Welcome Back to School

Dear Cazenovia School Community,

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you back to the start of a new school year. I truly believe there is nothing like it! The excitement and potential of a new school year always brings an energy that is contagious.

For those of you whom I have met, thank you for the warm welcome. Your sharing of Cazenovia’s institutional history and culture has made my transition to Cazenovia a smooth process. For those of you I have not had the good fortune of meeting, I look forward to getting to know you.

This is my 26th year in education and I can honestly say that I have never entered a school year with as much enthusiasm and optimism as I do this year. This enthusiasm is born in part from the work I have done this summer with teachers, support staff, and administrators all of whom have exhibited laser-like focus on student growth and learning.

I hope that everyone has enjoyed a restful and rejuvenating summer. The school has been active over the summer with our twelve-month staff working hard to make sure we can hit the ground running. A big “Thank You” goes out to the many people that were busy this summer preparing for the students’ return.

We have also been busy this summer filling the positions left vacant by our distinguished retirees and those that have moved on to other pursuits. I encourage you to welcome our new faculty and staff members and make them feel part of our school community:

• Eric Knuth…………………………………………High School Principal
• Terry Ward…………………………………Director of Special Education
• Maureen Scoville…………………………Secondary French Teacher
• Emily Whalen …………………………Secondary Library Media Specialist
• Lea Greene……………………………………Speech Therapist

I look forward to seeing all of you as we start the 2014-2015 school year. I also look forward to working with each of you to make this outstanding school district even better.

Game on!

Matthew Reilly
Matthew Reilly • Superintendent of Schools

For district news, be sure to follow Cazenovia Central Schools (@CazenoviaCSD), Superintendent Matthew Reilly (@CazSupt) and Assistant Superintendent William Furlong (@BFurlongCAZcsd) on Twitter.
**Transportation department news & back-to-school reminders**

- Route information will be available the week of August 25th on the school website at [www.caz.cnyric.org](http://www.caz.cnyric.org).
- Bus routes will appear in the Cazenovia Republican September 3rd, 2014 issue.
- All buses leave the Transportation Center between 6:40 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- Bus arrival times along each route should be approximately the same as last year.
- Students should be at their designated bus pick up area five minutes prior to bus arrival.
- Afternoon drop off times will run approximately 15 minutes late the first few days of school as we check our ridership.
- As we begin the school year our staff discusses school bus safety with all students. Students will be participating in a bus safety drill the second week of instruction.
- Daycare information must be renewed annually. Notification prior to the first day of school allows for a smooth dismissal and less anxiety for students. You may fax or mail the information to the appropriate school.
- Drop off and pick up at Burton Street Elementary School should be done in the back parking lot off of Clark Street. Middle School pick up and drop off should be done on Emory Avenue before the bus circle in the drop off and pick up area. High School students should be dropped off and picked up in the parking lot off of Forman Street at the portico doorway area.
- Please honor the 20 mph school speed zone.

We wish all students and their families a safe and healthy school year!

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**2014-2015 Cafeteria Prices & Online Payment Information**

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Online payments can be made at: [https://www.myschoolbucks.com](https://www.myschoolbucks.com)

- View Account balances and meal purchases
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- Pay with your credit/debit card or electronic check

Please make all checks payable to Cazenovia Central Schools or CCSD.

**Important Tax Collection Information**

Cazenovia Central Schools is now using the Cazenovia branch office of Oneida Savings Bank to receive school property tax bill payments.

Oneida Savings Bank will accept school tax bill payments during normal bank hours in the lobby of the Cazenovia branch office. Payments cannot be made using the drive-thru window.

As in the past, payments can also be made via mail and at the District Business Office located in the Middle School located on Emory Avenue.

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**Sports Schedules & Sports News**

All varsity-JV-modified sports schedules can be accessed using the Cazenovia C.S.D. website at [www.caz.cnyric.org](http://www.caz.cnyric.org). For fall 2014 game schedules choose “Athletics Cazenovia Lakers” from the top menu header and then choose, “I. Fall Sports” under the “Athletic Schedules” on the pop-up menu or the left side menu if you had clicked on “Athletics Cazenovia Lakers”.

Please follow @CazenoviaLakers on Twitter. Updates and links to our students and teams in the news are posted throughout the day. Announcements for cancellations, time changes, and other important items are also posted on our feed. As of August 14th we are up to 475 followers, please join Laker Nation!

