Welcoming Our New Superintendent

By Chloe Freund

When Mr. Clancy is not busy working to help the school, he spends his time with family. He has two children, one son and one daughter. They also have had a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel for the past four years. As a family, they like to spend time cooking and swimming. Although they do not necessarily have a favorite meal to cook together, they enjoy making the local specialty of chicken riggies. When the opportunity arises, he enjoys remodeling rooms and even let his daughter, who is interested in graphic design, draw up a remodel for their bathroom. Then he followed through to make that design into the new bathroom.

Clinton Central School welcomes Mr. Christopher Clancy as our new superintendent. Mr. Clancy officially started on Monday, November 14th, 2022. Living in Central New York for around 10 years, he has been an avid member of his local community, participating in farmers’ markets and other local events. Drawn to the Clinton area because of it’s high regard toward education and community, he had always hoped for an opportunity to join the Clinton family.

Mr. Clancy believes that relationships are the epicenter of his position. He wants to take adequate time to integrate into the community. He refers to this as “Phase One” and this is an important step to him. The first few months are a time he wants to listen, learn, and help the district move forward.

As someone who has moved a lot, Upstate New York is one of Mr. Clancy’s favorite places to be. As a family they enjoy traveling to South Carolina for a week’s getaway. Mr. Clancy is a fan of mid range 70°s, sunny, and low humidity, making South Carolina a wonderful place to visit in the springtime. He finds weather in Central New York most favorable during May and October.

Mr. Clancy is an incredibly kind and hospitable person and will make a great addition to the school. When you get the chance, stop and introduce yourself. He looks forward to meeting as many students and their families as possible.
Ways to Honor Veterans Day
By Chloe Freund

Every year on November 11th, we set aside a day to honor veterans who have served in our armed forces. In the US, ceremonies are hosted around the nation and at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Many people place flowers and American Flags on graves of service members, who have passed, as a way of honoring them.

Veterans Day originated in Birmingham, Alabama in 1919. Starting as a day to observe Armistice Day, it was commemorated in 1921. Armistice Day was deemed an official holiday in 1938, and in 1954, the name changed to Veterans Day.

Places around the world that observe November 11th include Australia, Britain, Canada, France, and other European countries. Canadians call Veterans Day, Remembrance Day, and it is honored on November 11th. Many countries in Europe observe two minutes of silence at 11am on November 11th, to commemorate the date and time Armistice occurred in 1918. In Britain, Remembrance Sunday, is held on the second Sunday of November, honoring military and civilian service men and women.

One local veteran in the community is our very own Mr. John King, who teaches seventh and eighth grade science. He served in the United States Air Force from 1986-1990. He greatly appreciates the understanding and respect shown on Veterans Day. He is grateful when people say “Thank you for serving, because we aren’t allowed to do the things we do without the men and women who fight for us.” He mentions that the bonds and relationships created in the military stick with vets forever, creating a comradery that will be important, and help the rest of your life. Believing that “you have to have that team mindset to be able to get the ultimate goal done,” can apply to many life scenarios.

It does not have to be just on Veterans Day that we show thanks to those who have served. Next time that you have the opportunity, thank a veteran for their service. Making them a card or doing anything to show that you appreciate the sacrifices made, goes a long way for an underappreciated veteran.

Shoppers’ Stroll

The town of Clinton hosted their 45th annual Shoppers’ Stroll on November 28th. Events that day included: Pack the Pantry, horse and wagon rides, pictures with Santa, caroling from Clinton high school chamber singers, a reading of “‘Twas the Night Before Christmas”, lighting of the tree, a performance from JUST BRASS, and a holiday parade. The next day many Clinton students participated in the Jingle Jog 5k.
Community Spotlight: Artisans' Corner
By Lillian Hirschey

The Artisans' Corner is a local business in Clinton. The store is filled with beautiful and unique items. Each item is carefully handcrafted by local and regional artists. At least a dozen, out of forty artists, are from Clinton. The artists were discovered through making connections with Artisans' Corner, at craft shows, or vendors heard about the shop and sought the opportunity to have their art work shown. The artists each take turns running the shop, which gives customers the chance to talk directly with the artists.

The business has been open for twelve years. Before Artisans' Corner became a shop the proprietor of the store had owned a different business. Then they decided they needed to change things up. The owner wanted to open a store where their friends, as well as, acquaintances from crafts shows, could display and sell their work all year round. The location of the shop was already available. It was convenient and fit well with the artistic look they were going for. It was the perfect location for their new business.

This local business is a great place for getting your holiday shopping done. The Artisans' Corner has a wide variety of artwork, handmade clothes, and lots of other unique items. Each artist offers custom artwork and they also provide free gift wrapping with your purchase. The store is located on 1 College St, Clinton. Be sure to check out the store before the holidays are over!

Students in Mr. Zogby's 7th period AP US History class participating in a civil debate over abortion morality and rights

Many Clinton students attended Area All State on November 18th and 19th in Little Falls

Photo by Lillian Hirschey

Photo by Chloé Freund

Photo by Clara Kelly
Many staff members and students have observed the new graphic novels section. It is the newest addition to the Media Center. This section has always been available to students, it was just in the back of the library. Now it is displayed at the front of the Media Center, covered in pink stickers and signs. Although the shelf looks recently purchased to show off the new section, it was actually refurbished in school by Mr. Milana’s Construction Class. The new bookshelf was made out of an old and slightly water damaged bookshelf originally from the Media Center. Mrs. Zaleski says that she wanted the old shelf worked into something new, and was waiting for the custodial staff to do it.

