

# 2023-2024



**NECSD CALENDAR & PARENT HANDBOOK**

*Every Goldback, Every Day.*

# WELCOME BACK

DR. JACKIELYN MANNING-CAMPBELL, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

## LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Dear NECS D students and families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! I hope you each had a summer recess that allowed you to relax, reflect, and have a little fun. As the new school year begins, I encourage our students and families to take some time together to set some goals for this new school year. To promote success, make sure your goals are smart, attainable, realistic, and have a timeline to mark milestones. Keeping that in mind:

What do you want to learn?  
What relationships do you want to build?  
What milestones do you want to achieve?  
What experiences do you want to have?

Our mantra this year is: Every Goldback, every day. Everyone is here to help our scholars succeed!

This year, I would like to continue our strong emphasis on literacy. Our parents and guardians are our children's first teachers. It is critical that our families take this responsibility seriously. This year, we are re-launching the Newburgh Basics, an initiative that focuses on literacy for our youngest learners. Regardless of age, there are simple tasks that can be completed at home, with minimal resources that will enrich our children's abilities to learn and provide them with opportunities to succeed. Learning begins right in your home and continues well into our community. Please visit our Grade Level Expectations website to collaborate in ensuring our scholars have a strong educational foundation.

Our families are never alone in educating their children. Our district and our community partners have so much to offer. I cannot encourage you enough to take advantage of all that is available. After school and all weekend long, there are programs held in our school buildings and in our community that add to what our scholars are being taught during the traditional school day.

I look forward to continuing my connection with our students, educators, families, and community members throughout this school year. Strong relationships are essential for a foundation of respect and collaboration. It is no secret that we face our fair share of challenges in this district and we have a lot of work to do this year, but with strong relationships we will never be alone in facing those challenges. It is only together that we can do great things. I encourage you each to celebrate the strong relationships you have already developed with the educators in your school buildings and throughout our community. I also urge you to reflect on the relationships that you can build or strengthen to set your child and family up for success.

I thank you in advance for a wonderful school year. We are in this together. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'JMC', written over a light blue circular stamp.

Dr. Jackielyn Manning-Campbell  
Superintendent of Schools

## SUPERINTENDENT'S CABINET

**Mr. Ed Forgit**, Deputy Superintendent  
**Mr. Christopher Bayer**, Asst. Supt, Exceptional Learners  
**Mr. Michael McLymore**, Asst. Supt, Human Resources  
**Ms. Andrea Moriarty**, Asst. Supt, Curriculum and Instruction  
**Dr. Natasha Freeman-Mack**, Asst. Supt, Chief Equity Officer  
**Dr. Kathleen Farrell**, Asst. Supt, Curriculum and Instruction  
**Ms. Kimberly Rohring**, Asst. Supt, Finance  
**Ms. Sara Vann**, Exec. Dir., Human Resources  
**Ms. Onyx Peterson**, Exec. Dir., Chief Information & Data Officer  
**Mr. Aníbal Vélez**, Exec. Dir., Operations & Maintenance

## SCHOOL TAX INSTALLMENTS

Tax Office Telephone: (845) 563-3490

Installment payments (without penalty):

1st installment due date Oct. 5, 2023

2nd installment due date Dec. 5, 2023

3rd installment due date: Mar. 5, 2024

For more information visit the district's website at [www.newburghschools.org](http://www.newburghschools.org) then click on Tax Office under the Community section.

## REPORT CARD DATES

ELEMENTARY

December 19, 2023

April 2, 2024

June 26, 2023

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL

November 20, 2023

February 2, 2024

April 23, 2024

June 26, 2024

## 2023-24 TESTING SCHEDULE

**NYS Grades 3-8 ELA Exam**

April 11-19, 2024

**NYSESLAT Speaking**

April 15 - May 24, 2024

**NYS Grades 3-8 Mathematics Exam**

May 6-10, 2024

**Grades 5 & 8 Science Written Test**

May 13-17, 2024

**NYSESLAT Listening, Reading, Writing**

May 14 - May 16, 2024

## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS



### FROM LEFT TO RIGHT

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| <p><b>1 BOE MEMBER</b><br/>Mr. John Doerre<br/><i>Term Expires June 30, 2025</i></p>      | <p><b>2 BOE MEMBER</b><br/>Ms. Renee Greene<br/><i>Term Expires June 30, 2024</i></p>      | <p><b>3 VICE - PRESIDENT</b><br/>Ms. Deborah Bouley<br/><i>Term Expires June 30, 2026</i></p>    | <p><b>4 PRESIDENT</b><br/>Mr. Darren Stridiron<br/><i>Term Expires June 30, 2025</i></p> |
| <p><b>5 BOE MEMBER</b><br/>Mr. Jerry Ryan Lamar<br/><i>Term Expires June 30, 2025</i></p> | <p><b>6 BOE MEMBER</b><br/>Mr. Ramiro Burgarelli<br/><i>Term Expires June 30, 2026</i></p> | <p><b>7 BOE MEMBER</b><br/>Ms. Letitia McDaniel Politi<br/><i>Term Expires June 30, 2026</i></p> | <p><b>8 BOE MEMBER</b><br/>Mr. Mark Levinstein<br/><i>Term Expires June 30, 2024</i></p> |
| <p><b>9 BOE MEMBER</b><br/>Mr. Philip Howard<br/><i>Term Expires June 30, 2024</i></p>    |  |  |  |

### Did You Know?

The Board of Education meets twice a month. Their meetings can be livestreamed on the district's Youtube channel (Newburgh Schools). Stay up to date on happenings in the district & subscribe to the district's Youtube channel to receive alerts.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING SCHEDULE

MONTH	FIRST MEETING	SECOND MEETING
September	12	26
October	10	24
November	14	28
December	12	-
January	9	23
February	13	-
March	5	19
April	9	23
May	14 & 22 (Canvass of Votes)	28
June	11	18
July	2	16
August	6	20 & 29

### LIBRARY & BUDGET VOTE/BOE MEMBER ELECTION - MAY 21, 2023

Polls are open from 12:00 p.m. (noon) until 9 P.M. in designated school buildings. Board of Education member vacancies are on the ballot yearly. An election calendar will be issued yearly which will include registration dates, availability of petitions and other pertinent data. A person is entitled to vote at a school district vote/election if he/she is:

1. A citizen of the United States.
2. Eighteen years of age or older.
3. A resident within the school district for 30 days preceding the vote/election.
4. Registered with the County Board of Elections or with the school district on the Special Registration Day designated by the school district.

*"In accordance with Section 1716 of the Education Law, copies of the school district budget shall be available 14 days preceding the date of the budget vote/election."*

**CORRESPONDENCE MAY BE ADDRESSED & MAILED TO:**  
BOARD MEMBERS  
C/O THE NEWBURGH ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
124 GRAND STREET, NEWBURGH, NY 12550  
or BOE Members can email at [BOEMembers@necsd.net](mailto:BOEMembers@necsd.net)

# BOARD OF EDUCATION

**MONA NOVOTNY, CLERK OF THE BOARD**  
[MNOVOTNY@NECS.D.NET](mailto:MNOVOTNY@NECS.D.NET)

# OUR SCHOOLS

The district offers families the choice of schools throughout the district. Many of our elementary schools offer specialized programs according to their themes. Some schools provide unique programs and services based on a variety of student characteristics. Our secondary schools are organized into smaller schools-within-a-school, called houses or academies. All of our schools subscribe to the mission, vision, and core values and beliefs of the district, and share a common curriculum and common assessments in all the content areas.

## K-5 SCHOOLS

(\* Includes Grade Pre-K)

## ADMINISTRATION

## CONTACT



### **BALMVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL\***

5144 Rte. 9W, Newburgh, NY 12550  
[www.newburghschools.org/balmville](http://www.newburghschools.org/balmville)

Lisa Buon, Principal  
Concetta Cracolici, Asst. Principal

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### **FOSTERTOWN ETC MAGNET SCHOOL**

364 Fostertown Road, Newburgh, NY 12550  
[www.newburghschools.org/fostertown](http://www.newburghschools.org/fostertown)

R. Isabela Carias-Vazquez, Principal  
Shaneequa Cameron, Asst. Principal

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### **GARDNERTOWN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY\***

6 Plattekill Turnpike, Newburgh, NY 12550  
[www.newburghschools.org/gardnertown](http://www.newburghschools.org/gardnertown)

Danny Dottin, Principal  
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### **GAMS TECH MAGNET SCHOOL & PRE-K CENTER\***

300 Gidney Avenue, Newburgh, NY 12550  
[www.newburghschools.org/gams](http://www.newburghschools.org/gams)

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Tara Marshall, Pre-K Center Principal

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### **HORIZONS-ON-THE-HUDSON MAGNET SCHOOL\***

137 Montgomery Street, Newburgh, NY 12550  
[www.newburghschools.org/horizons](http://www.newburghschools.org/horizons)

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### **NEW WINDSOR SCHOOL**

175 Quassaick Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553  
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Dennis Camt, Principal  
Christopher Lee, Asst. Principal

