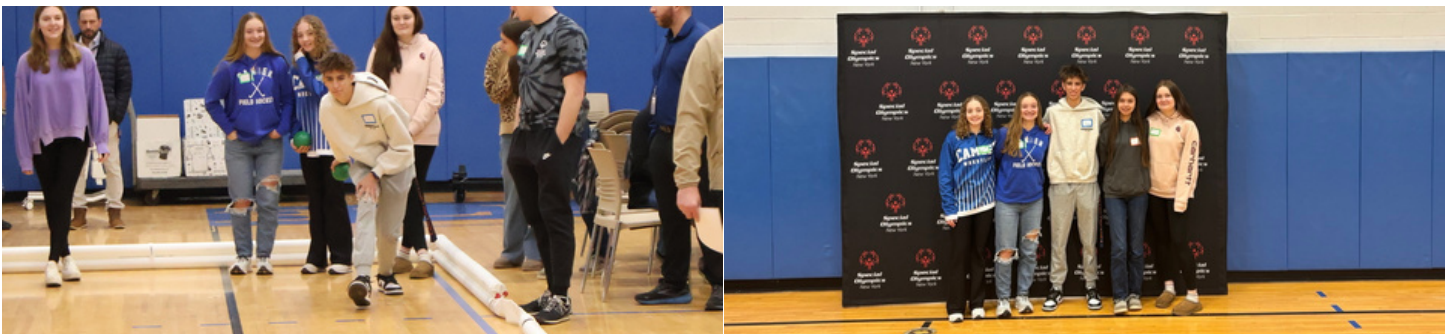
Students from Vernon Verona Sherrill, Central Valley Academy, Adirondack, Whitesboro, and Camden attended this year's meeting. Representing Camden this year was Zachary Giarrusso, Ryen Lago, Katherine Redden, Liz Conover, Kamryn Gloude, and teachers Diana Carpenter and Shannon McPheron.

As part of this year's summit, students had the opportunity to learn more about a growing sports participation opportunity in the state that is accessible for many: Bocce. The sport is near and dear to the hearts of many in the area with the World Series of Bocce held in Rome each year, and school districts in Western New York have recently added Bocce to their Unified Sports programs on an intramural basis with great success. The accessible and easily adaptable nature of Bocce fits well into the Unified philosophy by including an even wider range of students than ever before.

Special Olympics New York provided a demonstration court for students to give the game a try in the school's gymnasium, and to build an understanding of its rules in hopes that it will drum up interest at their respective schools.

Athletic Director Josh Mazzaferro, a Rome native and past World Series of Bocce participant, was proud to have the opportunity to host this event.

"As a school, this opportunity shows our commitment to providing opportunities for students to learn about the importance of leadership within Unified Sports," Mazzaferro said. "I hope our kids know that they can truly make an impact within their school and community by getting involved and promoting Unified Sports. The Special Olympics did a great job of providing students with activities and ideas to bring back to their school, so my hope is that everyone was able to take at least one thing from today and put it to use as we kick off the season!"



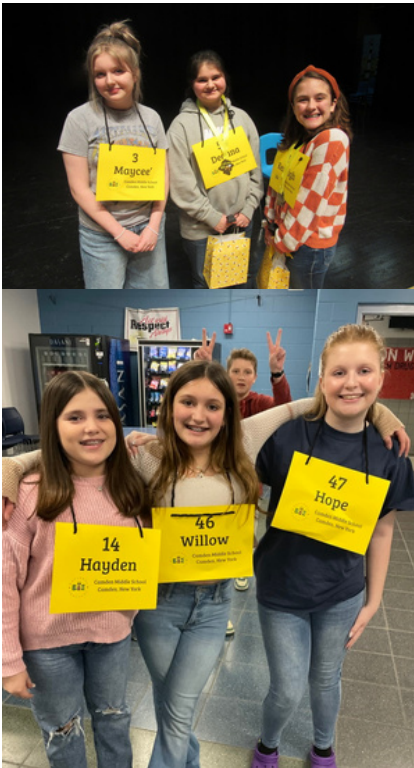
Rocker Places Third at SkillsUSA

Congratulations to Camden High School junior Gareth Rocker on his third place finish in the Power Equipment Technology category at the Area II SkillsUSA Regional Meet.

With his top 3 finish, Gareth will advance to compete at the SkillsUSA State Competition in April!



Spelling Bee A Showcase Of Sportsmanship



On Wednesday, January 23rd, the curtain rose on a unique brand of drama at Camden Middle School. In front of a live audience, 52 students were auditioning to play the lead role by the time the night was over. There was no script written out ahead of time, but with careful preparation, you might be able to spell it out letter-by-letter on the fly.

This was the 2025 edition of the Camden Middle School Scripps Spelling Bee. After advancing out of their classroom competitions, the strongest spellers from grades 5-8 took the stage to participate in one of Camden Middle School's most treasured traditions, as well as a nationwide phenomenon.

This marked the 11th time that Camden has held the Bee under the supervision of Scripps, the organization that leads the National Spelling Bee. Furthermore, the students on stage took part in a major milestone for the long-running event, as 2025 marks the 100th year of the National Spelling Bee.

