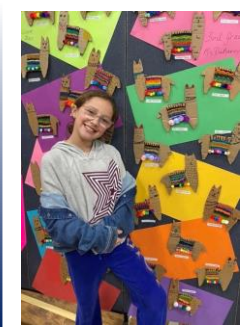


Middle Country Calendar & Directory 2023-2024



MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Middle Country Central School District is to empower and inspire all students to apply the knowledge, skill and attitudes necessary to be creative problem solvers, to achieve personal success, and to contribute responsibly in a diverse and dynamic world.

Welcome!

As the 2023-2024 school year opens, we welcome all Middle Country students and staff to a new year of learning and growth. We also invite you, as parents, guardians and community members, to join us in the collaborative efforts needed to realize our goal of improving the future of ALL our students through teaching and learning.

Middle Country is a School District of fine accomplishments and even greater promise for the future. We believe it is our responsibility to foster a learning environment where expectations are high for all students and staff, and where we accept the obligation to “empower and inspire all students to apply the knowledge, skill and attitudes necessary to be creative problem solvers, to achieve personal success and to contribute responsibly in a diverse and dynamic world.”

The coming school year is filled with challenging academic pursuits, many curricular and co-curricular activities, and community service opportunities that supplement the strong instructional program we offer. We urge all community members to participate in District wide committees, our wonderful theatrical productions and concerts, our exciting sporting events, PTA events, and thoughtful fund-raisers.

This calendar provides you, our school community, with important dates and information about your school. It is also a map to the wide variety of District functions we offer. We look forward to, and welcome, your participation and involvement in Middle Country.

If you have any questions about the events or information in this calendar, please call your school principal at the phone numbers on page 33.

The Middle Country Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, handicap, natural origin or sex in the educational programs or activities, which it operates. This policy of non-discrimination includes access by students to educational programs, course offerings, counseling services for students and student activities.

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September 2023

Hispanic Heritage Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Labor Day No School	5 No School for Students Superintendent Conference Day Staff Only -Meet & Greet @ Jericho 1 st Grade Students Only	6 -First Day for All Students -Pre-K Student/Parent Orientation	7 -Fall School Picture Day @ CHS -Senior Parking/ Permit Workshop @ CHS	8 -Fall School Picture Day @ CHS -Welcome Back Popsicles @ Stage	9 ACT @ NHS
10	11 -Fall School Picture Day @ NHS -9/11 Memorial Ceremonies @ Centereach & Selden FD	12 -PTSA @ NHS -PTA @ SMS, Auer, Hawkins, Holbrook, New Lane & Unity -Fall School Picture Day @ NHS -Senior Parking/Permit Workshop @ NHS	13 Board of Education Meeting @ CHS 7:00 p.m. -MC Teacher Center Policy Board Meetings @ Oxhead	14 -Back to School Night @ NHS, DMS, BPS & Unity	15	16
17	18 -Substance Use Prevention Presentation @ CHS Auditorium -Fall Book Fair @ BPS & Stage	19 -PTSA @ CHS -PTA @ BPS & Jericho -Back to School Night @ Auer, Jericho & Stage -Fall Book Fair @ BPS, Stage -Welcome Back Picnic @ Oxhead	20 -SEPTA @ DMS -Back to School Night @ New Lane – 1 st Grade Only -Fall Book Fair @ BPS & Stage	21 -PTA @ DMS & NCR -Back to School Night @ Hawkins, Holbrook, Oxhead, New Lane 2 nd & 4 th Grade -Fall Book Fair @ BPS, Stage -Meet the Teacher Night @ NCR -Welcome Back Picnic @ Auer -Welcome Back BBQ @ Jericho	22 -Back to School Social @ NCR -Fall Book Fair @ BPS, Stage -Welcome Back BBQ @ Hawkins -Welcome Back Picnic @ Holbrook & New Lane	23
24	25 Yom Kippur No School	26 -PTA/PTSA Council @ NHS -Spirit Week @ CHS -Senior College Application Night @ NHS -Back to School Night @ New Lane 3 rd & 5 th Grade	27 -Senior Portrait Make-Up @ CHS -Spirit Week @ CHS -Back to School Night @ SMS -Fall School Picture Day @ NCR	28 -Back to School Night @ CHS -Senior Portrait Make-Up @ CHS & NHS -Spirit Week @ CHS -Fall School Picture Day @ Jericho	29 -Spirit Week & Pep Rally @ CHS -Senior Portrait Make-Up @ NHS -Class Parent Tea @ Stage -Fall School Picture Day @ Jericho -PTA Back to School Picnic @ Unity -Welcome Back BBQ @ BPS	30 -CHS Homecoming

Hispanic Heritage Month
Respect – to show regard for something or someone

Important Dates

Dates to know:

September 4, 2023	Labor Day
September 5, 2023	Superintendent Conference Day for Staff
September 6, 2023	First Day of School for Students
June 27, 2024	Last Day of School

On the following days, school is not in session:

September 4, 2023	Labor Day
September 5, 2023	Conference Day for Staff (No Students)
September 25, 2023	Yom Kippur
October 9, 2023	Columbus Day
November 7, 2023	Conference Day for Staff (No Students)
November 10, 2023	Veterans' Day
November 23 - 24, 2023	Thanksgiving Recess
December 25 - 29, 2023	Winter Recess
January 1 - 2, 2024	Winter Recess
January 15, 2024	Martin Luther King Day
February 19 - 23, 2024	Mid-Winter Recess
March 28 - 29, 2024	Spring Recess 1
April 1, 2024	Spring Recess 1
April 10, 2024	Eid al-Fitr
April 22 - 26 2024	Spring Recess 2
May 27, 2024	Memorial Day
June 19, 2024	Juneteenth

Calendar adjustments may be made due to inclement weather. If school is closed because of inclement weather, the calendar adjustment days will convert to student attendance days as follows – closed one day – school will be in session on 5/24/24, closed two days – school will be in session on 5/24/24 and 5/28/24. Additional inclement weather days will be made up during the Spring Recess 2.

Adult Education

The Middle Country
Central School District Continuing Education will be held at
Newfield High School.
The Fall catalog is available online at www.mccsd.net. Go to
the District tab and then click on the Community and
Continuing Education link.
You may also call 631-285-8346.

Please postmark Mail-In Registration
by August 28, 2023

Adult Education Walk-In Registration
September 7, 2023
Newfield High School Back Gym
6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

English As A New Language & High School Equivalency
Classes offered September through May.
Please see the Middle Country Central School District
Continuing Education Catalog
for information.

The Spring Catalog will be available online in January 2024.

If you would like to sign up for the District's informational
calls regarding the catalog, please sign up at:
<https://mccsdcommunity.bbcportal.com/>

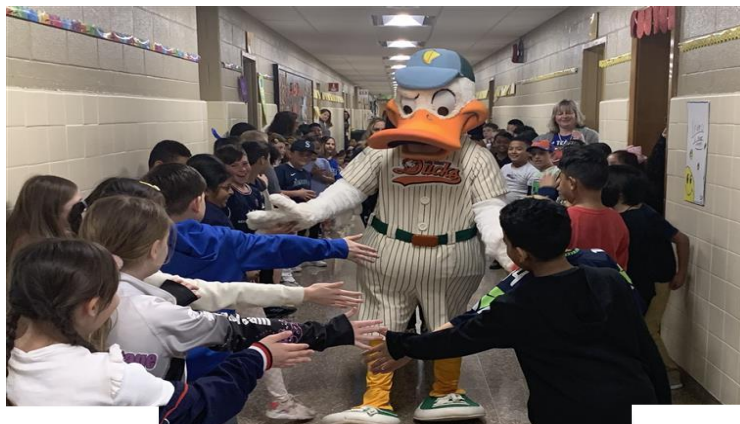
October 2023

*Bullying Prevention/Down Syndrome Awareness/Family History/
German Heritage/Italian-American Heritage/Polish-American Heritage Month*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 -PTSA @ NHS -Senior College Application Night @ CHS -Fall School Picture Day @ New Lane	3 -PTA @ Holbrook, New Lane, Oxhead & Stage -Fall School Picture Day @ Auer & New Lane -Fire Prevention Day @ Stage	4	5 -MC PRIDE PTSA @ NHS -Fall School Picture Day @ Holbrook & SMS	6 -Fall School Picture Day @ Oxhead, Stage & SMS	7 SAT @ CHS
8	9 Columbus Day No School	10 -PTSA @ CHS -PTA @ BPS, Hawkins, NCR & SMS -Fall Book Fair @ Auer & Hawkins	11 Board of Education Meeting @ CHS 7:00 p.m. -PSAT Exam @ CHS -Fall Mini College Fair @ CHS & NHS -Senior Big Picture @ CHS -Fall Book Fair @ Auer & Hawkins -MC Teacher Center Policy Board Meetings @ Oxhead	12 -Parent/Teacher Conference @ DMS -Fall Book Fair @ Auer & Hawkins	13 -Fall School Picture Day @ Hawkins	14
15	16 -Financial Aid Night @ CHS -Fall Book Fair @ New Lane	17 -Music Faculty Recital Fundraiser @ NHS -Fall Book Fair @ New Lane	18 -SEPTA @ DMS -Parent/Teacher Conference @ SMS -Fall Book Fair @ Jericho, New Lane & Oxhead -Fall Picture Day @ BPS	19 -PTA @ DMS -Fall Book Fair @ Jericho, New Lane & Oxhead	20 -Homecoming Weekend @ NHS -Fall Ball @ Jericho -Fall Book Fair @ Jericho, New Lane & Oxhead -Trick or Treat Street @ BPS	21 Heart Screening for MCCSD Student - Athletes @CHS
22	23 -Parent/Teacher Conference @ SMS -Fall School Picture Day @ Unity -Spirit Week @ Oxhead	24 -PTA/PTSA Council @ NHS -Hispanic Heritage Night @ CHS -Fall School Picture Day @ Unity -Spirit Week @ Oxhead	25 Board of Education Meeting @ CHS 7:00 p.m. -6th Grade Halloween Dance @ DMS -Spirit Week @ Oxhead	26 -Parent/Teacher Conferences @ CHS -7th & 8th Grade Halloween Dance @ DMS -6th Grade Dance @ SMS -Fall Book Fair @ NCR -Spirit Week @ Oxhead	27 -Trick or Treat Street @ NHS -Auer Halloween -Fall Harvest @ Jericho -Halloween Dance @ Holbrook -Spirit Week @ Oxhead -Treat Street @ Hawkins -Trunk or Treat @ New Lane, NCR & Oxhead	28 ACT @ NHS Harvest Festival @ Stage
29	30 -Pumpkin Patch @ Unity	31 -Trick-or-Treat Street @ CHS -Character Parade @ BPS & Unity -Fall Festival Activities Day @ Oxhead -Halloween Parade @ Hawkins, Jericho, New Lane & Stage				

