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WILDCAT NEWS

HANCOCK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

WILDCAT PLEDGE

We nurture and empower each learner's unlimited capacity
to become a responsible citizen with a promising future.



A New Beginning at Hancock!

Lots of smiles, new faces highlight first day of school!





SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

We're looking forward to another great year!

Hello, friends! We are extremely excited to welcome back to school all of our students, faculty and staff for the start of another enriching year of teaching, learning and growing together! We always expect fun and exciting things to happen in Hancock!

I am personally excited to get things started with respect to immediately engaging your children with a wide array of activities and opportunities. These are specifically designed to empower them with the knowledge and skills they need to fully realize all of their hopes, dreams and aspirations.

To this very important end, I encourage everyone to frequently check our website (www.hancock.stier.org), our social-media pages (Facebook and Twitter), and the Hancock Herald to stay up to date on everything happening in our District.

In closing, I am pleased to encourage all parents, caretakers and guardians to take full advantage of the wealth of resources, programs and opportunities that are available to your child during the 2019-2020 academic year. Your comments and constructive feedback are always welcomed, so please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of assistance to you in any way.

It is our great privilege to provide first-rate services on a daily basis! I look forward to seeing you at school soon!

Respectfully,

Terrance P. Dougherty, Ph.D.
HCSD Superintendent of Schools
Email: tdougherty@hancock.stier.org
Phone: 607-637-1301
Twitter: @SLUDAD2017

HANCOCK CSD BOARD OF EDUCATION

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BOARD OF EDUCATION 2019-2020 MEETINGS

All meetings start at 7 p.m. in the District Office, unless otherwise indicated.

2019

- 8/26 Regular Meeting
- 9/9 Regular Meeting
- 9/23 Regular Meeting
- 10/15 Regular Meeting (Tues.)
- 10/28 Regular Meeting
- 11/12 Regular Meeting (Tues.)
- 11/25 Regular Meeting
- 12/9 Regular Meeting

2020

- 1/13 Regular Meeting
- 1/27 Regular Meeting
- 2/10 Regular Meeting
- 2/24 Regular Meeting
- 3/9 Regular Meeting
- 3/23 Regular Meeting
- 4/13 Regular Meeting
- 4/27 Regular Meeting
- 5/11 Regular Meeting
- 5/11 Annual District Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 5/19 Annual School Budget Vote/Board Election, 2:00-8:00 p.m. (Tues.)
- 5/26 Regular Meeting (Tues.)
- 6/8 Regular Meeting
- 6/22 Regular Meeting

Note: The 5/19 Annual School Budget Vote/Board Election will be held at Hancock MS/HS Auditorium.



BEAMER RETURNS AS ADMINISTRATOR; BERGMAN NAMED PRINCIPAL



Cadosia resident Jackie Beamer returns to the Hancock Central School District as its Director of Pupil Personnel and CSE/CPSE Chairperson for the 2019-2020 academic year, the District announced Tuesday, August 27.

The former K-2 special education teacher follows Julie Bergman, who will serve Hancock as its PK-12 Principal this school year.

Bergman replaces Deborah Darling, who accepted the position as high school assistant principal at the Union-Endicott Central School District.

Jackie graduated from Binghamton University in December of 2017 with a Certificate of Advanced Studies and became the Monticello Central School District's Supervisor of Special Programs in January of 2018. Jackie often connected with Monticello families and community members through special programming and event planning such as the No Place for Hate Program at Monticello High School and Rachel's Challenge at RJK Middle School. She also was responsible for the social and emotional wellness of students and staff.

Working closer to home in a similar capacity brought Jackie back to Hancock, where she spent nearly a decade after landing a job as an elementary school special education teacher in September of 2007. Jackie enrolled at BU in 2016 to pursue her administration certificate and fulfilled the requirements while continuing to work as a K-2 special educator. Her training included a six-month administrative internship under the direction of HCSD

Superintendent Terry Dougherty and resulted in NYS dual certification as a School Building Leader and School District Leader.

Before starting her career as an assistant teacher in the early 2000s, Jackie earned a bachelor's degree from SUNY Cortland and a master's degree in education from Mount Saint Mary College, with permanent NYS dual certification in elementary (PK-6) and special education (K-12). She also spent two years as a secondary special education teacher before joining HCSD in 2007.

Jackie's office is located at Hancock Elementary School, but she'll also spend time at the CSE office inside the Middle School/High School building working with our new principal.



Julie is a long-time teacher and administrator who previously worked in the Delhi, Walton and Franklin central school districts. She has taught secondary physical education, coached several sports and served as Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics.