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### **VAILS GATE STEAM ACADEMY**

400 Old Forge Hill Road, New Windsor, NY 12553  
[www.newburghschools.org/vailsgate](http://www.newburghschools.org/vailsgate)

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Eileen Cruz, Asst. Principal

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**K-8 SCHOOLS****MEADOW HILL GLOBAL EXPLORATIONS  
MAGNET SCHOOL**

124 Meadow Hill Road, Newburgh, NY 12550  
[www.newburghschools.org/meadowhill](http://www.newburghschools.org/meadowhill)

**TEMPLE HILL ACADEMY**

525 Union Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553  
[www.newburghschools.org/templehill](http://www.newburghschools.org/templehill)

**ADMINISTRATION**

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Laura Russell, Asst. Principal  
Janavette Urena, Asst. Principal

Ronald Jackson, Acting Principal  
Dennis Class, Asst. Principal  
Ellen Helgans, Asst. Principal  
Amanda Greene, Asst. Principal

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**6-8 SCHOOLS****HERITAGE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

405 Union Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553  
[www.newburghschools.org/heritage](http://www.newburghschools.org/heritage)

**SOUTH MIDDLE SCHOOL**

33-63 Monument Street, Newburgh, NY 12550  
[www.newburghschools.org/south](http://www.newburghschools.org/south)

**ADMINISTRATION**

Jessica Layne, Principal  
Barrington Atkins, Asst. Principal  
Michelle Mohl, Asst. Principal  
Carlos Santiago, Asst. Principal

Roderick Phoenix, Principal  
Erika Berrios, Asst. Principal  
Andrew Cameron, Asst. Principal  
Fernando Gonzalez, Asst. Principal  
Beckner Joseph, Asst. Principal

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**GRADE 9-12 CAMPUSES****NEWBURGH FREE ACADEMY MAIN CAMPUS**

201 Fullerton Avenue, Newburgh, NY 12550  
[www.newburghschools.org/nfa](http://www.newburghschools.org/nfa)

**NEWBURGH FREE ACADEMY NORTH CAMPUS**

301 Robinson Avenue, Newburgh, NY 12550  
[www.newburghschools.org/nfa](http://www.newburghschools.org/nfa)

**NEWBURGH FREE ACADEMY WEST CAMPUS**

39 West Street, Newburgh, NY 12550  
[www.newburghschools.org/nfa](http://www.newburghschools.org/nfa)

**ADMINISTRATION**

Susan Valentino, Co-Principal  
Matthew Spellman, Vice Principal  
Wood, Sandra, House Principal  
Jeffrey Noto, Interim House Principal  
Margaret Chesser, Interim Asst. Principal  
Roberto Cruz, Asst. Principal  
Patrick Kavanaugh, Asst. Principal  
Carolyne Monereau-St. Louis, Asst. Principal  
Michael Ragusa, Asst. Principal  
Al Romano, Asst. Principal  
Rachel Schuyler, Asst. Principal

Matteo Doddo, Co-Principal  
Anthony Williams, House Principal P-TECH  
Fior Flores, Asst. Principal  
Lauren Rivera, Asst. Principal

Matteo Doddo, Co-Principal  
Ebony Clark, Asst. Principal

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# OUR PROGRAMS

## UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

The full-day Universal Pre-K (UPK) Program provides a comprehensive and developmentally age-appropriate program for eligible NECS D four-year olds. The daily schedule is thoughtfully planned to support early childhood development and is aligned to NYSED Office of Early Learning program expectations and Standards. The UPK program includes thoughtfully planned purposeful play activities supported by teaching staff who encourage experimentation, exploration and inquiry. A typical day in any of our UPK includes a balance between individual and small group activities, active and quiet activities, and self initiated activities in interest areas/centers. The Universal Pre-K Program contributes to the continuing growth of young children's knowledge and an understanding of themselves and the world in which they live. Learning experiences provide opportunities for children to develop language, literacy, thinking skills, physical abilities, mathematics understanding, and social and emotional learning skills. The Universal Pre-K Program is available at the following elementary schools: Balmville, Gardnertown Leadership Academy, Gidney Avenue Memorial School (GAMS), Horizons-on-the Hudson or at our community partners listed below. For more information visit [www.newburghschools.org/prek](http://www.newburghschools.org/prek)



### PRE-K PROGRAM PROVIDERS

Head Start of Eastern Orange County	845-562-0380
Windsor Academy	845-562-3711
SUNY Orange (Kindercollege)	845-341-9056
Little Harvard	845-565-6112
Healthy Kids	845-568-6100

## EXCEPTIONAL LEARNERS

The NECS D is dedicated to the goal of improving educational outcomes for students with disabilities and their families. Students with disabilities are identified through a referral and evaluation process as defined through the New York State Part 200 Regulations.

Once identified, students are eligible to receive instruction, supports, and services designed to provide access to the general education curriculum through the development of an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). As required by law, supports and services are determined based upon the assessed needs and provided in the least restrictive environment in order to enable the student to gain educational benefit.

In the event you suspect your child may be struggling academically, please contact the principal of the school your child attends and request a meeting to discuss possible solutions. Each building has a Response to Intervention (RTI) Team that can determine necessary academic interventions, monitor progress, and/or refer a student to the Committee on Special Education.

If you have any concerns about a preschool or a school aged child with a disability, please call 845-563-8520.

## BILINGUAL EDUCATION

The district offers bilingual education (Transitional & Dual Language) and English as a New Language (ENL) programs. The overall goal of these programs is to provide English Language Learners (ELLs) with the necessary language skills to be successful in all aspects of their academics. The Transitional Bilingual education program uses the Spanish language to help transition ELLs to proficiency in English while continuing to develop their cognitive and academic skills with Spanish language support. Transitional Bilingual services are available for Spanish-speaking students at Gardnertown, Gidney Avenue, Meadow Hill, South Middle School, and NFA Main Campus. The Dual Language program aims to build proficiency in both English and Spanish for ELLs and for native English-speaking children. The Dual Language education program uses English and Spanish for literacy and content instruction. The Dual Language program is available at Fostertown School and Vails Gate STEAM Academy. The ENL program provides language support to build English language skills and proficiency. All district schools offer ENL services.

## NEWBURGH FREE LIBRARY

The Newburgh Free Library serves all families living in the Newburgh Enlarged City School District and has digital and print resources to help students and their families succeed. Use your free library card to download our Hoopla and Libby Apps to give you access to eBooks, comics, graphic novels, audiobooks, music and much more. Apply for your library card online at [www.newburghlibrary.org](http://www.newburghlibrary.org) to reserve Books, DVDs, music, and magazines-available to check out or download. Many more resources are available on our website including Ancestry Family Search, Tutor.com, resume and job search help, civil service tests, driving tests, car repair, Consumer Reports and more! Computers and free WiFi are available on site for personal use and homework help. Technology training classes, one on one technology support, employment workshops, English Language Learning classes and Spanish language materials are available. Photocopying, mobile print, faxing and notary services are also available. As a community learning center, the library offers in-house and Zoom programming for all ages that are educational and recreational. The Library is located at 124 Grand St.

Director: Ben Gocker  
Main number: 845-563-3600  
Reference and Information: 845-563-3625

## FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The district is dedicated to the continual development and maintenance of positive and productive home-school-community connections that increase student achievement and foster the healthy development of children and youth. Parent leadership is encouraged through participation in district-level activities, such as interviews and special project teams, and school-based activities, such as, parent-teacher groups and school-based-shared-decision making committees. The district recognizes that parents are their children's first and most important teachers. The district provides opportunities for parent participation through parent engagement and volunteer opportunities. We recognize that children whose parents become actively involved in their education achieve greater success and experience an enhanced quality of family life. Parents are encouraged to spend time in the schools their children attend, and to be engaged in the education of their children through school events, parent-teacher conferences, parent-teacher entities (PTO/PTA/PTG/PTC), and district level activities, such as, Parent Connect. For more information, please contact Mrs. Pamela Peterson, Director of Family and Community Engagement, at 845-563-3458.

## ATTENDANCE

As you know, the school district has a policy that outlines the expectations for student attendance. A copy of Policy number 5100 Comprehensive Student Attendance is available on the school district's website at [newburghschools.org](http://newburghschools.org).

One part of the policy states that, "no individual is authorized to change a student's attendance record beyond five (5) school days after returning to school" (e.g., changing an unexcused absence to an excused absence).

The following are the expectations for written notes explaining an absence. Please provide the required written documentation for the reason your child was absent within five (5) days of their return. Documentation received beyond the five (5) days will no longer be accepted and the student's record will be marked as an unexcused absence(s) for that occurrence. Should you have any questions, please contact your school principal. A student or his/her parent(s)/guardian will have the right to appeal in writing within ten (10) school



days of the student's return to the building principal or designee regarding the accuracy of the number of or type of absences for any class. The building principal or designee's decision may be appealed to the Superintendent of Schools or designee within ten (10) school days of the Principal's determination.