Family History Month

Responsibility – to carry out a duty or task carefully and thoroughly



November 2023

American Indian & Alaska Native Heritage Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 -Food Drive Begins @ CHS -School Picture Make-Up @ Oxhead	2 -School Picture Make-Up & 5 th Grade Pictures @ Hawkins	3 -CHS Drama Production	4 SAT @ CHS CHS Drama Production
5	6 -PTSA @ NHS -School Picture Make-Up @ CHS, NHS & New Lane	7 No School for Students -Conference Day for Staff	8 -Insurance Enrollment Night @ NHS -NYSCAME All-County Rehearsal @ Connetquot -MC Teacher Center Policy Board Meetings @ Oxhead	9 -CHS Volleyball Marathon	10 Veterans' Day No School	11 NHS Drama Production
12 NHS Drama Production	13 -Thespian/Tri-M Game Night @ NHS	14 -PTSA @ CHS -PTA @ SMS, Auer, Hawkins, Holbrook, Jericho, New Lane, NCR, Oxhead & Unity	15 Board of Education Meeting @ CHS Canceled -Athletics National Letter of Intent Ceremony @ CHS -School Picture Make-Up @ Auer <div>Elementary Trimester Ends</div>	16 -PTA @ DMS -Parent/Teacher Conference @ NHS -NYSCAME All-County Rehearsal @ Northport -School Picture Make-Up @ Holbrook	17 -NYSCAME All-County Rehearsal & Concert @ Northport -Family Fun Night @ Hawkins & NCR -School Picture Make-Up @ SMS <div>End of First Quarter</div>	18
19	20 -NHS Fall Athletics Award Night	21 -PTA @ BPS -CHS Fall Athletics Award Night	22 <div>Half-Day of School</div>	23 <div>Thanksgiving Recess-No School</div>	24 <div>Thanksgiving Recess-No School</div>	25
26	27 -MC PRIDE PTSA @ NHS -Adopt-A-Child Drive Begins @ CHS -Fall Book Fair @ Unity <div>Secondary Report Cards Released</div>	28 -PTA/PTSA Council @ NHS -Junior Planning Night @ NHS -Fall Book Fair @ Unity	29 -SEPTA @ DMS -Fall Book Fair @ Unity	30 -NYSSMA All-State Conference-Rochester		

National American Indian & Alaska Native Heritage Month
Citizenship – to have respectful devotion to one's community

Delayed Openings and School Closings Due to Weather Conditions

If it is necessary to delay opening or close school due to weather conditions that make travel difficult or roads impassable. Newsday and News 12 will be notified and the information will be on their website. Please do not call the schools or transportation department. It is imperative that telephone lines be available for communication between the schools and bus operators. The District utilizes an automated messaging system to reach out to parents and or guardians. The system relies on the contact numbers that each parent provides for their child's official student file. In addition, you may view the District's web page. Some District PTA/PTSA units also have telephone chains to notify parents of school closures; ask your PTA/PTSA president if this applies at your school.

District website - www.mccsd.net

Parent-Staff Communication Portal:

<https://mccsd.bbcportal.com>

Community Communication Portal:

<https://mccsdcommunity.bbcportal.com>



December 2023

Universal Human Rights Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 -NYSSMA All-State Conference-Rochester -School Picture Make-Up @ BPS & Jericho -Winter Wonderland @ Auer	2 SAT @ CHS NYSSMA All-State Conference-Rochester
3 NYSSMA All-State Conference-Rochester	4 -PTSA @ NHS -Holiday Boutique @ Hawkins -Holiday Fair @ BPS & New Lane -Jericho Concert @ CHS -New Lane 5 th Grade Concert @ NHS -School Picture Make-Up @ Unity	5 Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences -SMS 8 th Grade Concert @ NHS -Blood Drive @ Holbrook -Holiday Boutique @ Auer, NCR & Hawkins -Holiday Fair <div>Elementary Report Cards Released</div>	6 Board of Education Meeting @ CHS 7:00 p.m. -Holiday Boutique @ Auer, Hawkins, Holbrook, NCR, Oxhead & Unity -Holiday Fair @ BPS & New Lane	7 Half Day Elementary Students - Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences -NHS Concert Part I -DMS 8 th Grade Concert @ CHS -Holiday Boutique @ Auer, Holbrook, Oxhead & Unity -Holiday Fair @ BPS & New Lane	8 -Holiday Movie Night @ Oxhead -Holiday Boutique @ Oxhead & Unity -Holiday Fair @ BPS & New Lane	9
10	11 -Holiday Boutique @ Stage -Oxhead Concert @ CHS -Stage Concert @ NHS -Winter Wonderland @ BPS	12 -PTA @ SMS, Oxhead & Stage -Holbrook Concert @ CHS -NCR Concert @ NHS -Holiday Boutique @ Jericho & Stage -Holiday Spectacular @ Unity -Winter Wonderland @ BPS	13 -DMS 7 th Grade Concert @ CHS -SMS 7 th Grade Concert @ NHS -Holiday Boutique @ Jericho & Stage -Winter Wonderland @ BPS -MC Teacher Center Policy Board Meetings @ Oxhead	14 -PTA @ DMS -CHS Concert Part I -NHS Concert Part II -Deck the Halls @ CHS -Holiday Boutique @ Stage -Winter Wonderland @ BPS & NCR	15 -SEPTA Auction @ CHS -Holiday Boutique @ Stage -Winter Wonderland @ BPS	16 Holiday Craft Fair @ NHS
17 Holiday Craft Fair @ NHS	18 -Auer Concert @ CHS -Hawkins Concert @ NHS -Spirit Wear @ Auer -Spirit Week @ Oxhead	19 -SMS 6 th Grade Concert @ CHS -Spirit Wear @ Auer -Spirit Week @ Oxhead	20 -DMS 6 th Grade Concert @ CHS -Spirit Wear @ Auer -Spirit Week @ Oxhead	21 -CHS Concert Part II -NHS Concert Part III -Spirit Wear @ Auer -Spirit Week @ Oxhead	22 -Spirit Wear @ Auer -Spirit Week @ Oxhead	23
24 <div>31</div>	25	26	27	28	29	30
Winter Recess - No School -						

Universal Human Rights Month
Cooperation – to work together in a positive way for a common purpose



January 2024

Poverty in America Awareness Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Regents Exams January 23-26	1 Winter Recess - No School	2 Winter Recess - No School	3	4	5 -LISFA Secondary	6 LISFA Secondary
7 LISFA Secondary	8 -PTSA @ NHS	9 -PTA @ SMS, Auer, Hawkins, Holbrook, Jericho, New Lane, NCR & Oxhead	10 Board of Education Meeting @ CHS 7:00 p.m. -MC Teacher Center Policy Board Meetings @ Oxhead	11	12 -NHS Thespian Improv Night -Family Fun Night @ Auer	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Day No School	16 -PTSA @ CHS -PTA @ BPS -Spirit Week @ New Lane	17 -SEPTA -Virtual -6 th Grade Science Night @ SMS -Booster-thon Begins @ Hawkins -Spirit Week @ New Lane	18 -PTA @ DMS -Family Fun Night @ BPS -Spirit Week @ New Lane	19 -Family Fun Night @ Oxhead -LISFA Elementary -Spirit Week/Sport Night @ New Lane	20 LISFA Elementary
21 LISFA Elementary	22 - Zinna Scholarship Paint Night Fundraiser @ CHS	23 -Book Fair @ Auer	24 -Book Fair @ Auer	25 -Book Fair @ Auer	26 -Booster-thon Ends @ Hawkins -Cap & Gown Photos @ Holbrook	27
28	29 -MC PRIDE PTSA @ NHS	30 -PTA/PTSA Council @ NHS	31 Board of Education Meeting @ CHS 7:00 p.m.	<div>Regents Exams</div> <div>End of Second Quarter</div>		

Poverty in America Awareness Month

Caring – to show concern or sympathy for others

Parents' Bill of Rights for Student Data Privacy and Security

The Middle Country Central School District, in recognition of the risk of identity theft and unwarranted invasion of privacy, affirms its commitment to safeguarding student personally identifiable information (PII) in educational records from unauthorized access or disclosure in accordance with state and federal law. The Middle Country Central School District establishes the following parental bill of rights:

- Student PII will be collected and disclosed only as necessary to achieve educational purposes in accordance with state and federal law.
- The district and its schools, and third-party contractors and subcontractors, will not sell student PII or use or disclose it for any marketing or commercial purposes or facilitate its use or disclosure by any other party for any marketing or commercial purpose or permit another party to do so.
- Parents have the right to inspect and review the complete contents of their child's education record (for more information about how to exercise this right, see Policy 5500-R).
- State and federal laws, such as NYS Education Law §2-d and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, protect the confidentiality of students' personally identifiable information. Safeguards associated with industry standards and best practices, including but not limited to, encryption, firewalls, and password protection, must be in place when data is stored or transferred.
- A complete list of all student data elements collected by the State Education Department is available for public review at <http://nysed.gov/data-privacy-security/student-data-inventory> or by writing to: Chief Privacy Officer, New York State Education Department, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234.
- Parents have the right to have complaints about possible breaches and unauthorized disclosures of student data addressed. Complaints should be directed to Francine McMahon, Deputy Superintendent for Instruction, at 8 43rd Street, Centereach, NY 11720 or fmcMahon@mccsd.net or by telephone at 631-285-8010. Complaints can also be directed to the New York State Education Department online at <http://nysed.gov/data-privacy-security/report-improper-disclosure> or by mail to the Chief Privacy Officer, New York State Education Department, 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234 or by email to privacy@nysed.gov or by telephone at 518-474-0937.

