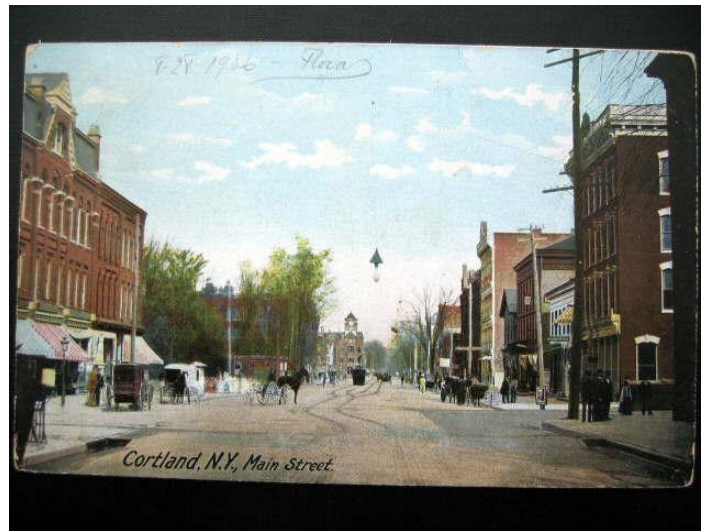


## Cortland

Cortland was first settled in the 1790s. By the late 1800s, it was very industrialized. Many immigrants came from Ireland, Italy, Ukraine, and Lebanon to work in important factories. For example, Wickwire Brothers made wire products, and the Brockway Company manufactured trucks. By the 1970s many of Cortland's factories were closed or moved out of the country due to globalization, and jobs were harder to come by. However, we still have some new small industries, a section of the State University of New York, and the Cortland Regional Medical Center which provide jobs.



Downtown Cortland in 1906 (Main Street -- looking north)

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:PostcardCortlandNYMainSt1906.jpg>



<http://www.city-data.com/picfilesv/picv10764.php>

Part of Main Street in recent years (looking south)

View of Cortland from the Air:



Cortland County Court House

[http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/a/ac/Cortland County Courthouse \(Built 1922-1923\), Cortland, New York.jpg](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/a/ac/Cortland_County_Courthouse_(Built_1922-1923),_Cortland,_New_York.jpg)



# Cortland Jr. Sr. High School

By Devin and Ryan

Cortland is a city of about 25,000 people (counting the university students). There are five public elementary schools (kindergarten through sixth grade). Cortland Jr. Sr. High school has grades 7-12. The junior high has grades 7-8, and the senior high school has grades 9-12. There are also two private religious elementary schools and one private religious junior senior high school in Cortland.

There has been a public high school in Cortland since the mid-1800's. The first high school was in downtown Cortland. The present high school is on a hill on the edge of town. The present high school was first built in 1965 and has been changed throughout the years. At first, the junior high and grade 9 stayed in the old building downtown, and the new high school had only grades 10, 11, and 12. In 1965, the new building consisted of two sections. One had the auditorium, cafeteria, and a gymnasium, and the other section had classrooms. Over the years, everything changed. The junior high was added to the new building along with new administration and guidance offices, computers labs, and new music, art, and science wings.



The Old Jr. Sr. High School  
[cortland-co.org](http://cortland-co.org)



The Current Jr Sr High School (Rear Entrance)

## Greek Peak

By Ryan

Greek Peak is a resort where The Cortland High School Ski Club goes every winter to learn how to ski and enjoy skiing and snowboarding. Greek Peak is located in Virgil, NY. It is about 6 miles from Cortland, NY. There are year round activities, too. There is an adventure center that has a roller coaster and a water park and hotel with spa called Hope Lake Lodge. There is a small man-made lake called Hope Lake that is open to the public for swimming and small boating.



[blogs.binghamton.edu](http://blogs.binghamton.edu)

# Daily Schedule

By Austin and Kyle

There are nine periods in a day at Cortland Jr. Sr. High School. The periods are 40 minutes long. We start school at 7:45 A.M. and end school at 2:28 P.M. We have Saturday and Sunday off from school, which means we have five days of school every week.