For tardies and early departures, the written excuse should be presented to the school on the day of the tardy or early departure with the reason for the tardy or early departure.

All district policies can be found by visiting: [NewburghSchools.org](http://NewburghSchools.org) > Board of Education > Board of Education Codes, Policies, and Notices. Please note, the Policy Manual is currently being updated as policies are revised and restructured. The directions listed directly above are still valid however, additional, newly approved policies, are also available on the BoardDocs website under the Policies

Tab. The BoardDocs website can be accessed by visiting: [NewburghSchools.org](http://NewburghSchools.org) > Board of Education > BOE Agendas and Minutes > BoardDocs > Policies.

You and your student(s) can check their attendance by visiting [NewburghSchools.org](http://NewburghSchools.org) > Families > Parent Portal (Infinite Campus). If you do not have a Parent Portal account, please contact the main office of your child's building.



**For more information visit  
BoardDocs and review policies  
#5100 & #5411.**

# HEALTH SERVICES

SHARON PATSALOS, SCHOOL HEALTH FACILITATOR  
SPATSALOS@NECSD.NET

School Health Services takes a leadership role in assessing health risk factors and promotes resilience to ensure students achieve optimal health and well being.

A team comprised of a health services facilitator, school physician, school nurse teacher, school nurse practitioner, registered nurse, health aide, and health clerk work collaboratively with parents and the medical and school communities to address the physical, social, emotional, and educational needs of district children and youth in grades Pre-K through 12th.

All district schools have a knowledgeable, well-staffed and well-equipped health office which promotes healthy attitudes and behaviors while emphasizing preventive health care.

## DISPENSING OF MEDICATION

If a student must take medication in school during school hours, the medication must be in the original container, with the following information: date prescribed, student's name, name of medication, dose, and time to be administered. A parental permission form and physician's order must accompany all medication.

## EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Emergency information cards are sent home the first week of school. This card should be filled in immediately and returned to school. The information on this card will help us contact you in case of an emergency. It is important that you notify the School Health Office of any changes in information during the school year.

## PHYSICAL EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS

The N.Y.S. Education Department requires a physical exam for student entry into school at any grade level, for each student entering Pre-K, K, and students in the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th grades, sports participation, working permits, and for the Committee on Special Education (CSE) triennial review. A physical exam is valid for one year, through the last day of the month in which the physical was given, except when the student has had an illness or injury lasting more than five days, which will negate this exam. The exam must be administered not more than 12 months prior to the start of the school year in which it is required, and the physical exam form presented within 30 days of entry into school or into any grade referenced above.

## SPORTS PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

All students who participate in interscholastic athletics must have a physical exam and/or Health Interval Review as well as receive a clearance notification from the Health Office through the Final Forms registration platform. Except for the summer months, sports physical exams may be obtained in school from the nurse practitioner while school is in session.

## SCHOOL ACCIDENT INSURANCE

School accident insurance provides for partial coverage. All expenses incurred must be submitted to parental insurance prior to being submitted to the school insurance company. Parents are responsible for any balance after the school insurance has been processed. All insurance forms should be promptly completed and mailed by parents/guardians to the school insurance company.

## IMMUNIZATION EXEMPTIONS

On June 13, 2019, the Governor of New York signed into law legislation that eliminated religious exemptions for immunizations. Please speak with the nurse's office in the building your children attend if you have any questions.

### NEW YORK STATE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR ENTRANCE/ATTENDANCE

VACCINES	PRE-K	GRADES K-5	GRADES 6-11	GRADES 12
<b>Diphtheria and Tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine &amp; Pertussis vaccine (DTaP/DTP/Tdap/Td)</b>	4 doses	5 doses or 4 doses if the 4th dose was received at 4 years or older or 3 doses if 7 years or older and the series was started at 1 year or older	3 doses	3 doses
<b>Tetanus and Diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine booster (Tdap)</b>	Not applicable	Not applicable	1 dose	1 dose
<b>Polio vaccine (IPV/OPV)</b>	3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses if the 3rd dose was rec. at 4 years or older		
<b>Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR)</b>	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses	2 doses
<b>Hepatitis B vaccine</b>	3 doses	3 doses or 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) for children who received the doses at least 4 months apart between the ages of 11 through 15 years		
<b>Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine</b>	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses	2 doses
<b>Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY)</b>	Not applicable	Not applicable	1 dose (Grades 7-11)	2 doses or 1 dose if the dose was rec. at 16 years or older
<b>Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccine (Hib)</b>	1 to 4 doses	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
<b>Pneumococcal Conjugate vaccine (PCV)</b>	1 to 4 doses	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable



## REGISTRATION OFFICE

The Registration Office for the Newburgh Enlarged City School District is located at 124 Grand Street. All students entering the district must begin the registration process online. Applicants are addressed on a first-come first-served basis after submitting the application. Registration hours are from 8:30AM to 3:30PM, Monday through Friday, except holidays in alignment with the school district calendar. Parents or guardians are required to provide the following documentation in order to register their children for school:

### 1. Proof of Age

- Original or Certified Transcription of your child's Birth Certificate or Baptismal Certificate (regardless of the issuing nation)
- If you are unable to provide either of the above documents, your child's Passport regardless of the issuing nation.
- In the absence of the above documents, you may provide any other documentation that has been in existence for over two years that could be used to establish your child's age. For example:
  - a.) official driver's license or non-driver identification card;
  - b.) state or local government issued identification;
  - c.) military dependent identification card;
  - d.) school photo identification with date of birth;
  - e.) consulate identification cards;
  - f.) hospital or health records;
  - g.) documents issued by federal, state or local agencies (e.g., local service agency, federal Office of Refugee Resettlement);
  - h.) court orders or other court issued documents;
  - i.) Native American tribal document; or
  - j.) records from non-profit international aid agencies and voluntary agencies.

### 2. Proof of Residency

You must submit at least one (1) of the following documents and at least one (1) item from Supplementary Proof of Residency (below):

- A residential lease (preferably signed within the last 3 months) with current rent receipt (the District reserves the right to also request a Statement of Landlord or Owner, attached)
- A mortgage or deed
- A statement from a landlord concerning your tenancy (Statement of Landlord or Owner is attached)

#### *Supplementary Proof of Residency*

You may submit any other relevant evidence you wish to, including but not limited to the following types of documentation with current address to indicate residency:

- Current Utility bill (gas, electric, telephone, cable) with the location of service indicated
- Current Pay Stub with address
- Income Tax Form
- Membership Documents based on residency (e.g., library card)
- Voter registration documents
- Official Driver's License, learner's permit or non-driver identification
- State or other government issued identification
- Documents issued by federal, state or local agencies (e.g., local social service agency, federal Office of Refugee Resettlement, Social Security SSI, Child Support)

### 3. Proof of Custody, Guardianship or Foster Care

- If parents are separated, divorced or have a custody order, these documents must be provided to the district
- If foster parents, documents from NYS Office of Children and Family Services (e.g., LDSS-2999)
- If custody/guardianship is with a third party, you must complete and submit the attached Affidavits of Responsibility (from the parents and custodial persons). The District will consider requests for exceptions to this requirement in limited but appropriate circumstances.

### 4. Immunization (Shot) Record

Students who do not have documentation of receiving any, or an insufficient number of, immunizations or proof of immunity may be permitted to attend school for a grace period of not more than 14 calendar days, which may be extended to not more than 30 calendar days for a student who is transferring from out of state or from another country and can show a good faith effort to get the necessary evidence of immunization. (10NYCRR 66-4). After the grace period, the student may be excluded from attendance.

### 5. Copy of Last Physical Exam

(Must be within 12 months of start of school year)

### 6. Government Issued Picture ID of the Parent/Guardian

### 7. If available, Current Report Card, Transcript (and IEP if applicable)

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED ONLINE. Students may only be registered by a parent, guardian or case worker.

Admission to Pre-Kindergarten is open to those students who turn four (4) years of age on or before December 1st of the school year.

Admission to Kindergarten is open to those students who turn five (5) years of age on or before December 1st of the school year.

For further information call the registration office, at 845-563-KIDS (5437) or email [registration@necsd.net](mailto:registration@necsd.net)



# FOOD SERVICES

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NEWBURGHSCHOOLMEALS



@NBNY SCHOOLMEALS

## INTRODUCTION

Welcome back to our students, families, teachers, and staff! Our food service staff has been working on preparing new recipes and menu items that we hope you will enjoy. This year all grain items will be made from whole grains, and fruit and vegetables will be unlimited! We hope you have the opportunity to visit our cafeterias to see firsthand the dedication our department has in providing fresh healthy meals to our students. We welcome your feedback and look forward to serving you soon!

## BREAKFAST

We all know that breakfast is the most important meal of the day so why not get a healthy start by eating breakfast at school? The School Breakfast Program is a great way for children to get the nutrients they need to stay alert and focused in the classroom. Every school in our district offers breakfast at no cost to all students! Students are able to enjoy breakfast in the classroom each morning in all school buildings. A complete breakfast consists of at least 3 components including at least one serving of fruit. Check our monthly menus for breakfast events and promotions!