Julie is the First Vice President of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association and also has experience as an elementary, middle and high school principal and as a CSE/CPSE chairperson.

She earned her bachelor's degree in Physical Education from SUNY Cortland, a master's degree in Physical Education from Texas A&M University, and a Certificate of Advanced Study from SUNY Cortland. Julie lives in Delhi with her husband and children.

WE HAVE SOME SUPER SUBS!



We welcomed a terrific group of substitute teachers to the Hancock Central School District on Tuesday, August 27! These smiling faces will help keep the Hancock Central School District running smoothly during the 2019-2020 academic year, which officially started for students on Thursday, September 5.

Our subs, from left to right, are: 1-Linda Kulikowski, 2-Courtney Brock, 3-Patricia Gross, 4-Regine Roney, 5-Nancy Eckhardt, 6-Bailey Cable, 7-Phyllis Norman, 8-Margaret Hall, 9-Donald Roney, 10-Gail Schoonmaker, 11-Andrea Gately, 12-Thomas Wood, 13-Pamela Rice, 14-Maureen Hunt, 15-Jackie Beamer (Director of Pupil Personnel), 16-Christina Christiansen, 17-Veronica Heesh and 18-Linda Figura.



WARM WILDCATS WELCOME: HANCOCK'S NEW FACES!



Daniel Gaylord, K-12 Art Education

The Hancock Central School District welcomes Vestal High School graduate Daniel Gaylord as its K-12 Art Education teacher for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Daniel earned his bachelor's degree in Art Studio at Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, where he competed as a Division I wrestler for four years. He went on to complete a bachelor's in Fine Arts equivalency at SUNY Broome, then graduated this past May with a master's in Art Teaching from SUNY Oswego. Daniel also served Oswego as an assistant Division III wrestling coach.

When he's not creating artwork at home, the Binghamton resident can typically be found hunting in the woods or fishing on a river.



Patricia Gross, High School English

Hancock native Patricia Gross joins the Hancock Central School District team as a high school English teacher for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Patricia is a former substitute teacher at HCSD who earned her bachelor's degree in Education and English from Ashford University.

She will complete her master's in Teaching English Adolescence at Binghamton University in December.

A co-leader for Hancock Girl Scouts, Patricia also is a religious education teacher at St. Paul the Apostle Church and a longtime foster parent for Delaware County. She lives in Hancock with her husband and their five children.



Kenneth Held, Technology

Kenneth Held takes over the Hancock Central School District's Technology Education program this school year, stepping in for the recently retired Don Roney.

Kenneth is a DCMO BOCES employee who has taught Technology at several school districts during his 25-year career. He has experience in furniture-making, manufacturing, computer technologies, electronics, welding, CAD/drafting, and other aspects of Technology Education.

"I am hoping to add some new projects to the curriculum at Hancock this year and look forward to helping build and maintain the Technology program," said Kenneth, a Gilbertsville resident who also works in the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District.

At GMU, Kenneth also coaches girls soccer, advises a robotics club, and runs an afterschool exercise club. The father of two teenage daughters said he also enjoys guitar playing, singing and ice hockey.



**Victoria Olivieri,
High School Math**

Victoria Olivieri joins the Hancock Central School District as a high school Math teacher. The 2019-2020 academic year marks the first as a full-time teacher for Victoria, a Shirley native who studied Mathematics Education and Computer Science at St. Joseph's College.

"I cannot wait to teach the students here at HCS, as well as learn from them," said Victoria, who moved from Long Island to live in Binghamton with her fiancée. "I am looking forward to being a part of such a warm and welcoming community, and I am grateful for the opportunity to get started here."

Victoria also said she enjoys baking, traveling, watching movies and cheering for the New York Mets and New York Islanders. She takes over for Monica Whitt, who retired at the end of the 2018-2019 school year.



**Lori Rajoppi,
Elementary School Counselor**

Pennsylvanian Lori Rajoppi starts the 2019-2020 school year as an elementary school counselor with the Hancock Central School District.

Lori earned her undergraduate degree in Speech Pathology in 1999 at the University of Pittsburgh, where she discovered a passion for helping children with Autism Spectrum Disorders. Lori said that inspired her to become a school counselor. She completed her master's in 2003 at the University of Scranton and spent seven years as an elementary school guidance counselor in the East Stroudsburg Area School District.

Over the last 15-plus years, Lori has expanded her experiences as a Behavior Specialist, Family Based Therapist, and a Career Counselor for children, adolescents and young adults. She continues to take classes in pursuit of a private license.