While the custodial staff was occupied with other work, Mr. Milana offered to work on the bookshelf as a project with his construction class. The class reused the old materials, thus removing most costs the school would have paid. Mrs. Zaleski didn’t directly oversee the project, but she was asked occasionally for input on how she wanted the new shelf to look. She primarily just wanted it to be 42 inches tall.

When Mr. Milana was asked about why he took on the project, he simply said that it was a happy coincidence that Mrs. Zaleski needed something that he and his class could work on. He took on the job because he needed a project for his construction class. He was given a 7 foot tall bookshelf to work with, consisting of 3 sections. He needed to reduce it to 42 inches, which is half of its original height. This was a perfect opportunity for Mr. Milana to teach his class about the various tools they use and how to deconstruct things with them. They used a Miter Saw to cut the metal supports found in the original bookshelf. They used a Kreg Track Saw for all of the wooden sections. When questioned on the use of the remaining materials, Mr. Milana stated that they will be reused for various projects. However, some of the pieces of wood were too water damaged to be used for anything else, as the old bookshelf was a victim of a univent backup that flooded that area.

Mrs. Zaleski was asked about any new developments in the Media Center. She states that a building project may be happening in 2025, but for now they will be focusing on small, inexpensive changes or projects. She was thrilled with the work Mr. Milana’s class did! The Graphic Novel section has received a lot of traffic thanks to the construction class.

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**Holiday Treats!**

Recipe taken from chex.com

**Ingredients:**
- 9 cups of Chex Cereal
- 1 cup semi sweet chocolate chips
- ½ cup peanut butter
- ¼ cup of butter
- 1 tsp of vanilla
- 1 ½ cups of powdered sugar

1. Measure cereal into large bowl then set aside
2. In a microwaveable bowl, put all chocolate chips, peanut butter, and butter. Microwave on high for 1 min then stir. Microwave again for around 30 sec or until mixture is smooth, add vanilla.
3. Pour mixture over cereal and stir until evenly coated. Put cereal into 2-gallon resealable bag,
4. Add powdered sugar and seal bag, shake until coated. Pour onto wax paper and let cool
5. Enjoy your wonderful snack, or seal in airtight container in fridge
Looking for Volunteer Hours?
By Chloe Freund

If you are looking for a local place to volunteer, look no further than 55 Oriskany Boulevard in Yorkville, New York. Sleep in Heavenly Peace (SHP) is an incredible place to volunteer. As a not for profit organization, they are always looking for bedding and mattress donations, as well as monetary donations. They currently have around 200 beds that are built and need bedding before they are shipped out. Over the past year, they have created around 700 beds for local children.

In addition to needing bedding and other materials, they could use extra volunteers. As the winter season approaches, their wish is to get all children off the streets and into warm beds at night at no cost to the families. They take volunteers every other Saturday, and sign ups are online. If you like sanding, or staining wood, this would be a great place for you to lend a hand! Any help is appreciated and accepted.

If you or someone you know is sleeping on the floor without a bed, apply for one on https://info.shpbeds.org/contact-us. The branch personnel running SHP in our area are very inviting and uplifting. They bring a different perspective and new opportunities to the less fortunate in our community.
On Friday "We Wear Pink"
By Chloe Freund

On Friday October 21st, students in Clinton’s National Honor Society hosted a bake sale and spirit day with the theme of “Wear Pink!” The money raised went to breast cancer research.

Some of the students in the Honor Society also participated in the Making Strides event in Utica, New York. The American Cancer Society Making Strides event originated to unite companies, communities, and people with the goal of ending breast cancer. This year was their 30th anniversary, and they have thousands of events all over the US. As of August 2021, they have invested over $71 million dollars into breast cancer research. They are always accepting donations on their website, and it is easy to sign up for one of their many Making Strides Events online.

Photo by Mrs. Zaleski

Clinton Tech Staff Makes Improvements to The Gym
By Talon VanNort

Technology is always improving, so school administration and technology staff strive to keep Clinton up to date. On a school budget, planning and prioritizing are often necessary.

This year the high school gymnasium is getting a major tech upgrade, made possible by a generous donation from the CCSD Foundation. The technology staff is installing 2 caged projectors, as well as, motorized screens for the display. They will be placed on either side of the dividing wall.

Mr. Jordan Ezman, Manager of Information Technology Service, states that the new equipment installation is very significant, and will assist our physical education teachers in providing more visual lessons. He also states that this is a “quality of life” improvement for the teachers. They are currently relying on projectors wheeled in on carts, which require a lot of setup to use. The screens being installed can be used for pep rallies and other school events. Mr. Ezman says that it has been a long time coming, and he has been trying to get this project started for years.

When asked about future technology integration, Mr. Ezman is always watching for cutting edge products that will prepare our students for success in college and careers. Technology changes rapidly and it is easier to keep up than to catch up.

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