



# Schalmont

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FALL/WINTER 2025 NEWS

## Woestina Reopens for Pre-K

Woestina Elementary reopened its doors to Schalmont students for the first time in 15 years this fall as we were delighted to welcome the Class of 2039, our very first class of Pre-K students.

"Woestina has been a perfect home for our new Pre-K program," said Superintendent Dr. Thomas Reardon. "Our students, families, faculty and staff absolutely love the school. And the Rotterdam Junction community has been so kind and welcomed us with open arms."

After more than two years of planning, Schalmont started its Pre-K program this year with three classes at Woestina teaching 54 students. The district hopes to expand Pre-K in the future but is monitoring the new program's cost and community interest to ensure it remains viable for the long-term.

Since reopening in September, our school community certainly has made

sure Woestina feels a part of Schalmont. Almost every week, a group of students, faculty or staff visit to read to Pre-K classes or enjoy activities together.

And our youngest learners are enjoying many school firsts like field trips, picture days, and trunk-or-treat. ***We can't wait to see what else they learn this year!***



## *We couldn't be prouder of our Girls Soccer and Cheerleading teams who are* **SECTION 2 CHAMPIONS!**

The Girls Soccer team reached the State Championship Semifinal after their Class A Championship victory. Our Cheerleading team finished 3rd in the State following their 1st place finish in the Class C Championship.

**GREAT JOB, LADY SABRES!**



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# Fire Prevention Day Fun for Students

Firefighters (and their trucks) visiting school? Fire Prevention Day is always a great day at Jefferson as well as Woestina this year too!

Thank you to the South Schenectady and Rotterdam Junction Volunteer Fire Departments who visited our students this fall to teach them about fire safety.

Firefighters always do a wonderful job connecting with our students and ensuring they know that they're there to help. It's often difficult to tell if the students or firefighters enjoy the time together more!







# Perfect Day for Schalmont HOMECOMING

What a perfect Schalmont Homecoming this year!

Not only did the event take place on a perfect fall day but Schalmont's Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer and Football teams all won!

Thank you to everyone who made this year's Homecoming such a special day.



## Pep Rally Filled with Sabre Pride

There was plenty of Sabre Pride at this year's Homecoming Pep Rally!

High School students cheered on their Sabre teams, Concert Choir and Marching Band while enjoying games such as tug-of-war and musical chairs.

**GREAT JOB, SABRES!**







## 1st Graders Explore Rotterdam Library



First graders enjoyed field trips to their local library this fall as part of a new tradition at Jefferson Elementary.

The field trips to the Rotterdam Branch Library were a huge hit with children as they explored the library, eager to find books

before finding comfy spots to read. Students even got their own library cards so they could check out their books.

Thank you to everyone at the Rotterdam Branch Library who were so welcoming to our students!



## Pre-K Families Enjoy First Field Trip

### NOTHING LIKE YOUR VERY FIRST SCHOOL FIELD TRIP!

Schalmont's Pre-K families gathered together at Dellavale Farm in Pattersonville in October for a family field trip. Not even a morning rain could dampen our children's spirits! And when the sun came out, so did the big smiles!

Thank you to our families, faculty, staff, and everyone at Dellavale Farm for creating such a memorable very first field trip and experience for our Pre-K students!







# Students Celebrate Community's Veterans

What an honor to welcome our community's veterans each year for our Veterans Day Celebration!

Dozens of veterans, including many Schalmont family members, were welcomed to Schalmont for a morning ceremony and a breakfast in their honor.

And as always, the Veterans Walk was a huge hit as our school community lines our hallways to cheer, high five, and fist bump our community's veterans as they walk through.

Thank you so much to the veterans who joined us for the event and all of our country's veterans! Thank you for your service!



*Thank You*  
**VETERANS**  
— HONORING ALL WHO SERVED —







# Trunk-or-Treat a Great Community Event

Schalmont truly can not thank our community enough for coming together to create such an amazing Trunk-or-Treat this year (and every year) for our families.

From the amazing creativity of our volunteers to the dedication of our PTO, Trunk-or-Treat truly is one of those events that remind you how special our Schalmont community is.

And for the first time, our Pre-K families were also able to join the fun as our amazing Jefferson Elementary PTO made sure to include our Woestina families!



## Drama Club Performs Romantic Comedy

Schalmont High School's Drama Club put on a great performance of "Almost, Maine" in November, entertaining audiences with the heartwarming, romantic comedy.

Students are already preparing for their spring show, which will be the popular musical "Mamma Mia!" The show will run April 16-17. The production is certain to be a popular one for our community and our Drama Club can't wait to perform it!



## Almost, Maine





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## Volunteering at Food Bank Farm



Schalmont's Science Honor Society spent a day volunteering in a greenhouse and in the fields of Patroon Land Farm this fall during a school field trip.

The group of 20 High School students spent a Friday morning washing radishes and planting garlic that will be harvested next summer.

The Patroon Land Farm supplies fresh produce for the Regional Food Bank in its mission to alleviate hunger and nourish the communities it serves. Each year, Schalmont students help the Land Farm, which relies on volunteers.

***Awesome job, Sabres!***

## Senior Families Paint Parking Spots

Amazing creativity and artistry from our Class of 2026 families as they painted their senior parking spots together on a beautiful fall day!

Each year, seniors are invited to paint their parking spaces as a way to celebrate their last year at Schalmont. And it certainly has become a family affair! Family and friends spent hours with seniors painting and bringing their unique ideas to life.

Thank you to everyone who came out and made it such a fun day.







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## Join Schalmont's **Amazing Transportation Team**

If you've ever thought about driving a school bus but didn't know where to start, please fill out our short Bus Driver Interest Form by scanning the QR code or call us at 518-356-1889.

Just provide us a little contact information and someone from our Transportation Team will reach out to answer any questions you have.

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**Come join our amazing Transportation Team!**



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