This year's Bee set a strong pace right out of the gate, as 23 of the 52 competitors on hand tore through the first five rounds without issue. Of note was how well the spellers supported one another and displayed tremendous sportsmanship throughout the night.

The competition progressed into the 18th round, when eighth grader Kenleigh VanWinkle put the finishing touches on her victory. This year's winning word was "Vial", defined as a small container, typically cylindrical and made of glass, used especially for holding liquid medicines. While a short word, choosing the correct vowel and avoiding the use of its homonym, "Vile", offered its own challenge to the competitors.

VanWinkle led a podium sweep by the Class of 2029, with eighth grade classmates Deanna Mikhaylyuk (2nd) and Maycee Armstrong (3rd) rounding out the top triumvirate. With a win, Kenleigh has earned the opportunity to advance to the at-large Scripps regional qualifier if she elects to do so.

This program is hosted by the Camden Middle School ELA/Reading Department with support from Title I.

On Friday, November 22nd, the Camden Central School District and Camden Middle School were honored to host Regent Patrick A. Mannion from the New York State Board of Regents. The Board of Regents is the supervisory body for all educational activities in the state of New York. It meets monthly to shape the state's education policy.

During his visit to Camden, Mr. Mannion received a tour of some areas that have defined Camden Middle School's evolution into a National/New York State "School to Watch". To start, he learned about the role our Connected Community Schools partnership plays in the well-being of our students. He also saw our new turf baseball field, and visited our agriculture program. In the agriculture room, one of our resident teacher/farmers, Brianne Willson, was able to give a brief overview of the space and the curriculum that she helped to bring back to Camden.

Before he departed, Mr. Mannion led CMS Student Leadership members in a roundtable discussion about the challenges and opportunities in modern education from a student's perspective, and our students came prepared with outstanding questions and suggestions!

CMS Hosts Visit From NYS Regent Mannion





CES Celebrates Attendance Power Paw Program

It's well-known that good academic outcomes begin, in part, with good school attendance habits. Yet, many school districts across the country have found some difficulty in maintaining those habits in the years following pandemic-related shifts in the learning model.

In New York alone, the rate of chronic absenteeism stood at 18.6 percent of students in the 2018-19 school year. For the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years, that percentage rose to around 30 percent statewide. Chronic absenteeism is defined by missing at least 10 percent of days in a school year, and even missing just two days a month puts a student over that mark.



With the early years especially important to long-term success, Camden Elementary School decided to implement a goal-oriented approach that would empower students and families to make attendance a priority. The school's concept came to life in the form of the new CES Power Paw program.

The Power Paw was a school-wide challenge aimed at creating positive attendance habits and helping the entire school community to hold each other accountable for being in school on time each day. Under the program, a daily goal of 93% student attendance was set school-wide. Each time the student body met that goal, they earned one Power Paw.

To encourage consistency, a goal was set from the beginning of October, to right before the holiday recess. From October 1st until December 18th, students needed to receive a Power Paw on 40 out of 50 possible school days, and they reached that goal. In exchange, students were treated with a movie and a popcorn party at noon hour on Wednesday, December 18th.

As enjoyable as that may be, the greatest rewards will come in the long run. Consistent attendance opens many doors to opportunity throughout a student's education and into adulthood. In the interim, the Camden Elementary School administrative team is happy to reflect on an exciting milestone.

"We are so incredibly proud of our students," Principal Craig Ferretti and Assistant Principal Amanda Mitchell said. "They have shown up each day while making amazing gains academically, behaviorally and socially."



VIP Dance

On February 12th, the Camden High School cafeteria was jumping with excitement as the Camden Elementary School PTO played host to its VIP Dance. CES students were encouraged to dress up and bring an important person in their life for an unforgettable night of dancing, with DJ Gary Johnson spinning his best family-friendly hits. Thanks to all who helped to support making this happen for our students!



Kirch to Serve As Interim Principal

The Camden Central School District recently announced the appointment of Sharon Kirch to serve as interim principal of McConnellsville Elementary School for the final three months of the 2024-25 academic year. Kirch will step in for Heidi Allen, who is departing at the end of March to take a role as the Executive Director of Special Education in the East Syracuse-Minoa School District.

Kirch stands as a familiar face to many in the District. The Florence resident spent the entirety of her career in education with Camden, attended Camden schools as a student, and raised three children who also attended Camden. She graduated from Camden High School in 1975, and is set to celebrate her 50th Class Reunion this year.



Sharon got a late start into the field of education, but has certainly made the years count with an illustrious career. After graduating CHS and receiving her degree, Kirch spent about 10 years working in an Optometry office, and also taught religious education for a time while starting to raise her three children. One conversation with her mother changed everything.

"She said 'You seem to be so happy teaching, so why not go into teaching?'," Kirch said. "And so I went back to school."

While working on a second degree at Oswego State, Kirch dove into the field as a teaching assistant working in the library at Camden Middle School. She began teaching in 1992 at North Bay Elementary School, and her upward trajectory continued from there. She taught 1st, 3rd, and 4th grade in thirteen years before a move to the District Office put her on the track toward administrative work. During the 2005-06 school year, she was the project coordinator for the 21st Century Community Center after school program in partnership with the YMCA.

