

SCAN FOR
ONLINE CALENDAR



Onondaga
Central Schools

2026-2027

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

MISSION STATEMENT

The Onondaga Central School Community challenges individual maximum potential, prides itself on success and prepares contributing citizens for life.

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****Please note that calendar dates are subject to change.
Please check the school website for updated calendar of events.****

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ONONDAGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT **ACADEMIC CALENDAR 2026-2027**

AUGUST 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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9	10	11 BOE Meeting 6:00 PM, HS Library	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Rockwell Popsicles with the Principal/ Kindergarten Meet & Greet 11:00 AM -1:00 PM	28	29
30	31 BOE Meeting 6:00 PM, HS Library					

JUL 2026

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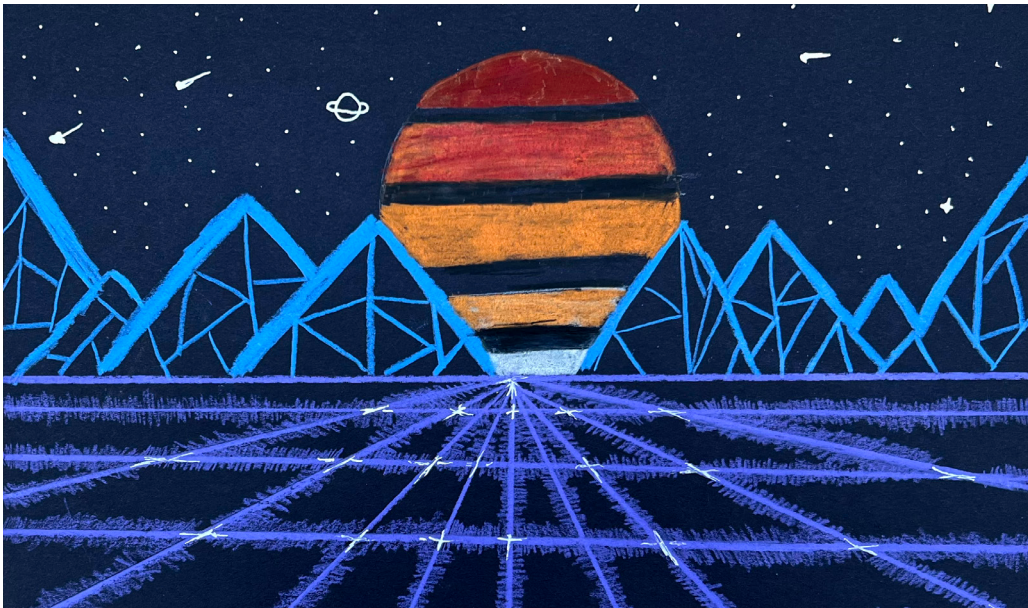
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by Lyana Halsey

ONONDAGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES

Question/Concern	Contact 1 »	Contact 2 »	Contact 3 »	Contact 4
Academics	Teacher	Jr./Sr. High School Counselor	School Principal	Superintendent
Athletics	Coach	Athletic Director	School Principal	Superintendent
Behavior	Teacher	School Principal	Superintendent	
BOE Policies	District Clerk	Superintendent		
Budget	School Business Administrator	Superintendent		
Building Use	Athletic Director	School Principal	Superintendent	
Cafeteria	School Lunch Manager	School Business Administrator	Superintendent	
Classroom Procedures	Teacher	School Principal	Superintendent	
Co-Curricular	Club Advisor	School Principal	Superintendent	
Curriculum	Teacher	School Principal	Superintendent	
Facilities	School Principal	School Business Administrator	Superintendent	
Health	School Nurse	School Principal	Superintendent	
Scheduling	Teacher	Jr./Sr. High School Counselor	School Principal	Superintendent
Special Education	Teacher	School Principal	CSE/CPSE Chairperson	Superintendent
Transportation	Bus Driver	Transportation Supervisor	School Business Administrator	Superintendent



by Ryley Fellows

It is our hope that this communication guideline procedure will serve as a helpful resource for parents and other community members with concerns, questions or to make suggestions. Following these guidelines will assist the Superintendent and his Administrative Staff to administer the school district and to put into operation the policies and decisions of the Board of Education. Thank you for your cooperation.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE HOURS

ONONDAGA JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL (Grades 7-12)	WHEELER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Grades 3-6)	ROCKWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (Grades UPK-2)
7:45 AM - 2:20 PM	7:50 AM - 2:12 PM	8:30 AM - 3:00 PM
Main Office: 552-5020 Health Office: 552-5026	Main Office: 552-5050 Health Office: 552-5052	Main Office: 552-5070 Health Office: 552-5072

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2026 SEPTEMBER



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Superintendent's Conference Day <i>Staff Only</i> High School Locker Night/7th Grade Orientation 5:00 - 6:00 PM Wheeler 3rd Grade Welcome Night 6:00 - 7:00 PM	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day No School	8 First Day for Students K-12 PreK Orientation	9 First Day for PreK PTO Meeting 6:00 PM, Rockwell	10	11	12
13	14	15 BOE Meeting 6:00 PM, Rockwell	16	17 Wheeler Meet the Teacher Night 6:00 PM	18	19
	DIAL 4 Testing at Rockwell				Homecoming Weekend	
20	21	22 HS Picture Day	23	24 Rockwell Meet the Teacher Night 6:00 PM	25	26
	Rockwell AIMSWeb Testing					
27	28	29 BOE Meeting 6:00 PM, HS	30			

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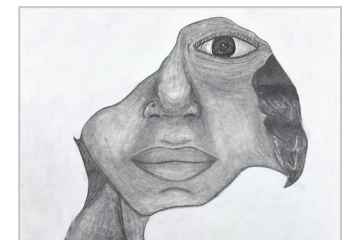
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by Aiden Spieker



by Unique Reeves

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EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

When school is closed due to weather or other emergencies, early morning announcements will be made through ParentSquare and over the following local television stations and websites.

