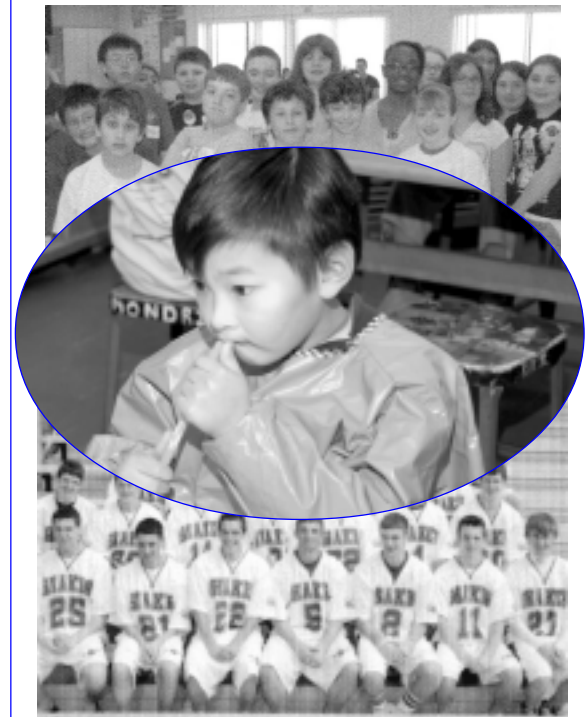


Welcome



to

Our Schools

North Colonic Central Schools

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY INFORMATION

The North Colonie Central School District hereby advises students, parents, employees and the general public that it offers equal employment and educational opportunities, including vocational education opportunities, without regard to age, race, creed, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, religion, disability, marital status, genetic disposition, or HIV or hepatitis carrier status. Equality of opportunity in employment shall include hiring, firing, wages and salaries, promotion or any terms, conditions or privileges of employment.

Inquiries regarding this nondiscrimination policy may be directed to Title IX (Discrimination) Compliance Officer, Joyce D. Horsman at Shaker High School, Latham, New York 12110, Telephone (518) 785-5511, ext. 3320; Employees contact Patricia Nugent, 95 Fiddlers Lane, Latham, New York 12110, Telephone (518) 785-8591; Section 504 (Disabled) Compliance Officer, Sheelah Lucier at Shaker High School, Latham, New York, 12110, Telephone (518) 785-5511, ext. 3333.

Procedures and forms related to the established grievance procedures may be obtained from the appropriate compliance officer.

OTHER DISTRICT PUBLICATIONS:

**Elementary Student Handbook
Students' Rights & Responsibilities
SJHS Student Handbook
SHS Student Handbook
You and Your Elementary Child
Integration Handbook
School Calendar and Directory**

Please call your building principal to receive a copy of our publications.

Home Instruction	Sheelah Lucier	785-5511
Homework Problems	Teacher, Principal	
Psychological Services	Sheelah Lucier	785-5511
Publicity, School News, Mailing List, General Information	Superintendent's Office	785-8591
Registration of New Students	Registrar	785-8591 ext. 3130
Remedial Instruction	Math - Joyce D. Horsman Reading - Sheelah Lucier	785-5511 785-5511
Rental of School Facilities	School Principals	
School Lunch	Melodie Marco, Director of Food Services	786-8856
Speech Problems	Sheelah Lucier	785-5511
Student Progress	Teacher, Principal	
Student Records	Elementary - Principal Secondary - Guidance Counselor	
Summer School	Pre-School - Grade 4 - (Beth Geragosian) Grade 5-8 - (Shawn Durant) High School - David Arnone	785-5511 ext. 4220 785-1341 785-5511
Transportation	John Myers, Director of Transportation	785-9486
Voter and Registration Information	Thomas Rybaltowski, Clerk, Board of Education	785-8591
Working Papers	Shaker High School Guidance Office	785-5511

Welcome to North Colonie!

We want to share with you some important information about your school district.

The North Colonie Schools

- *enroll about 5800 students in 9 schools and transport the remaining school-age children to non-public schools.*
- *represent many ethnic, racial and religious backgrounds among students and teachers. This diversity is welcomed.*
- *transport nearly all of our student population on our fleet of school buses.*
- *emphasize character education, K-12, to foster respect for self and others.*
- *give major attention to globalization and the impact on our school community.*
- *are utilized as a community resource to the greatest possible extent.*
- *are a partnership with our parents and community.*
- *are rated at or near the top annually among 85 school districts by "Business Review."*

- offer a self-sustaining Continuing Education program for adults and students.
- has the highest bond rating of any school district in the capital region.
- has been selected by Standard and Poor's as one of the forty-seven outperforming districts in New York State.

Our buildings are utilized by various agencies that provide services including:

- *K-Care; operated by the YMCA at Goodrich school, providing supervised care for kindergarten children before or after their school hours.*
- *Colonie Youth Center which operates a before and after school program in each elementary school.*
- *The Town of Colonie which uses the high school swimming pool all day in the summer for its self-sustaining summer program for elementary age children.*

For questions specific to your child it is a good idea to call the appropriate building staff first.

