

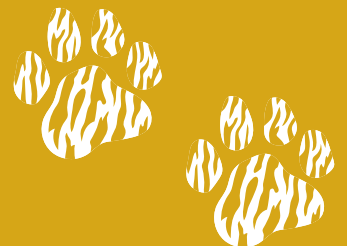
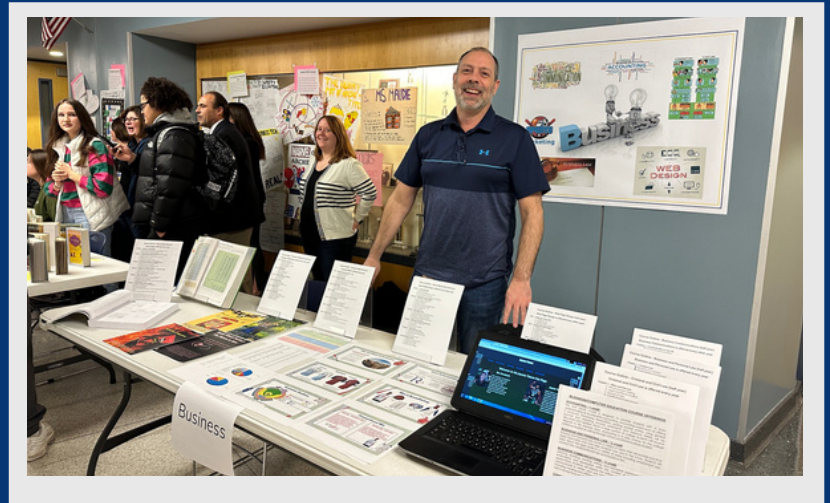
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News & Happenings Across the District

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Preparing our students for success in tomorrow's world.

CHS Curriculum Night



Did you know that CHS offers classes in web design, sports marketing, and criminal and civil law? Or that the Cohoes Police Department has a Cadet Training Program for ages 14-17?

These are just two examples of the many things students and families learned during CHS's Curriculum Night on Thursday, Jan. 25.

Families and students mingled among the many tables, where teachers were available to answer questions. Student volunteers were on hand to represent the many clubs - National Honor Society, Ski/Snowboard Club and Community Service Club, to name a few.

Thank you to our teachers, as well as the Cohoes Police Department, Albany County Sheriff's Department, Army National Guard, Bryant and Stratton College, St. Peter's Health Partners, The Connect Center and Capital Region CTE. And a big thank you to the CHS PTO for providing pizza and refreshments.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT



Dear Families,

January has flown by; it's hard to believe that we came back from Holiday Recess just a few weeks ago. Since then we have been busy with activities.

I want to first thank everyone who participated in taking our School Climate Survey. Your feedback is very important to us and helps us with building-level and district-level decisions and programming.

This month, we will also ask our students in grades 4-12 to take the survey, which will have age-appropriate questions. Principals will be sending you information via Parent Square before the survey is given. We are looking forward to hearing what our students have to say since they are truly the pulse of the district.

We kicked off the beginning of the month with Cohoes Jr. Drama Club's performance of "Annie." The students, as always, put on a wonderful performance! I'm looking forward to seeing the high school's production of "Legally Blonde" in March. Mr. Gunn, Mrs. Bird and Ms. Judd do a spectacular job of putting on top-notch shows and I'm proud that we have such a vibrant drama program.

The high school brought back Curriculum Night for the first time since the pandemic. It was great to see so many families come through and meet our dedicated teachers and community partners. Stay tuned for our updated Curriculum Guide for 2024-25 that will be coming out in February.

Phase 2 of our capital project has been approved with work in certain areas to begin this spring. Updates can be found below and on our website.

I hope everyone has had a great start to the new year!

Until next month,

Peggy O'Shea



UPCOMING EVENTS:



Kindergarten Registration

February 5-16



Board of Education Meetings

February 14 & 28



**Parents as Partners Webinar Series:
Avoiding Power Struggles - Angry
Outbursts and Other Challenging
Behaviors**

February 8



President's Day - No School

February 19



Winter Recess

February 20-23



**Parents as Partners Webinar Series:
Making Friends & Keeping Them -
10 Social Skills to Teach Your Child**

February 27

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Phase 2 of capital project to begin this spring



Since last year, our capital project work has been steadily progressing. Roof work at Abram Lansing and new playground installation at Harmony Hill and Van Schaick were completed during Phase 1.

Elevator work at Harmony Hill and Van Schaick will take place this summer due to long lead time on materials.

The much-anticipated work on the CHS Alumni Field, which includes construction of a synthetic turf varsity field, stadium bleachers, a new eight-lane track and field lighting will begin this spring. Senior Nights will be scheduled before work is set to begin.

The middle school will be a buzz of activity this July as the science classrooms are set to be completely renovated. The scope of work includes casework, plumbing, electric, ceilings, lighting, paint, window shades, marker boards and new furniture.

Construction in the high school science classrooms will begin in summer of 2025.

“Tiger Talk” - the new Digital Media Club

NEW

CHS students have quite an array of clubs to choose from: Activities Club, Community Service Club, Drama Club, Environmental Science Club, National Honor Society, Ski/Snowboard Club, and Yearbook, to name a few. There’s a new one this year, Digital Media Club, which merged with the former Journalism Club. Here, students produce a video called “Tiger Talk.” They decide who they want to feature, the questions they want



to ask and they learn how to think on their feet while conducting interviews. Episodes will come out twice a month and feature interviews with teachers, students and staff at CHS, with hopes to branch out to the community in the future.