Go Lakers!
Dear Cazenovia Families:

It is my pleasure to introduce myself as the new Principal at Cazenovia High School. I am honored to become part of a school community so dedicated to student learning, achievement, and success. Over this summer I had the opportunity to work with many of our faculty and staff members and the enthusiasm, care, and dedication they bring to their profession is truly remarkable. I consider myself very fortunate to have become part of this team.

Our incredible professionals have been hard at work refining curriculum, planning lessons, and getting our building in top condition. While this time has been productive, there is something very unnatural about working in a school without students. We look forward to having your children fill our halls once again on September 4th.

We have several new additions to our Jr./Sr. High School team this year:

- Miss Maureen Scoville is our new French teacher; Miss Emily Whalen will be the new librarian. Our new speech therapist and school psychologist will be announced pending approval by the Board of Education. We welcome all of them to Cazenovia School District.

It is my firm belief that a quality educational experience requires positive relationships and this will be a focus of mine this year. To that end, please encourage your students to get involved. We have clubs, sports, and activities to serve any interest. There is something at Cazenovia for everyone. Encourage your students to reach out to our dedicated faculty and administration. We are united in our commitment to student success and our desire for an outstanding educational experience for all Cazenovia students.

I am looking forward to working with you and your children in the coming school year and I am committed to continuing the tradition of excellence at Cazenovia Schools. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns and I look forward to meeting each of you personally this year.

Enjoy the rest of the summer!

Warm regards,

Eric Knuth, Principal
How to Be Successful in High School

• JOIN AN ACTIVITY.
  Students who are involved in sports, music, or other extra-curricular activities tend to (1) enjoy school more, and (2) are more successful in their studies. You build friendships and learn time management skills – both of these are skills that will set you up for success in all you choose to do!

• SET UP A SCHEDULE.
  For classes that are harder, make sure you give yourself more time to study or do homework. Also make time for recreation and social activities; they are just as important as your grades.

• START STUDYING FOR 10-15 MINUTES AT A TIME AND THEN BUILD UP TO LONGER PERIODS OF TIME.
  Start reading/studying for 10-15 minutes. Then build on that by 10 minutes once you become comfortable studying for at least an hour at a time. So work hard, but be realistic. If you can no longer concentrate or remember what you have read, stop. Do not waste valuable time.

• TAKE BREAKS.
  Take breaks when studying. Do not attempt to cram! Study small portions of material, take a break and then study some more. You will retain more information when you break it down into smaller portions that you can manage. You do not want to get burned out.

• REWARD YOURSELF.
  Reward yourself for studying, learning a difficult topic, or completing a project. Go to a movie, spend time with your friends, or do the things you put off in order to study. You are more likely to study again and concentrate if you know there is a reward at the end of completing a task.

• FIND A GOOD LOCATION.
  Where you study can determine how much concentrate. Make sure the place is comfortable, but not too comfortable. Sitting at a desk or table is best. Avoid lying across the bed. You want to try to study in the same type of situation that you will be testing. This helps with remembering the things you studied for the test.

• USE THE SAME PLACE FOR STUDYING.
  This will help you with your memory when it is time for a test. It will also help you to concentrate better, because you will be in a routine or habit of studying in the same place. Having a quiet place to study is also important. Playing your favorite CD, or radio station, or even the TV will get in the way of you concentrating on your studies. Leaving your cell phone next to you is a major distraction, and eliminates your minds ability to focus.

• ELIMINATE THE OBVIOUS DISTRACTIONS.
  Talking on the telephone is a major distraction when you are trying to study. Other distractions that you should look out for are the radio, TV, video games, family talking around your study area. Even seeing your books for another class can distract you. So put them away until you are ready to study for the next class. Once you get rid of as many distractions as you can, you will improve you study skills.

• EMOTIONAL MOODS.
  Try studying in a similar emotional mood you have during a test. This also increases your memory during testing. When you are too relaxed during studying it does not match the same level of emotions as when testing. This also works in reverse. If you are too psyched-up or tensed during your test, you will not be able to remember what you studied. This is why it is important that you learn to calm yourself down during tests.

MILITARY RELEASE FORM

ATTENTION JUNIORS AND SENIORS: Section 9528 of the "No Child Left Behind Act" of 2001 requires schools to release personal data of all students to military recruiters unless students “opt out” in writing.