TV

WSYR, Channel 9
WSTM/WTWH -Channel 3/5
Spectrum News, Channel 10

Websites

www.onondagacsd.org
www.syracuse.com

Parents should have a plan in place for the supervision of their children on emergency closing days or in the event of an early dismissal. This information should be kept on file at your child's school as well as with the Transportation Department.

When the Onondaga Central Schools are closed, all scheduled activities, events, meetings and programs will also be canceled. In addition, the school closing information applies to all students who are receiving transportation on our district buses, including private and parochial school students, BOCES students and all others.



Jr./Sr. art club students

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FOOD SERVICES INFORMATION

Onondaga Central School District has partnered with West Genesee Central School District for our Food Services Program. Breakfast and lunch menus are located on the OCS website.

COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY PROGRAM (FREE MEALS)

Onondaga Central School District participates in the Community Eligibility Program. Every student enrolled in the district will receive one free breakfast and one free lunch each day regardless of their family's household income. Students must choose a fruit or a vegetable to qualify for a free meal. An incomplete meal will be charged as an ala carte purchase. Our staff will strongly encourage each child to take all required meal components. Milk is free with a complete meal. Second meals may be purchased by students.



ALA CARTE ITEMS AND SECOND MEALS

Students may purchase a second meal.

Second meal cost: Breakfast \$3.00 Lunch \$4.15

Ala carte items are also available for purchase. Money can be added to a student's meal account via My School Bucks (myschoolbucks.com), check payable to West Genesee Food Service or cash.

FOOD SERVICES CONTACTS

Emily Cullen, School Lunch Director – ecullen@westgenesee.org

Amy Cardinal, School Lunch Manager – acardinal@westgenesee.org



by Saja Almaliki

OCTOBER | 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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11	12 Columbus Day/ Indigenous Peoples' Day No School	13 BOE Meeting 6:00 PM, HS	14 Wheeler Picture Day PTO Meeting 6:00 PM	15 Early Dismissal Drill- All Buildings Rockwell Picture Day	16 Superintendent's Conference Day Half Day for students HS End of 1st Marking Period	17
18	19	20	21 HS Picture Retake Day	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Halloween Parade Rockwell 9:30 AM Wheeler 1:00 PM	31

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by London Roundtree



by Mariana Frazier

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CODE OF CONDUCT SUMMARY

This is a summary of the Code of Conduct adopted by the Board of Education of the Onondaga Central School District. The Code contains the rules for conduct on District property and at District functions, as well as the penalties for unacceptable conduct. The Code applies to all activities in the school setting, and is not restricted to classroom settings. Students, parents, visitors, and District employees all have responsibilities regarding the education of the District students and are subject to the Code while on District property or at District functions.

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Code contains Student Rights and Responsibilities. Students have the right to an education that offers them the opportunity for inquiry and development to their fullest potential. Students also have the right to be safe while on District property and at District functions, to receive guidance from District staff, to participate in extracurricular activities, and to receive appropriate educational and health services.

Students shall be free from bullying (including cyberbullying), discrimination and harassment on school property or school functions including, but not limited to, the educational program, activities, or admission policies of their school. Such conduct shall include, but is not limited to, threats, intimidation or abuse based on a person’s actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practices, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity and expression) or any other legally protected status.

Students are expected to attend school every day, perform all assignments to the best of their ability, respect the property of others, and set a positive example for others.

THREAT OF VIOLENCE AGAINST THE DISTRICT

The act of threatening physical injury or death against students and/or staff of the District, including but not limited to bomb threats (the intentional false claim that an explosive device is located on District property or at a District function), a threat to bring weapons to school and/or commit a school shooting, or a threat to commit any other seriously violent act on District property. The Onondaga Central School District is entrusted with the health and welfare of all students in our schools. With this in mind, all threats of violence against the District are treated seriously and are dealt with in accordance with District disciplinary procedures. The Onondaga Central School District may therefore prosecute perpetrators to the fullest extent of the law. Potential consequences include but are not limited to long-term suspension, expulsion, and referral to law enforcement.

PROHIBITED STUDENT CONDUCT

The Code contains definitions of prohibited conduct. The Code is not meant to be an exhaustive list of all possible acts of misconduct. Any conduct that violates the Code, any federal or New York State statute, or any established practice of the District may be the basis for discipline.

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USE OF INTERNET AND CELLULAR ENABLED DEVICES DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

This policy prohibits students from using internet and cellular-enabled devices on school grounds during the school day. This policy was developed in consultation with parents, students, and employee organizations, and aims to help students stay focused on their learning.

What Does This Mean for Students?

No Personal Devices During School Hours: Students are generally not allowed to use personal internet-enabled devices (like phones, tablets, or smartwatches) at any time during the school day. This includes all instructional and non-instructional periods, such as homeroom, lunch, recess, study halls, and passing time.

District-Provided Devices Are Okay: Devices supplied by the District for educational purposes are exempt from this policy.

