

Middle School Messenger

Cazenovia Middle School - a great place to be

March 2002

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Once again I am looking out onto a green patch from my window...do you suppose that winter really will be this mild? It is very quiet today as students are on vacation but we are gearing up for the long month of March. I hope you will find the information in our *Messenger* helpful to you.

Interim reports will be mailed home on Friday, March 8. If you have questions about grades or comments, please contact the appropriate teacher. Mrs. Glasgow, our guidance counselor, is preparing course sign up sheets for the 2002-2003 academic year. We will be using this information to plan for next year. If you have questions about course offerings, please call Mrs. Glasgow at 655-1315 or me at 655-1324.

Parent Conference Day is also March 8. Letters or phone calls inviting parents in for a conference are in progress. If you would like to request a conference, please call your child's home room teacher.

Please plan on attending the Junior High Cabaret on Sunday, March 10 at 3:00 in our cafeteria. Many of our musicians have been preparing their ensemble pieces to present that afternoon.

On March 24 the PTA is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner from 4:00-6:30. This is an opportunity for the Middle School community to get together informally and enjoy some music and a GREAT dinner. Please plan to come!

Middle School staff members will be receiving in service training on March 28. There will be no school for students that day. We will be taking a closer look at student assessments and how to parallel instruction to better prepare students for meeting graduation requirements. Middle School students take the Tests of New York State Standards (TONYSS) in late May and early June

in the areas of English Language Arts and Math. Dates are listed on the district calendar. Teachers will be scoring these tests in-house this year to gain a better understanding of how pupils are performing. Results will be available in late June.

If you have questions or concerns regarding our school, please do not hesitate to contact us at 655-1324.

Yours truly,

Jean J. Regan, Ed.D.
Principal

Spaghetti Dinner

The plans are now complete for The Spaghetti Dinner which will be held in the Middle School Cafeteria on Sunday, March 24th from 4:00pm. to 6:30pm. Our fabulous faculty will be serving spaghetti and meatballs, Italian bread, salad, dessert and beverages. The MS EXPRESS (middle school faculty) will be entertaining everyone with their various musical talents. We will also have the pleasure of the 5th and 6th grade chorus singing under the direction of Mrs. Dougherty while you dine on this wonderful Italian Feast. The cost of this dinner will be \$4.50 for adult, \$3.50 for 12 and under, under 5 is free. This will be a great opportunity for students, families and faculty to have some quality fun time together and no homework!



Sixth Grade Drug Quiz Show Offers Knowledge and Competition

All students in the 6th grade participated in the Cazenovia Middle School Drug Quiz Show competition during the months of January and February. Students organized teams of four or five students in their ELA classes, and each team reviewed information on various kinds of legal and illegal drugs. Tournaments were held in individual class rooms, and the winning teams moved on to the competition to determine the Middle School Champion.

Mrs. Webber's students emerged as the winner in the 8-team event, and then prepared for the Madison County Drug Quiz Playoffs. On February 13th the team of Maddie Saunders, Carrie Stevens, Bryan Wight, Derek DeGroat and Andrew Smith took 4th place in the County tournament at Cazenovia College. The CCS students won each of their games, but fell a bit short of the County Championship as the format of the games awarded top finishes to teams with the overall highest point totals. Chittenango Middle School will represent Madison County at the NYS Regional Playoffs in April.

Many thanks go to the Middle School PTA for their generous support of the Drug Quiz Show. Prizes for each sixth grader, t-shirts for the championship team, and engraving on the home room trophy all come via a donation from the PTA.

PTA News

The Middle School PTA will be having a meeting on March 13th, beginning promptly at 7:00 pm. in the Middle School Library. Our guest speaker will be Mr. Bill Furlong, Business Manager for the School District. He will be discussing the proposed budget and the proposed building renovation plan.

We are beginning to plan the end of the year events for all 5th, 6th and 7th grade students. We will need volunteers to assure that these events are successful.

Friday Evening Concerts at the Cazenovia Public Library

Two entertaining concerts are scheduled at the Cazenovia Public Library in March. Well-known local musician Willie Kiernan will perform a concert of folk and rock music on Friday, March 15th.

Soprano Lorie Harken and tenor Thomas Anthony return on Friday, March 22nd, to sing Irish songs in celebration of St. Patrick's Day. Traditional favorites from "Danny Boy" to John McEldoo" will be performed.

Both concerts will be held in the Community Room at 7:30 pm.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Cazenovia Public Library, these performances are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call 655-9322 or visit the library's website at www.midYork.org/cazenovia.

Come to the Cabaret...

The month of March is slated nationally as MUSIC IN OUR SCHOOL month and what better way to celebrate our Music Department and the musical talents of our students than to present an original CABARET performance. Our second annual CABARET will take place on Sunday, March 10th at 3:00 pm in the High School Cafeteria.



Students will be represented in various groupings including a string ensemble, clarinet trio, clarinet quartet, woodwind and percussion ensemble and junior high girls and boys vocal groups. You will hear a variety of popular tunes in a relaxed setting - so mark your calendars for the Cazenovia Junior High CABARET!