Dear School Community Members:

On behalf of the Board of Education and the Administration, thank you for the support of the recently approved Capital Improvement Project. The ability to address student safety and security issues, improve student access to 21st century instructional technology, find a new home for our transportation facility and improve many areas of the school district infrastructure will pay long term benefits for the students and the community as a whole.

Work will begin on campus as early as the summer of 2015 and extend into the 2016-2017 school year. Project updates will occur regularly at Candor School Board meetings and will also appear on the District website at www.candor.org.

Thank you again for the support of the school district by our wonderful community.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey J. Kisloski
Superintendent of Schools
A Message from the High School Principal...

As I type this message and look out my window to see snow falling, it seems hard to believe we are already a quarter of the way through the school year. We continue to pride ourselves on offering Candor students distinctive academic achievement in a positive learning environment. This year, we are fortunate to have Mr. Matt Gelder in the role of Technology Integration Coordinator. Mr. Gelder has been leading the effort in offering new and improved uses of technology for teachers and students. It’s hard to imagine a vocation in the future where technology comprehension isn’t important. In our effort to help our students become college and career ready and develop 21st century skills, we have a responsibility to include technology education in their learning. I appreciate Mr. Gelder’s efforts in helping make this happen.

I am also pleased to share that Ms. Amy Snell is assisting part-time in the role of Instructional Support for the Faculty. One of the many focal points for Ms. Snell in supporting our teachers is in the analysis of the ELA & Math Proficiency Exams and Regents Exams. While we transition to the Common Core Learning Standards, it is as important as ever for our teachers to review data from the previous year’s exam scores and see where our students are performing well, and where they are struggling. Since this can be a time consuming task when done correctly, Ms. Snell will assist teachers by gathering relevant data, identify specific item and content strands students may have struggled with, and then work directly with teachers to develop an action plan to address areas of opportunity. I appreciate the time and effort Ms. Snell has put into the high school data analysis effort.

I hope your child is having a positive and productive school year. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at (607)659–5020.

Regards,
Wayne Aman
Candor Jr. / Sr. High School Principal

To all parents of Special Education Students:

The Annual CSE meetings are quickly approaching and our team looks forward to seeing you at the meeting. In September, you received a “save the date”. We try to stick to the “save the date” date as best we can, but sometimes need to change for reasons out of our control. Approximately 2 weeks prior to the actual meeting, you will receive an invite. If you are unable to attend in person, we welcome you to attend via phone. Just give our office a call ahead of time (659-7727) and we will make those arrangements. We look forward to working with you and we look forward to a great year!

Sincerely,
Holly Carling
Director of Special Education and Special Services
This past August, Danielle Peake, Emily Weber, and Angela Martone were selected to attend the CAP 21 intensive musical theatre program at the Merry-Go-Round Playhouse in Auburn. The program allows high school students the opportunity to attend workshops given by experts in dance, voice, and acting to improve their overall stage presence. Alumni of this program have gone on to become professionals in the industry. The girls were awarded scholarships from the playhouse to attend the program.

On October 31st, nine students participated in the Young Men’s Choral Festival at Mansfield University. The festival, sponsored by the Mansfield University chapter of the American Choral Directors’ Association, brought together male singers in grades 7-9 from throughout the region for a performance conducted by Steven M. Fisher, the director of the Keystone State Boychoir, and Dr. Peggy Dettwiler, professor at Mansfield University. The boys performed a concert with the Mansfield University Men’s Chorus, watched a portion of a rehearsal of the Mansfield University Concert Choir, and participated in a master class presented by ‘The Grads’ of the Keystone State Boychoir. Corey Whatley, Ty’vone Benners, Jeb Parillo, Nick Shirley, Caleb Vaow, Cameron Fitzgerald, Shawn Watson, James Wells, and Matthew Suttmeier attended the festival.