Exceptions for Specific Needs: Students may be authorized to use a device for health care management, emergencies with staff supervision, translation services (if a school device isn’t available), or when approved by a school administrator or required by law (e.g., as part of an IEP or Section 504 Plan).

Device Storage

Elementary Schools (Rockwell and Wheeler): Internet-enabled devices are not permitted on school grounds. If a device is brought to school, it will be securely stored in the main office and must be picked up by a parent or guardian.

Jr./Sr. High School: Students must store their internet-enabled devices in their assigned lockers or securely in the school’s main office during the school day.

Device Pickup: Confiscated or stored devices must be picked up by a parent/guardian. Devices not picked up by 3:30 PM can be retrieved the next school day.

How Can Parents Contact Students?

We understand the need for communication. Parents can contact students during school hours using the following methods:

School Office Phone:

- Rockwell ES: 315-552-5070
- Wheeler ES: 315-552-5050
- Jr. & Sr. HS: 315-552-5020

Designated Contact Email: These emails are monitored by school staff who will relay messages to students.

- Rockwell Elementary: rwooffice@onondagacsd.org
- Wheeler Elementary: wheelerooffice@onondagacsd.org
- Jr. & Sr. High School: highschooloffice@onondagacsd.org

Classroom Intercom System: For emergencies, the main office can use the intercom system.

School Messaging Applications: Use secure platforms like ParentSquare and StudentSquare.

Written Notes: Drop off notes at the main office for delivery to your student.

Policy Enforcement and Reporting

Students will not be suspended solely for accessing internet-enabled devices in violation of this policy. Unsecured devices will be confiscated and stored in the main office until the end of the school day.

This policy is posted on the district website, and translations into the 12 most common non-English languages will be provided upon request.



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NOVEMBER | 2026



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 General Election Day	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Veterans Day No School	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Wheeler Picture Retake Day PTO Meeting 6:00 PM	19 Rockwell Picture Retake Day	20 HS Drama Production	21
22 HS Drama Production	23 ½ Day-Dismissal Times Wheeler 10:30 AM Rockwell 11:10 AM Parent Teacher Conferences	24 ½ Day-Dismissal Times Wheeler 10:30 AM Rockwell 11:10 AM Parent Teacher Conferences	25	26	27	28
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by Ani Foster Thomas



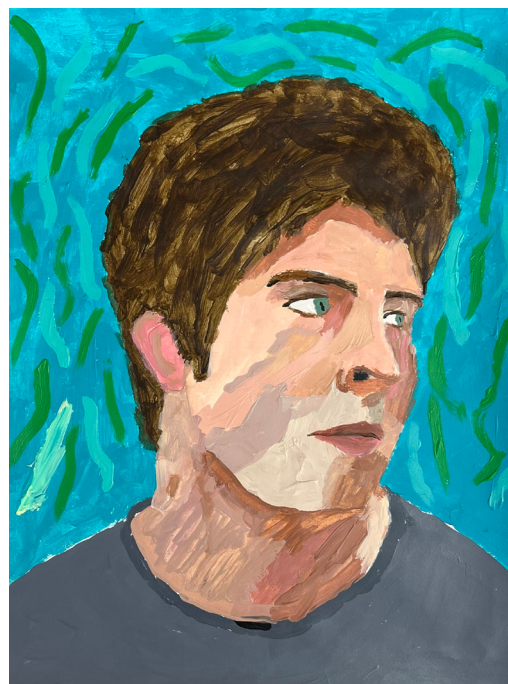
by Ezoza Abdurakhmanova



Jr/Sr High School Holiday Concert



by Colton Francis



by Jameson Connors

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CODE OF CONDUCT SUMMARY (CONTINUED)

CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

The Code governs the conduct of students on school buses. The standards of conduct that apply in the classroom also apply to conduct on school buses. All passengers are to obey the instructions of the bus driver. The District may suspend a student's right to ride the bus for any misconduct including behavior that distracts the driver.

REPORTING VIOLATIONS

Any student observing another person violating this Code of Conduct on Onondaga Central School District property or at an Onondaga Central School District function shall report this information immediately to an Onondaga Central School District staff member, administrator or supervising adult. Any teacher, administrator, employee, Board of Education member, or other person may report a violation of the student disciplinary code to the Building Principal or his or her designee.

Anyone who believes he/she has been subjected to discrimination, harassment, bullying or retaliatory behavior or has witnessed any possible occurrence of such conduct should immediately report same to any staff member or administrator. If a school employee learns of any occurrence of possible bullying or harassment, the school employee shall orally notify the school principal no later than one (1) school day after learning of such conduct. Such school employee shall also file a written report no later than two (2) school days after making such oral report. If the District determines that a District official, employee, volunteer, vendor, visitor and/or student has violated the Code of Conduct or a material incident of harassment, bullying and/ discrimination has occurred, immediate corrective action will be taken, it will take prompt action reasonably calculated to end the violation, eliminate any hostile environment, create a more positive school culture and climate, prevent recurrence of the behavior, and provide for the safety of the student or students against whom such violation was directed. Generally, responses to acts of harassment, bullying, and/or discrimination against students by students shall incorporate a progressive model of student discipline.

