

November/December Newsletter

December 23, 2021

Transportation!

We want to thank our Canterbury families for their continued support this year in meeting our transportation challenges. We are pleased to announce the hiring of a new van driver and a bus driver in training. These additional staff members will help us meet the needs of our community.



On December 8, the Board of Finance approved a request from the Board of Education for two additional school buses to replace two buses that have recently been decommissioned due to rust and age. A special Town Meeting is scheduled for 7PM on Tuesday, December 28 to vote on the request. For additional information click on the *Calendar* link on the Town's webpage, <https://www.canterburyct.org/>

Did You Know!

The Baldwin Booster Club, teamed up with the Canterbury Athletic Association, provides significant funding for our middle school athletic programs through fundraising and pay-for-play revenue. Baldwin Booster Club manages about \$15,000 a year for equipment supplies, payment for referees and umpires, uniform replacements, and more. It is our goal to shift many of these responsibilities back to the Board's budget. This shift in management will allow the Baldwin Booster Club more opportunities to supplement and enhance our athletic programs.

BMS Sports

Basketball and Cheerleading season is here! We are thankful that our student athletes will have an opportunity for competitive play this year. On December 22, DPH and CIAC revised its guidelines for competitive play. All student athletes will be required to wear masks in competition and during practices, regardless of vaccination status. We look forward to a competitive season for our teams. Go Bulldogs!



In-Person Learning Model

In the news we are constantly reminded that COVID rates are on the rise in our community and throughout the state. Currently, the monthly totals of COVID rates in our community is mirroring the monthly totals from this time last year. Some of our neighboring towns are seeing significant increases in their monthly totals. When someone in our school community tests positive for COVID, our administrative team and nurses work hard to identify all those who may be considered a close contact. This knowledge helps individuals be more conscious of their own health and to monitor for symptoms in an effort to reduce the spread of COVID in our community.

To date transmission within school continues to be a rare event. We are seeing many more children testing positive with COVID this year, which has been associated with a family member being positive. It is our intention to remain open for in-person learning this winter. But it is imperative that if your child is sick, please stay home and seek medical advice. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Canterbury, Brooklyn, Plainfield and Griswold - Monthly Rates