The Selection Process for future members will begin in January, being finalized by the last week of February, 2015, and will culminate with the Induction Ceremony March 5, 2015, at 6:30pm. Students in grades 10 – 12 are eligible to apply if their overall GPA is at least an 87%. They will receive a letter and application from Mrs. Westervelt notifying them of their eligibility. They will then submit their application and be further evaluated on three additional criteria: leadership, character, and service. The selection process uses a uniform point system, guided by a very specific rubric. The use of an objective and fair system for selection is our highest priority. All students who are eligible and apply, will then be notified by a letter sent in the mail, of their selection.

The National Honor Society is focusing on multiple community service projects this year. We will host a two blood drives, one already held in October, and the next will be March 2, 2015. We are tutoring on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the high school library, during the end of the day Homework club. For the second year in a row, we are offering enrichment activities to the sixth grade students at the end of their school day. Each member has chosen an activity that they are interested and knowledgeable in, that they can teach. We are very excited about this opportunity to teach basic things like making play dough, flubber, pinch pots, and how to draw characters!

We will host our annual fund raising All You Can Eat Pancake Dinner in the high school cafeteria on Thursday, March 26, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. Tickets are $7 in advance or $9 at the door. Children under 12 are free. We will offer pancakes, butter, syrup, sausage, bacon, juice and coffee. We hope to see you there!
I would like to thank all of the fall student-athletes for all of their efforts and their excellent behavior both on and off the field this past season. While the teams did not all win their division or even win most of their games, our teams did have some nice individual moments which make high school sports so much fun to be around. Our Girls soccer team had lots of excitement this season winning the division title in a tie-breaker in overtime and winning their first sectional game before eventually losing to Lansing, who wound up winning the Section IV title. The XC team had some great moments and they culminated with Julia Russell competing at the NYS Championships for the third year in a row, finishing 25th out of all runners competing at our level. I would like to send out a special thanks to Bonnie Jensen and the Iron Kettle Farm for hosting our one home match this season – thanks for all you did for the kids and the school. The volleyball team made it to the 2nd round of sectionals before losing to Harpursville – also the eventual Section IV champions. The football and boys soccer team both had good years from several standpoints. They fought hard, were in almost every game, handled themselves with class, and never gave up.

I look forward to the next group of student-athletes who will be making their way out into the spotlight for our entertainment this winter. We have very good numbers for all of our sports and the kids seem to be having fun getting ready for the season. I hope to see you in the stands cheering on the students sometime soon. As always, there is a schedule for all our teams on the Candor Athletics website... www.ccssports.weebly.com.

For those of you who would like to follow the teams via Twitter – and over 100 of you are on Twitter following as of right now - @ccssports will give you updates during the games and final scores after its conclusion whenever possible. Thanks for supporting our student-athletes.

Steve Frye
Athletic Coordinator
School Store Gift Certificates Available!

The School Store & Café opened on September 24th at the Jr./Sr. High School with much excitement! The store is managed by student non-paid employees who are learning many aspects of working a real business. The School Store has school supplies, tech gadgets, fun novelty items, school spirit merchandise, along with snacks and drinks for after school. The School Store & Café is located in Room 210 at the High School.

The School Store is offering gift certificates that would make a great holiday gift for your student! The gift certificate can be redeemed all at one time or used as needed during the 2014/2015 Academic Year. The gift certificate is non-redeemable for cash.

If you would like to purchase a gift certificate for your student to use at the School Store & Café, please complete the attached form below and send together with a check or money order for any amount you would like (minimum amount $5.00 please) payable to: High School Store.

Mail Request To: Candor High School
School Store
PO Box 145
Candor, New York 13743

Your gift certificate with envelope will be mailed to you upon receipt of your request. Your name on the gift certificate will be left blank for you to complete as you wish!

Holiday Requests Must be Received by December 18, 2014.

If you have any questions, please contact Dian Smith/Faculty Advisor for School Store & Café at dsmith@candor.org or call 659-5020.

The School Store Student Employees Thank You For Your Support!