- Parents have the right to be notified in accordance with applicable laws and regulations if a breach or unauthorized release of their student's PII occurs.
- All district and school employees and officers with access to PII will receive annual training on applicable federal and state laws, regulations, district and school policies and safeguards which will be in alignment with industry standards and best practices to protect PII.
- In the event that the District engages a third-party provider to deliver student educational services, the contractor or subcontractors will be obligated to adhere to state and federal laws to safeguard student PII. Parents can request information about third party contractors by contacting Dr. Vincent Raicovi, Director of Technology, Business & Information Systems, at 8 43rd Street, Centereach, NY 11720 or vraicovi@mccsd.net or by telephone at 631-285-8080 or can access the information on the district's website <https://www.mccsd.net/software>.



February 2024

Black History Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 -Parent/Teacher Conference @ DMS Secondary Report Cards Released	2	3 SCMEA Day of Jazz
4	5 -PTSA @ NHS -Kindness Week @ CHS	6 -PTA @ Hawkins, Holbrook, New Lane, Oxhead & SMS -Kindness Week @ CHS	7 -Kindness Week @ CHS -MC Teacher Center Policy Board Meetings @ Oxhead	8 -Kindness Week @ CHS -MVP Dance @ New Lane	9 -P.S. I Love You/ Kindness Week @ CHS -Friendship Dance @ Jericho -Special Someone Dance @ Hawkins -Sweetheart Dance @ BPS -Valentine's Dance @ Auer -VIP Dance @ NCR & Oxhead	10
11	12 -SEPTA - Virtual -POPS Concert @ CHS	13 -PTSA @ CHS -PTA @ BPS, NCR & Unity -POPS Concert @ NHS	14 -Piano POPS @ CHS/NHS	15 -PTA @ DMS -Black History Month Celebration @ CHS	16 Elementary Trimester Ends	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Mid-Winter Recess – No School					
25	26 -MC PRIDE PTSA @ NHS -Heart Obstacle Course @ BPS	27 -PTA/PTSA Council @ NHS -Heart Obstacle Course @ BPS	28 Board of Education Meeting @ CHS 7:00 p.m. -Heart Obstacle Course @ BPS	29 -Black History Month Celebration @ NHS -Class Competition @ CHS -Heart Obstacle Course @ BPS		

Black History Month
Honesty – to be truthful and trustworthy with sincerity



March 2024

*Developmental Disabilities Awareness/Ethnic Equality/Gender Equality/
Greek-American Heritage/Irish-American Heritage/Women's History Month*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 -NHS PTSA Fashion Show -Heart Obstacle Course @ BPS -PARP Begins & Pajama Day @ BPS	2 SCMEA Division 1,2,3 Rehearsals (Gr. 5-10)
3	4 -PTSA @ NHS -CHS Winter Athletics Award Night -PARP Begins @ New Lane, Oxhead, Stage & Unity -Spirit Week @ Oxhead	5 -PTA @ Auer, Holbrook, Jericho, New Lane, Oxhead, Stage & SMS -NHS Winter Athletics Award Night -Spirit Week @ Oxhead	6 Board of Education Meeting @ CHS 7:00 p.m. -Spirit Week @ Oxhead -Spring School Pictures @ Holbrook	7 -CHS PTSA Fashion Show -Spirit Week @ Oxhead -5th Grade Cap & Gown Photos @ Auer	8 -NHS Senior Banquet -Family Fun Night @ Hawkins -PARP Ends @ Oxhead -Spirit Week @ Oxhead -SCMEA Division 1,2,3 Rehearsals (Gr. 5-10)	9 SAT @ CHS SCMEA Division 1,2,3 Rehearsals (Gr. 5-10) SCMEA Division 3 Concert (Gr. 9 & 10)
10 SCMEA Division 1 Concert (Gr. 5 & 6) SCMEA Division 2 Concert (Gr. 7 & 8)	11 -International Week @ CHS -Spring Book Fair @ BPS	12 -PTA @ BPS, Hawkins & NCR -International Week @ CHS -Spring Book Fair @ BPS	13 -International Week @ CHS -Spring Book Fair @ BPS -Spring School Pictures @ Auer -MC Teacher Center Policy Board Meetings @ Oxhead	14 -PTA @ DMS -International Week @ CHS -Musical Production/ Sr. Citizens' Dinner @ NHS -Spring Book Fair @ BPS	15 -International Week @ CHS -Musical Production @ NHS -Parent/Child Dance Party @ Unity -PARP Ends @ Stage -Spring Book Fair @ BPS <div>Elementary Report Cards Released</div>	16 Musical Production @ NHS
17 Musical Production @ NHS	18 -PARP Begins @ Jericho -Safety Town @ BPS -Spring School Pictures @ Unity	19 -SEPTA @ DMS -Safety Town @ BPS -Spring School Pictures @ Hawkins & Unity	20 Board of Education Meeting @ CHS 7:00 p.m. -Safety Town @ BPS	21 -NHS National Technical Honor Society Induction -Musical Production @ SMS -Family Fun Night @ New Lane -Safety Town @ BPS	22 -Musical Production @ SMS -NYSSMA Jazz All-State -Family Fun Night @ BPS -PARP Ends @ Jericho & New Lane -Safety Town @ BPS	23 Musical Production @ SMS NYSSMA Jazz All-State
24 31	25 -District Humanities Expo @ NHS -PARP Begins @ Hawkins	26 -PTA/PTSA Council @ NHS -Women's History Month Celebration @ CHS	27 -MC PRIDE PTSA @ NHS -Red & White Night @ SMS -PARP Ends @ BPS & Unity -Spring School Pictures @ Oxhead	28 <div>Spring Recess 1 – No School</div>	29	30

Gender Equality Month

Perseverance – to continue in some effort with patience



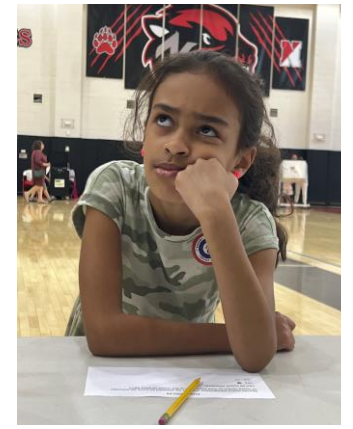
April 2024

*Arab-American/Autism Awareness/Celebrate Diversity/
Community Service/Earth/Tartan (Scottish-American) Heritage Month*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NYS Assessments ELA Grades 3-8 April 8th – 9th	1 <div>Spring Recess 1 - No School</div>	2 -PTSA @ CHS & NHS -PTA @ SMS, Hawkins, Holbrook, New Lane, NCR, Oxhead & Unity -Spring Book Fair @ Hawkins -Spring Picture Day @ New Lane	3 Board of Education Meeting @ CHS 7:00 p.m. -Spring Book Fair @ Hawkins	4 -SEPTA @ DMS -NHS Broadway Night -Spring Book Fair @ Hawkins	5 -NYSSMA All-State @ Port Jeff -SEPTA PJ's & Movie Night @ DMS -Spring School Pictures @ Jericho	6 NYSSMA All-State @ Port Jeff
7	8	9 -NHS National Art Honor Society Induction -Read-Around @ Hawkins	10 Eid al-Fitr No School	11 -Spring Mini College Day @ CHS & NHS -Musical Production\Sr. Citizen Show @ CHS -NHS Class Competition	12 -International Night @ NHS -Musical Production @ CHS -Fun Run @ Auer -PARP Ends @ Hawkins -Spring School Pictures @ Stage -Wingo @ Jericho <div>End of Third Quarter</div>	13 ACT @ NHS -Musical Production @ CHS
14	15 -CHS National Honor Society Induction -Spring Book Fair @ New Lane	16 Board of Education Budget Adoption & Meeting @ CHS 7:00 p.m. -Spring Book Fair @ New Lane	17 -CHS National Technical Honor Society Induction -Spring Book Fair @ New Lane & Oxhead -MC Teacher Center Policy Board Meetings @ Oxhead	18 -PTA @ DMS -CHS National Art Honor Society Induction -NHS Tri-M Recital -Spring Book Fair @ New Lane & Oxhead -Spring School Pictures @ BPS <div>Secondary Report Cards Released</div>	19 -Spring Book Fair @ New Lane & Oxhead	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Spring Recess 2 – No School					
28	29 -MC PRIDE PTSA @ NHS	30 -PTA/PTSA Council @ NHS -PTA @ BPS -World Language Honor Society Induction @ CHS -5 th to 6 th grade Parent Orientation @ SMS -New Lane 4 th Grade Concert @ NHS				