In our junior high and senior high school, most classes meet every day. Those classes include foreign languages, math, science, social studies (or history), technology (or understanding of machinery and how things work), English. All students have a lunch period health, and some students have a study hall, which is a time to do homework and study. We have a rotating set-up every other day, known as A and B day. The classes that rotate every other day are physical education, computer digital, study hall, and health. Before the day starts, we have advisory period, which was formerly known as home room. It is for taking attendance at the beginning of the day. At the end of the day, we have optional extra-curricular time, known as tenth and eleventh period. Teams practice then or students get extra help from teachers or go to the library.

This is the case unless there are holidays like Thanksgiving, Easter, Christmas. Then we have vacations. For example, at Thanksgiving, we get 5 days off, and for Christmas we get 11 days off. We also get individual days off for some holidays, such as Veterans Day. Our seasons change. We have winter, spring, fall, summer. In the summer, we get out of school in the middle of June. This is known as summer break, and we get 2 and a half months off from school. That is how Cortland Junior Senior High School follows its daily schedule and has vacations.



# Special Areas

By William and Cameron

Some of our special areas are the cafeteria, library, LGI (large group instruction area), auditorium, and the senior lounge.



The cafeteria is where we buy and eat school lunch and breakfast. Next to it is a partially transparent glass wall that borders the eating area and a hall.



In the library, we can read, work on schoolwork, take out books, and use the computer labs. The library is a pie-shaped room. The computer labs have enough computers for whole classes and are good for assignments and activities that require



computers and the internet.

Near the library is the LGI (large group instruction). The LGI is a very large area with retractable projector screens and rows of rising seats. It can host classes, open houses, meetings, and other events, including the one-act play festival.

The auditorium is where theatrical productions, concerts, assemblies take place. It is also the place where junior high students go before homeroom in the morning. The auditorium is the biggest area in the school. It





has a large stage and about 800 seats. The senior lounge is a modern room where only seniors can go when they do not have scheduled classes. In the lounge, there are studying tables, and there are televisions, gaming consoles, comfortable chairs, and tables and chairs where students can eat. The décor looks a little like a club instead of a school.

[This picture:  
<http://www.cortlandstandard.net/articles/01122012n.html>]

Those are our special areas in our school. All of these are areas that we are privileged to have.

# Academic Subjects at Our School

By Tyesheema and Hannah

New York State makes curriculum rules for all of the high schools, but some decisions are left up to the individual schools. However, all schools have required courses and some electives. The main classes that are needed to graduate are English, social studies, mathematics, and science. You also need a certain amount of credits to graduate. One credit equals one year of study. For example, English and social studies require four credits each. Math and science require three credits each. English, social studies, mathematics, and science are required in both junior and senior high. In junior high school, technology, a foreign language, health, home and careers, art, and music are also required. There are elective subjects offered in junior and senior high school. Electives are subjects the students can choose but are not required.

These are some types of subjects and different courses in those subject areas at our high school:

- **Math-** algebra, geometry, trigonometry, advanced algebra, calculus
- **Technology-** electrical technology, wood processing, graphic design, digital imaging photography, television and radio broadcasting
- **History-** social studies, global studies, United States history, geography
- **Language-** Spanish, French, Italian
- **Science-** Earth science, biology, chemistry, physics, forensic science
- **Home and Careers –** home and careers, family consumer science, child development, food preparation and nutrition, culinary foods
- **Health-** health, fitness and wellness
- **Music-** band, orchestra, choir, music theory
- **Art-** drawing and painting, sculpture, new media art
- **English-** English (language and literature), writing studio, journalism, mythology, film study, creative writing, philosophy
- **Business-** computer, business math, management and marketing



## Some Extra-Curricular Activities at Our School

By Maddy, Heather, Brianne

- Art Club
- International Club
- School Newspaper
- Student Council
- Student Senate
- Honor Society
- Quiz Teams
- Tigers Den (School Store)
- Ski Club
- Zonta
- School-to-Careers
- Mock Trial
- Co-hi-an (year book)
- New Visions Internships
- Science Olympiad



There are a lot of extra curricular activities in our school. There are activities for many different interests.

One that a lot of people enjoy is art club. We draw and paint the set designs for plays and murals for teachers. Last year, art club painted a mural for one of the teachers at our school.