Please return this form with payment: School Store Gift Certificate

Your Name:______________________________________________________________

Your Mailing Address:____________________________________________________

Phone number to contact you if questions:________________________            Total Payment:________________

Student Name:__________________________________Amount:______________

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SCHOOL STORE NEWS
STUDENT SERVICES INFORMATION

Tests Administered At Candor

Our Juniors took the PSAT on October 15th. Results can soon be reviewed on the College Board website at www.collegeboard.com. Mr. Banks will be reviewing the score report in class and helping students understand their scores. They will have the opportunity to log on to the College Board website and create an account, if they haven’t already done so. They will review their score and take a look at an option called Quick Start. Once they have an account with Quick Start they will have the opportunity to receive free study guides from the College Board specifically tailored to their needs.

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) will be offered in January to any interested juniors and seniors. The ASVAB career exploration program is a comprehensive career planning program that includes a multiple-aptitude test battery, an interest inventory and various career planning tools designed to help students explore career opportunities. This exam may also be used as an Armed Forces entrance exam.

SAT

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Students are encouraged to register online at www.collegeboard.com. College Board also offers helpful study tips, practice tests and more! They will even send you a daily practice question. Students may also register in Student Services. The SAT can be taken as many times as it is offered. Check the website of the college you are interested in to see what their minimum score requirement is.

ACT

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Students are encouraged to register online at www.actstudent.org. ACT Online Prep offers helpful study tips, practice tips, and more! Students may also register in Students Services.
STUDENT SERVICES & SCHOOL MUSICAL NEWS

Regents Review
All students who need to retake a Regents exam in January will be notified. Please encourage your student to begin reviewing now! Students should meet with the teacher of the Regents exam to discuss times to review, and they should visit www.regentsprep.org to study online.

Financial Aid News
There will be another Financial Aid Night offered this year on December 16th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Candor Library. All juniors, seniors and parents are invited. A financial aid advisor from Broome Community College will be presenting. This event is also posted on www.candor.org.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. This is a highly secure website. Your official application cannot be submitted until January 1; however, you can begin the process of gathering the necessary documentation now. Check out the helpful steps outlined on this website.

Senior Meetings
Mr. Banks began Senior meetings in September. Transcripts and credits are being reviewed and post graduation plans are being discussed. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Banks at the student services office.

Candor Website
Our Candor website has a link to the Guidance Office. There are helpful links to websites such as the College Board, Career Zone, FAFSA, Scholarships, and other valuable links that students and parents can use for planning for the future of our students: www.candor.org

CANDOR JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL
March 21st & 22nd, 2015
(More information to follow in the February ’15 newsletter.)

Book by Michael Stewart
Music by Charles Strouse
Lyrics by Lee Adams
Originally Produced by Edward Padula
This production is presented through special arrangement with Tams-Witmark Music Library, Inc.
JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL HONOR STUDENTS

Honor Roll

7th Grade
Arianna Aman, Amber Bareham, Evan Barnett, Rebecca Burdick, Korbin Burlew, Cameron Doane, Alexander Doucett, Chelsea Dukerich, Jasmine Inners, Shelbie Jackson, Lance Jensen, Mackalia Orendorff, Molly Parillo, Brennah Pinney, Marcus Rypkema, Kilie Streeter, Daniel Thomas, Cassidy Wells, Ethan Wilcox.

8th Grade

9th Grade

10th Grade
Hunter Aman, Arianna Anderson, Jack Bruttomesso, Brianna Bush, Aiyana Garlough, Kameron Hall, Quintin Haus, Jesse Johnson, Lily Parker, Darien Stoudt, William Stouffer, Gregory Twarz, Amanda Washburn, Brittany Williams, Nancy Yaeger.

