



# Greene Central School NEWSLETTER

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## Superintendent's Message

Winter is upon us and although that brings cold weather it also brings fresh snow and the beautiful settings it provides. It also means the holidays are upon us, and it is the season to be thankful, show kindness, and give back to others.

We have a lot to be thankful for at GCS, and I am so proud of our students and staff for their involvement in activities to show appreciation for our community. In November, our primary school hosted a very successful Veteran's Day celebration and the district kicked off its Veteran Alumni Digital Memorial. December has our students and staff involved in musical events out in the community, as well as participating in fundraising and food drives to support our community. I am also inspired by our families who attend the school events and are committed to supporting our students in every way. Thank you for being so actively involved!

December also brings the anticipation of the New Year. As we prepare to for the future, we have already begun to work on school budgets, and curriculum for next year. We are also committed to improving our communication, and ability to hear from our community. We have embarked on creating a strategic communication plan for the district.

After the New Year you will see a communication survey to start to gather feedback. I will also be setting up dates for in-person "coffee with the community." I will use these times to answer questions and listen to concerns and suggestions. We will schedule various times to try to accommodate different schedules.

Finally, please take the time to scroll through the Greene Central School Facebook page, Twitter, and website. You will find photos of events, and of staff and students throughout the district. There is a lot of great work going on by our student and staff that we want you to be able to see it. Also, a reminder that there is a free GCS app that is available in your app store. To locate it search "Greene Central School," and look for our official logo. You can create your own account and customize a dashboard to receive news and events.

I look forward to seeing you at our winter concerts and athletic events. I wish you and your families a wonderful holiday season and a happy New Year!

Sincerely,  
*Timothy M. Calice*  
Superintendent of Schools

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS • NO SCHOOL

<b>DEC-JAN</b>	<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>MARCH</b>	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>MAY</b>	<b>JUNE</b>
<b>DEC 26-JAN 2 CHRISTMAS BREAK</b>	<b>16 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY</b>	<b>20-24 PRESIDENTS' DAY RECESS</b>	<b>17 STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY</b>	<b>3-7 SPRING RECESS</b>	<b>29 MEMORIAL DAY</b>	<b>19 JUNETEENTH</b>



## **In Case of Bad Weather - GCS Closing Policy**

Adverse weather and/or road conditions may cause school closings or delays. Often, a two-hour delay for our buses will allow road crews enough time to sand or clear roads and provide a much safer transportation situation.

Parents should be advised that our bus drivers are instructed to not travel on any road that appears to be in hazardous conditions. Therefore, even when school is in session, isolated groups of students may not receive bus transportation. Parents are asked to please be extremely cautious when having young students exposed to the cold or wind for lengthy periods of time. Parents, please have your children dress properly for the weather. Example: Coats, boots, and gloves. In the event of a breakdown or an emergency students must be dressed appropriately. Finally, have students stand well back away from the road while waiting for the bus for their safety and the safety of those already on the bus.

In addition to our automated call system, announcements on closures or delays will be posted on our school's web page, our GCS App, Twitter, and the district's Facebook page. The GCS app is free to download; search for Greene Central School District (all four words) in your app store. Please check these first, as some media outlets no longer accept closings and delays because most districts utilize their call system and web page. We will continue to provide snow closing information to area radio and television stations.

### **In the Event of a Delay**

- A. BOCES Occupation School Students—In the event of a two-hour delay in opening, morning BOCES students will not be sent to the area center. They will stay at the High School campus.
- B. Students attending any special class or parochial school will be transported to their respective schools, but with a two-hour delay in arrival time.

It is important to continue to watch and listen for updates!

### **Early Dismissals**

In the event of a forecast that indicates approaching weather that may cause hazardous driving conditions, we may have an early dismissal. In this event, our automated calling system, our school app, our web page, Twitter, Facebook page, and news stations will be updated. We urge parents to alert caregivers of this possibility to ensure that younger children are not left at home unsupervised. Parents of elementary children, please contact the school at your earliest convenience with babysitter information, so that students are loaded properly on their bus in the event of an early dismissal.

—Transportation Department

## Tips to Help Your Special Education Student Find Success in School

At the Greene Central School District, we offer many different special education supports for our students both in district and out of district. Our committee on special education, which includes the parent, makes determinations in the best interest of children throughout the school year. You may be wondering how you as a parent can help support your learner best though. Here are five tips to consider!