The Tiger's Den is the school's store. There you can buy folders, notebooks, calculators, and other school supplies. You can also buy clothing with the school mascot, the Purple Tiger.

The ski club goes to a mountain in the nearby of Virgil. The ski resort is called Greek Peak. Club members ski or snowboard every week.

Members of International Club go on trips to Spain, Mexico, or France. They also study and celebrate the language and cultures of these countries.

The newspaper club meets in one of our English teacher's rooms. Participants write articles about and take pictures of sports games and concerts and the plays that have been put on and other events at our school. The junior high school has a school newspaper on the internet.

Student Council promotes good school citizenship and participation. It is a group of people that get together and elect a president, a vice president, a treasurer, and a secretary. They are in charge of different activities during the school year. These include spirit week, pep rallies, dances, and community service activities.

Student Senate is for the junior high school. Members are voted into this group by the homerooms. Members help out in activities like canned food drives to help disadvantaged families. Another event this group sponsors is Battle of the Teams, which is a competition of relays and other games between the four junior high sections called teams.

Honor society is a group of students that get very good grades like 90s and 100s. They help younger students as tutors.

Inter-act is a high school community service group that does many things for Cortland.

# **THE ARTS!**

***By: Rebeca and Melissa***

There are many different kinds of arts at Cortland Jr. Sr. High School. They include the visual arts, the musical arts, and the theater.



The first type of art is music. This includes band, chorus, and orchestra. When you are in band, you can choose from lots of different instruments. Some kinds of instruments are brass, woodwind, and percussion. You have to practice lots of songs and you have to tune your instrument, which is when you

play your instrument for a while to see if you have the right sound. If you don't have the right sound, then the music will sound bad.

In chorus, you have to do many warm ups. Two warm ups are singing "red leather yellow leather red leather yellow leather blue" for diction, and singing up and down the scale in three parts in a round. We also sing many songs in different languages.

For orchestra, there are string instruments, such as the cello, viola, and violin. You have to perform scales. Sometimes you have to work from a book, and then you practice concert music.



There are also art classes. In art class, you have a lot of different projects. Some of the projects we do are aboriginal art, wire sculptures, stained glass windows, and graffiti. We spend many weeks on each project to add as many details as possible. The projects are very different from one another. Some involve drawing or painting, and others are more "hands on."

Lastly, there is the theater. In theater, you act out plays. You can perform dramas, comedies, or musicals. When you are in a musical, the director assigns small and big roles. The bigger roles have more lines or solos. The musicals take lots of time, effort, and practice so the musical goes smoothly.



There are many different kinds of arts offered to Cortland Jr. Sr. high students. Junior high students (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades) take art and music. After junior high school, you don't have to take part the arts, but they are offered to you if you would like to pursue your interests whether they be in performing or visual arts.



# Sports at Cortland Jr. Sr. High School

By Greta, Dane, and Cody



In the United States, youth sports are mostly done through the schools. Our school's teams play against other schools' teams. The United States has a law called Title IX that states that both boys and girls must have equal access to sports.

In our school, we have many different sports for the various seasons. The sports played in fall are cross country, field hockey, football, golf, boys' and girls' soccer, and girls' tennis. For winter, the sports that are available are boys' and girls' basketball, bowling, ice hockey, volleyball, and wrestling. For the spring, baseball, boys' and girls' lacrosse, softball, boys' tennis, and track are available in that season.



Our teams play on many different athletic fields. Most of outdoor sports that are on school property take place on the Moiseichik Field. The others are played either on the tennis court or off school property at the elementary schools. Moiseichik Field was named after John Mosisechik. He played football for our school and was a Cortland High School graduate. He is a retired coach, physical education

teacher, and athletic director and was chosen for the Cortland High School Wall of Fame, a way to honor our talented high school graduates. The indoor sports are played in the gymnasium. The gymnasium was named after Fred O'Shafer, a former athletic director.

Our school sports are quite competitive with other schools. The biggest rivalry is with Homer School. They are equally good. Those are all the sports and where they are played at Cortland Junior Senior High School.



John Moiseichik

<http://www.cortlandschools.org/>

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## The class