11th Grade
Kelsi Avery, Martina Ayres, Katye-Marie Cicci, Joseph Dizer, Kylee Edwards, Tiffany Emond, Breanna Fields, Jacobe Flanagan, Mikayla Hallett, Kayla Hinkle, Conor Joyce, Kara Kelly, Aaron Laurenson, Angela Martone, Danielle Morse, Caleb Nichols, Crystal Ogden, Haley Pantle, Antonio Patitucci, Isaak Quick, Audrey Rutledge, Courtney Rypkema, Mikayla Short, Alicia Updyke, Emily Weber, Wyatt Whitmore, Zachary Williams

12th Grade
JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL HONOR STUDENTS

High Honor Roll

7th Grade
Rianna Benesh, Ty’vone Benners, Camille Brock, Erin Bruttomesso, Kailyn Edwards, Kolden Foster, Carolynne Horstmann, Cassie Howe, Brandon Hoyt, Corinne Manzer, Owen Parillo, Eli Reese, Kori Strong, Matthew Suttmeier, Ashton Teribury, Kayleigh Wulf.

8th Grade

9th Grade
Nathaniel Benjamin, Kolyn Blinn, Jared Compton, Christine Frost, Samuel Hatton, Lillian Jensen, Morgan Kurtz, Gwendolyn Manzer, Jamie Meyers, David Sandgren, Mary Standinger, Kendra Starr.

10th Grade
Michael Angelo, Hannah Brown, Timothy Dizer, Vanessa Doane, Lindsay Dougherty, Nicole Gates, Hannah Hatton, Siarahjo Rose-Tompkins, Julia Russell, Amatha Showerman, Brianna Westgate.

11th Grade
Alexis Fowie, Nicole Hart, Cristopher Hopkins, Taylor Horton, Breanna Kern, Kayla Kidney, Rhyne Maas.

12th Grade
Emilie Barrett, Jordan Bartolis, Christopher Cornwell, Brianne Curren, Kietarah Czebiniak-Mancini, Sarah Gordner, Cyrus Heckathorn, Jacquelynn Horstmann, Kyle Jensen, Bryanna Kellogg, Abigale Palmer, Alexis Patak, Danielle Peake, Carissa Russell, Kevin VanEtten, Jacob VanScoy.
Dear Candor Elementary Students, Families & Friends,

I am pleased to report that the first marking period of the year has progressed quite smoothly. Although we have been very busy and everyone has been working really hard (kids and grown-ups alike), we do our best to balance the workload with creative and fun activities. The following are highlights and/or changes to some of our elementary programs.

**Standards-Based Report Cards:** This year all elementary grade levels (K-6) will use a reporting system that outlines your child’s grade level academic standards for ELA and math. Students will receive a score of 1, 2, 3 or 4 for each standard. An Academic Mark Key is printed on the report cards. Grades 4-6 will also have a numerical average for the core subjects. The ability to see the priority standards your child is working on in ELA and math are a major benefit to parents.

**Academic Honor Roll and Student Recognition:** Students in Grades 4-6 will earn Academic Honor Roll if they receive “Meeting Expectations” /(3s) or “Exceeding Expectations”/ (4s) for all core subjects and maintain a 85% average or higher. Student Recognition Award/ “On a Roll” Awards will be earned by students in grades 4-6 who have made progress in one or more core subjects. Students will be invited to a “Build Your Own Sundae with the Principal”, receive a certificate and have their name published in the Principal’s Newsletter and/or District Newsletter.

**Elementary Guidance Curriculum:** In the elementary school we use Kelso’s Choice, a conflict management program for children. The foundation of the program is to help children decide if the problem they are experiencing is a small problem (which they can use a learned strategy to solve) or a BIG problem (which they need an adult’s help with). Miss Ahart works with grades K-4 conducting class lessons, meeting with small groups and individual students. Mrs. Gance-Virkler continues the skills/lessons from Kelso’s Choice with students in grades 5 and 6.