## LUNCH

School lunch provides students with access to a variety of healthy whole grains, fresh fruit and vegetables, lean meats, and low fat dairy items. Lunch is provided to our Pre-K students in the classroom. Students in grades K-5 have six entrée choices each day including the hot lunch special of the day, the entree salad of the day, the lunch "kit" of the day, ham and cheese or turkey and cheese sandwich made with Boar's Head deli meats, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, or the vegan lunch "kit". Middle school students are offered a second hot lunch option daily in addition to the K-5 options. Students at NFA have entrée specials at each of four stations: Favorites, Pizzeria, International, and a made to order Deli. A variety of healthy sides including red/orange veggies, dark green veggies, legumes, fresh fruit, and low fat milk will be available to all students daily. A complete lunch consists of at least three components including at least one serving of a fruit or vegetable. Lunch is available to all students at no cost.

## CHARGE POLICY

Please refer to the Charge Policy on the district's website, [www.newburghschools.org](http://www.newburghschools.org).

## PREPAYMENT

Although lunch and breakfast are available at no cost, you may deposit any amount of money in your child's individual account for a la carte snack and beverage items. Your child's PIN number is their student ID number. He or she will enter this number when they arrive at the cashier. The amount spent for a la carte snacks will then be debited from the account. Parents of elementary school students should help their children memorize their student ID number. When students know their number, the lunch lines move efficiently.



## ONLINE PREPAYMENT

The district offers **MySchoolBucks**, an online service that allows you to securely pay for your student's snacks online using your credit/debit card or electronic check. Sign up now and you can:

- Set Up Automatic Recurring Payments
- Create Low Balance Alerts and Make Payments
- Track & Review Meal History and More...

Registering for your FREE account is easy, just go to [MySchoolBucks.com](http://MySchoolBucks.com). Create an account and never worry about sending cash or checks for your student(s) again.



## ONLINE NUTRITION AND ALLERGY INFORMATION

Newburgh Enlarged City School District offers menu information, including nutrition information and allergens on the Meal Viewer website and mobile app! Parents and students can create profiles and save information as needed. Notification settings on the app will also allow for notifications of specials and menu changes as needed. Visit <https://schools.mealviewer.com/results/newburgh> to set up a free account.

## BUS SAFETY RULES

The safety of our students is our primary concern. To help ensure the safety of all students, other motorists and the general public, please make sure your child is aware of the following regulations:

Any student who does not follow these guidelines may lose the privilege of riding the bus.

### Bus Safety Rules for Riding the Bus

1. Students must follow the instructions of their driver.
2. Students must remain in their seats while the bus is in motion, keeping aisles clear at all times.
3. Students must remain quiet and orderly; stop, look and listen with the bus driver at all railroad crossings.
4. Students must be courteous to the bus driver and fellow passengers. No fighting, yelling or throwing objects. Foul language or rude behavior will not be tolerated.
5. Students are not permitted to smoke, eat or drink on the bus and must help to keep the bus neat and clean.

### Bus Safety Rules for the Bus Stop

1. Students must leave home early enough to arrive at the bus stop ten minutes before the bus is due.
2. Students must wait for their bus well off the roadway and respect the property of others.
3. Students must enter the bus in a single file and in an orderly manner.
4. When leaving the bus, if students must cross a street they should walk 10 feet in front of the bus. Look both ways and wait for the driver to signal approval to cross. A child must never attempt to return to the bus unless instructed to do so by the driver.

The district is required to follow the "No-Fault Law" for students receiving medical attention as a result of a school bus accident/incident. The "No-Fault Law" provides that if you are injured on a bus or a school bus in New York State, no-fault benefits must be paid by your auto-insurer, or if you have no auto, the auto insurance of a relative with whom you reside. The law further provides that you should only file a no-fault claim with the bus company if there is no such auto-policy in your household.

Our Director of Transportation will be happy to help you with any questions and can be reached at 568-6833.

## NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL BUS REQUESTS

In accordance with New York State Education Law, transportation request forms for children in non-public schools must be submitted by April 1st for the following school year to be eligible for transportation unless the family moves into the district after April 1st, in which case the request must be made within 30 days of establishing residency. Transportation requests received after April 1st are not guaranteed transportation. If transportation is provided based on a late request it will be to and from a central pick up and drop off location. Students must be 5 years of age by December 1 of the current school year to be eligible for bus transportation.

## EMERGENCY "GO HOME" PROCEDURES

When, due to unusual circumstances, the Superintendent of Schools decides that it is necessary to close schools during the school day or before the usual time, the following procedures will be followed:

1. Our radio stations may inform you of school closings.
2. A School Messenger message will be sent. A posting will also be made on the district website and social media.
3. Students who ordinarily walk will be dismissed immediately.
4. All bus students will be transported to their usual home stops.

Please observe the following safety regulations:

1. Remain calm and stay at home.
2. Please do not call the school or the Board of Education Office.
3. When possible, make every effort to be at the bus stop to meet your child. Students in Pre-K - Grade 2 and all students taking special transportation must be met at the bus stop.
4. If you plan to be away from home at any time, your child should be made aware of another home where he or she can be cared for until your return.



### Did You Know?

The district uses the following methods to communicate school closings, delays, and emergency news: District website, Facebook, local radio stations, local television stations, phone calls, and emails. Make sure your information is updated in your Parent Portal account to receive these alerts.

## DISMISSAL

Children will only be released to those individuals on the emergency blue card. Students in Pre-K - Grade 2 and all students taking special transportation must be met at the bus stop.

## EARLY DISMISSAL SCHEDULE

The following is the Early Dismissal Schedule. Dismissal times are approximate.

10:15AM - NFA All Campuses, Heritage, and South  
11:15AM - GAMS, Meadow Hill, Temple Hill, and Vails Gate  
12:15PM - Balmville, Fostertown, Gardnertown, Horizons, New Windsor and Pre-K at GAMS

## SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

The days that the district will not be in session are clearly noted on the September through June calendar. At times, special closings for workshops, conference days or other school district activities, could take place during the school year. On these occurrences, notes will be sent home by each school principal.

During inclement weather the school district will normally be open for students and staff. Normal amounts of rain and snow will not be the criteria for school closings. If snow and ice are excessive and could present a hazardous situation for students and staff to travel to school, the Superintendent of Schools will reach a decision about closing the schools. This decision is reached after careful consideration of the weather, the conditions of the streets and roads, and the ability of buses and cars to travel throughout the district. The closing of schools will be announced on the radio and television stations listed below. The district also uses the School Messenger services via telephone for announcements. This is a service that enables the district to send messages to thousands of staff and parents quickly. If our district does not close because of inclement weather, there will be no radio, television, social media, or website announcement.

# FAMILY NOTIFICATIONS

All NYS Schools are required to notify parents of certain policies and procedures each year. Previously a Parent Notification Booklet was available online and at each school building. We've combined that booklet with our district calendar to give families better access to this important information.

## STUDENT PARTICIPATION IN MANDATED ASSESSMENTS

Parents/Guardians have the right to request information regarding the State and the district's policy on participation in required assessments, and the policy or procedure to opt out of those assessments, if applicable. Information on all required assessments, both state and local, are posted on the district website.

## GRADUATION CEREMONIES

The district is required to provide families the district policies on participation on graduation ceremonies for those students who have earned CDOS or SACC. The district's full policies on graduation are available on BoardDocs, or more information can be found in the district's Charting Your Course Booklet.



For more information visit  
**BoardDocs and review policies**  
#4770 & #4771.

## ASBESTOS NOTICE

The Newburgh Enlarged City School District has conducted the semi-annual surveillances as per the Asbestos Management Plans and the results of the surveillances are included in each plan. In addition, any response actions undertaken by the District in the preceding year are included in the Asbestos Management Plans. The District will notify you of any current or planned asbestos inspections, response actions, and post-response actions.

The Asbestos Management Plans are available for review at the Main Office at each of the District's schools, during regular school hours. They can also be reviewed in the Administrative Offices of Facilities and Operations, at 20 Chestnut Street, Newburgh, N.Y. 12550, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm during normal school days. Copies of the plans are available at a cost of \$0.25 per page. Please call telephone # 845-568-6800 or your child's school if you would like to make arrangements to purchase a copy or copies or to review any of the plans.



## BULLYING AND HARASSMENT

The Board of Education is committed to providing an educational and working environment that promotes respect, dignity and equality. The Board recognizes that discrimination, such as harassment, hazing and bullying, are detrimental to student learning and achievement.

These behaviors interfere with the mission of the district to educate its students and disrupt the operation of the schools. Such behavior affects not only the students who are its targets but also those individuals who participate and witness such acts.

To this end, the Board condemns and strictly prohibits all forms of discrimination, such as harassment, hazing and bullying on school grounds, school buses and at all school-sponsored activities, programs and events.

Discrimination, harassment, hazing or bullying that takes place at locations outside of school grounds which can be reasonably expected to materially and substantially interfere with the requirements of appropriate discipline in the operation of the school or impinge on the rights of other students are prohibited, and may be subject to disciplinary consequences.