When funding for that opportunity expired, Kirch moved to Camden Elementary to be assistant principal for two years, then returned to North Bay as principal until the building's closure at the end of the 2013-14 school year. She was Camden Elementary School's principal until her 2018 retirement.

By her own admission, there's times where she believes she retired early. And that is part of the allure of coming back for an interim role.

"I've needed to get back to work and get back to working with kids and the adults here," Kirch said. "I've always wanted to give back to this community and I've always loved my job."

Kirch has been working alongside Allen in a part time capacity to prepare for her role. She will serve the District through June 30th. A search for a new permanent principal is underway.

They've Got NEXT

CHS
Welcomes
Eighth
Graders for
Tour Day

For our eighth grade students, the time has come to start thinking about their path in High School. On Friday, January 24th, Camden High School played host to members of the Class of 2029 to help them understand the opportunities available to them starting next year. Groups of eighth grade students rotated through different departments around the building to meet their upcoming teachers and get more information about classes offered at the high school level. Some teachers even offered brief hands-on demonstrations for students to enjoy!

The hope is to help each student make informed decisions about their course load that will fit their interests and aspirations.

Accompanying each group of students were members of Camden High School student leadership, who were available to answer any questions from a student's perspective. Participating members included Calli Evans, Jade Barringer, Madison Hildenbrandt, Hailey Hicks, Gage Grinnell, Piper Snyder, Mackenzie Keil, Brooklyn Waterman, Bella Keller, Alex Mitchell, Adam Orsino, Natalya Farr, Madison Fuller, Katie Phelps, Lainie Liberatore, Brodie Buckingham, and Hannah Smith.

Before setting out on their tour, the eighth graders enjoyed lunch in the CHS cafeteria, and received a warm welcome from a familiar face, principal Aaron Fiorini.

"We want to give you as much information as possible," Fiorini said to the group. "When you come here, the clock starts ticking. It all starts with your schedule. If you have a schedule that you enjoy and classes that you like, you are more likely to come to school and be engaged in school. That's why we're doing this."

101st Day goes "To The Dogs"

We hear a lot about earning your stripes, but what about earning your spots? After the first 100 days, McConnellsville Elementary School earned theirs on Friday, February 28th! To celebrate the 101st day of school, many students have fittingly come in costume as Dalmatians! Props to McVile teacher Erica Wimberly for bringing this fun idea to school!





Shop With A Cop Returns

With Christmas Eve a week away, a typical elementary school student dreams of countless possibilities in anticipation of the upcoming holiday. Luckily for thirteen third grade students from the Camden Central School District, members of the local law enforcement community were on the case of making some of those dreams a reality on Tuesday, December 17th.

That was the scene as the District teamed up with the Camden Police Benevolent Association, Camden Police Department, and International Wire to present its "Shop With A Cop" initiative.

The initiative returned for 2024 after a brief absence. Prior to that, the event ran for many years and was one of the most highly anticipated events on the District's calendar. It is similar in scope to events held across the country. Students were selected based on an understanding of need, and paired with one of thirteen area law enforcement officers for a daytime shopping excursion at the Rome, NY Walmart location.

Three agencies serving the Camden, NY area were represented. Three officers were on hand from the Camden Police Department, eight officers attended from the Oneida County Sheriff's Office, and two troopers from the New York State Police were able to take part. Some of the participating officers volunteered their time off-duty to participate.

With a \$125.00 budget in hand, and an officer by their side, the third graders took to the aisles looking for the perfect gift for themselves, and for those closest to them. From toys, to sporting goods, to clothing, their shopping carts reflected a wide variety of personalities and wishes unique to each student.

Following the excursion, the students and their law enforcement partners travelled to International Wire headquarters in Camden, where they were treated to lunch from Avicelli's in the company's dining area. They received a small gift and a visit from Santa himself, before heading back to school to finish their day. International Wire's participation was coordinated by Kerri Grant and Heather Van Winkle.

This year's version of "Shop With A Cop" was led by Village of Camden Police Chief Sean Redden, and the shopping budget was funded by the Camden Police Benevolent Association. Fourth Grade teacher Amy Paul and school counselor Kelly Mirabelli served as the school's liasons in the endeavor.

"We feel the Shop With A Cop program is important because it fosters a positive relationship between our students and the awesome police officers in our community," The pair said. "This is also a chance to bring some holiday joy to our elementary students as well."

With 2024's event in the books, plans are even more ambitious for 2025. The hope is that approximately 20 student/officer pairings will be able to take part. A very special thank you goes out to all who contributed!

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- 3 Submit your packet and supporting documentation. Scan and email to rarchibee@camdenccd.org, fax to 315-245-1622, or mail/drop-off at the Camden CSD Offices, 51 Third Street, Camden, NY 13316. You can also drop finished packets off at either Elementary School.

Any  Questions? District registrar Rachel Archibee can be reached at (315) 245-4096.

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