**6th Grade Super Power Unit:** We replaced the middle-school modules (ie. computer skills, health, and study skills) with an integrated program in the ELA block. Mrs. Gance-Virkler (School Counselor), Mr. Kisloski (Superintendent) and Mr. Gelder (Technology Integration Coordinator) have designed a program focused on character education, computer/technology/digital citizenship, and personal leadership skills. Ask your 6th Grader about the Super Power program!

The beginning of the school year has been full of activity in the elementary building. Thank you to all who were able to join us for Open House last month. We concluded October with our annual Halloween Parade. The children look so forward to dressing up and playing make believe (then again….the adults do too). Thank you to our families for your patience in signing children out at the conclusion of the parade.

This month we will celebrate Veteran’s Day, complete our first marking period, hold our annual parent-teacher conferences and celebrate Thanksgiving. I hope that everyone is able to enjoy the Thanksgiving Break with family and friends, sharing stories of the “best of what is” and “what has been” and dreaming of the possibilities of the future.

On behalf of the faculty and staff at Candor Elementary, I would like to thank you for sharing your children with us and for continuing to support our work.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Nichols, Elementary Principal
UPCOMING ELEMENTARY EVENTS:

* 11/24/14 & 11/25/14 Early Release for K-6 Students @ 11:00am
   Parent-Teacher Conferences 11:45am-3:30pm

* 11/26/14-11/28/14 NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Break

* 12/1/14-12/11/14 Food Pantry Collection

* 12/12/14 Food Pantry Parade for Students

* 12/17/14 Elementary Band & Chorus Concert, 7:00pm
   High School Auditorium

* 12/18/14 Elementary Holiday Programs
   High School Auditorium
   K – 2 @ 9:30am
   3 & 4 @ 10:30am

* 12/19/14 Pajama Day for Candor Elementary School

* 12/22/14-1/2/15 NO SCHOOL - Holiday Recess
   (**Please note date change from original school calendar***)
# Seasonal Flu: A Guide for Parents

## Is seasonal flu more serious for kids?
Infants and young children are at a greater risk for getting seriously ill from the flu. That's why New York State Department of Health recommends that all children 6 months and older get the seasonal flu vaccine.

## Flu vaccine may save your child's life.
Most people with seasonal flu are sick for about a week, and then they feel better. But, some people, especially young children, pregnant women, older people, and people with chronic health problems can get very sick. Some can even die. A flu vaccine is the best way to protect your child from seasonal flu. It is recommended for everyone 6 months and older.

## What is seasonal flu?
The flu, or influenza, is an infection of the nose, throat, and lungs. The flu can spread from person to person.

## Flu shot or nasal-spray vaccine?
- Flu shots can be given to children 6 months and older.
- A nasal-spray vaccine can be given to healthy children 2 years and older.
- Children younger than 5 years who have experienced wheezing in the past year – or any child with chronic health problems – should get the flu shot, not the nasal-spray vaccine.
- Children younger than 9 years old who get a vaccine for the first time need two doses.

## How else can I protect my child?
- Get the seasonal flu vaccine for yourself.
- Encourage your child's close contacts to get seasonal flu vaccine, too. This is very important if your child is younger than 5 or if he or she has a chronic health problem such as asthma (breathing disease) or diabetes (high blood sugar levels). Because children under 6 months can't be vaccinated, they rely on those around them to get vaccinated.
- Wash your hands often and cover your coughs and sneezes. It’s best to use a tissue and quickly throw it away. If you don’t have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands. This will prevent the spread of germs.
- Tell your children to:
  - Stay away from people who are sick;
  - Clean their hands often;
  - Keep their hands away from their face, and
  - Cover coughs and sneezes to protect others.

## What are signs of the flu?
The flu comes on suddenly. Most people with the flu feel very tired and have a high fever, headache, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and sore muscles. Some people, especially children, may also have stomach problems and diarrhea. The cough can last two or more weeks.

## How does the flu spread?
People who have the flu usually cough, sneeze, and have a runny nose. The droplets in a cough, sneeze or runny nose contain the flu virus. Other people can get the flu by breathing in these droplets or by getting them in their nose or mouth.