**Are you, or do you know someone, who is experiencing bullying, discrimination, or harassment?**

**Complete a DASA Incident form on the district website at [www.newburghschools.org/dasa](http://www.newburghschools.org/dasa)**



For more information visit  
**BoardDocs and review policy**  
#0115 and Regulation #0115-R.

## CHILD ABUSE

The district is required to provide families with the phone number of the Child Abuse Hotline (1-800-342-3720) and a link to the New York State Child and Family Services website: <https://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps>. The above phone number and website are available in the footer of every district webpage as well.



## PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS

Pursuant to the Pesticide Notification Law, the Newburgh Enlarged City School District is informing through this written notice all persons in parental relation to our students that, during the course of the year, it might become necessary for a school to use pesticide products. The District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notice of certain pesticide applications.

The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- anti-microbial products
- non-volatile rodenticides in tamper-resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children
- non-volatile insecticidal baits in tamper-resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children
- silica gel and other non-volatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children
- boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate
- the application of EPA-designated biopesticides
- the application of EPA-designated exempt materials under 40 CFR §152.25
- the use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets

In addition, there will be no written notice of an application when a school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72 hours period following the application. In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good-faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your child's school, please complete the Pesticide Notice Form available on the district's website and return it to the school (please include your address, telephone #, e-mail address, and/or fax number).

For further information on these requirements, please feel free to contact Liberty Pest Control, the District's pesticide representative, through the Administrative Offices of Operations and Maintenance at 20 Chestnut Street, Newburgh, N.Y. 12550, telephone # 845-568-6800.

## APPR OF TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS

In accordance with the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), parents/guardians of students have the right to request specific information about the professional qualifications of their children's classroom teachers and/or principal, including the composite APPR score.

### Right to Request and Review Information Regarding Teacher

In accordance with the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), parents/guardians of students have the right to request specific information about the professional qualifications of their children's classroom teachers. As the parent/guardian of a student in the Newburgh Enlarged City School District, you have the right to request the following information about your child's/children's teachers:

- whether the teacher has met New York State qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas he or she teaches;
- whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which the State qualifications or licensing criteria have been waived;
- the teacher's college major;
- whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees;
- if your child is provided services by any instructional aides or similar paraprofessionals, the services provided to your child and the aide's or paraprofessional's qualifications.

Requests for information about the qualifications of your child's/children's teacher(s) should be directed to the Main Office of the school of attendance. Thank you for your continued support and interest in your child's/children's education.



For more information visit [BoardDocs](#) and review policy #9420

## ANAPHYLAXIS

The Newburgh Enlarged City School District is legally authorized to employ Nurse Practitioners, School Nurse Teachers and Registered Nurses to provide the nursing service of administering anaphylactic treatment agents. All Nurse Practitioners, School Nurse Teachers and Registered Nurses employed by the Newburgh Enlarged City School District may administer epinephrine via a designated or an undesignated epinephrine auto-injector to an individual using professional judgment if an individual is experiencing a potentially life-threatening allergic reaction (anaphylaxis).

Each Nurse Practitioner, School Nurse Teacher and Registered Nurse will be covered by the non-patient specific standing order only while working in the Newburgh Enlarged City School District employment situation. This standing order will be in effect for one year, from September 1 until August 31. Each nurse will hold a current CPR Certification and will follow the Health Services Policy and Protocol for immunizations.

For an Anaphylactic Reaction to Immunizations, TB test, Allergens, Insect Bite, Exercised Induced or Idiopathic give:

For individuals 33 to 66 pounds, use one EpiPen Jr. (0.15 mL epinephrine injection, USP, 1:2000) auto-injector to deliver 0.15 mg of epinephrine injection.

For individuals approximately 66 pounds and greater, use one EpiPen® (0.3 mL epinephrine injection, USP, 1:1000) auto-injector to deliver 0.3 mg of epinephrine injection.

Call 911 and transport to Emergency Department via Ambulance. If not breathing and/or pulse ceases, begin CPR.



## STUDENT PRIVACY AND DATA

Several laws and regulations protect the confidentiality of information about your children when that information identifies them. Such information, which includes student-specific data, is known as "personally identifiable information" or "PII."

The federal laws that protect your child's PII include the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). State laws, such as N.Y. Education Law 2-d and the related regulations of the N.Y. State Commissioner of Education; and the DOE Chancellor's Regulation A-820 also protect the confidentiality of your child's PII.

To view the district's Student Data, Privacy Notification, and FERPA information visit the district website at [www.newburghschools.org/tech](http://www.newburghschools.org/tech)

# FAMILY NOTIFICATIONS

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## MEDIA RELEASE INFORMATION

At the Newburgh Enlarged City School District, we believe highlighting our schools, programs, students, faculty, and staff through the use of pictures, videos, audio recordings, and stories is essential toward fostering a great sense of community that promotes our district in a positive way.

The NECSD maintains the right to use photos, videos, audio, names, and/or quotes from our students on the district's websites, social media networks, and in print materials, including stories the district supplies to the media and circumstances in which the media is on school grounds for approved visits or school related functions off school grounds, unless formally notified by a parent or guardian.

The NECSD is offering this form as a notice to opt-out of such releases for your student(s). Parents or guardians who would like their children to be featured and do not wish to opt-out do NOT need to take any further action at this time.

As the parent or guardian of the student identified below, I understand that if I opt-out, my child will be excluded from photos/videos and content posted on the district website, social media accounts, or print materials, including stories supplied by the district to local media. If you choose to opt out, please share this information with your child, so they can avoid being in photos taken in school when possible.

Note: This opt-out policy does not apply to public events, district yearbooks, or videotaping by security cameras in schools, on school grounds, or on school buses.

If you do not want your child to be featured in district media, please complete the form at the link below.

This form should be completed each school year if you do not wish for your child to be photographed. A parent/guardian can opt-out or opt back in at any time. The school year is considered to be approximately from September 1st - August 31st.

The list of those who opt-out and/or have rescinded a previous opt-out will be available to NECSD staff to reference as needed.

To complete the form visit  
[www.newburghschools.org/mediarelease](http://www.newburghschools.org/mediarelease)



The inaugural season of the Newburgh Free Academy Girls Flag Football team took place during the 2022-23 School Year. The new team consisted of 27 athletes ranging from grades 7-12. The NFA Girls Flag Football team was part of 15 teams in Sextion IX and there are more than 100 other teams across the state.

## WHAT IS THE NECS D PARENT PORTAL?

The parent portal is an online app that allows you to see information about your child's education. Family engagement has a direct correlation to student success. Students with engaged families are more likely to have higher self-esteem, lower absenteeism, and earn higher grades/test scores. The Parent Portal helps families stay engaged with their child's education.

**The Parent Portal contains a wealth of information including:**

**School Calendars**

**Report Card Grades**

**Health Records**

**Progress Reports**

**Students Schedules**

**Attendance Records**

**and more.**



### *Did You Know?*

Families will soon be able to receive our important announcements via text messages. Please login to the Parent Portal and be sure you cell phone is listed in the cell phone field.

## HOW DO I SIGNUP?

1

You will need your personal access code.

You can get this code from the main office of your child's school.

2

Download the app from your app store or visit the NECS D website for web-based access.



3

You will need to register as a new user. If asked, the district ID is **CSXYKG**



# PARENT PORTAL



## SCIENCE NIGHT

Students and their families collaborate on science experiments at Heritage Middle School's Science Night. Learners of all ages rotated through science themed activities, learning about the solar system in the NFA Planetarium, creating and launching rocket ships, building and testing parachutes, and making Galaxy Slime and Moon Rocks.



# SEPTEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b>  Superintendent's Conference Day - No Students GLA Kindergarten Orientation	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  Labor Day - District Closed	<b>5</b>  Superintendent's Conference Day - No Students FOST, HOH, MH, NWS, THA - K Orientation HOH, GAMS, GLA - PreK Orientation	<b>6</b>  Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A  First Day of School First Day of Fall Sports (Modified)	<b>7</b>  Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT	<b>8</b>  Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B  Blue and Gold(back) Friday	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>  Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A	<b>12</b>  Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B  BOE Regular Meeting	<b>13</b>  Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A	<b>14</b>  Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: INT  NWS - PTO Ice Cream Social	<b>15</b>  Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B  Blue and Gold(back) Friday NFA West - Fall Jam	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>  Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A	<b>19</b>  Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B  ELL Parent Orientation Meeting	<b>20</b>  Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A  GAMS - Back To School Night HOH - Block Party/Back to School Night	<b>21</b>  Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT  FOST, MEAD, NWS, VGSA, THA - Back To School Night	<b>22</b>  Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B  Blue and Gold(back) Friday NFA North - Blood Drive	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  Religious Holiday - District Closed	<b>26</b>  Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A  BOE Regular Meeting	<b>27</b>  Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B  NFA Back to School Night	<b>28</b>  Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT  NFA Main - Blood Drive BALM & HMS - Back to School Night	<b>29</b>  Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A  Blue and Gold(back) Friday HOH - IB Town Hall	<b>30</b>



## READING WITH THE DOGS

In the summer of 2023, The NECSD Empire Program implemented a highly successful "Read with Dogs" program in collaboration with Hudson Valley Paws for a Cause. This innovative initiative aimed to enhance middle school students' reading skills and confidence while providing a therapeutic and engaging experience through interactions with trained therapy dogs and their handlers.

# OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b>  National Principal Month	<b>2</b> Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B  National Custodian Appreciation Day HOH - Book Fair Week	<b>3</b> Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A	<b>4</b> Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B	<b>5</b> Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: INT  NFA - Music Council Open Stage/Potluck	<b>6</b> Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A  Blue and Gold(back) Friday National Coaches Day County-Wide Early Dismissal Drill Pink Day United Way Employee Giving Launch Homecoming Game GAMS - Core Values Assembly/ 2nd Cup of Coffee	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>  Fire Prevention and Bully Prevention Week begins National School Lunch Week begins	<b>9</b>  District Closed - Columbus Day/ Indigenous Peoples' Day	<b>10</b> Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B  BOE Regular Meeting	<b>11</b> Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A	<b>12</b> Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: INT	<b>13</b> Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B  Blue and Gold(back) Friday Progress Reports (Secondary)	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>  National Bus Safety Week begins NYS School Board Week begin	<b>16</b> Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A	<b>17</b> Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B	<b>18</b> Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A  NWS Character Ambassador K-2 & 3-5	<b>19</b> Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT  GAMS - SEL Parent Engagement Night VGSA - Better Together VIP Breakfast Parent Connect: Growing the Vision Together   Regents Exams & Who Do I Go To	<b>20</b> Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B  Blue and Gold(back) Friday HMS - Halloween Dance MH - Dad's University	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A  NFA West - Underclass Picture Day Red Ribbon Week Begins	<b>24</b> Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B  BOE Regular Meeting NWS Fall Picture Day Elementary Progress Reports OCMEA HS Choral Auditions	<b>25</b> Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A  Special Olympics Summit NFA Main - Cafe Night	<b>26</b> Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: INT	<b>27</b> Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B  Blue and Gold(back) Friday OCMEA HS Instrumental Auditions HOH-IB Town Hall HOH - Trunk or Treat Bash VG - PTO Trunk-o-Treat	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A  HMS - Trunk or Treat	<b>31</b> Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B  1/2 Day for Students - 1/2 Day Staff Development				



## VETERANS DAY

Each year, Meadow Hill School, and other schools in our district celebrate Veterans in our community by hosting their annual Veterans Day Breakfast. This is one of many ways our district is able to honor our community members and our scholars are able to connect with and learn from professionals in our area.

# NOVEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> Ele, K-8: <b>C</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>A</b>  Family Engagement Month High School Selection Tours Begin Middle School Selection Tours Begin National Runaway Awareness Month Native American Heritage Month	<b>2</b> Ele, K-8: <b>D</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>INT</b>	<b>3</b> Ele, K-8: <b>E</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>B</b>  Blue and Gold(back) Friday NFA Main - Fall Musical BALM - Fall Picture Day GAMS - Core Values Assembly/ 2nd Cup of Coffee	<b>4</b>   NFA Main - Fall Musical HMS - Annual SK
<b>5</b>   School Psychology Week	<b>6</b> Ele, K-8: <b>F</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>A</b>	<b>7</b>  Election Day Superintendent's Conference Day - No Students	<b>8</b> Ele, K-8: <b>A</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>B</b>  HMS - Veterans' Day Breakfast National Letter of Intent Signing Day	<b>9</b> Ele, K-8: <b>B</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>INT</b>  End of 1st Marking Period (Secondary) MH - Veterans Breakfast NFA Main Student Exhibition	<b>10</b>   Veterans Day - District Closed	<b>11</b>   NFA Main - Fall Musical HMS - Annual SK
<b>12</b>   School Psychology Week	<b>13</b> Ele, K-8: <b>C</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>A</b>  First Day of Winter Sports (Varsity/JV/Freshmen)	<b>14</b> Ele, K-8: <b>D</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>B</b>  BOE Regular Meeting	<b>15</b> Ele, K-8: <b>E</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>A</b>  Education Support Professionals Day FOST - 3rd Grade Production Math Meet (SD 11/16)	<b>16</b> Ele, K-8: <b>F</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>INT</b>  National Family Engagement Day FOST - 3rd Grade Family Production FACE Day of Thankfulness & Gratitude VGSA - STEAM Night NFA Main - Fall Drama Production	<b>17</b> Ele, K-8: <b>A</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>B</b>  Blue and Gold(back) Friday Substitute Appreciation Day NYSSMA Area All State NFA West College and Career Expo HOH - IB Town Hall NFA Main - Fall Drama Production	<b>18</b>   NYSSMA Area All State NFA Main Fall Drama Production
<b>19</b>   Report Cards (Secondary) First Day of Winter Sports (Modified)	<b>20</b> Ele, K-8: <b>B</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>A</b>	<b>21</b> Ele, K-8: <b>C</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>B</b>	<b>22</b>  Superintendent's Conference Day - No Students Morning Parent Teacher Conferences	<b>23</b>   Thanksgiving Recess - District Closed	<b>24</b>   Thanksgiving Recess - District Closed	<b>25</b>   Thanksgiving Recess - District Closed
<b>26</b>   Report Cards (Secondary) First Day of Winter Sports (Modified)	<b>27</b> Ele, K-8: <b>D</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>A</b>	<b>28</b> Ele, K-8: <b>E</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>B</b>  BOE Regular Meeting NFA North Underclassmen Pictures Kindergarten Selection Tours Begin NFA West - Underclass Picture Make-up Day	<b>29</b> Ele, K-8: <b>F</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>A</b>  NFA North Underclassmen Pictures	<b>30</b> Ele, K-8: <b>A</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>INT</b>  FOST, GAMS, GLA, HOH, MH, NWS, TH, VGS - Parent/Teacher Conferences NYSSMA All State		



## WINTER CONCERTS

Members of the South Middle School Band pose for a photo. Various ensembles like chorus, band, orchestra, acapella, keyboard, percussion and more perform at each school throughout our district in the fall and spring. Check the calendar for performances at your child's school or attend our high school performances to watch the many talents of our students on display!

# DECEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> <p>Ele, K-8: <b>B</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>B</b></p> <p>Blue and Gold(back) Friday NYSSMA All State FOST - 1st Grade Song Swap GAMS - Core Values Assembly/ 2nd Cup of Coffee HMS - Winter Ball (SD: 12/8) NFA Main - Winter Ballet</p>	<b>2</b> <p>National Special Education Day NYSSMA All State NFA Main - Winter Ballet</p>
<b>3</b> <p>NYSSMA All State</p>	<b>4</b> <p>Ele, K-8: <b>C</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>A</b></p>	<b>5</b> <p>Ele, K-8: <b>D</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>B</b></p> <p>NWS - Picture Retake</p>	<b>6</b> <p>Ele, K-8: <b>E</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>A</b></p> <p>End of First Trimester - Elementary HMS - Winter Chorus Concert SMS - Winter Concert</p>	<b>7</b> <p>Ele, K-8: <b>F</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>INT</b></p> <p>BALM - Parent Teacher Evening Conf. Fostertown - Winter Concert NFA Main Blood Drive</p>	<b>8</b> <p>Ele, K-8: <b>A</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>B</b></p> <p>Blue and Gold(back) Friday</p>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <p>Ele, K-8: <b>B</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>A</b></p>	<b>12</b> <p>Ele, K-8: <b>C</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>B</b></p> <p>BOE Regular Meeting BALM - Picture Retakes GAMS - Winter Concert</p>	<b>13</b> <p>Ele, K-8: <b>D</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>A</b></p> <p>Math Meet 2023-24 (SD 12/14) NWS - Character Ambassador K-2 &amp; 3-5 HMS-Winter Band &amp; Orchestra Concert</p>	<b>14</b> <p>Ele, K-8: <b>E</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>INT</b></p> <p>GLA - Winter Concert HOH - Winter Concert BALM - Winter Concert</p>	<b>15</b> <p>Ele, K-8: <b>F</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>B</b></p> <p>Blue and Gold(back) Friday SMS - Winter Play FOST - Kindergarten Song Swap (Family)</p>	<b>16</b> <p>SMS - Winter Play</p>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <p>Ele, K-8: <b>A</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>A</b></p> <p>MH - Winter Concert I</p>	<b>19</b> <p>Ele, K-8: <b>B</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>B</b></p> <p>Report Cards - Elementary THA - Winter Concert &amp; Art Show (gr. 4-8)</p>	<b>20</b> <p>Ele, K-8: <b>C</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>A</b></p> <p>GAMS - Winter Concert MH - Winter Concert II VGSA - Winter Concert NFA North - Blood Drive FACE Holiday Bizarre Extravaganza NFA Main - Cafe Night</p>	<b>21</b> <p>Ele, K-8: <b>D</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>INT</b></p> <p>NFA North - Winter Concert VGSA - Winter Concert NFA Main - Winter Concert I (SD: 1/4)</p>	<b>22</b> <p>Ele, K-8: <b>E</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>B</b></p> <p>Progress Reports (Secondary) Blue and Gold(back) Friday HOH - IB Town Hall NFA West - Annual Holiday Show</p>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <p>Winter Recess - District Closed</p>	<b>26</b> <p>Winter Recess - District Closed</p>	<b>27</b> <p>Winter Recess - District Closed</p>	<b>28</b> <p>Winter Recess - District Closed</p>	<b>29</b> <p>Winter Recess - District Closed</p>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b>						



## PERFORMING ARTS

Heritage Middle School performed *The Lion King, Jr.* and included the entire school in the production. Students and teachers collaborated to apply artistic skills to paint the incredible backdrops, design set pieces, construct intricate props and costume pieces, alter costumes, paint and design cast ensembles, and coordinate hair and make-up. In addition to performing, students utilized technical skills to manage light and sound boards and act as stage crew. Keep your eye on the spring for future fine and performing arts performances in our schools!



# JANUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b>  Winter Recess - District Closed	<b>2</b> Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A	<b>3</b> Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B	<b>4</b> Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT	<b>5</b> Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A	<b>6</b>  OCMEA Elementary Instrumental Auditions
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B	<b>9</b> Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A	<b>10</b> Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B	<b>11</b> Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: INT	<b>12</b> Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A	<b>13</b>  Blue and Gold(back) Friday GAMS - Core Values Assembly/ 2nd Cup of Coffee
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day - District Closed	<b>16</b> Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B	<b>17</b> Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A	<b>18</b> Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: INT	<b>19</b> Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B	<b>20</b>  OCMEA HS Festival
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A	<b>23</b> Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS: B	<b>24</b> Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS: A	<b>25</b> Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS: A	<b>26</b> Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS: A	<b>27</b>  Blue and Gold(back) Friday End of 2nd Marking Period (Secondary) Regents Exams VGSA - Better Together VIP Breakfast HOH - IB Town Hall
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B	<b>30</b> Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A	<b>31</b> Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A			
		Progress Reports - Elementary	OCMEA Jazz Pre Rehearsal			



## MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

Newburgh joined with hundreds of cities nationwide that accepted President Obama's My Brother's Keeper challenge. Aimed at improving life outcomes and opening up opportunities for all youth, especially young men of color, Newburgh's MBK initiative is a partnership of the Newburgh Enlarged City School District, local municipalities, and several community based organizations. My Brother's Keeper (MBK) initiative aims to address persistent opportunity gaps faced by boys and young men of color and ensures that all young people can reach their full potential across the country.

# FEBRUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> Ele, K-8: <b>C</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>INT</b>  National Career & Technical Ed. Month Black History Month Begins National Dental Month begins Pre-K Registration Opens NFA Main - Blood Drive	<b>2</b> Ele, K-8: <b>D</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>A</b>  Report Cards (Secondary) Blue and Gold(back) Friday GAMS - Core Values Assembly/ 2nd Cup of Coffee HMS Valentine's Dance (SD: 2/9)	<b>3</b>   OCMEA JH Auditions
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Ele, K-8: <b>E</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>B</b>  National School Counseling Week	<b>6</b> Ele, K-8: <b>F</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>A</b>	<b>7</b> Ele, K-8: <b>A</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>B</b>	<b>8</b> Ele, K-8: <b>B</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>INT</b>  NFA Main Winter Drama Production	<b>9</b> Ele, K-8: <b>C</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>A</b>  Blue and Gold(back) Friday OCMEA Jazz Festival VGSA - PTO Friendship Dance NFA Main Winter Drama Production	<b>10</b>   NFA Main Winter Drama Production
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Ele, K-8: <b>D</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>B</b>	<b>13</b> Ele, K-8: <b>E</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>A</b>  BOE Regular Meeting NWS - Character Ambassador K-2 & 2-5	<b>14</b> Ele, K-8: <b>F</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>B</b>  Math Meet (SD: 2/15)	<b>15</b> Ele, K-8: <b>A</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>INT</b>  Music Council Open Stage	<b>16</b> Ele, K-8: <b>B</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>A</b>  Blue and Gold(back) Friday HOH - IB Town Hall	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>   Mid-Winter Recess - District Closed	<b>20</b>   District Closed - Mid-Winter Recess	<b>21</b>   District Closed - Mid-Winter Recess	<b>22</b>   District Closed - Mid-Winter Recess	<b>23</b>   District Closed - Mid-Winter Recess	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>   Middle and High School Selection Ends	<b>26</b> Ele, K-8: <b>B</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>A</b>	<b>27</b> Ele, K-8: <b>B</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>A</b>	<b>28</b> Ele, K-8: <b>E</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>B</b>	<b>29</b> Ele, K-8: <b>F</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>INT</b>		



## HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

The 2022 NFA Spring Musical was Lin Manuel Miranda's *Bring it On*. Students worked tirelessly to rehearse their parts, as well as manage sound, lights, stage design, costumes, hair and make-up, and more. The cast and crew is composed entirely of students, with support from educators and community members. Look for the NFA Spring Musical each March!

# MARCH 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					<b>1</b> Ele, K-8: <b>A</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>A</b> Maintenance/Grounds Worker Appreciation Day Music in Our Schools Month begins Blue and Gold(back) Friday All District Art Festival Month begins GAMS - Core Values Assembly/ 2nd Cup of Coffee VGSA - Family Reading Day NFA West - Poetry Slam & Art Festival	<b>2</b> National Read Across America Day
<b>3</b> National School Breakfast Week begins National School Social Work Week begins	<b>4</b> Ele, K-8: <b>B</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>B</b>	<b>5</b> Ele, K-8: <b>C</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>A</b>	<b>6</b> Ele, K-8: <b>D</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>B</b>	<b>7</b> Ele, K-8: <b>E</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>INT</b> Fostertown - 2nd Grade Production for Families NFA Main - Scholarship Concert	<b>8</b> Ele, K-8: <b>F</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>A</b> Blue and Gold(back) Friday Applications to Speciality High School Programs Due	<b>9</b> SAT Exam
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Ele, K-8: <b>A</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>B</b> First Day of Spring Sports (Varsity/JV/Freshmen)	<b>12</b> Ele, K-8: <b>B</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>A</b> BOE Regular Meeting	<b>13</b> Ele, K-8: <b>C</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>B</b> Second Trimester Ends - Elementary Math Meet (SD 3/14)	<b>14</b> Ele, K-8: <b>D</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>INT</b> All-District Music Festival Rehearsal NFA Spring Musical - Senior Citizen Perf.	<b>15</b> Ele, K-8: <b>E</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>A</b> Progress Reports (Secondary) Blue and Gold(back) Friday GAMS - Math Parent Engagement Night Middle School Selection Notifications begin NFA Spring Musical	<b>16</b> NFA Spring Musical
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Ele, K-8: <b>F</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>B</b> All District Music Festival Rehearsal First Day of Spring Sports (Modified)	<b>19</b> Ele, K-8: <b>A</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>A</b> BOE Regular Meeting All District Music Festival Rehearsal	<b>20</b> Ele, K-8: <b>B</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>B</b> All District Music Festival Concert	<b>21</b> Ele, K-8: <b>C</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>INT</b> NFA Main - MIOSM Assembly NFA Main - Cafe Night	<b>22</b> Ele, K-8: <b>D</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>A</b> Blue and Gold(back) Friday HOH - IB Town Hall	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Spring Recess - District Closed	<b>26</b> Spring Recess - District Closed	<b>27</b> Spring Recess - District Closed	<b>28</b> Spring Recess - District Closed	<b>29</b> Spring Recess - District Closed	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b>						



## PRE-K REGISTRATION

An NFA student works with an incoming Pre-K student at a new student orientation. NECSD's Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) program is for children who have reached age four (4) on or before December 1, 2024 to be eligible for the the 2024-25 School Year. The Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) program is available for established residents residing within the Newburgh Enlarged City School District. Interested families should visit the Registration section of the district website for more information.

