

CALENDAR & PARENT HANDBOOK

WELCOME BACK

LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



Dear NECSD Students and Families,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year! Our focus continues to be: Every Goldback, every day. This focus helps guide us to be sure that students are at the center of every decision. Together, we are dedicated to ensuring the success of all our scholars.

Education is a shared responsibility, and I encourage families to seek out ways to engage in their child's learning this year. Your perspectives and experiences are crucial as we navigate challenges and enhance our educational approach.

This year, we will maintain a strong focus on literacy. As parents and guardians, you play a vital role as your children's first teachers. Your involvement is essential, and there are simple, impactful activities you can do at home to foster their learning. Please visit our website to explore the Grade Level Expectations, which will help us collaborate in building a solid educational foundation for our students.

Remember, you are not alone in this endeavor. Our district and community partners have a wealth of resources to support you. I highly recommend taking advantage of all that is available in our schools and community that complement your child's education.

I look forward to deepening my connections with students, educators, families, and community members throughout this year. Building strong relationships is key to fostering respect and collaboration. I also encourage our families and educators to celebrate the relationships you've established and think about how you can strengthen them to support your child's success. While we may face challenges, when we work together, we can achieve remarkable things.

Together, I look forward to a bright new year for our scholars.

Warm regards,

Dr. Jackielyn Manning Campbell Superintendent of Schools

SUPERINTENDENT'S CABINET

Ms. Onyx Peterson, Deputy Superintendent

Mr. Christopher Bayer, Asst. Supt, Exceptional Learners
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 Dr. Natasha Freeman-Mack, Asst. Supt, Chief Equity Officer
 Ms. Mary Ellen Leimer, Interim Asst. Supt, Human Resources
 Dr. Shannon O'Grady, Asst. Supt, Curriculum and Instruction
 Ms. Kimberly Rhoring, Asst. Supt, Finance

TBD, Exec. Dir., Chief Information & Data Officer **Mr. Aníbal Vélez**, Exec. Dir., Operations & Maintenance

Mr. Anthony Geraci, Dir., Safety and Security

SCHOOL TAX INSTALLMENTS

Tax Office Telephone: (845) 563-3490 Website: newburghschools.org/taxoffice

Installment payments (without penalty): 1st Installment due October 7, 2024 2nd Installment due December 5, 2024 3rd Installment due March 5, 2025

For more information visit the district's website at www.newburghschools.org then click on Tax Office under the Community section.

REPORT CARD DATES

ELEMENTARY December 17, 2024 March 26, 2025 June 27, 2025 MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL November 25, 2024 February 10, 2025 April 29, 2025 June 27, 2025

2024-25 TESTING SCHEDULE

January Regents

January 21 - January 24, 2025

NYS Grades 3-8 ELA, Math, and Science Exam

April 7 - May 16, 2025
Tests will take place during this testing window

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> NYSESLAT Speaking April 14 - May 23, 2025

NYSESLAT Listening, Reading, Writing
May 12 - May 23, 2025

June Regents June 10-11, 17-27, 2025

WHAT DOES BEING A BOARD MEMBER MEAN?

The Board of Education members are a nine person policy-making body which operates within the laws of the State of New York. Each member is elected for a three-year term; terms of office are staggered with elections held every year. The Board is responsible for approving the district's budget, adopting all policies and curriculum, and evaluating the superintendent. The authority of the Board is as a whole and no Board member may act as an official of the district except when the board meets in a regular or a special session. The Board of Trustees are elected to represent all of the people of the school district. In making its decisions, the Board is guided by what is in the best interest of the entire district.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS



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Term Expires: June 30, 2025 **Term Expires:** lune 30, 2027

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Mr. Philip Howard



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Mr. Fred Stewart

Term Expires: June 30, 2025

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Term Expires: lune 30, 2026 **Term Expires:** lune 30, 2025



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	10	24
October	8	22
November	12	26
December	12	-
January	14	28
February	11	25
March	11	25
April	8	22
May	13 & 21 (Canvass of Votes)	27
June	10	24
July	1	15
August	12	26

LIBRARY & BUDGET VOTE/BOE MEMBER **ELECTION - MAY 20, 2025**

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 be emailed at BOEMembers@necsd.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-aschool, called houses or academies. All of our schools subscribe to the mission, vision, and core values of the district, and share a common curriculum and common assessments in all the content areas.