Athletics	Edward Dopp	785-5511
Attendance Problems	Elementary - Principal Secondary - Hall Principal	
Buildings and Grounds	Timothy Bonk	785-5771
Bus Schedules, see Transportation		
Child Care	Your child's principal	
Children with Disabilities	Sheelah Lucier	785-5511
Continuing Education	Edward Dopp	785-5989
Counseling Services	Elementary - Individual school Secondary - Shaker Junior High - Shaker High	785-1341 785-5511
Discipline	Building Principal	
Discrimination or Sexual Harassment Complaints (Students)	Building Principal - or - Joyce D. Horsman	785-5511
Harassment Complaints (Employees)	Patricia Nugent	785-8591
Elementary Attendance Areas	Superintendent's Office	785-8591
Employment Applications		
- Classified	Central Office	785-8591
- Instructional	Assistant Superintendent's Office	785-5511
Fines for Lost/Damaged Materials	Elementary - Principal Secondary - Hall Principal	
Gifted Education	Joyce D. Horsman	785-5511
Health Problems	School Nurse at Individual School	
HIV/AIDS -Related Regulations	Keith Bogert	785-5511

TO KEEP YOU WELL INFORMED:

The District newsletter and other major items are mailed during the school year to each household on the following schedule:

July	-	School District Calendar and Directory
	-	Inside North Colonie Schools Newsletter
August	-	Annual Evaluation Report
	-	Continuing Education Brochure
October	-	Inside North Colonie Schools Newsletter
January	-	Inside North Colonie Schools Newsletter
	-	Continuing Education Brochure
March	-	Inside North Colonie Schools Newsletter
April	-	Proposed Budget Packet

In addition, special mailings and budget information are sent out, as appropriate. If you fail to receive these mailings, please call Joyce Horsman at 785-5511, ext. 3320.

OTHER CHANNELS FOR COMMUNICATION:

- School building newsletters
- Publications from building principals and district directors
- Programs for parents - PTA meetings, counselors' evening programs, open houses, special interest meetings
- Parent conferences
- American Education Week visitations to the schools
- Report Cards and Interim Progress Reports
- Examination and Achievement Test results sent home
- Telephone calls initiated by staff or parents

We believe that you will find the North Colonie community and school system an excellent environment in which to raise and educate your children. Your thoughts and suggestions are always appreciated. Never hesitate to call when you need information or wish to discuss something related to your child's education.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

- is a nine person elected body serving five-year terms with two positions usually decided each year.
- determines policy for our district's schools, arranges for financing and appoints staff.
- meets regularly, normally on the fourth Monday of the month.
- rotates meetings among the nine schools.
- schedules Board committee meetings and special public meetings. Dates are on the district calendar mailed to all residents.
- encourages the public to attend all meetings except those dealing with confidential issues.
- provides for the public to speak at regular meetings.

2008-2009

Joan M. Hart,
President
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Ann Foster
Linda Harrison
Theresa Joslin

Mary Nardolillo,
Vice President
Jacqueline Orr
Sandy Pangburn
Mary-Ellen Raup

OUR PRINCIPALS



**SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL
Principal - Mr. Murphy**



Dr. J. Rose, Hall Principal



J. Zadoorian, Hall Principal



**SHAKER JUNIOR HIGH
Principal - Dr. R. Moore**



M. Mitchell, Hall Principal



D. Savery, Hall Principal

Memo to: Our Parents

From: North Colonie Schools

We view the education of your children as a partnership. We need and seek your support.

SOME AVENUES TO INVOLVEMENT:

- Volunteers are always welcome! Please call your building principal if you have an interest.
- Join the Parent Teacher Association in the school attended by your child. The Presidents and telephone numbers are listed in the School Calendar and Directory.
- Parent Advisory Councils, constituted by each building principal and by the Superintendent, meet regularly to discuss school interests.
- Building Councils at each school which study issues and offer recommendations have parent membership. Call your building principal.
- District-Wide Advisory Committees and Curriculum Steering Committees seek parent membership. Call the Office of the Assistant Superintendent for information

SCHOOL CLOSINGS OR DELAYS:

In the event of inclement weather or other unanticipated problems, schools may schedule delayed openings, early closings, or all-day closings. Sometimes an announced delay will become a closing. Radio and television stations carrying announcements are:

**WGNA-1460 AM, 107.7 FM; WGY-810 AM, 99.5 FM; WKLI-100.9 FM;
WROW-590 AM; WPTR-1540 AM; WFLY-92.3 FM; WRGB-TV channel 6;
WTEN-TV channel 10; WTRY-980 AM, 98.3 FM; WPYX-106 FM;
WNYT-TV channel 13**

Also, see our Web Page at www.northcolonie.org

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Scholastic achievement is our primary mission. Ninety-five (95%) of our graduating class enter a two or four year college and last year 5% of our graduates attained semi-finalist or commended status in the prestigious National Merit Scholarship competition.