1. Communicate with their teachers. Special education should be a team approach and supporting your child's learning at home starts with knowing what they are doing in school. Talk to their teacher about their Individual Education Plan (IEP) and what you can be doing to help your child reach their goals. Take advantage of parent teacher conferences along with the communication method used in your child's classroom be it Seesaw, Google Classroom, email, or others. Showing your child that you and the teacher are on the same page can go a long way in finding success in the school day.
2. Spend time together. While as a school district we understand the importance of academics, there is so much more to creating a well-rounded child. Social and emotional growth are also important. Take time to have fun, relax, and take outings together. Getting involved in out of school activities is an amazing opportunity for all children, not just special education students, to interact with their peers, and Greene offers opportunities for everyone from sports to scouts!
3. Focus on their victories. Often we unintentionally focus on students with disabilities shortcomings. Try focusing on what your child is doing well. Have a conversation every day about what they are learning in school and what they are enjoying. Be sure to congratulate them on new accomplishments, such as moving forward a reading level or trying something new.
4. Be open and listen. Your child might have questions or concerns about their special needs or about life in general. When they speak up about something, be sure to listen. If they ask questions about their disability, be open and positive in your response. Remember, everyone has something that makes them special.
5. Show your full support. No matter what level of need your child has, you are their biggest supporter, and they look to you to build their confidence in themselves.

Raising a child with a disability comes with a unique responsibility. While your child is being nurtured in school, parents extend this nurturing environment into the home and create an encompassing environment that gives children all the tools they need to develop to their highest potential.

—Mrs. Knapp, Director of Special Programs



### Greene CSD is Looking for All Eligible Kindergarten or UPK Students for the 2023/2024 School Year

If you have a student who will be either 4 or 5 by December 1, 2023, please let the Primary School Office know ASAP. Letters go out in January (K) and February (UPK). UPK has a limited number of spots to fill, so names will be drawn at random if more applications are received than we have spaces to fill. You can call (607) 656-4161 or email [janderson@greenecsd.org](mailto:janderson@greenecsd.org) with the information about your child. Please have your student's name, date of birth, home address and phone number included in the email or ready when you call.

—Mrs. Pratt & Mrs. Anderson



## From the School Resource Officer

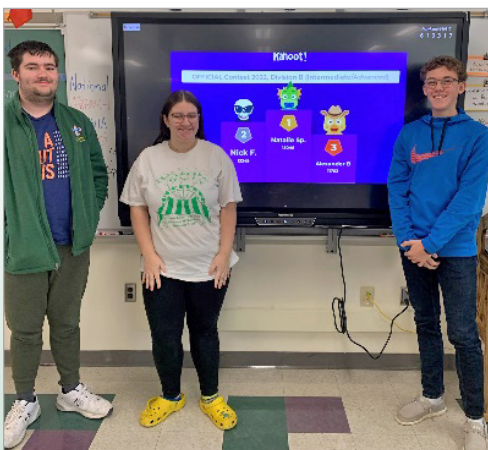
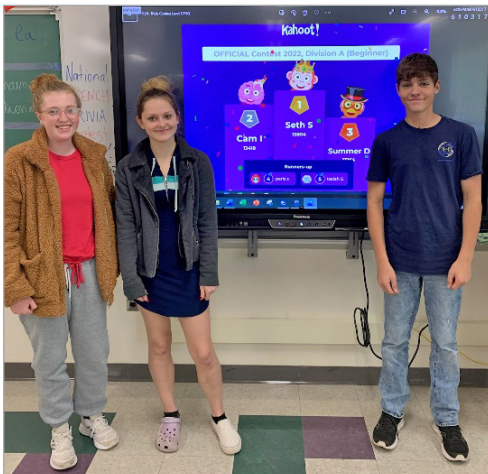
Dear GCS Students and Families,

On October 3rd of this year I started as the second School Resource Officer for the Greene Central School District. The Primary and Intermediate schools will be the main buildings that I will be responsible for, but will certainly spend time in the Middle and High School to become familiar with the entire school district, students and staff. My position as the SRO is to be an extension of the school administration and staff to create a safe and positive learning/teaching environment for students and teachers. I am truly happy to be working with the students, teachers and all the staff here at Greene Central Schools.

I have a 25-year background in law enforcement within the corrections division at the Broome County Sheriff's Office. I began my career as a corrections officer and then became an intelligence officer for the Sheriff's Office, where I was eventually promoted to Sergeant. As a Corrections Officer, I was a member of the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team for the Correctional Facility. My time as an Intelligence Officer was spent gathering information, through interviews and interrogations, and disseminating the pertinent information/intelligence to the appropriate department or agency. I am a NYS certified instructor for NYS General Topics, Use of Force, Firearms, Impact Weapons, and NYS DOJ Reality-Based Training. I have also attended the following additional training: Tactical Debriefing for Field Intelligence Officers, Interview and Interrogation, FBI Basic Crisis Negotiation and NYSIC Field Intelligence Officer. In the near future, I will be attending training with the National Association of School Resource Officers, to become a nationally certified SRO.

My personal philosophy is to take every day as a day to learn something new and try to pass that learning on to others. I am thankful to all for the warm and welcome reactions from the students, teachers and staff that I have met so far with many more to meet. Please feel free to reach out to me via email with any questions/concerns, or anything else you think I might be able to help with: [ddailey@greenecsd.org](mailto:ddailey@greenecsd.org)

—Douglas Dailey, School Resource Officer



## French News

High school French students celebrated National French Week from November 3-9. Celebrations included participating in the National French Trivia Contest, listening to Francophone music, & food tastings. Each class created a mural based on a specific Francophone region. They included Louisiana, France & the French Riviera.

