

HONORING 25 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE AND LOOKING AHEAD

A Message From Superintendent Dr. Joshua Liddell

This past fall, we proudly celebrated 25 years in our Chautauqua Lake school building—a milestone that invites us not only to reflect on our history but also to celebrate the incredible work happening right now across our district.

When our building first opened its doors in 2000, the vision was clear as the original school board shared these words:

“As students enter our new facility in September 2000, it becomes more than just a building. It becomes the new home & new beginning for our school community. With excitement, enthusiasm, and the oneness of our new school, we anticipate an educational experience each student will value and cherish for a lifetime!”

Twenty-five years later, that vision continues to guide and inspire us. What began as a “new beginning” has evolved into a thriving school community—one recognized for excellence in academics, athletics, and our overall student experience. Our commitment to providing a place where every student can learn, grow, and reach their full potential remains as strong as ever.

This year, that spirit has been on full display. From the classroom to the playing field, from the arts to outdoor education, Chautauqua Lake students are excelling and making us proud in a variety of venues. You will see in this Navigator publication that our science students earned first place at the SUNY Fredonia Science Bowl, demonstrating teamwork and academic excellence. In the arts, our musicians and performers continue to impress at state and regional festivals. Our athletes and teams have had another amazing season highlighted by championships, tournament victories and impressive individual performances.



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Beyond accomplishments, what stands out most is the culture of connection and care that defines Chautauqua Lake. Programs like Girls on the Run, PBIS, Chautauqua Kids Care, and our Reading Buddies partnership remind us that learning extends beyond academics—it's about building confidence, compassion, and community. Our commitment to outdoor and adventure-based education fosters resilience, teamwork, and a lasting connection to both nature and learning. In this edition, you'll see our students exploring the outdoors and engaging in community service across the region—taking advantage of the incredible opportunities our area offers while giving back to the communities that support them.

Looking ahead, I am honored to continue serving the Chautauqua Lake community while also taking on a shared superintendency with the Bemus Point Central School District. This collaboration represents a forward-thinking approach—one that isn't about dividing leadership, but about expanding what's possible. By working together and sharing resources, we can continue to offer all students the best possible educational experience. I am confident that our outstanding leadership team, dedicated teachers, and remarkable staff will ensure that our students' daily experience continues to reflect the high standards, pride, and spirit that define our district.

As I walk through our halls each day, I see the promise of the next 25 years already taking shape. Chautauqua Lake has always been more than a building—it's a home built on shared purpose, hard work, and heart. As we celebrate how far we've come, we do so knowing that our future is brighter than ever. Thank you for your continued trust, partnership, and belief in what we can achieve together.

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Congratulations to Olivia Michalak and Leah Stow on being granted tenure!

Ms. Michalak, who holds a professional certificate in Social Studies 7–12, has earned tenure in the Social Studies tenure area, and Ms. Stow, who holds a permanent certificate as a School Counselor, has earned tenure in the School Counselor tenure area.

