

Summer 2026

CELEBRATING A REMARKABLE YEAR AT CHAUTAUQUA LAKE

A Message From Superintendent Dr. Joshua Liddell

As we close out the 2025-2026 school year, it is rewarding to reflect on what has truly been a remarkable year at Chautauqua Lake. It was a year marked by success in the classroom, on the stage, and in athletic competition. Most importantly, it was a year defined by the hard work, countless accomplishments, and memorable moments created by our students.

Our graduating Class of 2026 is made up of 78 resilient, driven young men and women who have undoubtedly left their mark on Chautauqua Lake. They embraced opportunities, challenged themselves, and took full advantage of all that our school community has to offer. Their passion, leadership, and determination have set a standard for those who follow, and we are confident they are prepared to succeed in whatever paths lie ahead.

Their aspirations are as diverse as they are inspiring. Members of the Class of 2026 plan to become counselors, contractors, attorneys, pharmacists, radiologists, film directors, engineers, occupational therapists, law enforcement officers, and—my personal favorite—teachers. Graduates will continue their education at colleges and universities across the country, including multiple SUNY institutions, Penn State, Ohio State, Colorado State, Samford University, and several outstanding local colleges. We are also honored to have graduates entering the United States Marine Corps to serve and defend our great nation! Others will enter the workforce equipped with the knowledge and skills they developed through Chautauqua Lake's academic and career-readiness programs. It is our hope that we have provided each graduate with a strong foundation, a commitment to lifelong learning, and the perseverance necessary to thrive in whatever lies ahead.



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Beyond graduation, the school year was filled with accomplishments worth celebrating. Our student-athletes enjoyed tremendous success, capturing Section VI championships in football and wrestling, while our softball and tennis teams earned league championships. Numerous student-athletes qualified for state-level competition, several coaches received Coach of the Year honors, and multiple teams finished the season ranked among the top five in New York State.

Perhaps most impressive, all 16 of our varsity teams earned New York State (NYS) Scholar-Athlete Team Awards, making Chautauqua Lake a 2025-2026 NYS Public High School Athletic Association School of Distinction. This prestigious honor is awarded to schools where every varsity program has a grade point average above 90 percent. It is a testament to the commitment our students make to excellence both in competition and in the classroom and reflects the culture of achievement that continues to define Chautauqua Lake.

Academically, Chautauqua Lake continues to rank among the top-performing districts in the region. Being recognized as the number one school district in our area based on combined performance in English Language Arts, mathematics, science 3–8 assessments, and Regents examinations speaks to the dedication and commitment of our students, teachers, support staff, and families. The Class of 2026 has been an important part of that success, helping to build and sustain a culture of excellence that makes our entire school community proud.

It has truly been an outstanding year. While we celebrate the accomplishments of the Class of 2026 and the many successes of this past year, we are equally excited about the future. Chautauqua Lake remains committed to continuous growth and improvement as we strive to provide the very best opportunities for every student.

Thank you to our families, staff, Board of Education, and community members for your continued support. Together, we are making a lasting difference in the lives of our students and strengthening the communities we proudly serve. Have a safe and enjoyable summer, and thank you for another wonderful year at Chautauqua Lake!

Respectfully,

Joshua E. Liddell Ph. D.

