

Windsor Central School District KNIGHT NEWS

Fall 2019



Dear Windsor School District Community,

There are a number of changes in store for this school year, however one element remains the same – our mission of ensuring each learner is future-ready by providing empowering educational experiences.

We will soon see the completion of the District's \$14.15 million capital improvement project. Construction at Windsor Central High School has resulted in new concrete walks and stairs, replacement of the stadium retaining wall, drainage improvements, asphalt pavement replacement, a new student drop-off, signage upgrades, and a more secure entrance.

There will also be a new recording studio, complete with new recording equipment, a state-of-the-art STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts/Ag, Math) area, new learning areas, new collaborative spaces, a new HVAC system, technology upgrades, and installation of a new elevator and emergency generator.

All buildings in the district have enjoyed upgrades, including new playgrounds at both Bell Elementary and Weeks Elementary schools. Also, all elementary school gymnasiums have received a facelift.

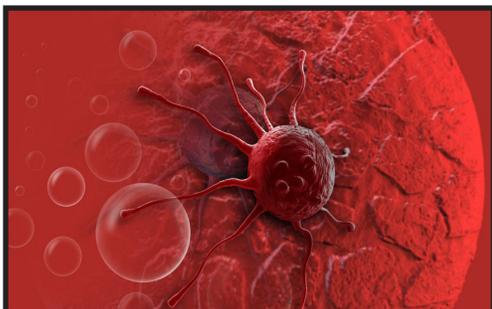
With the expansion of technology in the classroom and growth of the Future Ready Knights career pathway program, our students have more opportunities to explore their future than ever before. The District's 1:1 Chromebook is growing to include all students in grades 3-12 having classroom access to their own Chromebook.

Also, a new high school course, Principals of Biomedical Science, will represent a new opportunity for students and expanded partnership with United Health Services. The health care provider has 500 jobs unfilled in Broome County. UHS will partner with the District by assisting in connecting the workplace to curriculum. The health care provider will also either host students for on-site visits, have professionals in the medical field visit the class, or both.

I am proud that we have established a chapter of Future Farmers of America. It is the first such chapter in Windsor in over 50 years, and is the only FFA chapter in Broome County. The creation of this chapter is a result of the expanded agriculture programming at WCHS. The past year has seen the establishment of this FFA chapter, an aquaponics lab at WCHS, and the acquisition of a 6.7-acre parcel across from WCHS that will be used as a land lab by agriculture students.

Being future-ready means excelling in the community as much as the classroom. This year's classes have a high bar to clear after last year's student-led charitable drives. Bell Elementary's Pennies for Patients campaign raised over \$3,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The 5th annual Middle School Kickball Tournament raised over \$300 for the Wounded Warrior Project, and C.R. Weeks Elementary Student Council led an effort that netted over \$1,200 for A Room to Heal.

District staff and students also took part in a ramp build to make a home more accessible for the 12th time. The student-run Knight Pack program, which provides food for needy students to take home, reached a milestone in March, receiving its 100,000th donated item.



Principals of Biomedical Science, expanded partnership with UHS



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New playgrounds at Bell & Weeks Elementary schools

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The hard work of our staff and students has not gone unnoticed. Niche.com has named the Windsor CSD as the district with the best teachers in Broome County. The website has also recognized Windsor as being the best place to teach in Broome County, and the best district for athletes in Broome County, and among the top four percent of districts in the nation in both categories.

I am also excited to announce there is a new way for you to keep current on the latest from the District – the Windsor CSD mobile app. You can download the free app from the Google Play store or Apple App Store. The can also use the link <http://siap.ps/104e9d>.

In addition, you can go to our website www.windsor-csd.org or go to our Facebook and Twitter pages. As always, thank you to the students, families, and residents who support our efforts. If you have questions about our District, I invite you to contact me or call the District Office at 655-8216.

Sincerely,

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