Celebrate Diversity Month

Fairness – equal treatment of the behavior and viewpoints of others

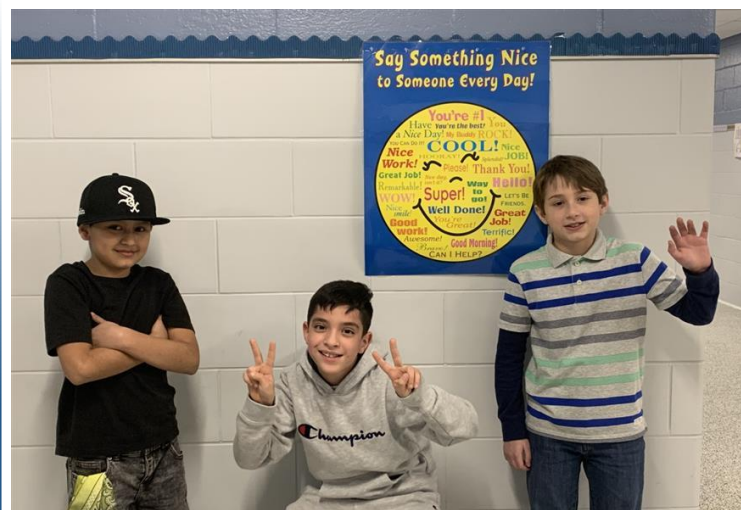


May 2024

*Asian-American & Pacific Islander Heritage/Haitian Heritage/Jewish-American Heritage/
Personal History Awareness/ Speech & Hearing Awareness Month*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>NYS Assessments</u> <u>Science</u> Grade 5 May 1st	<u>NYS Assessments</u> <u>Mathematics</u> Grades 3-7 May 8th – 9th		1 -Holbrook Road Concert @ CHS -North Coleman Concert @ NHS	2 -7 th Grade Dance @ SMS -Jericho Concert @ CHS -New Lane 5 th Grade Concert @ NHS	3 -Musical Production @ DMS	4 SAT @ CHS District-Wide Annual Art Exhibit Musical Production @ DMS Color Run @ NCR
5	6 -PTSA @ NHS -Eugene Auer Concert @ CHS -Hawkins Concert @ NHS -Spring Book Fair @ Stage	7 -PTA @ SMS, Auer, Hawkins, Holbrook, Jericho, New Lane, Oxhead & Stage -NHS National Honor Society Induction Ceremony -8 th to 9 th Grade Orientation @ CHS -Spring Book Fair @ Stage & Unity -Mother's Day Plant Sale @ Auer	8 Board of Education Public Budget Hearing Meeting @ CHS 6:30 p.m. -Mother's Day Plant Sale @ Auer -Plant Sale @ BPS & Jericho -Spring Book Fair @ Stage & Unity -MC Teacher Center Policy Board Meetings @ Oxhead	9 -Oxhead Concert @ CHS -Stage Concert @ NHS -Plant Sale @ BPS & Jericho -Spring Book Fair @ Stage & Unity	10 -CHS Independent Skills Social -Plant Sale @ Oxhead -Spring Book Fair @ Stage	11 Chorus Invitational @ CHS
12	13 -DMS Grade 7 th Concert @ CHS -SMS Grade 7 th Concert @ NHS	14 -PTSA @ CHS -PTA @ BPS, NCR & Unity -DMS Grade 6 Concert @ CHS -SMS 6 th Grade Concert @ NHS	15 -SEPTA @ DMS -NYSSMA Solo Festival @ CHS	16 -PTA @ DMS -NHS Academic Awards Night -CHS Concert Part I	17 -CHS Junior Prom -Basket Auction @ BPS -Field Day @ Jericho -Spring Fling @ Auer	18
19	20 -10th Annual STEM Celebration @ CHS	21 Budget Vote -MC PRIDE PTSA @ NHS -Class of 2025 Senior Portraits @ NHS	22 Board of Education Meeting @ CHS 5:00 p.m. -Asian Pacific Heritage Celebration @ CHS -NHS Junior Prom -Class of 2025 Senior Portraits @ NHS -DMS 8 th Grade Concert @ CHS -SMS 8 th Grade Concert @ NHS	23 -Field Day @ BPS & Hawkins -CHS Concert Part II -NHS Concert Part I -Class of 2025 Senior Portraits @ NHS	24	25
26 Memorial Day Parade	27 Memorial Day No School	28 No School Possible Calendar Adjustment Day	29 -CHS Academic Awards Night	30 -NHS Concert Part II -Freshman Orientation @ NHS -5 th to 6 th Grade Parent Orientation @ DMS	31 -Family Fun Night @ Hawkins -Field Day @ NCR	

Personal History Awareness Month
Self-discipline – to control one's desires, actions or habits



June 2024

Caribbean-American Heritage/Pride Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Regents Exams June 14-26 No-Testing June 19						1 SAT @ CHS
2	3 -CHS Spring Athletics Award Night -NHS Concert Part III -Spring Book Fair @ BPS	4 -PTA @ Auer, Hawkins, Holbrook, New Lane, Oxhead & Stage -CHS Thespian/Tri-M Honor Society Induction -CHS Senior Day -NHS Spring Athletics Award Night -DMS National Jr. Honor Society Induction @ CHS -SMS National Jr. Honor Society Induction -Spring Book Fair @ BPS & NCR	5 -Athletics Spring Signing Day Ceremony @ NHS -DMS Academic Awards Night @ CHS -8th Grade Awards Ceremony @ SMS -Spring Book Fair @ BPS & NCR	6 Half-Day Elementary Students – Student Placements -PTSA – Special Person @ NHS -Friends of Music Student of Trimester Awards @ CHS -1st Grade Orientation @ Hawkins & Jericho -Spring Book Fair @ BPS	7 - SEPTA End of Year Luau & Awards @ SMS -End of Year BBQ @ BPS -Spring Book Fair @ BPS <div>Elementary Trimester Ends</div>	8
9	10 -NHS Tri-M Induction	11 -PTSA @ CHS & SMS -PTA @ BPS & Jericho	12 Board of Education Meeting @ CHS 7:00 p.m. -MC Teacher Center Policy Board Meetings @ Oxhead	13 -MC PRIDE PTSA @ NHS -NHS Thespian Induction <div>End of Fourth Quarter</div>	14 -CHS Senior Prom -5th Grade Dance @ New Lane -UPK End of Year Celebration/Field Day @ BPS	15
16	17 -PTA/PTSA Council/Jenkins Awards Night @ NHS	18 -Family Fun Night – Hello Summer Bash @ Oxhead -5th Grade Dance @ Jericho -Kindergarten Moving-Up @ BPS	19 Juneteenth No School	20 -PTA @ DMS -5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony @ Auer & Jericho -Kindergarten Moving-Up @ BPS	21 -5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony @ Hawkins & Holbrook -Welcome Back Summer Picnic @ New Lane -5th Grade Dance @ Auer -Kindergarten Moving-Up @ BPS	22
23 30	24 -8th Grade Moving Ceremony @ DMS & SMS -5th Grade Moving-Up Ceremony @ New Lane, Oxhead & Stage	25 -NHS Senior Prom -CHS Graduation Rehearsal -8th Grade Moving Ceremony @ DMS & SMS 8th Grade Dance @ SMS -Summer Bash @ Auer	26 -CHS & NHS Senior Walk-Thru -8th Grade Breakfast & Dance @ DMS -8th Grade Moving-Up Ceremony @ DMS & SMS -8th Grade Breakfast @ SMS -5th Grade Dance @ Stage	27 Graduation Day NHS Ceremony @ 6:30 pm CHS Ceremony @ 6:30 pm Last Day of School -½ Day Elementary -UPK Full Day Dismissal @ 10:15 am -UPK Morning Session Only - No PM Session	28 Rain Date Graduation Day NHS Ceremony @ 6:30 pm CHS Ceremony @ 6:30 pm <div>Elementary Report Cards Released 6-27-24</div>	29

Pride Month

Courage – to meet a challenge without giving into fear

PTA/PTSA PRESIDENTS

Middle Country's PTA/PTSA units have a long tradition of supporting our schools through fund-raising projects, student and teacher recognition programs and lobbying efforts. Each of our 15 PTA/PTSA units belong to the District PTA/PTSA Council. Members meet periodically to discuss issues and activities of local and community interest.

PTA/PTSA Council ordinarily meets at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month. For information regarding individual unit meetings, please contact your school PTA/PTSA president.

Middle Country PTA/PTSA Council

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Oxhead PTA

Samantha Madera 631-942-0751

Suzanne Mastermaker 631-782-7428

Stagecoach PTA

Kim Nelson 631-807-7092

Unity Drive PTA

Nicole Schlick 631-559-5740

July 2024

French-American Heritage Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Secondary Report Cards Released	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Board of Education Annual Organizational Meeting @ CHS 5:00 p.m.	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

French-American Heritage Month

Mission Statement

The mission of the Middle Country Central School District is to empower and inspire all students to apply the knowledge, skill and attitudes necessary to be creative problem solvers, to achieve personal success, and to contribute responsibly in a diverse and dynamic world. Our commitment to this mission is embodied in our on-going strategic objectives:

- Each student will continually identify personal goals, and develop and implement plans for achieving those goals.
- Each student will choose to continually contribute to the community in a responsible manner.
- Each student will identify and implement creative solutions to increasingly challenging problems within his/her world.

Instructional Programs

Elementary Program

The academic program at the elementary level follows a carefully planned continuum. Instruction and assessments are interrelated across subject areas and defined by high standards, which describe what students should know and be able to do in order to succeed. Language arts, mathematics, science and social studies curricula are fully aligned with New York State common core standards.

The core subjects in the elementary program include English language arts (speaking, listening, reading and writing), mathematics, science and social studies; these are integrated across all grade levels. Children read and write across all content subject areas using a variety of materials, which focus on in-depth understanding as well as mechanics.

