

Community Information

Clarence Schools Enrichment Foundation

The Clarence Schools Enrichment Foundation (CSEF) is a 501c3 charitable organization formed to enhance the educational experiences of students in the Clarence Central School District by offering ancillary enrichment in the arts, sciences, math, technology, applied career skills and athletics. For more information please visit their website, www.clarenceschoolfund.org.

Communication

Good communication is essential to building strong school- community relations. The District employs a comprehensive communication system to convey news and vital information to residents. Information about the school program, personnel, events, policies and program is available on our website: www.clarenceschools.org. The website is designed to promote and enhance education opportunities and to provide timely and appropriate information to the Clarence school community and beyond.

School personnel communicate with parents through report cards, telephone calls, written notes, parent/teacher conferences, open houses and through Parent Portal at the middle and high school levels. Our elementary parent/teacher organizations assist our communication efforts by including District news in their periodic bulletins. Elementary PTO newsletters and the CHS Clarion and CMS Windows are published monthly and are posted to the District website. The district calendar/handbook is published at the start of each school year and includes directory information, activity dates and an explanation of many of the District's policies and procedures. The Annual Report to the Community, issued each May, contains important financial and academic performance information. If you are not receiving your copy, please call the Superintendent's Office at 407-9102.

The Clarence School District website is designed to promote and enhance educational opportunities and also provide timely and appropriate information to the Clarence school community and beyond. Use of the Internet will be consistent with the District's mission and goals and Board of Education policies. Features include current news and information, searchable staff directory, dynamic school calendar, feedback routing system, and individual teacher Web pages.

Golden Age Pass

All District residents 60 years or older are eligible for a Golden Age Pass. The card entitles the holder to attend most school-sponsored plays, musicals, concerts, and sporting events free of charge. For major musical and drama events it may be necessary to call and reserve a seat. Passes may be obtained at the District Office, 9625 Main Street. Proof of age and residency is required.

Community Education

A variety of courses are offered each semester. The program is open to all community members as well as those in neighboring school districts. Programs run twice during the school year and once in the summer. The Community Education brochure, *The Journey*, is available on the district website. Copies are also available at all school buildings, the Clarence Public Library and mailed to every home in the district. Registration and payment can be made online.

Community Education offers an opportunity for local citizens, community, schools, agencies and institutions to become active partners in identifying and linking community needs and resources in a manner that helps people raise the quality of life in their community. We constantly strive to improve our program to meet the goals of our mission statement — “To offer continuing opportunities that meet the needs and interests of our community.” For more information, call the Community Education office at 407-9001.

Driver Education

In this New York State certified program, students receive the NYS Pre-licensing Certificate (MV278), certificate to drive at night at 17 years of age (MV285 - formerly called the “Blue Card”), and an insurance certificate to obtain a discount on one’s automobile insurance. Driver Education is available throughout the school year. Classes are held early in the morning before the start of the regular school day. It is also available during the summer.

Parent Organizations

Research studies indicate that parental involvement is closely associated with student success. One of the ways Clarence parents have demonstrated their strong commitment to the educational process is through their participation in parent/teacher organizations. Each of our six schools has a strong, active parent/ teacher organization that helps maintain communication between school and home, sponsor student and family activities, and provide support for teachers and staff. In addition, parents of all special education and gifted children as well as teachers and students are invited to join the Clarence Special Education Parent Teacher and Student Association (SEPTSA). Please contact your child’s school to find out how you can become involved in any of these organizations.

Community Use of Buildings

The Clarence Schools belong to the community and are available to individuals or groups for worthwhile activities when they are not being used for school functions. Application forms for school building use may be obtained from the principal at the building you wish to use.