## How long can a sick person spread the flu to others?
Most healthy adults may be able to spread the flu from one day before getting sick to up to 5 days after getting sick. This can be longer in children and in people who don’t fight disease as well (people with weaker immune systems).

## What should I use to clean hands?
Wash your children’s hands with soap and water. Wash them for as long as it takes to sing the “Happy Birthday” song twice. If soap and water are not handy, use wipes or gels with alcohol in them unless they are visibly soiled. The gels should be rubbed into hands until the hands are dry.

## What can I do if my child gets sick?
Make sure your child gets plenty of rest and drinks lots of fluids. Talk with your child’s doctor before giving your child over-the-counter medicine. If your children or teenagers may have the flu, never give them aspirin or medicine that has aspirin in it. It could cause serious problems.

## Can my child go to school/day care with the flu?
No. If your child has the flu, he or she should stay home to rest. This helps avoid giving the flu to other children.

## When can my child go back to school/day care after having the flu?
Children with the flu should be isolated in the home, away from other people. They should also stay home until they are symptom-free for 24 hours (that is, until they have no fever without the use of fever-control medicines and they feel well for 24 hours.) Remind your child to protect others by covering his or her mouth when coughing or sneezing. You may want to send your child to school with some tissues, wipes or gels with alcohol in them if the school allows gels.

For more information about the flu, visit
Or, www.cdc.gov/flu
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CCSD COMMUNITY EDUCATION

www.ccsdcommunityeducation.weebly.com

Make sure you stop by the CCSD Community Education website to view our most up to date schedule. We are currently offering: Zumba, Children’s Ballet, Make and Take Freezer Meals, Adult Volleyball and Adult Basketball. More classes coming soon!!

Are you interested in hosting a class or event at CCSD!? Contact Katie Anderson at 659-5020 today to get your event scheduled.

FROM THE CANDOR ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:

Please make sure we have your current mailing address and email address so that you can be notified when the alumni newsletter is available online. We are moving towards digital only to save on printing and mailing costs and email addresses are especially important.

Address/email address updates can be sent to dahart@candor.org or Denise Ahart, PO Box 145, Candor, NY 13743. If you have information to include in the newsletter, please send that to Nancy King, nking@candor.org.

T-S-T BOCES INFORMATION

ADULT EDUCATION

TST BOCES offers adult training classes for our region. Required classes for Security Guards and An Introduction to Hydraulics will be offered in the near future. You can contact Diahann Hesler at TST BOCES at 257-1551 or contact the Candor District Office at 659-5010 for more information.

Want the skills to be ready for college, start a new career or earn your High School Equivalency Diploma?

Starting January 1, 2014, New York State no longer offers the GED® test. The “TASC” (Test Assessing Secondary Completion) is the new, national high school equivalency test. TST BOCES offers it as a paper/pencil test and a computerized test.

If you are over 17, the first step is to call and make an appointment to attend our program Orientation and TABE pretest.

For those 21 and over, the “NEDP” (National External Diploma Program) is an alternate pathway leading to a high school equivalency diploma. This web-based program allows you to work independently and with an advisor to complete the program and earn your high school equivalency diploma. To find out how to meet eligibility requirements or for more information refer to the brochure included or call our office to discuss this innovative, flexible alternative to the TASC test.

Call - 607-257-1561 or email mcandelajordan@tstboces.org for more information.
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

It’s that time of the year again - winter! Here are just a few reminders for the parents and students this time of the year:

- Please make sure everyone is dressed for the weather. Tee shirts and shorts are nice, but in the event a bus breaks down or has to be shut off, they cool down very quickly.
- Watch for school buses. The early morning is much darker and it is much harder to see students. At bus stops, please remind children to stand back and wait for the bus to stop completely before walking up to it.
- Due to road conditions, school buses may start a little earlier to compensate for the weather. Please feel free to discuss this with your school bus driver, or call the bus garage (659-3115), if you have any questions or concerns.
- As always, please remember to stop when you see the red-flashing lights on the bus. **It is illegal to pass a bus with the lights on - even in front of the school.**

We are looking forward to safe holidays for everyone. As always, it takes each of us to ensure the safety of all our children. The Candor Central School District Transportation Department would like to thank everyone for your continued help.

