

We are excited to welcome our students, our staff, our parents and our community back to CSCSD for the 2018-19 school year!

This school year brings new faces to our school family, both staff and students, and also improvements to facilities and to the programs we offer our students.

Here is what we are looking forward to at C-S this year:

New staff members

Several new teachers and support staff are joining us this fall. See picture on home page.

New School Resource Officer

The District continues our partnership with the Steuben County Sheriff and will have a School Resource Officer assigned to our district for the 2018-19 school year. Dave Dubois, a retired officer from the Village of Bath police department, will be replacing Officer Shawn Copp, who left over the summer to take another position. We are pleased to continue the SRO program as it supports the safety and security of our entire school community.

Renovations at the elementary school and the high school

We have been busy over the summer with building and maintenance projects working to improve the learning environment we provide our students and our teachers. Highlights in the high school include a new flexible learning room. This large learning and meeting space is rich with technology, including six “Smart” presentation boards which are interconnected. Teachers are looking forward to using this space for interdisciplinary teaching and large group instruction. It also will be a great meeting room for our staff, our Board of Education and for community groups. A new flexible learning space and meeting room has also been completed in the Savona Elementary School. As in the high school, this room will provide teachers with a large learning space for classes to work together. The fifth and sixth grade teachers are especially excited as it will allow them to work on their project-based and “Maker-Space” units in a room that can accommodate an entire grade level with great acoustics and technology. Two more improvements in the elementary school of note are air conditioning in the elementary cafeteria, especially helpful during early fall and late spring evening programs when the temperature and humidity are high, and a new fire alarm system.

Continued improvements in instructional technology

Our District’s vision and mission focus on preparing student to be successful citizens upon graduating. Essential to that preparation is making sure that our students are “digitally literate” and fluent with a variety of “cloud” platforms, including Microsoft 365 and Google Classroom. This year we are excited to share that we will be a 100% 1:1 device school, meaning all of our students in grade K-12 will be issued their own iPad or computer to use throughout the school day. High School students will be permitted to take these devices home, as they always have their textbooks. Many of our teacher in the junior and

senior high are moving towards a “paperless” learning environment, with many assignments done on a computer and posted on-line.

A deeper focus on the social and emotional development of our students

Our District’s long range plan outlines three major components: high academic achievement by our students, teacher professional learning and the social and emotional development of our students. During the 2018-19 school year we are going to increase our focus on educating the “whole child”, with our goal being to help all of our students develop appropriate social skills and a strong emotional foundation. This summer many of us have attended trainings on the struggles some children encounter as they grow up and the impact those struggles have on their learning. Medical professionals refer to these experiences as “ACES”- Adverse Childhood Experiences and these experiences can prevent children from being successful in school today and in society after they are grown. The good news is there is much we can do as a school to help students move beyond these negative experiences. Many of these social and emotional supports have been built into our schools for a number of years, the PBIS program (Positive Behavioral Incentive System) being the most notable. This year we plan to renew our focus within PBIS and on the various supports we provide in our classrooms and with our school counselors so that our students who are the most challenged socially and emotionally develop the resiliency they need to be successful in school today and in the wider world upon graduation.

And so given all of the exciting new additions and plans highlighted above, we look forward to all that is positive and possible in the 2018-19 school year...welcome back to CSCS!

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