Therefore, we are providing the opportunity to “opt out” of your personal information being sent. If you DO NOT want Cazenovia Central School District to release your personal information (name, address, and phone number) to military personnel, please complete the bottom portion of this page, and return it to the Counseling Office by Friday, September 26, 2014. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Counseling Office at 655-5301.

I do not want my name included with the registry information provided to military recruiters.

Name: ________________________________ Grade: __________________

Signature: ______________________________ Date: ____________________
Welcome back to Cazenovia Middle School

The beloved story of *Aladdin* will be brought to thrilling theatrical life on November 6th, 7th & 8th in the Cazenovia High School auditorium. With just one rub of a magic lamp, Aladdin’s journey will sweep you into an exotic world full of daring adventure, classic comedy, and timeless romance. It will be an unforgettable experience that will include Academy Award winning music.

Audition packets filled with information and requirements may be picked up outside the Middle School office starting Friday August 8th. Auditions will begin the Tuesday and Wednesday before school starts and continue through Saturday, September 6th, plenty of time to make room for everyone.

Discover a Whole New World: Audition for the Cazenovia Junior High 2014 Fall Musical!

Welcome back to Burton Street Elementary School

Dear Middle School Parents and Students,

Welcome Back!

I hope families and friends enjoyed a wonderful summer. I am looking forward to reconnecting with our students and meeting our new 5th graders.

In our efforts to better communicate with parents our school uses a variety of tools. Each student is given an Agenda, which serves as a daily assignment book and place for written dialogue between teachers and parents. It is also our Student Handbook, which outlines the rights and responsibilities of our population. Parents must sign the inside cover of the Agenda after having reviewed it with their child. Student grades and attendance are available through our Parent Portal. The Parent Portal passwords remain the same as last year. Incoming 5th graders received a brochure with their specific information this summer. If you require assistance or have misplaced your password, please call Mrs. Turner at 655-1324.

All of our faculty members are accessible through email. Their addresses are listed on our website. We hope that we can work together to assure student success. It is extremely important that you contact us with questions or concerns to further facilitate open lines of communication.

Our first school wide event is Thursday, September 18th at 6:30 p.m. as we open our doors for parents to visit their child’s classroom and learn more about the curriculum and expectations of each teacher. We run a modified schedule and provide sign-up sheets for those parents who would like to request a conference. Due to the content and structure of the evening, this night is for parents only.

The Middle School PTA is a vital part of our school and we invite all parents to join us. Meeting dates are listed on the district calendar or call our office if you have questions. The PTA provides leadership in educating parents about a variety of topics appropriate for middle level kids and sponsors many events that promote student self esteem through cooperative interaction in less formal settings. Your participation is the key to PTA success.

Yours truly,

Jean J. Regan
Jean J. Regan, Ed.D. • Principal

Welcome back to Burton Street Elementary School

Dear Families,

Welcome back to what promises to be another wonderful year at Burton Street Elementary School. Here are just a few reminders to help make this year a successful and safe year:

- All staff email is on our district website. If you do not feel your question has been answered, you can always contact me at 655-1325.
- The first Burton Street event is our curriculum night, which is for parents only. It will be September 11th starting at 6:30 p.m. A schedule for the evening will come home in your child’s backpack.
- We will be continuing our character education program as we “Catch the Wave” of good character education traits. The first assembly will be September 15th at 1:45 p.m. as we kick off the year with PRIDE!!!
- On behalf of the entire Burton Street Staff I welcome all our new kindergarten families and all new families joining our Burton Street Team!!! I look forward to seeing everyone soon!!!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mary-Ann MacIntosh • Principal
THE LAKER SEASON PASS

Starting at the first home varsity football game each school year, and continuing into the winter sports season, the District sells season passes, known as Laker Season Pass cards, at the game’s ticket table. An adult pass costs $20 and a student pass costs $10. Passes are good for admission to all Football, Basketball, and Volleyball games when tickets are sold. Sectional and State Playoff Contests are not covered by the Laker Pass. Regular single game admission prices for Adults are $2. The fee is $1 for students and $1 for senior citizens. Children not yet enrolled in kindergarten and younger are free admission.

SPECIAL CITIZEN GOLD CARD AVAILABLE

Attention, adults 62 years and up. The Gold Card is available upon request. It allows free admittance to Cazenovia athletic events and to the dress rehearsal for the school play.

PLEASE CALL 655-1317 FOR MORE INFORMATION.