Computers are used as a tool to enhance the instructional program. All students beginning in pre-kindergarten are supplied with personal Chromebooks to be kept throughout the remainder of their school career in the district.

Each school has the services of literacy specialists who assist the classroom teacher in providing services to children in need of raising their skill level as well as those requiring enrichment opportunities. For more information about the elementary program, contact the principal of your child's school.

Secondary Program

The academic program at the middle school includes the core areas of English Language Arts, Social Studies, Mathematics and Science, along with related subjects.

In the high schools, classes are organized by level. Placement is based on skill development, interest and need. Emphasizing rigorous standards and building on students' previous acquisition of knowledge, regents, honors and advanced placement courses are offered. A wide range of electives allows students to explore a variety of subjects or concentrate in one area. In order to determine academic standing, students are ranked at the end of their junior year.

Extra-help programs and Saturday Regents review classes are offered at both the middle and high school levels. For more information about the secondary program, contact your child's school counselor or the principal of your child's school.

Progress Reports

Progress reports for pupils in grades kindergarten through five are issued three times during the school year. Formal parent/teacher conferences are scheduled in the fall for kindergarten and elementary level children.

High schools and middle schools issue progress reports every ten weeks and report cards at these levels are issued four times a year.

All parents are encouraged to contact their child's school counselor or teacher to request a conference any time during the year and also to create a Parent Portal Account.

State and National Testing

All students participate in the New York State testing program. This program includes the following assessments: Grade 3 – English Language Arts and Math; Grade 4 – English Language Arts, Math; Grade 5 – English Language Arts, Math and Science; Grade 6 – English Language Arts and Math; Grade 7 – English Language Arts and Math; Grade 8 – English Language Arts, Algebra (Regents) and Living Environment. All high school students must complete four years of Mathematics, a Capstone Research Project and take the required New York State Regents Examinations, during their four-year high school career. Information regarding all graduation requirements is contained in the Course Offering Book which is posted on the District's website. For further information about testing programs, please contact the principal of your child's school.

August 2024

Civility Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>Regents Exams</u> August 19 & 20				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

National Civility Month

Graduation Requirements

As New York State phases in new graduation requirements, educational demands differ from grade level to grade level.

Course Offering Handbook

The Course Offering Handbook information is available on the District's Website and can also be obtained through the guidance departments. School counselors are available to meet with students and parents to discuss graduation requirements and assist with course scheduling. Parents and students are asked to consult the high school guidance department for a list of graduation requirements.

Career Education Services

The Middle Country Central School District's secondary students have occupational education programs available to them at both Centereach and Newfield High Schools.

District offerings include: Business/Marketing, Cosmetology, Technology, General Work Experience, and Family & Consumer Sciences.

Pupil Personnel Services

Pupil Personnel

The Pupil Personnel Services (PPS) Department provides support services to the students in Middle Country Central School District in the areas of special education, psychological services, social work services, related services and school counseling.

Guidance and School Counseling

Guidance and counseling services are provided to all middle and high school students. School counselors provide support services addressing the academic as well as the social and emotional needs of students who are faced with important personal and career choices. They guide students in making appropriate decisions, solving problems and accepting responsibility for educational pursuits. They serve as resources for parents and students with information about scholarships, financial aid, test scores, graduation requirements and career planning/exploration.

All Kindergarten through 5th grade students are provided guidance curriculum and support services. Elementary students are introduced to college and career readiness, and given social-emotional learning support in the classroom. Each student, grades 6 through 12, is assigned a school counselor. The rapport established between student and school counselor many times sets the stage for a student's successful transition to postsecondary education and employment.

Child Find

All children are entitled to a free and appropriate education, with special services for those with special needs. Any parent or person in parental relation who suspects that his/her child has a disability may refer the child for an evaluation by the District's Committee on Special Education (CSE) eligibility for special education services and programs. More detailed information on this process is available in *A Parent's Guide to Special Education*, which is published on the New York State Education Department's website in English and Spanish; <https://www.p12.nysed.gov/specialed/publications/policy/parentguide.htm> Parents/guardians should contact their child's school if they believe their child has special needs and/or contact Office of Pupil Personnel Services at 631-285-8850.

Special Education Programs for Students with Disabilities

A range of programs and services is available for students with disabilities as identified by the Committee on Special Education (CSE). The CSE makes its decisions based on the Regulations as defined by the State Commissioner on Education, Part 200. Consideration of academic, social, management and physical needs form the basis for the type and duration of services. Special education programs and services are designed to assure that children with disabilities receive free and appropriate public education. Questions and additional information may be obtained by contacting the Office of Pupil Personnel Services at 631-285-8850.

Students Attending Nonpublic Schools

Pursuant to Education Law section 3602-c, the District of location will arrange to provide certain special education and related services to students who are residents of this School District, and who attend nonpublic schools and qualify for special education services.

Psychological Services

The District's staff of psychologists are members of the Committee on Special Education (CSE). They assist the CSE in determining whether the student is a student with a disability by using a variety of assessment tools to gather relevant information about the student. The District's staff of psychologists test students to determine intellectual, emotional and mental status and provide counseling services. As members of the buildings' Student Support Teams (SST), psychologists work with other professionals to review student performance and make educational recommendations. They are also members of the District Crisis Intervention Team, working with social workers, staff, students and families to assist in resolving emergency issues affecting the child. In addition, they assist teachers with classroom management techniques and implementation of behavior plans as needed. Finally, they are part of the School District's Support Program, serving students at risk for school failure.

Social Work Services

School social workers are members of the Pupil Personnel Services Team. They provide intervention services in areas such as child abuse and maltreatment, educational neglect and truancy, in-school counseling and agency referrals. The District's team of social workers complies with Regulations set forth by the New York State Council on Children and Families to protect children from abuse and neglect.

Health Services

Each school is staffed with a nurse, who provides a variety of health screening services and administers first aid. School nurses maintain health histories for all children. It is important that parents keep the health office informed of any changes in their child's health. Nurses also conduct vision, hearing and scoliosis screenings throughout the year and are on constant alert for signs of health problems that might inhibit learning.

Related Services

Students who require related services are provided the support through the Committee on Special Education (CSE) and/or a 504 Plan.

Proof of Immunizations

Immunization laws were established in New York State to protect children from dangerous communicable diseases. Parents are required to provide the school with written proof of a child's immunization against chicken pox, DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis), Tdap booster, Hepatitis B, measles, mumps, rubella, polio, Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib), Meningococcal disease (MenACWY) and Pneumococcal (PCV).

Medication

Parents must provide a doctor's note for the school nurse in order for a child to receive any type of medication during school hours. This medication must also be provided in an original container with the instructions affixed.

Physical Examinations

New York State law requires that all students who enroll in public school at any grade level, as well as those students entering pre-kindergarten or kindergarten, and first, third, fifth, seventh, ninth and eleventh grades must supply documented proof of a current physical and dental examination to the building nurse within 30 days of entering school. Students who do not provide documented proof will be scheduled for an examination by the District physician after October 1st. Students participating on an athletic team in grades 7-12 must receive a sports physical before they try out or practice with any team.

Homeless Students

The McKinney-Vento Act Homeless Assistant Act ensures educational rights and protections for children and youths who are homeless. It protects children and youths by assisting them in accessing educational services.

For more information about any of the above programs, please contact the Office of Pupil Personnel Services at 285-8850.

Home Schooled Students

In compliance with New York State Education Law, the Board of Education shall ensure that children instructed at home, provided that they are of compulsory school attendance age, receive full-time instruction and receive an education substantially equivalent to that provided by the School District.

Parents/Guardians who wish to educate their children at home must submit to the district an individual home instruction plan (IHIP), outlining the educational goals to be met and the course materials and syllabi to be used each year for the child's learning process. Parents/Guardians must submit quarterly reports which will provide the district with the necessary information to make determinations of substantial equivalency and competency of instruction on an ongoing basis.

For additional information, please see <https://www.mccsd.net/Page/5991>

General Information

History of Our District

The Middle Country Central School District covers approximately 16 square miles in the Township of Brookhaven. It is composed of the villages and hamlets of Centereach, Selden, parts of Lake Grove, Coram, Lake Ronkonkoma, Port Jefferson Station and Farmingville.

- The District was formed in 1957 through the consolidation of the Selden and Centereach school districts. At the time it consisted of five kindergarten rooms and 51 elementary classrooms.

After consolidation, the area moved into a period of unprecedented growth, resulting in Middle Country becoming one of the fastest growing school districts in the state. Today, the District is one of the largest suburban districts in New York State comprised of two pre-kindergarten/kindergarten centers, eight elementary schools, two middle schools, and two high schools. A District map is located on page 34.

The K-12 student enrollment projection for the 2023-2024 school year is approximately 9,400 plus over 500 pre-kindergarten students.

Admission and Registration

Children in Middle Country must be five years of age on or before December 1 in order to apply for admission to kindergarten. A child must be four years of age by December 1 in order to apply for admission to pre-kindergarten. When applying for admission to school, parents must present the following:

- Pre-K/Kindergarten: Proof of District residency, original Birth or Baptismal Certificate, Immunization Record signed by a physician and Custody papers, if applicable.
- Grades 1-12: Proof of District residency, Transfer or Withdrawal Card from previous school district, original Birth or Baptismal Certificate, Immunization Record signed by a physician and Custody papers, if applicable.
- Please go to Students & Parents tab @ www.mccsd.net, Admission (Central Registration) tab, and related files.

New students may register Monday through Friday at Central Registration, located behind the Transportation Building across from Bicycle Path Pre-K/Kindergarten Center between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. For more information, call 285-8890.

Parents with children ages 0 - 4 years old. If you currently have no children attending a school in the Middle Country Central School District, please contact Central Registration at 285-8890 with your family's information regarding infants/toddlers for future mailings of pre-kindergarten and kindergarten registration information. Please be sure to inform Central Registration if your youngster is receiving services for a special need.

