

FALLSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL COMET NEWS

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Dear School Community Member:

I hope this issue of the Comet newsletter finds you in the very best of health and spirit. I would like to begin by wishing us one and all the very best of everything in 2022. I hope that everyone had a safe, healthy and relaxing opportunity to celebrate the holidays.

As the New Year is upon us, we are still dealing with the COVID-19 infection rate rising in our community and in our area. While we are hoping that the infection rate will slow down, we are continuing our protocols to keep the infection rate as low as possible in our school buildings while maintaining in-person learning to the greatest extent possible.

In terms of school safety, we dealt with a few online threats in December that ended up not being credible, but we took each one seriously and we worked with law enforcement and the District Attorney's office to make sure that each and every occurrence was fully investigated. As a result, students, staff and visitors were protected throughout. I am very thankful to our parents for supporting our efforts and for the feedback we have received. I can truly say that this was a team effort that included students, staff, parents, community members and law enforcement.

We will be following up on student internet safety in each of our school buildings and continuing working on the importance of, "If you see something, say something." "If You See Something, Say Something®" is a national campaign that raises public awareness, as well as the importance of reporting suspicious activity to state and local law enforcement.

In terms of planning for a new school budget, the Board of Education is gearing up for a brand-new budget season with the goal of balancing what students need with what the District can afford. This is never an easy balance to strike, but, for the past few budget seasons we have kept the tax levy increase to a minimum and the Board has that same goal for this new budget season.

Thank you for your support during these constantly challenging times and may this New Year bring us the things we wish for.

Educationally yours,

Dr. Ivan J. Katz, Ed. D.

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SAVE THE DATE

The 2022 Retirement dinner is scheduled for June 10th at Bernie's. Mark your calendars!

Wishing you all a Happy, Healthy, COVID-free Holiday.

Eileen Kalter

From the High School Principal

Greetings Happy New Year Comet Families!

I hope that 2022 finds you well! We are excited to be back in the building after a well-deserved winter break for all!

A few updates:

- Our Winter Concert was rescheduled from December to January 18th here at the Junior Senior High School. We are so excited to see our student musicians showcase their talent and hard work!
- Students will be picking their classes for the next school year in the next few weeks. I would like to encourage all students to review our course offerings, especially for elective courses, to find new classes that may interest you! We offer various classes that are aligned with student interests!
- Our building has recently welcomed a third social worker to our faculty. As a result, we have three mental health professionals here on site to support student mental health needs. If your child ever requires someone to talk to, please encourage them to reach out to the social worker for their grade level.
- After school tutorial sessions are offered for students after school each day - any student who is failing a class, or who just wants to improve their grade, should attend.
- Students on quarantine - as a reminder, if a student is on quarantine and feeling healthy, they should log into their classes virtually. This is critical so that learning continues despite any quarantine order.

Thank you everyone! As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

All the best,

Kyle Roddey

From the High School Assistant Principal

Dear Fallsburg Families,

As the calendar year draws to a close, I would like to take a moment to send heartfelt wishes for an upcoming year of health, safety, and scholarship for our students and their families. While 2021 brought us continued unforeseen challenges, as a collective community we have been able to continue to rise to handle new situations as they unfold and celebrate our successes together.

As 2022 begins, we are looking ahead to showcasing our students with regard to their choral and band performances, which have been rescheduled for the month of January. We are also happy to announce auditions for our spring musical, which I know will bring another layer of excitement, dedication, and energy to our school community.

Additionally, I am looking forward to celebrating our students in the upcoming months for their achievements on Honor Roll, Attendance, and our PBIS "On a Roll" celebratory breakfast for students who have shown an improvement in the areas of attendance, grades, and/or behaviors. It is my belief that by taking the time to recognize student scholars that they will be encouraged to maintain their sights on achieving their goals. As a student, if you are someone who needs to get back on track, consider the start of 2022 as an opportunity for a reset - what goals can you set for yourself that will help you be successful and demonstrate your best self within our Fallsburg community? Please head into 2022 with a clear mindset, renewed focus, and a commitment to meeting your goals. As always, feel free to reach out to myself or another member of our school community for support.

Have a wonderful beginning to 2022!

Sincerely,

Shana Bruestle

From the Elementary Principal

Happy New Year!

We hope that you and your family had a wonderful Winter Break. We wish a safe, healthy and happy New Year, filled with love, laughter and much happiness!

Love,

Mary Kate Stinehour

From the Elementary Assistant Principal

As I write this article, on December 20th, I would like to take this opportunity to state that I hope that everyone had a very happy and restful holiday season!

The holidays are a time to be with family and friends, and to “recharge our batteries” and get ready for January and February!