K-5 SCHOOLS	(* includes Grade Pre-K)
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	BALMVILLE ELEMENTARY SO
	5144 Rte. 9W, Newburgh, NY 12550
	www.newburghschools.org/balmville

(* Includes Grade Pre-K)

ADMINISTRATION

CONTACT



BALMVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL* 5144 Rte. 9W, Newburgh, NY 12550

Karriem Bunce, Principal Amanda Greene, Asst. Principal Main Office: 845-563-8550 Health Office: 845-563-8555 Email: kbunce@necsd.net



FOSTERTOWN ETC MAGNET SCHOOL

364 Fostertown Road, Newburgh, NY 12550 www.newburghschools.org/fostertown

R. Isabela Carias-Vazquez, Principal Shaneegua Cameron, Asst. Principal Main Office: 845-568-6425 Health Office: 845-568-6431 **Email:** icariasvazquez@necsd.net



GARDNERTOWN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY*

6 Plattekill Turnpike, Newburgh, NY 12550 www.newburghschools.org/gardnertown

Danny Dottin, Principal Meagan Claro, Asst. Principal Main Office: 845-568-6400 Health Office: 845-568-6411 Email: ddottin@necsd.net



GAMS TECH MAGNET SCHOOL & PRE-K CENTER*

300 Gidney Avenue, Newburgh, NY 12550 www.newburghschools.org/gams

Robert Glowacki, Principal Rosalie Pena, Asst. Principal

Lisa Buon, Pre-K Center Principal Janavette Urena, Pre-K Center Co-Principal Main Office: 845-563-8450 Health Office: 845-563-8468 Email: rglowacki@necsd.net

Pre-K Center: 845-568-6730 Health Office: 845-563-8468 **Email:** jurena@necsd.net



HORIZONS-ON-THE-HUDSON MAGNET SCHOOL*

137 Montgomery Street, Newburgh, NY 12550 www.newburghschools.org/horizons

Tara Marshall, Principal Nieves Beckett, Asst. Principal

Main Office: 845-563-3725 Health Office: 845-563-3733 **Email:** tmarshall@necsd.net



NEW WINDSOR SCHOOL

175 Quassaick Avenue, New Windsor, NY 12553 www.newburghschools.org/newwindsor

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VAILS GATE STEAM ACADEMY

400 Old Forge Hill Road, New Windsor, NY 12553 www.newburghschools.org/vailsgate

Gillian Matos, Principal Laura Russell, Asst. Principal

Main Office: 845-563-7900 Health Office: 845-563-7907 Email: gmatos@necsd.net



OUR PROGRAMS

UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

The full-day Universal Pre-K (UPK) Program provides a comprehensive and developmentally age-appropriate program for eligible NECSD 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 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. 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

EXCEPTIONAL LEARNERS

The NECSD is dedicated to 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 (Two-Way Model) and Vails Gate STEAM Academy (One-Way Model).

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 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 offered. Photocopying, mobile print, faxing and notary services are also available. As a community learning center, the library offers programming for all ages that are educational and recreational. The Main Library is located at 124 Grand St. The new Town Branch is located at 181 S. Plank Rd., Suite 2. See our website for an updated list of hours and closings.

Director: Ben Gocker Main number: 845-563-3600 Town Branch: 845-245-4750 Reference and Information: 845-563-3625



FAMILY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The district recognizes that parents are their children's first and most important teachers. The district is dedicated to the continual development and sustainment of positive and impactful home-school partnerships and engagement that increases student achievement and fosters an environment where children and youth thrive. Partnership and engagement also empower parents to become advocates for children.

We encourage parent participation in district-level activities, such as special project teams, employment interviews, and Parent Connect, a safe place for parents to enhance their understanding about what their children are learning in the classroom and programs and services available for families and their children.

Our schools offer parent engagement activities throughout the year. We welcome our families to attend parent-teacher conferences, open houses and orientations, Coffee With the Principal, curriculum workshops, and literacy programs. We also encourage our families to become members of parent-teacher organizations (PTO/PTA/PTG/PTC) and take part in building leadership teams.

Each school has a Parent Engagement Coordinator:

Mayra Araujo - HOH, NWS - maraujo@necsd.net

Bill Morgan - MH, THA SMS, HMS - wmorgan@necsd.net

Antony Roncal - NFA All Campuses - aroncal@necsd.net

Laura Vega - BALM, VAILS - Ivega@necsd.net

Leeola Williams - FOST, GLA, GAMS - lewilliams@necsd.net

For more information about how to be engaged at your

child's school please reach out to the Parent Coordinator

assigned to your child's school or contact Pamela Peterson,

Director of Family and Community Engagement - ppeterson@

necsd.net.