*Bern Smith*
*Director of Operations*
EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS INFORMATION

Emergency School Closing Information

The information below represents the television and radio stations that will announce emergency school closing information for the community and students of the Candor School District.

Please do not call school offices or the bus garage to check on the status for the day. Telephone lines are needed to make outgoing calls and to handle emergencies. School decisions will be made by 5:30 a.m., whenever possible, and should be broadcast between 6:00 a.m. and 6:15 a.m.

TV Stations:
- WBGH - (CH 5) Binghamton
- WBNG - (CH 12) Binghamton
- WETM - (CH 18) Elmira
- WIVT - (CH 34) Binghamton
- WICZ - (CH 40) Binghamton
- YNN - (TWC 24 Hr. News)

Web Sites:
- www.candor.org
- www.ithacanet.org
- www.pressconnects.com
- www.theithacajournal.com

Ithaca Radio Stations:
- WYXL-FM 97.3
- WQNY-FM 103.7
- WIII 1100-FM 99.9/100.3
- HITS 103-FM 103.3
- THE VINE-FM 96.7
- WFIZ-FM 95.5/94.9
- WFIZ-HD 107.7
- WHCU-AM 870/95.9
- WNYY-AM 1470

Binghamton Radio Stations:
- WLTV (Magic 101)- FM-101.7/102.5
- WHWK-FM 98.1
- WAAL-FM 99.1
- WWYL (Wild 104)-FM 104
- STAR-FM 105.7
- MIX-FM 103.3
- KGB-FM 92.5
- THE BEAR-FM 107.5
- SPORTS RADIO-AM 1430
- WINR-AM 680
- WYOS - AM 1360

School Messenger will also be utilized for emergency school closings. Please be sure your contact information is up to date in order to receive the automated phone calls or emails.
TAX NEWS & STAR INFORMATION

Candor School District utilizes Tompkins-Seneca-Tioga BOCES for tax collection services. BOCES performed tax collection through October 31st, at which time, by law, the remaining unpaid collection was turned over to the respective County Treasurer, and any further tax questions should now be directed there.

**STAR Information**

The New York State School Tax Relief Program (STAR) provides homeowners with two types of partial exemptions from school property taxes. If you earn less than $500,000 and own and live in your home, you are probably eligible for the STAR exemption.

**Two types of STAR exemptions:**

**Basic STAR**

- New legislation requires all homeowners receiving a Basic STAR exemption to register with the New York State Tax Department in order to receive the exemption in 2014 and subsequent year.
- Available for owner-occupied, primary residences where the resident owners’ and their spouses income is less than $500,000
- Exempts the first $30,000 of the full value of a home from school taxes
- Submit Form RP-425 *Application for School Tax Relief (STAR) Exemption* to your local assessor.

**Enhanced STAR**

- Provides an increased benefit for the primary residence of senior citizens (age 65 and older) with qualifying incomes
- Exempts the first $65,300 of the full value of a home from school taxes as of 2015-2016 school tax bills (up from $64,200 in 2014-2015)
- Demonstrate that you meet the income requirement annually in one of two ways:
  
  **Apply annually with your assessor:** Complete your STAR application (Form RP-425) and send it to your assessor with a copy of your income tax return(s) for the appropriate income tax;
  - or -

  **Authorize our department to verify your income eligibility:** Submit Form RP425-IVP *School Tax Relief (STAR) Exemption: Optional Income Verification Program* to provide your assessor with your social security number(s) and authorize us to verify your income eligibility. If you choose this option, generally you will submit Form RP-425, Form RP-425-IVP, and a copy of your tax return(s) to the assessor in the first year.