College Days at our elementary schools

All three of our elementary schools participated in “College Day” this month. Over a dozen CHS graduates visited the schools to talk to the young students about college life. They learned what it takes to get into college, how to choose a major and what it’s like living in a dorm! Some of the majors of our alumni include: heart surgeon, electrician, teacher, media studies, juvenile justice, criminal justice, marketing, fashion, recreation management, and physical therapy.

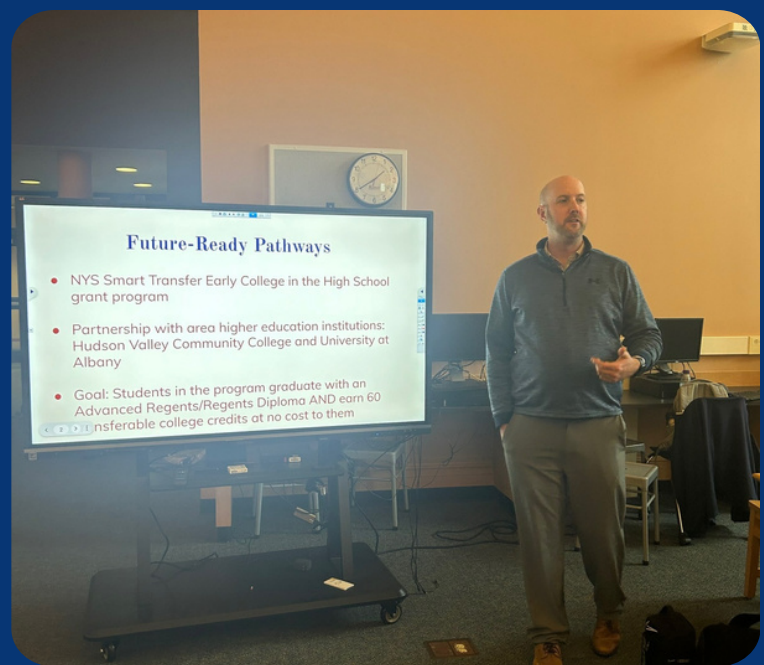
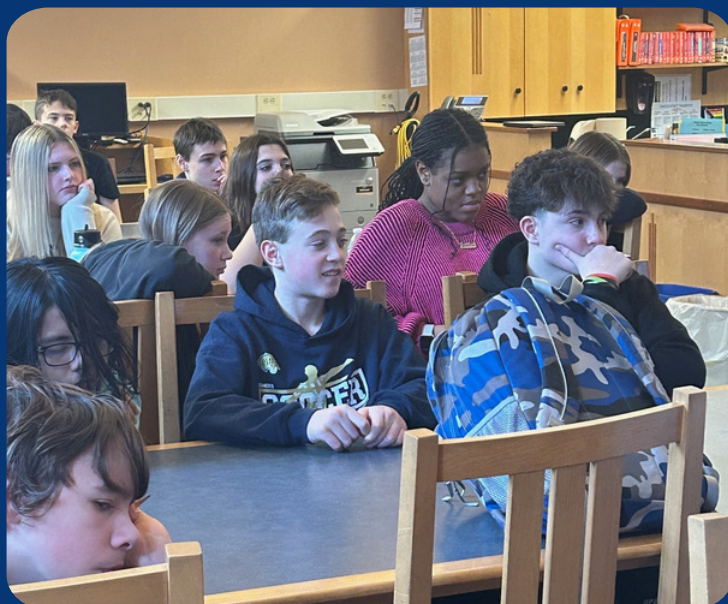
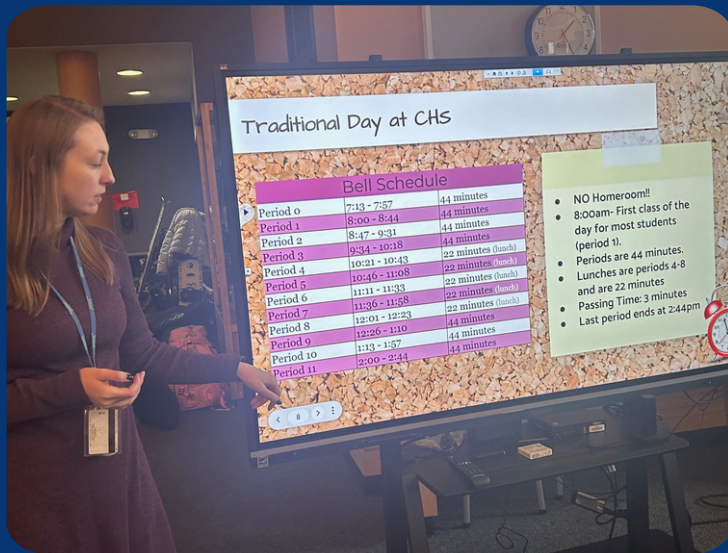
Our former Tigers are making us proud!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR SCHOOLS



Middle schoolers learn about life in the high school



CHS counselors visited the eighth-grade social studies classes to talk to students about what the transition to the high school will entail. Counselors showed students an example of a typical ninth-grade schedule, shared the many after-school activities and also discussed the Future Ready Pathways Program before taking questions from students.

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ANNIE JR.

Bravo to the Cohoes Jr.
Drama Club who put on a great
performance under the
guidance of the artistic team
of Rachel Bird, Tara Judd & Christian Gunn.



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