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.

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 > Board of Education > BoardDocs >

Policies

You and your student(s) can check their attendance by visiting 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

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

Our team is comprised of a health services facilitator, school physician, school nurse teacher, school nurse practitioner, registered nurse, health aide, and health clerk who work collaboratively with our parents, medical communities, and school communities to address the physical, social, emotional, and educational needs of our district children and youth in grades Pre-K through 12th grade. 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 is required to 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 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR ENTRANCE/ATTENDANCE							
VACCINES	PRE-K	GRADES K-5	GRADES 6-11	GRADES 12			
Diphtheria and Tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine & Pertussis vaccine (DTaP/DTP/Tdap/Td)	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			
Tetanus and Diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine booster (Tdap)	Not applicable	Not applicable	1 dose	1 dose			
Polio vaccine (IPV/OPV)	3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses	if the 3rd dose was rec. at 4 years or older				
Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR)	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses	2 doses			
Hepatitis B vaccine	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					
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Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine	1 dose	2 doses		s apart between the ages o 2 doses			
Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY)	1 dose Not applicable	· · ·	11 through 15 years				
		2 doses	11 through 15 years 2 doses 1 dose	2 doses 2 doses or 1 dose if the dose was rec. at 16 years			

REGISTRATION OFFICE

All students entering the district must begin the registration process online. The Registration Office for the Newburgh Enlarged City School District is located at 124 Grand Street. 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

- You must submit a supplementary proff of residency which may be one of the following: 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)

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

the school year.

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

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





INTRODUCTION

Our commitment in Food Services is to "Nourish Every Goldback, Every Day!" We enjoy developing healthy eaters by providing nutritious, high quality meals that fuel our students for the classroom and beyond. Come visit our cafeterias to see firsthand our dedicated staff, the amazing entrees, fresh fruits, vegetables, and more! Your feedback is important to us and we look forward to serving you soon!

BREAKFAST

Students who begin the day with a healthy breakfast have greater concentration and perform better on tasks. Newburgh is a "CEP" district, meaning through the Community Eligibility Provision every student in our Newburgh schools can eat breakfast and lunch free of charge! Encourage your child to start their day in a great way by eating breakfast at school. 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

NECSD School lunches provide students with access to a variety of healthy whole grains, fresh fruit and vegetables, lean meats, and low fat dairy items. Lunch is supplied to our Pre-K students in the classroom. Students in grades K-5 have a variety of choices each day including the hot lunch specials, entree salads, 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 are 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.

ONLINE 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 through www.MySchoolBucks.com. This online service allows you to securely pay for your student's snacks online using your credit/debit card or electronic check.

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 their individual account.

Sign up with www.MySchoolBucks.com 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. Create an account today, and never worry about sending cash or checks for your student(s) again.

ALLERGY INFORMATION, MEAL MODIFICATIONS AND DIETARY MEDICAL ACCOMMODATIONS

For our Goldback scholars with severe allergies, an action plan and menu may be required to accommodate dietary needs. Allergies or special dietary needs must be documented by a physician and communicated by the parent or guardian to the school nurse. Please note: a written physician's prescription is required in order to obtain a substitution.

The request will be supported through a Medical Accommodations Request or Individualized Education Program (IEP). Parents and guardians should provide all necessary documentation to the school nurse for the accommodation.

For a 504 Accommodation, please include the 504 Coordinator, Principal, School Nurse, and School Food Service Director in your communications. A coordinated meeting will be scheduled to discuss the action plan and parameters of the dietary accommodation request. If additional instruction or clarification is needed, please contact Newburgh School Food Services at 845-563-3424, the Director of Exceptional Learners at 845-563-8520, or contact Health Services at 845-563-3497.



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.
- 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

- 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.
- A School Messenger message will be sent. A posting will also be made on the district website and social media.
- Students who ordinarily walk will be dismissed immediately.
- All bus students will be transported to their usual home stops.

Please observe the following safety regulations:

- 1. Remain calm and stay at home.
- 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.

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 by a responsible person.

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 is closed are noted on the district calendar. Any changes will be communicated via the district website, email, and robocall, posted on social media channels, and shared with local media as necessary.

Circumstances arise when schools and/or the entire district will need to close or dismiss early (weather, facilities issues, etc.). The Superintendent of Schools will decide on closing the schools in urgent and/or emergency situations. This decision is reached after careful consideration of the circumstance at hand (weather, facilities issue, etc.), taking multiple factors into account.