—Mrs. Fish

# Homecoming 2022



## **Homecoming Court October 1, 2022**

*Cassie Butler & Corey Swift*

*Payton Yahner & Clayton Leonard*

*Emma Rice & Maeric Barrows*

*Madison Pavlovich & Paul Starliper*

*Queen & King: Emma Rice & Clayton Leonard*

*9th: Mackenzie Soto & Shane Rideout*

*10th: Claire Flanagan & Nick Holt*

*11th: Lyla Biefeldt & Alex Boel*

## Girls Varsity Swim Sectional Results:

*Madison Pavlovich* placed 8th & 11th in the 100 Fly & 200 IM while beating her best times. *Savannah Nowalk* finished 11th in the 50 & 100 Free while beating her best times. All three relays beat their times. *Alexa West, Mallory Jeffery, Madison Pavlovich, & Alexis Clark* finished 7th in the 200 Medley Relay. *Keeli Roe, Natalie Specht, Madison Pavlovich, and Savannah Nowalk* finished 8th in the 400 Free Relay

—Mrs. Kelly



## Greene Golf Clutches MAC League Championship

Trojans league golfers bested six other area districts in tournament play on October 6, bringing home another W for the trophy case, along with bragging rights to 2022 MAC championship victory.

Trojans' *Parker Flanagan* and *Lincoln Youngs*, tying for 88 apiece, left the door open for *Trent Drew*, who shot a 94 on the day with *Clayton Leonard* following up with 97.

*Anthony Thatcher* rounded out the scoring with a 100. *Austin Dehaan* also joined his teammates but his 104 did not count in the final scoring.

Greene was also awarded the Sportsmanship Award while *Flanagan* and *Youngs* made first team all-stars, with *Drew* and *Leonard* on the second team.

Coach Pete Flanagan was impressed with his team's performance all season.

"Very proud of the boys for working hard all season. It was a nice way to end the year, both winning the tournament and having the co-medalist as well," he said. "These boys have come a long way from just a few years ago not winning a single match."



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## Varsity Football

The varsity football team went unbeaten in league play this year to capture the Division VI title. It is the third consecutive year the team finished with the best record in the division and the second time in a row it was unbeaten in league play. On November 8, 2022, the team received a plaque from Section IV honoring them for their achievement. Congratulations to the players and coaches for their accomplishments this year.

—Mr. Gorton



## Varsity Girls' Soccer

Congratulations to our Varsity Girls' Soccer team for their great season this year. The Lady Trojans made it to the semi-finals in sectional play this season. The team was also ranked in the state. Their overall record was 9-5-1. The team will miss their seniors, *Cassie Butler, Joclyn Lilley, Andrea Trifunovic, and Sarah Markham*, next season! Great job, team!

—Mrs. Livingston

## Varsity Field Hockey

The Greene Varsity Field Hockey team completed their season with an overall record of 13-5. The team had a very successful season. They won the Section IV Class A Championship and competed in a Regional game to end their season. The senior captains, *Emma Rice* and *Payton Yahner*, led the team both on and off the field throughout the season. The team will miss their seniors (*Emma Rice, Paige Roe, Bella Tierno, Natalie Scofield, McKenzie Scott, and Payton Yahner*) next season. Go Trojans!

—Mrs. Rapp



**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL**  
**Greene, New York 13778**

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**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL MISSION**

The purpose of the Greene CSD is to provide a world-class education in order to develop well-equipped, motivated and adaptable lifelong learners. Our graduates will be well-prepared whether they enter the workforce or college. Our graduates will have the interpersonal, literacy and problem-solving skills that will allow them to contribute to society and be successful community citizens.

**GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL VISION**

The Greene CSD will be a model school in providing a flexible and nurturing environment that leverages innovation, collaboration and a variety of opportunities in all areas so as to support student growth and learning.

**Reminder**

Board of Education meetings are held in the High School Library. BOE meetings are held at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

<b>2022-2023 BOE MEETINGS</b>	
<b>JANUARY 4</b>	<b>APRIL 24—DCMO BOCES BUDGET VOTE</b>
<b>JANUARY 25</b>	<b>MAY 8—BUDGET HEARING</b>
<b>FEBRUARY 15</b>	<b>MAY 10</b>
<b>MARCH 8</b>	<b>MAY 16—ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE/ SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION</b>
<b>MARCH 29</b>	<b>MAY 31</b>
<b>APRIL 19</b>	<b>JUNE 21</b>

**Emergency Reminders**

Please notify the appropriate school office if there is any change in your child’s emergency contact information. In the event of student illness, injury or an early dismissal, this information may be needed.

*Thank you!*

