

Dear Friends of Schroon Lake Central School,

It is very exciting to start a new school year. Faculty and staff have been working hard all summer to ensure that everything is ready for the return of our students. Much has gone on behind the scenes that the average Schroon Lake resident might not notice. For example,

- All school vehicles have been cleaned and inspected.
- The entire school has been cleaned from top to bottom.
- The cafeteria roof has been replaced to eliminate leakage.
- Many new students have registered to attend SLCS.
- Student schedules for grades 7-12 were mailed out in early July.
- We conducted summer school which was open to all students to help them make up failed courses or to simply practice new skills.
- Various teachers met during the summer to work on joint curriculum projects.
- Google chrome books have been upgraded and prepared for our new and returning students.
- Fun activities for students have been organized for the opening weeks of school.

At SLCS, we are happy to be welcoming several new staff members to our school. These new employees include:

- Principal Tamara Belanger
- Guidance Counselor Madeline Reynolds
- Technology teacher Brett Bernhard
- Librarian/Reading teacher Diane Jones
- Interim Art teacher Ed Cochran
- Teacher's Aide Elizabeth Fountain
- Teacher's Aide Amber Mieras
- Teacher's Aide Cassidy Christian
- Bus Driver/Cleaner John McCluskey.

Faculty and staff are looking forward to the arrival of the students. Expectations for student performance will continue to be high at SLCS. We encourage all students to approach their courses with a commitment toward excellence. It is certainly true that you usually get out of something what you put into it. Rest assured that the students at SLCS will be provided with excellent instruction, facilities, and technology. It is up to them, however, to come away with an experience that will allow them to reach their educational goals.

We recognize that parents are a huge part of the educational process. We believe that nothing is more important to the success of our students than strong parental support and good communication between home and school. We encourage all parents and students to communicate with teachers as often as possible. E-mail can be effective, but phone calls and face to face meetings are even better. Parents and students should continually monitor student academic progress by regularly checking our

Powerschool Parent Portal. Please start the school year off right by attending our school open house on September 12 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

If you have any questions or if there is any way I can help you and your family have a successful year at SLCS, please don't hesitate to call.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen Gratto".

Stephen Gratto – SLCS Superintendent