Parents and guardians should make sure their contact information is up to date in their Parent Portal (Infinite Campus) account to receive those messages directly. Community members should visit our website and follow our social media sites for important updates.



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.

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



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, or by calling # 845-568-6800.

APPR OF TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS

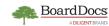
In accordance with the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), parents/guardians of students have the right to request specific information about the professional qualifications of their children's classroom teachers and/or principal, including the composite APPR score.

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 #9716

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

FAMILY NOTIFICATIONS

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, 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 formthat can be found on the district website.

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



WHAT IS THE NECSD 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 your cell phone is listed in the cell phone field.

HOW DO I SIGNUP?



PARENT PORTAL



NYGEAR UP PROGRAM

NYGEAR UP helps students develop a vision for their future selves. Students are inspired to discover their identities and values and to refine their educational goals and aspirations. NYGEAR UP helps students navigate everything they need to know about the college and career planning process. Students are encouraged to take advantage of opportunities to explore and prepare academically, socially, and financially to enter and complete post-secondary programs at institutions of their choice and increase their knowledge and skills for jobs of the future.

OCTOBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: B	2 Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs:B NFA West: A	3	4	5
		National Principals Month	Recognition Day	District Closed - Religious Holiday	District Closed - Religious Holiday	
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Fire Prevention Week Bully Prevention Week National Coaches Day	GLA - Fire Safety Week	BOE Regular Meeting		FOST - Fire Prevention Day MHS - Hispanic Heritage Night GAMS - Math Night	Early Dismissal Drill - Orange-Ulster District Wide NFAW - National Hispanic Heritage Celebration BALM - Black Rock Field Trip Grade 3	
13	14	HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: B	HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: A	17 Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: INT	HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: B	19
National School Lunch Week NYS School Board Recognition Week	District Closed - Columbus Day / Indigenous Peoples' Day	SMS - Hispanic Heritage Celebration		SMS - Fall Ball Student Play-a-thon Fundraiser	Hispanic Heritage Celebration at the Newburgh Armory GLA - "Mi Cultura" Celebration GLA - PTO Trunk or Treat (RD: 10/19) MHS - Trunk or Treat	
20	Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: A	Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: B	HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: A	HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: INT	HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: B	26
National Bus Safety Week Red Ribbon Week	Progress Reports (Secondary) GAMS - PTO Meeting	NFA - College Fair OCMEA HS Chorus Auditions BOE Regular Meeting	GLA - Red Ribbon Week HMS - Picture Day NFAN - Underclass Picture Day (Grades 9-11)	HBCU (Historically Black Colleges & Universities) Greek Life Panel OCMEA HS Instrumental Audition	NECSD Pink Day HOH - Trunk or Treat HMS - Monster Mash	
27	Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: INT	Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: INT	HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: INT	HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: INT		
	District-wide Trunk or Treat event SMS - Picture Day NFAW - Exhibition Week	Progress Reports (Elementary) District-wide Trunk or Treat NWS - Fall Picture Day		MHS - Halloween Parade		



ANNUAL SPELLING BEE

Last school year, the NECSD collaborated with the SCRIPPS National Spelling Bee to host a district-wide Spelling Bee. Scholars who earned the highest marks on their written spelling test for their grade level advanced to a live competition. We are proud of their efforts, their leadership, and for positively representing their school in our inaugural district-wide competition. Eight middle school scholars advanced to compete in the Regional Bee, with one NECSD middle school scholar winning the Regional Bee and further advancing to compete at the SCRIPPS National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC.

NOVEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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					Family & Community Engagement Month Middle School Selection Tours Begin First Day of American Indian Heritage Month School Psychology Week BALM - Picture Day	
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Daylight Savings Time Ends	MHS - Picture Day	Superintendent's Conference Day No School for Students Election Day - General Election		HMS - Veteran's Day Breakfast NFA Fall Musical	MHS - Veteran's Breakfast GLA - Veterans Day Celebration NFA - Fall Musical	NFA - Fall Musical
10	11	Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: B	Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: A	Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT NFAN - Financial Aid Night End of First Marking Period (Secondary) NWS - Bring Your Superhero to School VGSA - STEAM Night	Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: B	16
	National School Psychologist Week District Closed - Veterans Day	BOE Regular Meeting	Athletics Fall Signing Day HMS - 6th Grade Selection Tour	FOST - 3rd Grade Production NECSD 5th Grade Math Meet (SD 11/19/24)		SMS - Family STEM Day
17	HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: A	Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: B	Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: A	21 Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: INT	Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: B	23
		OCMEA Jazz Auditions (Band and Vocal) (SD 11/20/24)	National Education Support Professionals Day	National Parental Involvement Day SMS - "Bits & Skits" NFA - Fall Drama Production	Substitute Educators Appreciation Day NYSSMA Area All-State NFAW - College & Career Expo NFA - Fall Drama Production	NYSSMA Area All-State HMS - 5K Turkey Trot NFA - Fall Drama Production
24	HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: A	HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: B	27	28	29	30
	Report Cards (Secondary) Kindergarten Selection Tours Begin HMS & NFA - Parent/Teacher Evening Conferences GAMS - PTO Parent Meeting	Musical Council - Open Stage Night BOE Regular Meeting	Superintendent's Conference Day - No School for Students Morning Parent Teacher Conferences	District Closed - Thanksgiving Recess	District Closed - Thanksgiving Recess	