The district's designated Dignity Act Coordinators are:

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Katelynn Killmore	Rockwell Elementary	kkillmore@onondagacsd.org	315-552-5070

DISCIPLINARY INTERVENTIONS, PROCEDURES AND PENALTIES

Students, employees and visitors who violate the Code will be subject to disciplinary action and/or other consequences as the District deems appropriate. District officials may use a range of responses to address student misconduct. Before disciplining a student, District officials may issue a warning, conduct a parent conference, enter into a student behavior contract, or provide counseling or mediation. Disciplinary actions may include a school or activity suspension, personal liability and police notification. Any person other than a student found in violation of the Code shall be subject to appropriate criminal and/or civil penalties.

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2026 DECEMBER



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4 HS End of 2nd Marking Period Wheeler End of 1st Marking Period	5
6	7	8	9 HS Chorus & Band Concert 6:00 PM PTO Meeting 6:00 PM, Wheeler	10	11	12
13	14	15 BOE Meeting 6:00 PM, HS	16 Wheeler Winter Concert 6:30 PM, HS	17	18 Rockwell Holiday Sing Rockwell & Wheeler Report Cards on ParentSquare	19
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				Holiday Recess (No School)		
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	Holiday Recess (No School)					

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by Levi Donegan

CODE OF CONDUCT SUMMARY (CONTINUED)

DUE PROCESS

The amount of due process a student is entitled to before a penalty is imposed will depend on the type of penalty being imposed. In all cases, regardless of the penalty imposed, the Onondaga Central School District personnel authorized to impose the penalty must let the student know what misconduct the student is alleged to have committed, and must investigate the facts surrounding the alleged misconduct. All students will have an opportunity to present their version of the facts to the Onondaga Central School District personnel imposing the disciplinary penalty in connection with the imposition of the penalty. The Code also contains detailed procedures for dealing with misconduct by special education and disabled students.

TEACHER REMOVAL OF DISRUPTIVE STUDENTS

The Code authorizes classroom teachers to remove disruptive students from classrooms. The Code spells out the procedures that must be followed when a teacher removes a student from the classroom, including notice to the student and the opportunity for parents to meet with the principal. No teacher may remove a student with a disability from a class until the teacher has verified with the principal or the chairperson of the Committee on Special Education that the removal will not violate the student’s rights under state or federal law.

STUDENT SEARCHES AND INTERROGATIONS

Students may be subject to personal searches and searches of their possessions (including but not limited to, backpacks, telephones, electronic devices and other personal belongings) where “reasonable suspicion” exists that such search will obtain evidence that the student violated the law or school rules (including, for example, the District Code of Conduct). Searches may be conducted by the Superintendent, building principal or designee in accordance with Policy Number 7330.



Feats of Clay Students Completing a Challenge

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VISITORS TO SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

The Board encourages parents/guardians and other district citizens to visit the District’s schools and classrooms to observe the work of students, teachers, and other staff. Since schools are a place of work and learning, however, certain limits must be set for such visits. To create and maintain this kind of an environment, it is necessary to regulate public conduct on Onondaga Central School District property and at Onondaga Central School District functions. Administrators are responsible for all persons in the building and on the grounds. The Code of Conduct contains rules that apply to visitors and public conduct on Onondaga Central School District property.

EXTRACURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT

Extracurricular activities are an integral part of school life. Participating in extracurricular activities and athletics is a privilege, not a right. The student must earn this privilege through dedication, desire, and discipline. Without the pursuit of these traits, the student cannot do justice to him/herself or the school. The student must discipline him/herself to be a good citizen and student in order to achieve excellence. The Onondaga Central School District believes that the tradition of excellence is established and maintained upon these principles. In order for a determined course of action in the pursuit of student achievement and the character training of young persons, the Code of Conduct contains expectations that must be followed.



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2027 JANUARY



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Holiday Recess (No School)	2
3	4 Classes Resume	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 BOE Meeting 6:00 PM, HS	13 PTO Meeting 6:00 PM, Rockwell	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day No School	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Superintendent's Conference Day 1/2 Day Wheeler/Rockwell HS End of 3rd Marking Period	30
31	Regents Exams					

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by Lyana Halsey

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Student Practicing Perspective



Ashton Cummings and Eliana Deere



Riley Lapoint Painting

The district uses **Schooltool**, a student data management system that is 100% web-based. One of the features of Schooltool is a parent portal where Jr./Sr. High School parents can communicate with teachers and access information about their children such as attendance, schedule and grades. Parents who have provided the district with an email address will receive logon information.

The district uses ParentSquare, as a unified app for the school to communicate on many different platforms. Parents and guardians can receive all announcements from the district, their children's schools and teachers in one place, with the ability to set notification preferences. Parents can receive text alerts and/or e-mails about a range of important issues, academics, as well as other items of information affecting their student's safety and academic performance.

Please be sure that the telephone numbers and e-mail addresses that we have listed for you in our system are correct. To update your contact information, please contact your school office. Thank you!

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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FEBRUARY | 2027



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		BOE Meeting 6:00 PM, Rockwell				
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			PTO Meeting 6:00 PM, Wheeler			
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	Presidents' Day No School	Winter Recess (No School)				
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		BOE Meeting 6:00 PM, HS				
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by Charlie Pickering

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Onondaga Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, national origin, marital status or sexual orientation in the employment and educational opportunities it offers, including vocational educational opportunities. The District is committed to adhering to the nondiscrimination provisions of Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act and the New York Human Rights Law.