Lori lives in Equinunk, Pennsylvania, and is involved at the Preston School as an active PTO member with two young children in the Wayne Highlands School District.



**Devin Schmitz,
Second Grade**

The Hancock Central School District welcomes Devin Schmitz to Hancock Elementary School, where he'll teach second grade during the 2019-2020 academic year. Devin joins veteran teacher Candice Milk at the second-grade level.

Devin graduated from Deposit Central School in 2015 and went on to study Early Childhood/Childhood Education at SUNY Oneonta. In addition to teaching, he will coach two Deposit/Hancock modified boys sports. This winter will mark his second straight season as the Eagles' modified boys basketball coach. He'll also coach modified baseball for the first time in the spring.

"I am looking forward to working in this community," Devin said. "I am also thankful for the opportunity to be a part of the Academic Professional Team at HCS."



**Jessica Worzel,
Fifth Grade**

Hancock will welcome back one of its recent graduates in January as Jessica Worzel (Class of 2016) will take over a fifth-grade classroom following her college graduation—a year early—in December.

Jessica grew up in Starlight, Pennsylvania, and still lives there today. She has been commuting more than 100 miles a day as a dual-major at SUNY Oneonta, studying for a bachelor's degree in Early Childhood/Childhood Education (B-6).

The first person in her family to attend college, Jessica has been on the SUNY Oneonta Dean's List since her sophomore year. She helped put herself through college working as a waitress/bartender at the West Branch Angler Resort's restaurant, the River Run.

**WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE
YOU JOIN OUR FAMILY!**



HCS D OVERVIEW FOR 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR

Dr. Terrance Dougherty, Superintendent of Hancock Central School, released pertinent information concerning the school and plans for the 2019-2020 school year. Personnel and the teaching staff are listed herein.

The Board of Education of the Hancock Central School District is comprised of President Terry Whitt, Vice President Rebecca Smith, Gene Homer, Todd Jacobs, Christopher “Jake” Geer, and Lothar Holbert (Wayne Highlands representative).

HCS D STAFF LIST

In addition to Superintendent Dougherty, Hancock’s administrative staff includes PK-12 Principal Julie Bergman and Jackie Beamer, Director for Pupil Personnel Services and CSE Chairperson. Hancock’s staff for the 2019-2020 school year is as follows:

- **Fourth Grade:** Roseann Prescott, Roberta Vasconi-Smith
- **AIS & Reading:** Olga Opshinsky
- **Art:** Daniel Gaylord
- **Library:** Sandra Barnes
- **LPN:** Cindy Alderman
- **Music:** Loa Noyd, Nicholas Murray
- **Physical Education and Computers:** Anthony Pascarell
- **Special Education:** Patricia Robinson, Heather Saxby
- **Social Studies (7-8):** Karin Nyberg
- **Art:** Daniel Gaylord
- **Home & Careers:** Kay MacDonald
- **School Counselor:** Joan Rice
- **Special Education:** Angie Hazen, Colleen Dulay
- **Special Education Teaching Assistants:** Brenda Smith, Tish Drumm
- **Technology:** Ken Held



Hancock Elementary School

- **Kindergarten:** Marjorie Hull, Melissa Karcher
- **First Grade:** Kerrie Bass, Kristen Rice
- **Second Grade:** Devin Schmitz, Candice Milk
- **Third Grade:** Katherine Cooper



Hancock Middle School

- **Fifth Grade:** Ariel Kravetsky, Kristina Dufton
- **Sixth Grade:** Gloria White
- **English (7-8):** Denise Dirig
- **Math (7-8):** Jodi Wormuth
- **Science (7-8):** James Kelly



Hancock High School

- **Art:** Daniel Gaylord
- **Athletic Coordinator:** Ann Messenger
- **Business:** Kim Makowski
- **Computers and Distance Learning:** Chance Charles
- **Dean of Students:** Judy Ellis

- **English:** Mary Norris, Patty Gross
- **Foreign Language:** Erica Howard, Danielle Gross
- **Health:** Ann Messenger
- **Home Economics:** Kay MacDonald
- **Library:** Sandra Barnes
- **Math:** Kim Makowski, Victoria Olivieri, Ann Mangefrida
- **Music (instrumental):** Nicholas Murray
- **Music (vocal):** Loa Noyd
- **Physical Education:** Ann Messenger, Devon Bedient
- **School Counselor:** Joan Rice
- **School Nurse and Attendance Officer:** Jennifer Hunt
- **School Psychologist:** Dr. Andy Steinbecher
- **Social Studies:** Kelly DaBrescia, Matt Davis
- **Science:** Douglas Turner, Jeremy Mann, Thomas O'Boyle
- **Special Education:** Kathryn Herzog, Ann Mangefrida, Kristy White
- **Special Education Teaching Assistant:** Sabrina Kenyon
- **Technology:** Ken Held