STUDENTS AS TEACHERS

Throughout the school year, our high school scholars regularly volunteer in our elementary and middle schools. Our older scholars are able to hone their academic skills while teaching topics to our younger students. Our younger students learn and engage with our student role models, encouraging their commitment to academics.

DECEMBER 2024

District Closed - Winter Recess

District Closed - Winter Recess

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: A	HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: B	HMS, SMS, NFAS: A HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: A	HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: INT	6 Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: B	7
	National Special Education Day High School Selection Begins (ends 1/26)		Athletics Early Football Signing Day HMS Chorus Winter Concert & Art Show	First Trimester Ends (Elementary) 2024 NYSSMA Winter Conference and All-State FOST - 1st Grade Song Swap VGSA, HOH, GAMS, THA - Evening Parent/Teacher Conf. NFAM - Blood Drive	2024 NYSSMA Winter Conference and All-State NFAM - Dance Recital (SD 12.11.2024)	2024 NYSSMA Winter Conference and All-State
8	HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: A	HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: B	Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: A	HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: INT	HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: B	14
2024 NYSSMA Winter Conference and All-State		BOE Regular Meeting	NECSD 5th Grade Math Meet (SD 12.12.24) HMS - Band & Orchestra Concert MHS - Middle Level Winter Concert SMS - Winter Concert	GAMS, GLA, VGSA, & THA Winter Concert MHS - Elementary Winter Concert HOH - Winter Concert & Art Show	FOST - Kindergarten Song Swap	
15	HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: A	HMS, SMS, MFAS: B NFA West: B	HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: A	HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: INT	HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: B	21
	BALM - Winter Concert BALM - Picture Retakes GAMS - PTO Meeting FOST - Winter Concert	Report Cards (Elementary)	SMS - Conversation with the Principal NFAN - Blood Drive NFAN - Winter Concert	NFA Main - Winter Concert l (SD 1/9/2025)	Progress Reports (Secondary) NFAW - Holiday Talent Show	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	District Closed - Winter Recess	District Closed - Winter Recess	District Closed - Winter Recess	District Closed - Winter Recess	District Closed - Winter Recess	
29	30	31				,



DEVELOPING STUDENT LEADERS

Our Social-Emotional Learning educators help cultivate our students into leaders. Students connect with their own feelings, learn valuable skills to manage their emotions, and learn how to collaborate with and lead their peers.

JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	Middle School Selection Begins (closes 2/25) Kindergarten Selection Begins	Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: A	4
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12	Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: B	HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: A	NECSD 5th Grade Math Meet (SD 1/16/25) NFA North - Selection Tour (SD 1/16/25)	Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: INT VGSA - Math Game Night NFA Main - Winter Concert II (SD 1/17/2025)	17 Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A	18
19	20 District Closed - Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS: B	Regents Exams NFA West - Selection Tour (SD 1/23/25)	Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS: B Regents Exams NWS - Winter Concert	Regents Exams OCMEA HS All-County Music Festival (SD 1/31/2025) SMS - Winter Musical MHS - Picture Retakes	OCMEA HS All-County Music Festival (SD 2/1/2025) SMS - Winter Musical
High School Selection closes	Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: B	Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A NFA P-TECH - Selection Tour (SD 1/30/25) BOE Regular Meeting	29 District Closed - Lunar New Year	Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: INT	Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B End of Second Marking Period (Secondary) Progress Reports (Elementary)	



GOLDBACKS FLY HIGH

Each year, the NFA AFJ-ROTC program collaborates with the 105th Airlift Wing (ANG) One at Stewart Airport to offer an incentive flight for our student leaders. Nearly 60 student leaders are invited to soar the skies, riding on a C-17, taking turns to view the flight from the cockpit.

FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Black History Month
						Love the Bus Month National Career and Technical Education Month
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National School Counseling Week	5, 405	51. 1/ 0. 5	Athletics Winter Signing Day NECSD 5th Grade Math Meet (SD 2/6)	NFA M - Blood Drive	GLA - PTO Sweetheart Dance (SD 2/28)	OCMEA Jr. High Auditions (SD 2/8)
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	Report Cards (Secondary)	OCMEA Jazz Pre-Rehearsal (SD 2.12.25) BOE Regular Meeting	GLA Career Day (SD 2/13)	NFA - Faculty Recital Fundraiser	NFAW - Educator and Student of the Month High School Selection Notifications begin	
16	17	18	19	Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: INT	Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: A	22
23	District Closed - Presidents' Day Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAS: B	District Closed - Mid-Winter Recess Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA Wast: A	District Closed - Mid-Winter Recess Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NEA Wast: R	27 Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAS: A	28 HMS, SMS, NFAS: B	
20	NFA West: B	NFA West: A BOE Regular Meeting	Middle School Selection closes NFAN - Blood Drive	NFA West: INT	NFAW - Poetry Slam and Art Show SMS - Spring Production (Play) OCMEA Jazz All-County Music Festival	



GOLDBACKS PERFORM!

Our NECSD Fine and Performing Arts program prepares scholars for the stage beyond Academy Field. The district offers a robust program of performance options that encourage our scholars to lift their literacy skills off the written page, to explore their talents, hone their performance skills, develop their directional abilities, and assist backstage. This year's NFA Spring Musical is Footloose and will be performed in March. Our culminating art shows and music performances are scheduled for later this spring. We hope to see you there!

MARCH 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						Maintenance/Grounds Worker Appreciation Day Music in our Schools Month Women's History Month SMS - Spring Production OCMEA Jazz All-County Music Festival (SD 3/2)
National School Breakfast Week National School Social Work Week Read Across America	HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: B	4 HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: A SMS - Drama Club Awards Celebration	Tile, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: B NECSD 5th Grade Math Meet (SD 3/6) All-District Art Show Reception	Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: INT	T Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: A	8
9	Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: INT NYSAA ELA Math & Science Testing Window Opens (ends 6/6) NFAW - Exhibition Week	Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: INT Progress Reports (Secondary) BOE Regular Meeting	Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: INT	Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: INT GLA - Literacy Night FOST - 2nd Grade Evening Production	Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: INT Second Trimester Ends (Elementary) NWS - Spring Pictures GLA - PTO Cookies & Canvas (SD: 3/21)	15
16	Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: B	Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: A	Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: B	Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: INT	Ele, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: A Middle School Selection Notifications begin NFA - Spring Musical (SD 3/23)	NFA - Spring Musical (SD 3/23)
23	24 Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: B	Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: A	HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: B	EIe, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: INT	HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: A	29
30	31 District Closed - Religious Holiday	All-District Music Festival Rehearsals BOE Regular Meeting	Report Cards (Elementary) Fostertown Kindergarten Song Swap	MIOSM Daytime Assembly & Livestream All-District Music Festival Rehearsals	THA - MIOSM Daytime Assembly	



STUDENTS AS TEACHERS

Throughout the school year, our high school scholars regularly volunteer in our elementary and middle schools. Our older scholars can hone their academic skills while teaching topics to our younger students. Our younger students learn and engage with our student role models, encouraging their commitment to academics.

APRIL 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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		School Library Month All-District Music Festival Rehearsals	All-District Music Festival Rehearsals	Paraprofessionals Appreciation Day All-District Music Festival Concert	National School Librarian Appreciation Day NYSSMA Solo Festival HMS - Musical	NYSSMA Solo Festival HMS - Musical
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National Assistant Principals Week Week of the Young Child	NYS Grades 3-8 ELA, Math, and Science Grades 5 & 8 Computer-Based Testing Window Begins (ends 5/16)	BOE Regular Meeting	OCMEA Jr. High Orchestra Pre-Rehearsal NFA Talent Show	NWS - Drama Performance	End of Third Marking Period (Secondary) National Day of Silence FOST - 1st Grade Song Swap	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	NYSESLAT Speaking Testing Window Opens (ends 5/23) District Closed - Spring Recess	District Closed - Spring Recess	District Closed - Spring Recess	District Closed - Spring Recess	Middle School Selection ends District Closed - Spring Recess	
20	Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A	Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B	HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A	HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: INT	25 Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B	26
		School Bus Drivers Appreciation Day HOH - Unlimited Horizons Open House BOE Regular Meeting	National Administrative Professionals Day OCMEA Elementary All-County Pre-Rehearsal	NFA M - Blood Drive MHS - Multicultural Fair EKE & Percussion Ensemble Concert	NYSSMA Solo Festival OCMEA Elementary All-County Music Festival NFA Dance Recital	NYSSMA Solo Festival OCMEA Elementary All- County Music Festival
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Pre-K Registration Closes