Attendance

Attending school regularly and on time is important to student progress. This also has an impact on District programs, since state financial aid is provided on the basis of student attendance.

If a child is absent or late to school, parents/guardians are required to provide a written excuse upon the child's return. Written excuses must state specific dates and the reason for an absence or tardiness, and include the signature of a parent/guardian. It is the parent's/guardian's responsibility to notify the school office within at least 24 hours of the absence, tardiness, early dismissal "ATED". In case of extended absences, parents/guardians are asked to make arrangements with a school counselor or teacher so their child may make up missed schoolwork.

A plain language summary of the attendance policy is provided to each parent/guardian. The complete policy is also available in the schools and on the District website.

Access to District Records

Records available for inspection in accordance with the law may be inspected after an Application for Public Access to Records form is completed and returned to the Public Information Access Officer. Copies may be obtained for 25 cents per page. For more information, call Stephanie Larkin, District Clerk @ 285-8011 or email slarkin@mccsd.net. Individual school records may be inspected by appointment in the presence of authorized school personnel during the regular working day.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. They are:

(1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the District receives a request for access.

Parents and eligible students should submit to the school principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the record(s) may be inspected.

(2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education record(s) that the parent or eligible student believes inaccurate or misleading or otherwise in violation of the student's privacy under FERPA.

Parents or eligible students may ask the Middle Country Central School District to amend a record they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the District decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the District will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

(3) The right to provide written consent before the District discloses personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the District as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel), or a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the District has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist), or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Another exception permits disclosure without consent to an authorized representative. An authorized representative is any individual or entity designated by a State or local educational authority or a Federal agency headed by the Secretary, the Comptroller General or the Attorney General to carry out audits, evaluations, or enforcement or compliance activities relating to educational programs.

The Board directs that "directory information" such as a student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major course of study, participation in school activities or sports, weight and height if a member of an athletic team, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and most recent school attended.

A directory of names, addresses and telephone numbers of 11th and 12th grade students will also be released to the Armed Services unless a written parental request is made preventing disclosure of this information.

Upon request, the District discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

(4) The right to file complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the District to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA are:

Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202-5920

Project SAVE/Safe School Zones

New York State has enacted Schools Against Violence in Education Act legislation. This legislation requires components such as, but not limited to, a comprehensive school safety plan, building safety plans, a code of conduct, violence prevention training and citizenship and character education. For more information, please contact the principal of your child's school. The Middle Country Central School District has entered into an agreement with the County of Suffolk in accordance with Local Law No. 7-1999, enacted by the Suffolk County Legislature, to establish "Safe School Zones." Any student or non-student found to be in possession of nuisance material, paraphernalia or contraband as defined by Local Law No. 7-1999, within 1,000 feet of school property, may be subject to an administrative hearing conducted by the Suffolk County Department of Probation. If it is determined that the individual committed an act prohibited by Local Law 7-1999, the individual and the parent or legal guardian of the individual may be liable for a fine up to \$500.00. The individual may also be required to perform up to 100 hours of community service. Additionally, civil penalties may be imposed of up to \$2,500.00.

Code of Conduct

The Middle Country Central School District has a long-standing set of expectations for conduct on school property and at school functions. These expectations are based on the principles of civility, mutual respect, personal responsibility, citizenship, character, tolerance, honesty, courtesy, integrity and observance of laws and rules. As such, and in light of Schools Against Violence in Education legislation, the Board of Education recognizes the need to define clearly these expectations for observance of laws, and acceptable conduct on school property, to identify the consequences of unacceptable conduct, and to ensure that discipline when necessary is administered promptly and fairly. To this end, and as required by the State Education Department, the Board has adopted a Districtwide Code of Conduct. Further information can be obtained on the District website or by contacting your child's school. **A plain language summary of the Code of Conduct can be found at the end of this calendar, and is provided to each parent/guardian annually.**

The Internet and District Public Relations

The Middle Country Central School District makes the Internet available to our students. Students' pictures and schoolwork may be displayed on the District's website: www.mccsd.net.

Our District's Public Relations Department and your child's school may photograph/video students at school for use in various news media and/or school websites. Unless we receive written notification to the contrary from the students' parent/guardian, we will allow them to participate in these activities. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's school.

Visitors

Visitors to the schools are welcome. They must stop at the main office to obtain information, to sign-in and obtain a visitor's badge before going anywhere in the building. We take our obligation to safeguard students and staff very seriously. Please be aware that, as required by New York State law, there are specific and appropriate guidelines for visitors to our schools.

Security

The District assigns security personnel to all school buildings. A number of patrol cars monitor school grounds and report regularly to a base station. These patrols work closely with the Suffolk County Police and the custodial staff at each of the schools. All our schools are equipped with door security systems, cameras and use hall monitors.

COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO REPORT ANY UNUSUAL OR SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY BY CALLING THE DISTRICT'S SECURITY LINE AT:

631-285-8830 School in Session

866-818-6200 School Not in Session

Communication

Ongoing communication between parents and the schools often helps solve small problems before they become major issues. Middle Country helps keep the community informed in a variety of ways, including through Connect Ed calls and text alerts. District's newsletters are available on the District website and hardcopies will be made available by request. PTA/PTSA information is available on each school's website. This calendar and student agenda books include useful information for parents, as well as the District website at www.mccsd.net.

The Board of Education welcomes attendance of District residents, students and staff members at Board meetings. For more information, please call District Clerk 285-8011.

Sex Offender Notifications

The Middle Country Central School District uses an automated system for sex offender notifications. Postcards will not be mailed. To be placed on the automated e-mail list for notifications, please go to the District's website (www.mccsd.net) and follow the links titled Megan's Law and NY Sex Offender Registry. Follow the directions to register for the Sex Offender E-mail Alert Program or call the Megan's Law Hotline at 631-689-2672.

For those in the Middle Country Central School District with a computer at home but no Internet or e-mail access, Parents for Megan's Law will provide material on how to get free Internet access via the Suffolk County Public Library system and a free Yahoo e-mail account. For those without a computer, Parents for Megan's Law will show residents how to set up the same accounts using a library computer if you call their hotline.

Transportation

Middle Country provides transportation for students well in excess of that required by New York State law. Bus information will be available on the Parent Portal in the summer. Please have students arrive at the bus stop 15 minutes prior to scheduled time. Please allow 15-minute of leeway after scheduled time especially during the month of September.

Regular drills are conducted to ensure children are aware of what to do in case of an emergency on the school bus. Parents are urged to discuss rules of the road with their children. Bus regulations and safety procedures will be strictly enforced.

Inclement weather bus stop information is posted on the District's website.

School bus transportation is provided for students as follows:	
K-5	More than ½ mile from residence to school
6-12	More than 1 mile from residence to school
Non-Public Schools K-8	Less than 15 miles from residence to school
Non-Public Schools 9-12	Less than 25 miles from residence to school

Child Care Transportation Application

Child Care Transportation applications must be filled out and handed in to the transportation department. Both the parent and child care provider signature sections are to be notarized or the application will be denied. Application forms can be picked up at the transportation office or accessed online on the District's website; <https://www.mccsd.net>

Requests for Private and Parochial School Transportation 2023-2024

In accordance with the New York State Education Law, residents' requests for transportation to private and parochial schools must be submitted in writing by the parent or legal guardian to the Transportation Office no later than April 1, 2023. Requests submitted after the cut-off date may be approved providing no additional expenses are incurred by the District and providing there are available seats (based upon the April 1, 2023, cut-off date). The purpose of the cut-off date is to enable school districts to implement their contractual obligations and make the necessary arrangements to provide transportation in a reasonable and economical manner.

Student Wellness Policy

The Student Wellness Policy was adopted by the Board of Education to provide students with a school environment which promotes student wellness and educational success, through proper nutrition and adequate physical activity. The policy addresses several areas which include foods and beverages available in school, physical activity and nutrition education. The District will ensure that all schools meals meet or exceed the program requirements and nutrition standards found in federal regulations with increased offerings of whole grains, fresh fruits and vegetables, lean meats and healthy snacks. If you have a student with a food allergy that is eating from the cafeteria, please contact the nurse at your child's school. Communication is key and it's crucial that we work closely to meet the needs of our students with food allergies.

School Nutrition Services

The District participates in the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs which makes it possible for all school children to receive nutritious meals. A hot breakfast is available at all sites. Research shows that when a child's nutritional needs are met, the child is more attentive in class, and has better attendance and fewer disciplinary problems. This program offers parents an affordable, convenient way to provide nutritious meals for their children. Prepaid meals are available and may be purchased for breakfast and lunch. For online prepayments, log onto <https://www.myschoolbucks.com> where you can

directly deposit money into your child's meal account for a small fee. Payment by cash or check is always accepted in the cafeteria. School menus including the nutritional and allergen information can be found on the District website, <https://www.mccsd.net/foodservices> under the "Food Service E-Board" section of the Food Service Department. Questions about the program should be directed to the School Lunch Coordinator at 285-8190.

Free and Reduced Price Meals

Students may be eligible to receive free or reduced priced meals. The applications will be mailed in August, and available at each building, at the Food Service Office and on the District website. Contact the Food Services Department for more information at 285-8193.

The Healthy Meals for Healthy Americans Act of 1994, P.L. 103-448, has amended Section 9(b)(2)(c) of the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) to allow limited disclosure of information about free and reduced price meal eligibility without parent/guardian consent. Participant's names, eligibility status and other information provided on the application or obtained through direct certification or verification may be disclosed to certain other federal, state or local agencies as authorized by the NSLA.

