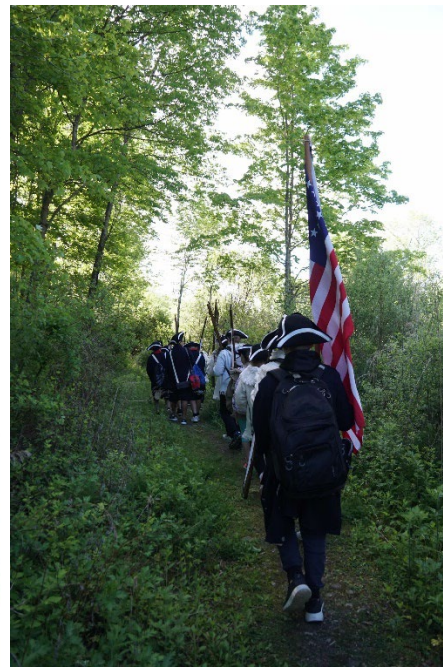


Historic Walking Tour of Carmel

This will be our fifth annual Historic Walking Tour of Carmel. The field trip, which will be on April 28, 2023 is a culmination of a unit of study about Sybil Ludington, Enoch Crosby and the history right here in the students' hometown. Prior to the field trip, students will have read about Sybil Ludington, the 16-year-old daughter of Colonel Henry Ludington, and how she rallied the militia to make the march to Danbury, CT to fight the British. Students will also have read about Enoch Crosby, the first American Spy who is also known as one of the country's first intelligence agents — predating the CIA by more than 150 years! Crosby lived in Carmel and was a cobbler in Kent. We will be collaborating with both Keith Reilly, 7th grade Social Studies teacher and Rob Buccheri, HS History teacher. They will visit classes dressed in period uniforms and answer any questions the students may have. Then on the day of the trip, both teachers will meet us at the Fred Dill Sanctuary Trail Head on Fair Street. There the gentlemen will greet their soldiers and get them ready for their journey! (Students will also be dressed as Rev War soldiers.)



After the trail, we will start our walk to the Sybil Ludington statue on Route 52. Here students will be “drilled” as soldiers which will include live musket firing by Buccheri and Reilly.



Next, students will walk over to the Drew Methodist Church which has a rich history in Carmel. Mr. McDonald, a former Carmel HS principal will give us a tour.



After that, we will walk to the old Carmel Court House (one of the oldest court houses in NY that is still used today!). There students will meet and listen to Judge Mole. The Judge will speak to the students and answer any questions. Next, students will see the original jail that still is intact. Finally, we will walk over to scoops to get a treat and wait for the bus.



We are looking forward to this opportunity once again. It is really important for students to see the rich history of their home town and to meet and interact with community members. Thank you for your support!