Report Cards (Secondary) NFAN - Blood Drive



GOLDBACKS GIVE BACK

Our athletes are committed to inspiring our younger students both on and off their respective playing fields. Each season, athletes participate in opportunities to give back to our school community by hosting sport clinics for younger students, visiting schools to read to younger scholars, and cheering on each other in the stands.

MAY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: INT	HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: B	3
				National Principals' Appreciation Day GAMS - STEM Night NFAM - Spring Concert I	School Lunch Hero Day NYSSMA Solo Festival OCMEA Jr. High All-County Music Festival NFAW - Decision Day	NYSSMA Solo Festival OCMEA Elementary All- County Music Festival
4	HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: A	6 Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B	T Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: A	Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: INT	HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: B	10
National Physical Education/Sports Week National Teacher Appreciation Week	MHS - Patria Latina	Progress Reports (Elementary)	National School Nurse Day HMS - Band & Orchestra Spring Concert SMS - Spring Concert	Athletics Spring Signing Day NFAM - Spring Concert II	FOST - Spring Concert	
11	HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: INT	HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: INT	Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: INT	15 Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: INT	Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: INT	17
Mother's Day	NYSESLAT Listening, Reading, and Writing Window Opens (ends 5/23)	BOE Regular Meeting	NFAW - Exhibitions NFA - Solo Recital HMS - Chorus Spring Concert & Art Show	NFAN - Spring Concert	NFAW - Exhibitions NYSSMA Solo Festival	NYSSMA Solo Festival
18	HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: A	HMS, SMS, NFAs: A NFA West: B	HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: A	Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: INT	HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B	24
Town of New Windsor Memorial Day Parade NFA Band AF-JROTC	NFAW - Exhibitions GAMS - Spring Art Show GAMS - PTO Meeting BALM - Spring Concert NWS - Spring Instrumental Concert MHS - Grandparents Breakfast	1/2 day for students; 1/2 day staff development Progress Reports (Secondary) NFAW - Exhibitions GAMS - Spring Art Show NECSD/NFL Budget Vote/Board of Education Election	GAMS - Spring Art Show GAMS - Spring Concert 4th & 5th Grade NFA - Senior Showcase BOE Meeting - Canvass of Votes VGSA - Spring Concert NFAW - Exhibitions	GAMS - Spring Concert - 4th Grade VGSA - Multicultural Celebration Day GAMS - Spring Art Show	GAMS - Spring Art Show	
25	26	HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: A	HMS, SMS, NFAs: B NFA West: B	EIE, K-8: A HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: INT	HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: A	31
Town of Newburgh Memorial Day Parade - NFA Band, AF-JROTC	District Closed - Memorial Day City of Newburgh Memorial Day Parade - NFA Band, AF-JROTC	BOE Regular Meeting	HMS - NJHS Induction	NFAM - Guitar & Piano Recital NFAW - Mentor Celebration GLA - Spring Concert NWS - Spring Chorus Concert	NYSSMA Solo Festival	NYSSMA Solo Festival



GRADUATION

This June, Newburgh Free Academy will celebrate its 160th Commencement Ceremony on Academy Field. We wish all of our graduates a life of success and hope our newest alumni return to share their accomplishments with our younger scholars.