# APRIL 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B  National Assistant Principals Week School Library Month Week of the Young Child	<b>2</b> Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A  Report Cards - Elementary	<b>3</b> Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B	<b>4</b> Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT  National School Librarian Appreciation Day	<b>5</b> Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A  Blue and Gold(back) Friday GAMS - Core Values Assembly/ 2nd Cup of Coffee FOST - K Song Swap (Families)	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B	<b>9</b> Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A  BOE Regular Meeting NWS - Character Ambassador K-2 & 3-5	<b>10</b> Religious Holiday - District Closed	<b>11</b> Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT  NYS 3-8 ELA Assessment (thru 4/19) NFA Main - Empty Bowls NFA Main - Student Exhibition	<b>12</b> Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B  Blue and Gold(back) Friday End of 3rd Marking Period (Secondary)	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A	<b>16</b> Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B	<b>17</b> Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A  OCMEA JH Orchestra Pre Rehearsal NFA North - Blood Drive	<b>18</b> Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: INT  NWS - Drama Production	<b>19</b> Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B  Blue and Gold(back) Friday High School Selection Notification Begins HMS - Spring Musical NFA Main - Spring Dance Concert	<b>20</b> HMS - Musical
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A	<b>23</b> Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B  NYS 3-8 ELA Assessment (thru 4/19) Report Cards (Secondary) BOE Regular Meeting	<b>24</b> Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A  Administrative Professionals Day MH - Cultural Fair & Art Show NFA Main EKE & Percussion Ensemble Concert	<b>25</b> Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT  GAMS - Core Values Assembly/ 2nd Cup of Coffee BALM - 5th Grade D.A.R.E. Ceremony MH - Cultural Fair & Art Show NFA Main - Blood Drive	<b>26</b> Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B  Blue and Gold(back) Friday 1/2 day for students   1/2 day Staff Development FOST - 1st Grade Song Swap (Families) SMS - Spring Musical HOH - IB Town Hall HMS - Spring Luau Dance	<b>27</b> FACE Family Reading Day SMS - Spring Musical
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A	<b>30</b> Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B				



## BIKE GARDEN

Officials from the Orange County Departments of Planning and Health, along with Newburgh Enlarged City School District and the Dept of Small Interventions unveiled an interactive Bicycle Garden last spring. The Bicycle Garden contains a series of miniature streets that simulates road conditions with different traffic scenarios for children to learn bicycle safety in a previously unused parking lot at the Horizons-on-the-Hudson Elementary School. This is the first Bicycle Garden in Orange County.



# MAY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<b>1</b> Ele, K-8: <b>B</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>A</b>  National Principal's Appreciation Day National Physical Ed./Sports Week FACE Community Baby Shower	<b>2</b> Ele, K-8: <b>C</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>INT</b>  NFAM - Spring Concert 1	<b>3</b> Ele, K-8: <b>D</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>B</b>  School Lunch Hero Day Blue and Gold(back) Friday GAMS - Core Values Assembly/ 2nd Cup of Coffee OCMEA JH AC Festival	<b>4</b>   OCMEA JH AC Festival SAT Exams
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Ele, K-8: <b>E</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>A</b>  NYS 3-8 Math Assessment (thru 5/10) National Teacher Appreciation Week HOH - Spring Book Fair Week	<b>7</b> Ele, K-8: <b>F</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>B</b>  Progress Reports - Elementary NFA Main Spring Concert II	<b>8</b> Ele, K-8: <b>A</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>A</b>  National School Nurse Day HMS - Band and Orchestra SMS - Spring Concert	<b>9</b> Ele, K-8: <b>B</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>INT</b>  FOST - Spring Concert MBK Coronation Ceremony	<b>10</b> Ele, K-8: <b>C</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>B</b>  Blue and Gold(back) Friday NFA Main - Talent Show	<b>11</b>   Harlem Wizards Game with FACE
<b>12</b>   Mother's Day	<b>13</b> Ele, K-8: <b>D</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>C</b>  National Police & Security Monitor Week NYS Grade 5 & 8 Science Assessment (thru 5/17)	<b>14</b> Ele, K-8: <b>E</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>B</b>  NYSESLAT Listening, Reading, Writing (thru 5/16) BOE Regular Meeting HMS - Spring Choral Concert	<b>15</b> Ele, K-8: <b>F</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>A</b>  GAMS - Art Show and Spring Concert NFA North - Spring Concert HMS - Chorus Spring Concert NFA Main - Solo Recital	<b>16</b> Ele, K-8: <b>A</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>INT</b>  GLA - Spring Concert NFA West - Last Day of Internships BALM - Spring Concert NFA Main - Talent Show	<b>17</b> Ele, K-8: <b>B</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>B</b>  Blue and Gold(back) Friday NYSSMA Solo Festival	<b>18</b>   NYSSMA Solo Festival
<b>19</b>   Town of New Windsor Parade [ROTC   NFAM & HMS Perform]	<b>20</b> Ele, K-8: <b>C</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>A</b>  Town of New Windsor Parade [ROTC   NFAM & HMS Perform]	<b>21</b> Ele, K-8: <b>D</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>B</b>  1/2 day for students   1/2 day Staff Development Annual School Budget Vote and BOE Election (Polls Open Noon - 9PM) MH - Reading Retreat	<b>22</b> Ele, K-8: <b>E</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>A</b>  VGSA - Spring Concert BOE Special Meeting - Canvass of Votes NFA Main - Cafe Night	<b>23</b> Ele, K-8: <b>F</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>INT</b>  GAMS - Honor Society Induction VGSA - Multicultural Celebration NFA Main - NYS Science Honor Society Ceremony	<b>24</b> Ele, K-8: <b>A</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>B</b>  Blue and Gold(back) Friday Progress Reports (Secondary) GARD - Spring Concert HOH - IB Town Hall	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>   PreK Registration Closes Town of Newburgh Parade [ROTC   HMS Perform]	<b>27</b>   City of Newburgh Parade [ROTC   Drumline Perform] Memorial Day - District Closed	<b>28</b> Ele, K-8: <b>B</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>A</b>  BOE Regular Meeting	<b>29</b> Ele, K-8: <b>C</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>B</b>  NWS - Spring Chorus Concert HMS - NJHS Induction VGSA - Spring Concert	<b>30</b> Ele, K-8: <b>D</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>B</b> NFA West: <b>INT</b>  HOH - Spring Concert THA - Spring Concert and Art Show FOST - 4th and 5th Grade Production	<b>31</b> Ele, K-8: <b>E</b> HMS, SMS, NFAs: <b>A</b> NFA West: <b>A</b>  Blue and Gold(back) Friday Fostertown - 4th & 5th Grade Production (Families)	



## GRADUATION

This June Newburgh Free Academy will celebrate their 159th Commencement Ceremony on Academy Field. We wish all of our graduates a life of success and hope they return to share their accomplishments with our younger scholars.

# JUNE 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b>  SAT Exam
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>  Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B	<b>4</b>  Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS: A	<b>5</b>  Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS: B NFAs, NFA West: A	<b>6</b>  Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS: A NFAs: B NFA West: INT	<b>7</b>  Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS: B NFAs: A NFA West: B	<b>8</b>  Blue and Gold(back) Friday HOH - Field Day GAMS - Core Values Assembly/ 2nd Cup of Coffee Permanent Art Collection Reception HMS - Blue and Gold Ball (8th Grade Semi-Formal) NFA Prom
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>  Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS: B NFAs: A NFA West: B	<b>11</b>  Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS: B NFAs: A NFA West: B	<b>12</b>  Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS: A NFAs: B NFA West: A	<b>13</b>  Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS: B NFAs: A NFA West: INT	<b>14</b>  Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS: A	<b>15</b>  Blue and Gold(back) Friday Regents Exams BALM - Kindergarten Moving Up VGSA - Field Day HOH - IB Exhibition
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS: B	<b>18</b>  Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS: A	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS: B	<b>21</b>  Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS: A	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>  Father's Day	<b>24</b>  Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS: B	<b>25</b>  Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS: A	<b>26</b>  Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS: B NFAs & NFA West: B	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  Regents Exams 1/2 Day of School   PreK-6 Grade Students Only MH - 8th Grade Graduation	<b>1</b>  Regents Exams Newburgh Free Academy Graduation 1/2 Day of School   PreK-6 Grade Students Only	<b>2</b>  End of Final Marking Period - All Grades Report Cards - All Grades 1/2 Day of School for All Students Last Day of School			



## TECHNOLOGY SKILLS

NFA Marist Early College High School students work with elementary students at GAMS as a way to expose elementary scholars to computer skills and computer science pathways that are available at the high school level. High school students created games for elementary students to interact with, focusing on mathematical skills through digital play.

# JULY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 <small>BOE Organizational Meeting</small>	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 <small>Kindergarten Placement Notifications Begin</small>	16 <small>BOE Regular Meeting</small>	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			



## BACK TO SCHOOL

The first day of school is right around the corner! Be sure to regularly visit the district website for our annual back to school celebrations, school supply lists, transportation information, orientation events, and so much more. Now is a good time to make sure your Parent Portal account is up to date, so you receive all communications as a partner in your child's education. We can't wait to see our scholars again in the fall!

# AUGUST 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 <small>BOE Regular Meeting</small>	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 <small>BOE Regular Meeting</small>	28	29	30	31
				<small>BOE Regular Meeting</small>		

## DISTRICT MANTRA - EVERY GOLDBACK, EVERY DAY



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# EVERY GOLDBACK *every day*

Honoring our rich history, that spans more than a century of graduates, championing our current scholars, and preparing for our future leaders, this year's mantra reminds our entire school community of our primary focus - our children.

We are inclusive, resilient, and will continue to grow as we shape our scholars, who in turn, will lead us into the future. Every Goldback, every day is a call to action for educators, parents/guardians, families, community partners, alumni, and neighbors that we each play a critical role in educating our scholars. The mantra is also a reminder to our scholars to be supportive of each other as we join together as one Goldback community.

Together, we will implement student designed instruction, focus our student-centered staff, motivate good attendance, and join together for a safe and supportive school climate.

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