Over 18% of our students in grades 10-12 study advanced placement courses for college credit in several subject areas, many in multiple subjects.

Foreign language study, which begins at the elementary level, offers study in French, German, Russian, Spanish and Latin. A University in the High School program allows 2 years of college level at the high school.

Our Career and Technical Education Departments provide entry level skills as well as technical and college preparation in Business and Technology Education.

We offer a remedial summer school for high school students who have failed one or more courses in English, Social Studies or Mathematics.

Academic Intervention Services are provided during the school year for students in subjects when they are at academic risk.

At Shaker High School Advanced Placement and University in the High School programs provide qualified students an opportunity to acquire college credit. An Integrated Regents Program supports students to achieve the Regents mandates for graduation.

As New York State Regents examinations results regularly confirm, our students achieve well. Shaker High School is an All-Regents school with two avenues for students to achieve the all important Regents' Diploma. This year 96% of the Shaker graduating class received a Regents diploma.

Shaker High School was selected by the New York State Education Department and the Council of Chief State School Officers as one of 10 New York State high schools and one of 75 United States high schools as a "promising model of success based on innovative thinking and best practices."

Our two secondary schools are National Schools of Excellence.

SAFE SCHOOLS. The Board of Education endeavors to ensure a safe, secure environment for your children. Strict policies, rigorously implemented, deal with prevention of undesirable conduct. An ongoing partnership with the Town of Colonie supports a Youth Court and other activities.

OUR PRINCIPALS



BLUE CREEK
A. Trapini



BOGHT HILLS
K. Greiner



FORTS FERRY
C. Lobdell



LATHAM RIDGE
J. Martin



LOUDONVILLE
K. Flynn



MAPLEWOOD
J. Steele



SOUTHGATE
J. Dedrick

CENTRAL OFFICE STAFF

Randy A. Ehrenberg, Superintendent of Schools	785-8591
Joseph Corr, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction	785-5511
Thomas Rybaltowski, Assistant Superintendent for Business	785-8591
Patricia Nugent, Interim Director of Human Resources	785-8591

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

Most K-6 school populations range from 360-510 students

Blue Creek	-	Annette Trapini	785-7451
Boght Hills	-	Kim Greiner	785-0222
Forts Ferry	-	Candace Lobdell	785-9203
Latham Ridge	-	James Martin	785-3211
Loudonville	-	Kerry Flynn	434-1960
Maplewood	-	Jerry Steele	273-1512
Southgate	-	Jerri Lynne Dedrick	785-6607

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

The two secondary schools are subdivided into units called Halls.

Current population:

Shaker Junior High - 940; Shaker High School - 2200.

Shaker Junior High School	-	Russell Moore, Ph.D.	785-1341
Hall Principals	-	Michael Mitchell	
	-	Dawn Savery	
Shaker High School	-	Richard Murphy	785-5511
Taft Hall principal, gr. 11-12	-	Jane W. Rose, Ph.D.	
La Follette Hall principal, gr. 9-10	-	Jan Zadoorian	
Administrative Dean, gr. 9-10	-	Brian Spofford	

DISTRICT DEPARTMENTS

Director, Library-Media-Gifted Services	-	Joyce D. Horsman	785-5511
Director, Physical Education, Athletics	-	Edward Dopp	785-5511
Director, Pupil Services	-	Sheelah Lucier	785-5511
Supervisor of Art	-	Anne Manzella	785-5511
Supervisor of Career and Technical Education	-	David Arnone	785-5511
Supervisor of Health Education and Health Services	-	Mary Beth Steffen	785-5511
Supervisor of Music	-	Deborah Keough	785-5511

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Our seven elementary schools follow a district curriculum so that students entering Shaker Junior High bring similar academic backgrounds.

We strongly emphasize the academic basics in reading, writing and mathematics. We also teach our students how to utilize effective study skills and problem-solving strategies.

Other important subjects in our curriculum include: social studies, science, health, music, art and physical education.

The health curriculum deals with healthy life styles and prevention of tobacco, alcohol and substance abuse. It also includes lessons dealing with AIDS and other infectious diseases.

Foreign languages are introduced at grade 5 – French and Spanish at grade 5 and German and Russian at grade 6.

A strong library-media program brings book promotion, computer literacy and research skills instruction and well developed resource collections in print, non-print and electronic format to each student.

Students with special needs are served with multi-faceted remedial and special education programs all geared to integrating children into the regular instructional program as much as possible. Academic Intervention Services are provided students in subjects where they are at academic risk.

Programs for gifted/talented students serve 9-10% of the population; an alternate mathematics program is offered to students with special mathematical ability at grades 5-6. There are many other programs in reading and writing for talented students.

An academic summer school program, pre-kindergarten through grade eight, is available for students who need additional support in order to remain successful learners.

Computers are used as a tool for teachers and students to enhance instruction at the elementary, junior high and senior high levels. Curriculum has been developed which integrates instructional technology.