JUNE 2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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		NFAM - Senior Art Show HOH - Spring Concert & Art Show	MHS - Dare Graduation MHS - Elementary Spring Concert	THA - Spring Concert & Art Show NFA - End of the Year Coffee House FOST - 4th & 5th Grade Evening Production	GAMS - Field Day HOH - Field Day VGSA - Field Day GLA - PTO End of the Year Bash (RD: 6/13) NECSD Annual Distinguished Artists Collection Reception	
8	HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: A	10 Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS: A	Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS: B	HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: B	HMS, SMS, NFAS: B NFA West: A	14
		Regents Exams GLA - Field Day (RD: 1/11) BOE Regular Meeting	Regents Exams	NFAW - Spring Jam	Half day of school PreK-6 Grade Students ONLY GLA - Pre-K Moving Up Day HMS - Blue & Gold Ball (8th grade formal)	
15	HMS, SMS, NFAS: A NFA West: B	17 Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS: B	18 Ele, K-8: C HMS, SMS: A	19	20 Ele, K-8: D HMS, SMS: B	21
Father's Day	Pre-Season Parent / Student Athletic Information Meeting Pre-K Registration Notification Begins NFAW - Senior Celebration	Regents Exams	Half day of school - PreK-6 grade students ONLY Regents Exams GLA - Grade K Moving Up Day	District Closed - Juneteenth	Regents Exams GLA - 5th Grade Moving Up Day	
22	Ele, K-8: E HMS, SMS: A	24 Ele, K-8: F HMS, SMS: B	25 EIe, K-8: A HMS, SMS:A	26 Ele, K-8: B HMS, SMS: B	EIe, K-8: C HMS, SMS: A	28
	Regents Exams SMS - 8th Grade Moving Up	Regents Exams BOE Regular Meeting	Regents Exams HMS - 8th Grade Moving Up	Regents Exams - Rating Day NFA Graduation	Regents Exams - Rating Day Report Cards (All) End of Third Trimester (Elementary) End of Final Marking Period (Secondary) Last Day of School	
29	30					

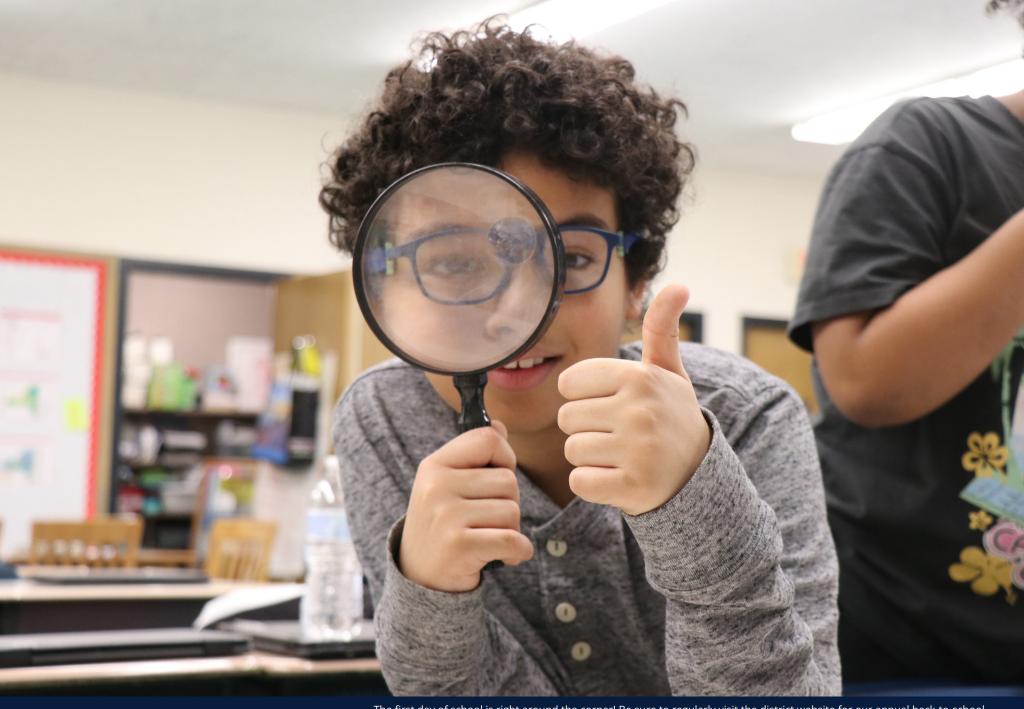


OUR GRADUATES HAVE DECIDED

Our graduates are exploring their opportunities beyond Academy Field! Whether they are choosing to pursue college, career, volunteer work, or service, we know that they will succeed in all they put their minds to! Our graduates are part of our Goldback Nation as members of our vast alumni network.

JULY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		BOE Organizational Meeting & Regular Meeting	2	3	4.	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	Kindergarten Selection Notifications begin BOE Regular Meeting	16	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 that your Parent Portal account is set up and your contact information (phone, email, and physical address) is up to date so you receive all communications. We rely on our parents/guardians as partners!

AUGUST 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 BOE Regular Meeting	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Regents Exams	20 Regents Exams	21	22	23
24	25	26 BOE Regular Meeting	27	28	29	30
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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

We're so excited to welcome our community back to school! Each school will be hosting a Back to School Night to welcome families and their students back to a new school year. We hope to see you there!

SEPTEMBER 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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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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