Support Staff

- **Secretary (Superintendent's Office):** Tammi Wadeson
- **Secretary (MS/HS Office):** Victoria Kravetsky
- **Secretary (Elementary Office):** Jennifer Brock
- **Business Office:** Jennifer Gill
- **Guidance Office:** Meghan Smith
- **Health Office:** Audrey Price
- **CSE Office:** Cindy Gill
- **Library/AV:** Gail Schoonmaker
- **Elementary Monitors:** Michelle Rutledge, Rosa Kuehn, Barbara Christian, Betsy Poborsky, Kay Nearing
- **Special Education Aides:** Amy Wormuth, Brenda Sherburne, Jackie Petriella
- **IT Coordinator:** Jalene Allen

- **PC/LAN Technician I:** Josh Roenfeldt
- ### Buildings and Grounds
- **Building Maintenance Mechanic II:** Paul Bartholomew
 - **Custodians:** Brian Drumm, Gabe Ewain, Dan Gales, Shaun Gotthardt, Jason Mead, Anthony Miller, Shaun Shannon

Cafeteria

- **School Lunch Manager:** JoAnne Smith
- **Cafeteria Staff:** Stephanie Kuehn, Lisa Rieman

Communications

- **Print, Online, Social Media:** Dean Russin
- **Webmaster:** Chance Charles

Transportation

- **Transportation Director:** Jodi Newman
- **Automotive Mechanic:** Kelly Czapnik
- **Mechanic's Assistant:** Gary Miller
- **Bus Drivers:** Randi Appley, Brianne Cobb, Sara D'Elia, Melissa Newman, Linda O'Brien, Karen Soulier, Paul Vetrone, Michelle Wormuth
- **Bus Monitors:** Vicki Czapnik and Carolyn Rhinebeck

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Students may purchase lunch in grades K-4 for \$2.30 and in grades 5-12 for \$2.55.
- Hancock Elementary School's Morning Program will run from 8:30-8:50 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the cafeteria.
- Hancock High School continues to offer distance learning courses, which provide students with the opportunity to earn college credits while attending high school.

- Students in grades 3-12 received a student planner to assist with organizing assignments and school-related events.
- Students in grades 5-12 have hall passes printed in their planners to sign in and out of classrooms.
- All students received a copy of the Student Handbook on the first day of school; this includes the Hancock Central School Code of Conduct. Students were to review the handbook with their parents/guardians, sign the Statement of Understanding at the back of the handbook, and return it to their homeroom teacher in September.
- Select high school students have the opportunity to pursue occupation education courses on a half-day basis through a cooperative program with other schools at DCMO BOCES Harrold Campus on Route 206, between Trout Creek and Masonville.
- Students are not permitted to enter school buildings until 8 a.m., except for those purchasing breakfast in the cafeteria. In the event of inclement weather, all students entering via the first-floor main entrance are to remain in the front lobby. Students arriving at the second-floor entrance are to wait inside the lobby until the 8 a.m. bell.
- Drop-offs and pick-ups for students in grades 5-12 are only permitted at the front of the high school.
- Drop-offs and pick-ups for students in grades PK-4 are not allowed in front of the Elementary building, as per the fire code. Parents/guardians must park in the designated parent/visitor lot in front of the playground or in the overflow staff/faculty lot.
- For more information, call the District Office at 607-637-2511.

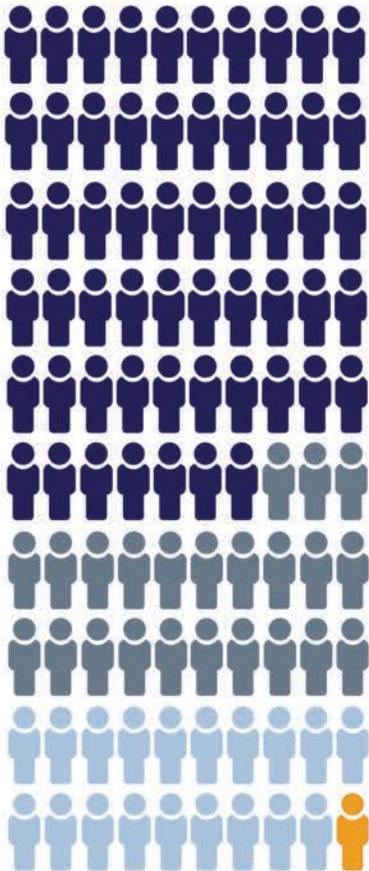
SEE BACK PAGE FOR CONTACT INFORMATION!