The Onondaga Central School District also does not discriminate on the basis of sex with respect to employment or in the educational programs and activities it provides (including vocational programs), including the appointment of employees, employment pay, benefits and opportunities, counseling services for students, access by students to educational programs, course offerings, textbooks and student activities, as required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

The Onondaga Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of disability in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the New York Human Rights Law. Furthermore, the District does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission or access to its programs. No person shall be denied employment or employment advancement solely because of any physical, mental or medical impairment, provided the individual is capable of performing, with or without reasonable accommodation, the essential functions of the job applied for or held.

Inquiries regarding the District's Non-Discrimination Policy should be directed to:

1. Title IX Coordinator - Joseph Sterbank, School Business Administrator
2. Section 504 Coordinator - Ginger Holleran, Director of Student Services
3. District Records Access Officer - Joseph Sterbank, School Business Administrator



Art Club Working On a Project

NYS TESTING INFO

To help our families plan for the upcoming academic year, we are sharing the final state testing dates as determined by the New York State Education Department (NYSED). These assessments provide valuable insights into student progress and help our district ensure every student is on track to meet the state's learning standards.

ELEMENTARY AND INTERMEDIATE LEVEL TESTING (GRADES 3–8)

The administration window for the **Grades 3–8 English Language Arts (ELA), Mathematics, and the Grades 5 & 8 Science** tests will run from **Monday, April 5, through Friday, May 14, 2027**.

Please note the following specific rules for these assessments:

- **ELA and Mathematics:** Schools will select two consecutive school days within the window to administer these tests for each grade level.
- **Science (Grades 5 & 8):** The entire grade level will take the assessment on the same day.
- **Make-ups:** Any necessary make-up exams must be administered within the April 5 to May 14 window.

REGENTS EXAMINATIONS (HIGH SCHOOL)

The Regents Examination periods are designed to minimize the instances of students having to take multiple exams on the same day, with student impact as the central consideration for the schedule.

- **January 2027 Period:** Tuesday, January 26 through Friday, January 29.
- **June 2027 Period:** Tuesday, June 15 through Friday, June 25.
- **Holiday Notice:** No State examinations will be administered on **Friday, June 18**, in observance of the **Juneteenth** holiday.
- **Rating Days:** Both June 18 and June 25 are designated as Rating Days; no exams will be held on these dates.
- **August 2027 Period:** Tuesday, August 17 and Wednesday, August 18.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

- **NYSAA (ELA, Math, and Science):** The administration window for the New York State Alternate Assessment is **Monday, March 8 through Friday, June 11**.
- **WIDA ACCESS & Alternate ACCESS:** For English Language Learners, the testing window runs from **Monday, February 1 through Friday, April 9**.

We encourage families to keep these dates in mind when scheduling appointments or travel to ensure students are present and prepared for their exams. If you have any questions regarding your child's specific testing schedule, please contact your school's main office.

MARCH | 2027



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7	8	9 Superintendent's Conference Day ½ Day All Students BOE Meeting 6:00 PM, HS	10 PTO Meeting 6:00 PM, Rockwell	11	12 HS End of 4th Marking Period	13
14	15	16 HS Chorus & Band Concert 6:00 PM	17	18	19 Wheeler End of 2nd Marking Period	20
21	22	23 BOE Meeting 6:00 PM, Rockwell	24	25	26 Superintendent's Conference Day ½ Day All Students	27
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2nd Grade Clay Penguins



by Sydney Fiaschetti

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DRESS CODE

The intent of the dress code is to foster an environment that is sanitary, safe and conducive to teaching and student learning. It is also intended to provide guidance to prepare students for their role in the work place and society. Students are encouraged to “Dress for Success.” It is important that students and their parents are mindful of the educational setting when selecting clothing for school. The District’s employees and students shall be appropriately groomed and dressed while on District property and at District functions. Teachers and all other District employees shall exemplify and reinforce acceptable student dress and behavior and help students develop an understanding of appropriate appearance in the school setting. Also, visitors are to be appropriately attired while on District property and at District functions. Each Building Principal shall inform all students and their parents/guardians of the student dress code at the beginning of the school year and any revisions to the dress code made during the year. The school cannot and does not dictate styles; however, school officials reserve the right to determine what acceptable and unacceptable attire is. The appropriateness of an individual’s dress will depend, to some degree, on the student’s age, circumstances and setting. However, the following general rules shall apply to all students, regardless of age or gender.

1. Students must wear clothing including both a shirt with pants or a skirt or the equivalent and shoes. Dress, grooming, and appearance, including but not limited to, jewelry and other accessories, make-up, and nails shall not endanger the health, safety and welfare of self or others.
2. Outer clothing must cover all underwear, undergarments and waistbands.
3. Safe and functional footwear shall be worn at all times. (Footwear that is a safety hazard will not be allowed.)
4. Items of apparel that are vulgar, obscene, libelous, or denigrate others on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability, or any other legally protected status are prohibited.
5. No item of apparel may promote and/or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal substances, and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities.
6. No items that could be used as weapons are to be worn.
7. All Physical Education clothes must comply with these Student Dress Code requirements.

ONONDAGA CENTRAL SCHOOLS EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Onondaga Central School Education Foundation, Inc., was established in 1984. Its primary mission has been to provide financial assistance to deserving OCS graduates. Students are selected to receive awards based on their academic record, their academic potential, their service to the school and their service to the community.

Please visit our new website at: ocseducationfoundation.com

ROCKWELL/WHEELER PTO

The Rockwell/Wheeler PTO is a non-profit organization organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The objective of this association is to support the Rockwell and Wheeler Elementary Schools of the Onondaga Central School District; to encourage communication between parents and teachers of Rockwell/Wheeler students; to raise parent awareness and promote parents involvement in school issues; to raise and administer funds and accept educational equipment, in order to provide additional educational benefits beyond those provided by the school district.