STAR exemption apply only to school district taxes; they do not apply to property taxes. Application forms are available on our website, www.candor.org. Or you may call the District Office at (607)659-5010 to have a copy mailed to you. Your STAR application must be postmarked or received by your assessor’s office by March 1, 2015. Assessors must notify applicants if the STAR application is denied. For further STAR information, contact your local assessor’s office, call toll free at 1-888-697-8275, or visit the New York State website at: http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/index.htm.
NOTIFICATION REGARDING USE OF PESTICIDES

November 2014

Dear Parent, Guardian and School Staff:

New York State Education Law Section 409-H and Commissioner of Education Regulation 155.24, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

The Candor School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

◊ a school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72 hours following application;
◊ anti-microbial products;
◊ nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
◊ nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
◊ silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
◊ boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
◊ the application of EPA designated biopesticides;
◊ the application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25; and
◊ the use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school or building, please complete the form below and either fax or mail it to Theodore D. O’Konsky, Jr., School Pesticide Representative of Candor School District. His fax number is (607) 659-4688 and his mailing address is 2 Academy Street, P.O. Box 145, Candor, New York, 13743. Please feel free to contact Ted for further information on these requirements, including information on the products that have been applied in this school or building. Ted can be reached at (607) 659-3935 or by e-mail at tdokonsky@candor.org.

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NEWS & NOTES

A dime may not mean much by itself, but when it is combined with everyone else’s dime, it means real change! This fall’s submission was $1,116.60! That’s 11,160 Box Tops! Great job Candor students and community!

We will be sending another submission in February 2015. Please clip your Box Tops and send them to the school or drop them off at The Candor Market. We also collect Labels For Education (formerly Campbell Soup Labels) and participate in the Price Chopper Tools for Schools. Through these programs, we earn free supplies and equipment.

If you have any questions regarding these program go to www.boxtops4education.com, www.pricechopper.com, www.labelsforeducation.com or email heathergreeno@hotmail.com. Thank you for your continued support.

Exciting Yearbook News for 2015!

You have to see this to believe it!

The Candor Yearbook is thrilled to announce that a brand new, interactive yearbook will be published this year. Some of the pictures will come to life with the help of your smart phones, by turning still images into video! You will be able to hold your IPhones or IPads over selected pictures and actually see a video magically appear. This incredible technology will not increase the price of the book, and the app that you will need to download is absolutely free. More information to follow... be sure to buy your copy of this amazing 2015 Candor Yearbook before they are all sold out!

Please see the order form on the following page.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Parent(s) or guardian(s) and eligible students have the following rights under FERPA:

1.) The right to inspect and review the student’s educational record;
2.) The right to be provided, on request, with a copy of all or part of the student’s educational record;
3.) The right to exercise a limited control over other people’s access to the student’s educational record;
4.) The right to designate a representative who will inspect, review, or copy such records;
5.) The right to request of, and receive from, the district a reasonable explanation of information contained in the education records of the student;
6.) The right to seek to correct the student’s education record, at a hearing, if necessary;
7.) The right to report violations of the FERPA to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare; and
8.) The right to be informed about FERPA rights.

All rights and protections given parent(s) or guardian(s) under the FERPA transfer to the student when he/she reaches age 18 or enrolls in a post-secondary school. The student then becomes an “eligible student”.
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If paying by cash/check, return to Mrs. Gates in the high school building. If you have any questions, please either call Mrs. Gates at 659-5020 during the day or at 659-5349 in the evening, or email her at pgates@candorcs.org.

Checks made payable to: Lifetouch
DEADLINE for orders: April 30, 2015

Name of student: ______________________________________________________
Elementary ~ Teacher’s Name: ___________________________________________
High School ~ Grade: _________________________________________________
Please check the Candor Central School website, 
www.candor.org, at anytime for 
current school news, schedules, etc.

Happy Holidays

From all of us at
Candor Central School District