Sincerely,

Dave Viglione

BCES SGA Gives Presents to Pre-K Children

Benjamin Cosor Elementary School (BCES) Student Government Association Advisor Peter Dworetzky arrived at the morning and afternoon sessions of Pre-K classes with three SGA elves to provide Christmas gifts to all the children. He told the classes that the group purchased and wrapped all the gifts for the past many years. Sixth graders Heaven Mathews, Kiara Sauer and Stephon Harris spoke on behalf of the SGA brothers and sisters and told the younger children how happy they were to bring smiles to their

faces. In the afternoon class, they each shared what was the most special Christmas gift they ever received. The day coincided with the school’s annual Pajama Day so many of the children as well as staff were wearing pajamas. It made the occasion seem like Christmas morning.

The Pre-K children thanked the SGA after they received

the individual gifts at a special table set up with gifts next to cut-outs of different shapes. Each child had been given a cut-out to match up with the presents.

Pre-K teacher Ms. Mindy Conciatori and her Assistant Jennifer Varner were very pleased to watch the

children opening their gifts and shouting out a very loud “Thank you” to the wonderful visitors bearing such wonderful presents. What a great way to end the first semester of the 2021-2022 school year!



Monticello Rotary Food Drive Volunteers



FFCSD Interact Students volunteering at Monticello Rotary food drive benefiting United Way and Sullivan County Federation of the Homeless on Thanksgiving weekend.

Kathryn Grodin, Advisor



Social Workers Distribute Warm Clothing at FCSD



For as far back as anyone can remember, Fallsburg Central School District (FCSD) has been distributing warm coats and other clothing during the very cold Catskill winters. With the support of the school nurses, administrators and social workers in both school buildings, families with special needs benefit from the donations of school staff, local service agencies such as Kiwanis and Elks, and, especially, from Assemblywoman Aileen Gunther's office. The actual donations are handled by the Social Workers in both buildings.



Monticello Elks Lodge BPOE #1544 donated winter coats, hats and gloves for our JSHS students and BCES students.



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Elementary Music

Here are some pictures with some of the Elementary General Music Classes with Ms. Kleinman



Spring Athletics Registration:

Athletic Registration- FamilyID: <https://www.familyid.com/fallsburg-central-school-district-athletics>

*Please note that registration will open 30 days prior to the start of the season. Registration will only open once the District has appointed a certified athletic coach. *

Link to required NYS physical form: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/documents/health-exam-form.pdf>

Athletic Schedules: <https://www.sectionixny.org/public/genie/1336/school/197/>

Spring Sports Start Dates 2022:

JV/Varsity - Monday, March 14, 2022 • Modified - Monday, March 21, 2022 • FamilyID registration opens - February 13

Reminder:

If your child is required to quarantine following an exposure, they will not be allowed to return to the building without the release form provided to you by the DOH. Please forward your child's release form to our school nurses at the emails listed below.

BCES Nurse: aherbert@fallsburgcsd.net • JSJS Nurse: jjaracole@fallsburgcsd.net

2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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 SCHOOL CLOSED
 CONFERENCE DAY
 REGENTS EXAMS
 TESTING DAYS
 GO HOME EARLY DRILL

SCHOOL CLOSED

SEPTEMBER	6, 7, 16
OCTOBER	11
NOVEMBER	11, 24 - 26
DECEMBER	24-31
JANUARY	17
FEBRUARY	21
APRIL	15 - 22
MAY	30
JUNE	20

MAKE-UP DAYS

Day 1	2/21
Day 2	4/22
Day 3	4/21
Day 4	4/20

SCHOOL DAYS

SEPTEMBER	16
OCTOBER	19
NOVEMBER	18
DECEMBER	17
JANUARY	20
FEBRUARY	18
MARCH	22
APRIL	15
MAY	21
JUNE	17

TOTAL 183 + 4 CONF - 7 SNOW = 180

Updated: 7/7/2021

- 8 = FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL
- 24 = LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
- 25 = GRADUATION

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"Fallsburg Central School District is a safe, nurturing environment, where excellence is expected, diversity and individuality are celebrated, and learning prepares students to face the challenges of an ever-changing global society."

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If you want to notify the tax collector with a change of address, you can now e-mail that information to: tax@fallsburgcsd.net.

Keeping you informed...

1/3/2022 School Resumes	1/19/22 Board of Education Mtg 7:00pm	2/18/22 Superintendent's Conf. Day
1/12/22 Board of Education Mtg 7:00pm	1/26/22 BCES Winter Concert part 2 HS Aud 7pm	2/21/22 School Closed
1/17/22 School Closed	1/27/22 BCES Winter Concert part 1 HS Aud 7pm	3/2/22 Board of Education Mtg 7:00pm
1/18/22 Jr/Sr HS Concert 7:00pm	2/2/22 Board of Education Mtg 7:00pm	3/16/22 Board of Education Mtg 7:00pm
1/20/22 Concert Snow Date 7:00pm	2/16/22 Board of Education Mtg 7:00pm	3/18/22 Superintendent's Conf. Day

Here is the link to join a Board of Education meeting: meet.google.com/ams-jbov-grd

Phone number to call in: 1-575-459-0023 (PIN: 343634508)