PTO meeting dates appear on the school calendar.



Scan QR Code for more about Rockwell/Wheeler PTO

Contact:

Rockwell/WheelerPTO@gmail.com

THE BOOSTER CLUB

The OCS Booster Club is a not-for-profit organization formed by volunteers who live in the district. Our goal is to promote and financially support extracurricular clubs and activities at the Onondaga Junior-Senior High School.

The Booster Club acts as an umbrella organization under which parents can raise funds for specific extracurricular clubs and activities (e.g. Onondaga football, varsity softball, etc.). All of the funds raised for a specific group are credited to that group and are not available for use by any other group or activity or by the OCS Booster Club. We welcome anyone who wants to get involved in raising funds for both athletic and nonathletic extracurricular activities at the OCS Jr./Sr. High School. Booster Club meetings are typically held the first Thursday of each month at 6 pm.



Scan QR Code for more about the OCS Booster Club

Contact:

ocsboosterclub2017@gmail.com



Spring Concert Performance



Spring Concert Performance

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2027 APRIL



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					HS Drama Production	
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HS Drama Production		BOE Meeting 6:30 PM, HS			Rockwell & Wheeler Report Cards on ParentSquare	
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	Spring Recess (No School)					
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	BOE Meeting- BOCES Special Meeting 6:30 PM, HS		PTO Meeting 6:00 PM, Wheeler			
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by Rosella Gardner

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY

The following guidelines shall govern student conduct on school buses:

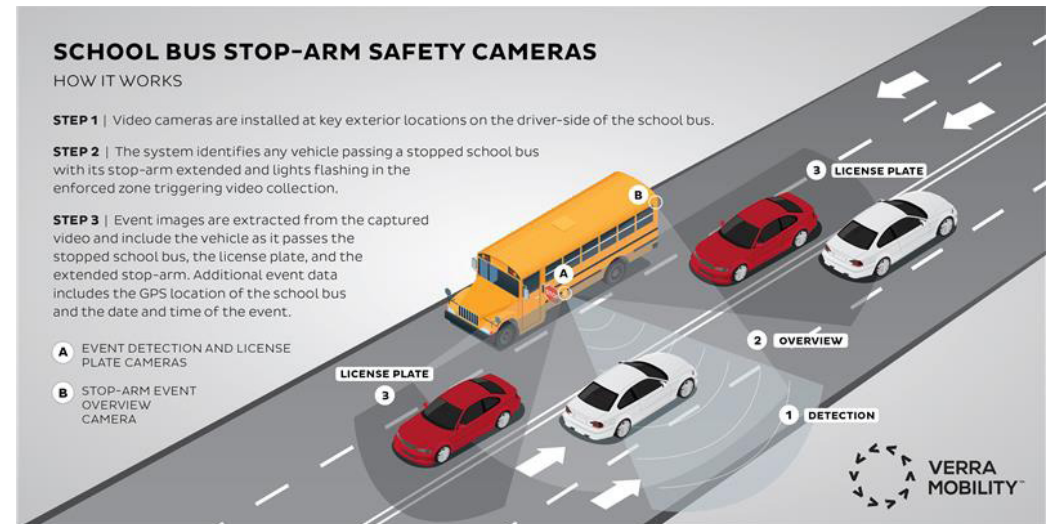
1. In general, school buses are extensions of the classroom, and standards of student conduct similar to those that apply in the classroom shall apply to conduct on all school buses.
2. The bus driver is in charge of the bus. The driver's instructions are to be obeyed promptly by all passengers at all times.
3. Upon boarding the bus, students will sit in their assigned seat or select a seat and remain seated for the duration of the trip. Drivers may assign and reassign seats when they feel it is necessary.
4. No student shall board a bus with any object that cannot be held on his or her lap or between his or her knees. Students shall not bring objects on the buses that are potentially dangerous or distracting to other students or the driver. Prohibited objects include, but are not limited to, the following:

» Glass objects	» Live animals
» Weapons	» Oversized musical instruments and
» Explosive devices	» Oversized athletic equipment
5. Students are to be at their bus stop prior to the bus arrival time. Students who are approaching the bus stop as the bus arrives and who make no effort to be on time may be left behind.
6. Student actions that have the effect of distracting the driver or otherwise interfering with the driver's ability to operate the vehicle in a safe manner, are prohibited. Such actions may include, but are not limited to, the following:

» Throwing objects within or out of the bus;
» Harassing or fighting with other passengers;
» Extending head, hands, arms, or legs out of bus windows;
» Operating or otherwise tampering with emergency exits;
» Eating, drinking, smoking, and using other drugs and alcohol;
» Creating excessive noise, including verbal abuse of fellow passengers and the use of profanity;
» Causing damage to the vehicle (students responsible for damages will be billed for repair costs);
» Tampering with the vehicle's operating or safety controls;
» Obstructing the driver's vision; and threatening, verbally abusing, attacking, swearing, or directing profanity at the driver.

Due to the distractive nature of the above activities, any such actions will be considered "dangerous to the health and well-being" of the driver and other students on the bus.
7. Use of music players is allowed with ear phones for personal listening only.
8. Gameboys and other personal electronic devices are only allowed to be used by the owner.
9. Phones are not to be used without the driver's or coach's permission except for 911 emergency calls.