Safety

Crossing guards assigned by Suffolk County are on duty at school crossings in the mornings and at school closing times. Elementary teachers stress the importance of observing street crossing safety rules at guarded and unguarded crossing corners. Many schools host presentations on safety sponsored by representatives of local fire and police departments. Our school bus drivers present a bus safety program to students in grades K-5. Safety rules, emergency procedures and behavior are discussed. For more information, call Transportation at 285-8880.

Accident Insurance

Student accident insurance is in place for students injured during school-sponsored activities. Injuries occurring during a school-sponsored activity must be promptly reported to the activity supervisor and the school nurse. The insurance program assesses coverage after a claim with the individual's primary insurance carrier has been settled and coverage is based on regional, usual and customary medical rates. Claims not filed with the District within one year from the date of injury cannot be considered for payment.

AHERA Notification Compliance

The District is required annually to notify the public of AHERA inspection information as follows:

INFORMATION ABOUT ASBESTOS-CONTAINING BUILDING MATERIALS, PURSUANT TO AHERA, SECTION 40, CFR 763.84(c), 763.93(d) AND 763.93(g)(4), IS ON FILE IN THE DISTRICT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW WITH THE COMPLIANCE OFFICER, IN THE BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS OFFICE.

The District undergoes a rigorous inspection process to ensure that all of our buildings provide a safe and healthy environment for our students and staff.

Pesticide Notification

The District utilizes an Integrated Pest Management Program that significantly reduces any use of pesticides. However, please be advised that as required by Section 409-h of the Education Law:

- Pesticide products may be used periodically throughout the school year.
- The District is required to maintain a list of parents, guardians and staff who wish to receive 48-hour written notice before a planned pesticide application.

If you have any questions regarding the Integrated Pest Management Program or the pesticide registry list, please contact the Business Office at 285-8020.

School Facilities Use

School buildings and grounds may be used by local organizations for meetings and sports activities during times they are not in use by the schools. Organizations must have valid Certificates of Insurance and non-profit status on file with the Business Office. The online application process can be found at www.mccsd.net. A fee is charged to cover the cost of custodial, security services, square footage calculation, and heating and air-conditioning when applicable. For more information about the use of school facilities and fields, contact the Business Office at 285-8020. For athletic field users, attendance at the Use of Fields Meeting is required.

Taxes/Assessment/School Aid

Public schools in New York State receive funding from several sources. These revenues come from local, state and federal funds. Monies received from District residents are raised by taxes levied on property. School taxes are collected along with special district taxes (fire districts, lighting districts, etc.) by the Town Receiver of Taxes and transferred to the School District. Assessment and equalization rates, which are not in the District's control, are used to determine the total tax to be paid. The Town assesses any structure of a permanent nature. Questions regarding local taxes should be referred to the Town of Brookhaven Assessor's Office at Town Hall, 631-451-6300. Federal aid to the District is allocated for specific programs. State aid provides assistance to the District for a variety of programs.

Title IX/DASA

Title IX prohibits educational institutions that receive federal funding from discriminating on the basis of sex. The law addresses both discrimination and harassment, including peer-on peer harassment as well as instances where a teacher or other school employee harasses a student. It also guarantees equal athletic participation to students regardless of sex, and may be used to target harassment based on a student's failure to conform to gender stereotypes.

Middle Country adheres to Title IX regulations mandated by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare by not discriminating on the basis of sex in its education programs or employment practices. The School District's Title IX Compliance Officer is Francine McMahon, Deputy Superintendent for Instruction.

Students in New York schools are also protected by federal, state, and local laws that also provide protection against bullying and require schools to take certain affirmative steps to guarantee equal education for students with disabilities.

The New York State Dignity for all Students Act was established to provide a school environment free of discrimination and harassment for all students. The Dignity Act states that no student shall be subjected to harassment by employees or other students, nor shall any student be subjected to discrimination based on actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or sex. The New York State Dignity for all Students Act includes bullying and cyberbullying occurring either on or off school property where such acts would foreseeably create a risk or substantial disruption within the school. For more information, visit the District's website at MCCSD.net, and click on the "Dignity for All Students Act (DASA): NYS's Anti-Bullying Law" link under the "Students & Parents" header on the main website. Each school has a Dignity Act Coordinator to whom complaints may be forwarded, as well as two Districtwide Dignity Act Coordinators. Please visit the "Dignity for All Students Act (DASA): NYS's Anti-Bullying Law" page on the District's website for such contact information.

Automated Emergency Contact System "Connect Ed"

The School District utilizes an automated telephone messaging system to contact parents/guardians regarding school closings, early dismissals, special events and other important information. The telephone numbers used are those that are provided by parents to Central Registration or by parents to their child's school building. If your emergency contact phone number(s) should change, please notify your child's school building promptly so this change can be updated into your child's records. Other numbers can be customized directly by you in the parent/community portal, visit www.mccsd.net for more information.

Additional Emergency Communication Strategies:

The following communication channels that are also used to keep emergency info accessible to students, staff, families and the Middle Country community:

- **District website, www.mccsd.net**
- **News 12 & Newsday**

Keeping in Touch

High Schools

Centereach High School

14 43rd Street, Centereach, NY 11720

Mr. Thomas Bell, Principal

General Office 285-8100

Assistant Principals

Ms. Danielle Rapisarda 285-8180

Mr. Steven Mercorella 285-8160

Ms. Sara Choit 285-8140

Guidance Office 285-8120

Attendance Office 285-8170

Nurse 285-8133

Newfield High School

145 Marshall Drive, Selden, NY 11784

Mr. Scott Graviano, Principal

General Office 285-8300

Assistant Principals

Mr. Matthew Artigas 285-8340

Mr. Salvatore Merenda 285-8370

Ms. Lori Mazza 285-8390

Guidance Office 285-8330

Attendance Office 285-8310

Nurse 285-8320

Middle Schools

Dawnwood Middle School

10 43rd Street, Centereach, NY 11720

Mr. Daniel Katchihtes, Principal

General Office 285-8200

Assistant Principals

Ms. Jessica Ragazzi 285-8230

Ms. Sara Oshrin 285-8240

Guidance Office 285-8210

Attendance Office 285-8222

Nurse 285-8220

Selden Middle School

22 Jefferson Avenue, Centereach, NY 11720

Mr. Andrew Bennett, Principal

General Office 285-8400

Assistant Principals

Ms. Kimberly Houlihan 285-8430

Mr. Brian Csorny 285-8440

Guidance Office 285-8410

Attendance Office 285-8406

Nurse 285-8420

Elementary Schools

Bicycle Path Pre-K/Kindergarten Center

27 North Bicycle Path, Selden, NY 11784

Ms. Lisa Marie Contarino, Principal

General Office 285-8800

Nurse 285-8808

Eugene Auer Memorial Elementary School

17 Wing Street, Lake Grove, NY 11755

Mr. Bruno Bernardino, Principal

General Office 285-8500

Nurse 285-8507

Hawkins Path Elementary School

485 Hawkins Road, Selden, NY 11784

Ms. Kristine Leonard, Principal

General Office 285-8530

Nurse 285-8537

Holbrook Road Elementary School

170 Holbrook Avenue, Centereach, NY 11720

Dr. Craig Unkenholz, Principal

General Office 285-8560

Nurse 285-8570

Jericho Elementary School

34 N. Coleman Road, Centereach, NY 11720

Ms. Elena Baldwin, Principal

General Office 285-8600

Nurse 285-8606

New Lane Memorial Elementary School

15 New Lane, Selden, NY 11784

Ms. Robin Newberg, Principal

General Office 285-8900

Ms. Kim Pelan, Assistant Principal 285-8904

Nurse 285-8920

North Coleman Road Elementary School

197 N. Coleman Road, Centereach, NY 11720

Dr. Gretchen Rodney, Principal

General Office 285-8660

Nurse 285-8668

Oxhead Road Elementary School

144 Oxhead Road, Centereach, NY 11720

Ms. Phyllis Saltz, Principal

General Office 285-8700

Nurse 285-8710

Stagecoach Elementary School

205 Dare Road, Selden, NY 11784

Mr. Shaun Rothberg, Principal

General Office 285-8730

Nurse 285-8744

Unity Drive Pre-K/Kindergarten Center

11 Unity Drive, Centereach, NY 11720

Ms. Denise Ferrera, Principal

General Office 285-8760

Ms. Maria Jespersen,

Coordinator of Pre-K 285-8786

Nurse 285-8770

District Telephone Numbers

General Information	285-8000
Superintendent of Schools	285-8005
Deputy Superintendent for Instruction	285-8010
Assistant Superintendent for Business	285-8020
Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources	285-8030
Asbestos Compliance Officer	285-8830
Buildings and Grounds	285-8830
Central Registration	285-8890
Community and Continuing Education	285-8158
CPSE	285-8870
Director of Curriculum	285-8397
Director of Guidance & Student Support Resources	285-8970
Director of Music, Fine Arts and Community Media Relations	285-8685
Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics	285-8650
Director of Pupil Personnel Services	285-8850
Director of Technology, Business and Information Systems	285-8080

District Clerk	285-8011
District Security: School in Session	285-8830
School not in Session-Day	866-818-6200
Free and Reduced Meals	285-8193
Lunch Program	285-8190
School Physician	285-8858
Transportation	285-8880
Universal Pre-K	285-8786