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SCHOOL BUS STOP-ARM CAMERAS UTILIZED IN ONONDAGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Onondaga Central School District, in collaboration with several other Onondaga County school districts, have implemented a school bus stop-arm camera program. Approved by county lawmakers in December 2024, these cameras are designed to enhance student safety by deterring drivers from illegally passing stopped school buses with flashing lights.

Program Details

The program operates at no cost to participating school districts. Verra Mobility, a private company contracted by Onondaga County, installs and monitors the cameras. Fines collected from violations will be split between Verra Mobility (55%) and Onondaga County (45%).

Violation Fines:

- First offense: \$250
- Second violation (within 18 months): \$275
- Third violation: \$300



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2027 MAY

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2	3	4 BOE Meeting: Budget Hearing 5:30 PM, Rockwell BOE Regular Meeting To follow hearing, Rockwell	5 NYS Math Assessments, Grades 3-8	6 HS End of 5th Marking Period	7	8
9	10	11 NYS Science Assessment, Grade 5 & 8	12 PTO Meeting 6:00 PM, Rockwell	13	14	15
16	17	18 Budget Vote 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM, HS & Rockwell BOE Meeting 9:30 PM, HS Night of the Arts Art show at 5:00 PM, Concert at 6:00 PM, HS	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day No School		Wheeler Spring Concert 6:30 PM, HS			

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by Maryam Ilyoskhujaeva



by Owen Luchsinger



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ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS

ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN

In accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1987, Onondaga Central School District's facilities have been inspected and response actions are planned to ensure a continued safe environment for our students and employees. The district conducts re-inspections every three years. The Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES Health and Safety Department was contracted to complete the triennial inspection of all facilities and update the asbestos management plan, which is available for your review in the district office. For more information please contact the District Office, at 315-552-5000.

FERPA: ACCESS TO STUDENT RECORDS

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) gives students over 18 years of age and parents the right to review certain educational records. Pursuant to law, the following records are available for review:

- the guidance folder, which contains standardized test scores, biographical data and elementary progress reports;
- academic records for grades 7 through 12;
- cumulative health records;
- attendance records;
- student disciplinary records reflecting superintendent's hearings in which the student has been found guilty and letters and/or records of school suspension lasting five days or less;
- school medical records maintained at the school nurse's office that contain the student's medical history;
- pupil service records that include psychological reports maintained by school personnel.

These records are confidential and cannot be released without the prior written consent of the parent or guardian. The law does provide for limited exceptions to the prior consent requirement, e.g., certain school employees or state or federal officials have a legitimate purpose for needing access to information contained in the students' records.

The Board of Education has established a policy for maintaining the confidentiality of student education records, and for providing access to such records for parental review. Copies of this policy are available in the district office. Applications for access to student records also are available in the district office. Please direct any questions about the right to review student records to the respective building principal.

FIRE INSPECTION REPORT POLICY

Notice is hereby given that the annual inspection of structures within the Onondaga Central School District for fire hazards which might endanger the lives of students, teachers and employees therein has been completed.

Structures inspected include: Rockwell Elementary, Junior-Senior High School, Walter Wheeler School, Industrial Arts Building, Garage/Storage Building, District Office, Bus Garage, Pumphouse @ High School, Press Box, Technology Office and Averdi Storage Trailer. The report is available for review by all interested persons at the district office.

HOMELESS STUDENT POLICY

As required by No Child Left Behind, all districts have responsibilities to homeless students in the district. In order to serve these students, each district must appoint a liaison for homeless children who are currently residing within a district. The liaison must first identify these students and, to aid in doing so, post notifications regarding educational services and contact information at places where the parents of homeless students will see it. These locations can include, but are not limited to, homeless shelters, medical clinics, post offices and local Social Service offices. School Social Worker, Amy Stanton, is the liaison for Onondaga Central School District.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Onondaga Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs, activities, employment, and admissions; and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Robert Montgomery, Compliance Officer/Coordinator, at rmontgomery@onondagacsd.org, 315-552-5000, 4466 S. Onondaga Road, Nedrow, NY 13120. Inquiries concerning the application of the Onondaga Central School District non-discrimination policies may also be referred to the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), 32 Old Slip, 26th Floor, New York, NY 10005, telephone (646) 428-3800 (voice) or (800) 877-8339 (TTY).

Any parent who believes his or her child has been denied the benefits of an appropriate education as a result of discrimination based on disability should contact the Superintendent of Schools. Moreover, any person who believes his or her rights have been violated should contact the Superintendent of Schools.



Student Working On The Memory Project



Wheeler State Float Projects

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2027 JUNE



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 SRO Public Hearing 5:30 PM, HS BOE Meeting 6:00 PM, HS	2	3	4 Tiger Day	5
6	7	8	9 PTO Meeting 6:00 PM, Wheeler	10	11 Wheeler Race Day and Water Olympics HS Last Day of Regular Classes Wheeler End of 3rd Marking Period	12
13	14 Rockwell Flag Day Parade 9:30 AM	15	16 Wheeler Drama Production 7:00 PM, HS Rockwell Game Day	17 Wheeler Drama Production 7:00 PM, HS	18 Juneteenth No School	19
	Regents Exams					
20	21	22 Wheeler 6th Grade Moving Up Ceremony 8:00 AM Code of Conduct-Public Hearing 5:30 PM, HS BOE Regular Meeting 6:00 PM, HS	23 2nd Grade Send Off 1:30 PM, Rockwell	24 1/2 Day for Wheeler and Rockwell	25 PreK Moving Up 9:30 AM OCS Graduation 6:00 PM HS End of 6th Marking Period Last Day of School 1/2 Day for Wheeler and Rockwell	26
	Regents Exams					
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by Logan Dixie

PEST MANAGEMENT

Onondaga Central School District practices Integrated Pest Management to keep pests a safe distance away from students, staff and property, while limiting the use of pesticides. New York State Education Law requires school districts to notify parents/guardians, faculty and staff about the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year. Further, the state requires us to maintain a list of those who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirement:

- 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 gels and other non-volatile, ready-to-use pastes, foams or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- boric acid and octaborate tetrahydrate;
- the application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- the application of EPA-designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;
- 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 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.

To receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications scheduled to occur in a school, please contact the Director of Facilities at 315-552-5090.

NOTICE TO STUDENTS, PARENTS AND STAFF REGARDING THE USE OF CAMERA SURVEILLANCE ON SCHOOL PROPERTY

For the safety of our students, staff and visitors, the School District employs camera surveillance equipment for security purposes. This equipment may or may not be monitored at any time.

Surveillance cameras will generally be utilized only in public areas where there is no “reasonable expectation of privacy.” Public areas may include school buses; building entrances; hallways; parking lots; front offices where students, employees and parents come and go; gymnasiums during public activities; cafeterias; and supply rooms. However, it is not possible for surveillance cameras to cover all public areas of District buildings or all District activities. District surveillance cameras will not be installed in “private” areas such as restrooms, locker rooms, changing areas, private offices (unless consent by the office owner is given), or classrooms.

CHILD ABUSE REPORTING (REPORTAR EL ABUSO INFANTIL)

- To report child abuse and neglect, call: 1-800-342-3720
- Para reportar abuso de niños y negligencia, llame al: 1-800-342-3720
- Visit the Office of Children and Family Services website at: www.ocfs.ny.gov
- Visite nuestro portal o página Web: www.ocfs.ny.gov
- Or Call our Statewide Toll Free Telephone Number: 1-800-342-3720
- If you are deaf or hard of hearing, call TDD/TTY at 1-800-638-5163
- Or have your Video Relay System provider call 1-800-342-3720
- If you believe that a child is in immediate danger, call 911 or your local police department.



Wheeler Drama Performing Willy Wonka Jr.



Jr/Sr High School Drama, Between the Lines, at Rockwell Morning Program

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2027 JULY

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by Zanai Wright



TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

Address:

4457 South Onondaga Road
Nedrow, NY 13120

Phone:

315-552-5090

Fax:

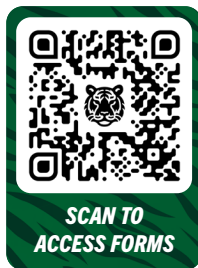
315-552-5092

Dear Parents,

This is just a reminder that children need to be at their assigned bus stops a few minutes before their normal pickup time. This is important for several reasons.

When a student is not at the pickup point on time, it delays the pickup for other students. Many students are required to meet at localized stops requiring them to walk blocks and wait in all kinds of weather, therefore any delays in your pickup time affects others on the route.

When a substitute driver is assigned to cover a morning route it is often difficult to know what houses to stop at unless the students are out where they can be seen. We even go so far as to recommend that substitute drivers leave a few minutes later than scheduled to ensure that the students will be out and waiting, therefore trying to eliminate missed stops.



TRANSPORTATION REQUEST FORMS

Request for Non-Public School Transportation Form:

Use this form if you live in the OCS district but plan on having your child transported to a non-public school. This form must be submitted to the Transportation Department no later than April 1st of the year preceding the school year for which transportation is desired.

New Student Transportation Enrollment Form:

This is to be filled out when you register a new student who needs busing.

BUS PASS PROCEDURES

The Board of Education is committed to providing safe and efficient transportation for its students, while also exhibiting reasonable flexibility in handling emergencies. It is District policy to only pick up and discharge at locations within the boundaries of the School District. All students should be picked up and discharged at a consistent location every day. These locations must be established in September and, unless an emergency situation arises, should be permanent. Each family must notify the school in writing during the summer of their child's drop-off point if it is different from the child's home. Should it be necessary to change day care or other child supervision arrangements during the school year, parents should send a written notification to the District's Transportation Office and another copy to the school's office. In an emergency situation, parents should contact the school office so that temporary arrangements can be made. Each school building will establish times that non-emergency changes in drop off location need to be submitted.

Any questions may be directed to the school's Main Office and the Bus Garage.

This means that:

- Each family can establish a secondary stop at the beginning of the school year (ex. grandparent, daycare, split custody). Changes can be made and bus passes can be written only to the secondary stop. Secondary stops will change only under reasonable, consistent circumstances (change of daycare provider, a move, etc.)
- Bus passes will not be written for students to go home with other students NOT listed as their secondary stop. Parents must arrange to pick up and transport the student if they need to go to a location not listed.
- Exceptions will be made ONLY in the case of an emergency. Emergency bus passes must be approved by the principal.



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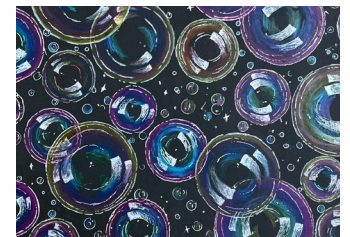
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by Avery Powell



by Carolyn Andino

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