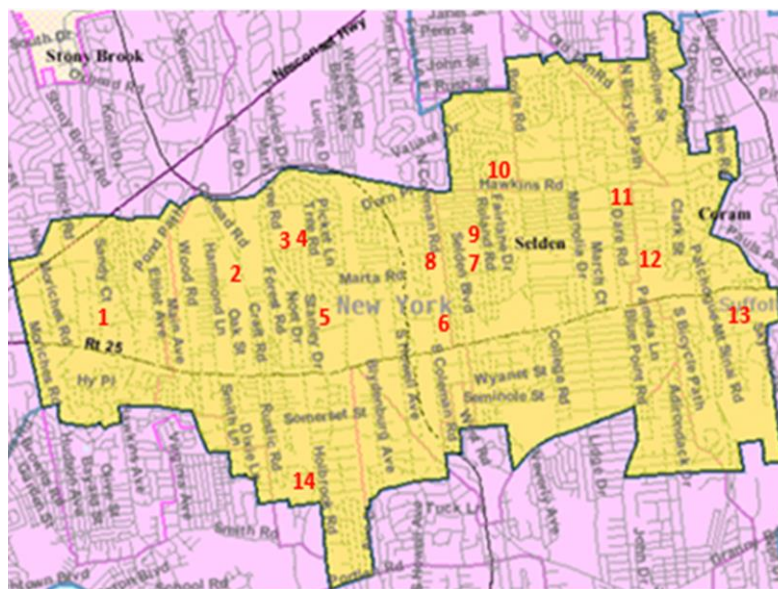
Community

SCOPE Education Services	360-0800
• Before and After-School Program	

District Map

KEY TO SCHOOLS:

1. Eugene Auer Memorial Elementary School
2. Oxhead Road Elementary School
3. Dawnwood Middle School
4. Centereach High School
5. Unity Drive Pre-K/Kindergarten Center
6. Jericho Elementary School
7. Newfield High School
8. North Coleman Road Elementary School
9. Selden Middle School
10. Hawkins Path Elementary School
11. Stagecoach Elementary School
12. Bicycle Path Pre-K/Kindergarten Center
13. New Lane Memorial Elementary School
14. Holbrook Road Elementary School



Administrative and Support Offices

Administrative Building
8 43rd Street
Centereach, NY 11720

- Buildings and Grounds
- Central Registration
- Pupil Personnel
- Transportation

25 North Bicycle Path
Selden, NY 11784

Secondary School Schedule:

School	Starting	Ending	Grades
Centereach	7:05 a.m.	1:50 p.m.	9, 10, 11, 12
Newfield	7:05 a.m.	1:50 p.m.	9, 10, 11, 12
Dawnwood	7:40 a.m.	2:23 p.m.	6, 7, 8
Selden	7:40 a.m.	2:23 p.m.	6, 7, 8

Elementary School Schedule:

Bicycle Path	8:30 a.m.	2:25 p.m.	Pre-K
Bicycle Path	9:10 a.m.	3:45 p.m.	Kindergarten
Eugene Auer	9:10 a.m.	3:45 p.m.	1-5
Hawkins Path	9:10 a.m.	3:45 p.m.	1-5
Holbrook Road	8:35 a.m.	3:10 p.m.	1-5
Jericho	8:35 a.m.	3:10 p.m.	1-5
New Lane	8:35 a.m.	3:10 p.m.	1-5
North Coleman	8:30 a.m.	2:25 p.m.	Pre-K
North Coleman	9:10 a.m.	3:45 p.m.	1-5
Oxhead Road	9:10 a.m.	3:45 p.m.	1-5
Stagecoach	8:35 a.m.	3:10 p.m.	1-5
Unity Drive	8:30 a.m.	2:25 p.m.	Pre-K
Unity Drive	9:10 a.m.	3:45 p.m.	Kindergarten

NOTE: Please refer to your child's bus information for pick-up time and location

Administration



Dr. Roberta A. Gerold
Superintendent of Schools

Ms. Francine McMahon
Deputy Superintendent for Instruction

Dr. Beth Rella
Assistant Superintendent for Business

Mr. James G. Donovan
Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Dr. Diana Cook
Director of Music, Fine Arts and Community Media Relations

Dr. Jennifer Harrison
Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Mr. Joseph Mercado
Director of Physical Education, Health and Athletics

Dr. Mark Palios
Director of Guidance and Student Support Resources

Dr. Vincent Raicovi
Director of Technology, Business and Information Systems

Mr. Jonathan Singer
Director of Curriculum

The Board of Education

The Middle Country Central School District is governed by a nine-member Board of Education. Members serve without pay for staggered, three-year terms. Candidates for the Board of Education must be qualified voters of the School District. They are nominated by a petition, signed by at least two percent of the actual voters in the last annual budget vote and school board election.

The School Board sets local District policy and is responsible to the New York State Education Department. The School Board appoints the Superintendent of Schools, who is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the schools.

Middle Country School Board meetings are noted in this calendar and are posted in all District buildings, on the District's website and in the public library. All School Board meetings are open to the public except for executive sessions when confidential matters are discussed in accordance with the Open Meetings Law.

Public input takes place at every regular meeting. There is one section in the meeting for the public to address the Board. Comments about individual students or employees are not appropriate and cannot be raised in public session. Such matters should be presented to the Office of the Superintendent of Schools for appropriate consideration. Since the Board of Education meeting is a meeting in public, not a public hearing; the Board does not immediately respond. However, at the next meeting or correspondence, the Board President or designee responds if warranted.

The following guidelines shall apply to the one period designated as public input: Prior to speaking, individuals will complete the sign in sheet with name, address, phone number and the topic to be discussed. Speakers will address remarks to the President of the Board. The first public input session will last no longer than 40 minutes, with speakers being limited to three minutes in their presentation to the Board. Speakers may not extend their time by having another individual give them their time. The President shall have the right to discontinue any presentation which violates this policy.

Correspondence may be sent to Board members through the District Clerk, Administration Building, 8-43rd Street, Centereach, NY 11720.

Minutes of the meetings are available on the District's website @ <http://www.mccsd.net>, under the Board of Education tab, then click on BoardDocs – BOE Members, Minutes, Agenda, etc. then click on the Meetings tab, or you may contact the District Clerk at slarkin@mccsd.net for an appointment to inspect.

Budget and School Board Election

Residents vote annually for the District budget and for open seats on the School Board. Residents who have voted on a school budget within the past four years, or who are registered for local, state or national elections need not register again to vote on the budget and Board elections.

Residents who need to register can do so every day between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. in the office of the District Clerk or 15 minutes before every regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting. For election information, call the District Clerk at 631-285-8011.

THE ANNUAL PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING WILL TAKE PLACE ON

May 8, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at Centereach High School,

Dr. Karen J. Lessler District Conference Center

**THE ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE WILL TAKE PLACE ON Tuesday, May 21, 2024,
from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., at Centereach and Newfield High Schools**

Schedule of 2023 – 2024 Board Meetings

Dr. Karen J. Lessler District Conference Center @ CHS at 7:00 p.m.

August 30, 2023 (5:00 pm)

September 13, 2023

October 11, 2023

October 25, 2023

November 15, 2023-Canceled

December 6, 2023

January 10, 2024

January 31, 2024

February 28, 2024

March 6, 2024

March 20, 2024

April 3, 2024

April 16, 2024 Budget Adoption

May 8, 2024 Public Budget Hearing (6:30 pm)

May 21, 2024 Budget Vote

May 22, 2024 (5:00 pm)

June 12, 2024

July 10, 2024 Organizational Meeting @ 5:00 pm



Dawn Sharrock
President



Robert Feeney
Vice President



Arlene Barresi
Trustee



John DeBenedetto
Trustee



Doreen Feldmann
Trustee



Denise Haggerty
Trustee



Robert Hallock
Trustee



Deborah Mann-Rodriguez
Trustee



Kathleen Walsh
Trustee

The Middle Country Central School District

Code of Conduct Summary

The Code Includes:

- Provisions regarding conduct, dress and language deemed appropriate and acceptable on school property including school functions, and conduct, dress and language deemed *unacceptable and inappropriate* on school property, and the range of penalties associated with violating these provisions.
- Standards regarding acceptable, civil, and respectful treatment of teachers, school administrators, other school personnel, students, and visitors on school property, and includes the range of penalties associated with violating these provisions.
- Provisions defining the roles of teachers, administrators, other school personnel, board of education and parents.
- Standards and procedures to assure security and safety of students and school personnel.
- Provisions for removals from the classroom and from school property, including school functions, of students and other persons who violate provisions of the code.
- Disciplinary measures to be taken in incidents involving the possession or use of illegal substances or weapons, physical force, vandalism, violation of the civil rights of others, and threats of violence.
- Provisions for detention, suspension, and removal of students, which are consistent with federal, state, and local laws, include provisions for school authorities to establish policies and procedures to ensure the maintenance of educational programming and activities for students removed from the classroom or suspended from school.
- Procedures by which violations are to be reported, determined, and by which discipline measures are imposed and carried out.
- Provisions ensuring that the codes and the enforcement thereof, are in compliance with state and federal laws relating to students with disabilities.
- Provisions setting forth the procedures by which local law enforcement agencies will be notified of code violations that constitute a crime.
- Provisions setting forth the circumstances and procedures by which, parents will be notified if their child violates the code.
- Provisions setting forth the circumstances and procedures by which criminal court complaints, juvenile delinquency petitions or persons in need of supervision petitions will be filed.
- Circumstances under and procedures by which referral to appropriate human service agencies shall be made.
- Procedures by which minimum suspension periods will be set for students who are substantially disruptive of the education process or substantially interfere with teacher's authority over the classroom, provided that the suspending authority may reduce such period on a case by case basis to be consistent with any other state or federal law or regulation.
- Provisions for minimum suspension periods for acts that would qualify the pupil to be defined as a violent pupil, provided that the suspending authority may reduce such period on a case by case basis to be consistent with any other state or federal law or regulations.

NOTE: This Code of Conduct, in its entirety, is available at your child's school. Any person wishing to examine the complete document may do so by contacting the school, District Office or viewing the policy online @ <https://go.boarddocs.com/nv/mccsd/Board.nsf/vpublic?open#> (Policy Series 5300).

A detailed summary of student responsibilities at the secondary level is also included in Middle School and High School Student Agenda Books.

Notes