10 MILLION
cars illegally pass school buses every year.



Passing vehicles cause an estimated **2/3** of school bus loading and unloading fatalities.

Youth Fatalities During School Travel Hours:



TEEN DRIVER: 57%
ADULT DRIVER: 23%
OTHER TRAVEL: 19%
SCHOOL BUS: 1%



Students are

70x more likely to get to school safely taking the school bus instead of traveling by car.



School Bus ridership SAVES **20 MILLION** tons of CO₂ emissions each year.

School Bus ridership SAVES **2.6 BILLION** gallons of gasoline each year.



teen pedestrian deaths every week in the United States.



1 School Bus carries the equivalent of about **36** cars.



Cutting down on gridlock traffic, longer commutes and higher concentrations of pollution in the air.



School Bus ridership saves over **17 MILLION** cars from joining the daily commute (that is more cars than would span the distance from Miami to Seattle.)

School Buses transport OVER **26 MILLION** students each day.



School Buses are designed to be **SAFER** than other vehicles.

- Flashing red lights
- Size, height and color
- Cross-view mirrors
- Driver qualifications
 - Trained in student behavior management
 - Participate in pre-employment and random drug/alcohol testing
 - Frequent driving record checks
 - Trained in safety and security procedures
 - Trained in emergency medical procedures
- Stop sign arms and laws
- Protective seating
- High crush standards
- Rollover protection

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY & RIDERSHIP FACTS.

Not only are school buses an important part of the education system, they save hundreds of lives each year and provide millions of jobs nationwide.



Hancock Central School
Transportation Department
619 West Main St. 607-637-5322

August 20, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back for another year of school! Our Transportation Department is excited to greet returning and new School Bus riders!

I am writing this letter to pass along some important information about riding the bus and bus stops. Our District has an impeccable safety record and our drivers receive training throughout the year to give them the tools they need to maintain it. There are a few important rules that must be followed for our drivers to ensure your child's safety.

- Provide your child with a backpack or book bag. Loose papers or other items are dangerous as students get on and off the bus.
- Check your child's clothing and bags for the presence of long strings or dangling items. These could get snagged on the bus door as the child exits and, therefore, should be removed from clothing and bags.
- Make sure your child arrives at the bus stop **5 MINUTES EARLY** every day. Children who are late for the bus may panic and chase it or run into the road. Remember if your child is late, everyone else will be late. If no one is present at a bus stop, our drivers will beep the horn, wait one minute and then proceed to the next stop.
- Insist that your child wait for the bus safely in an orderly fashion, away from the roadway. Behavior problems at the bus stop can create hazardous conditions for children.
- Our drivers use the "universal crossing procedure" and they will instruct your child on it every time they exit the bus. This is in accordance with NYS Education procedures, which we follow. Help the driver teach this to your child.
(See illustration)
- Teach your child to sit quietly on the ride to and from school. Behavior problems could distract the driver and possibly cause an accident.
- It is important that our drivers are able to concentrate on driving the route safely. If anything makes your child feel unsafe at the bus stop or on the bus ride, please contact us at the Transportation Department, rather than trying to discuss it at the bus stop.

If your child will be picked up at any other site other than your legal address, the District will need a written note for the change. You can call the appropriate school office and make changes now before school starts to eliminate some of the first-week confusion. You also can use the schools web page and click on the school bus image to send an email change. All changes must be made before 1:00 p.m. daily.

We are committed to the safety of your child, as well as all of our community's children. Please see the bus route schedule on the next page for departure and arrival times for your child's bus.

Thank You!

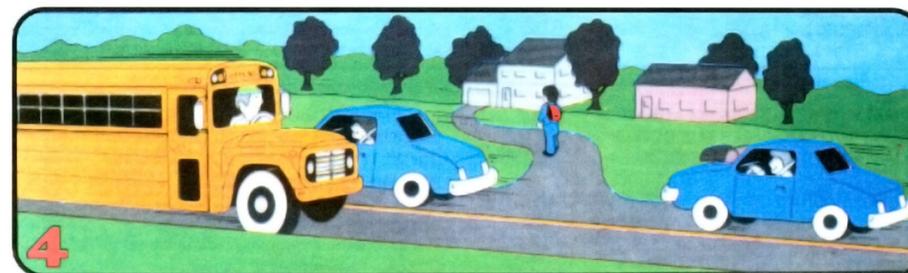
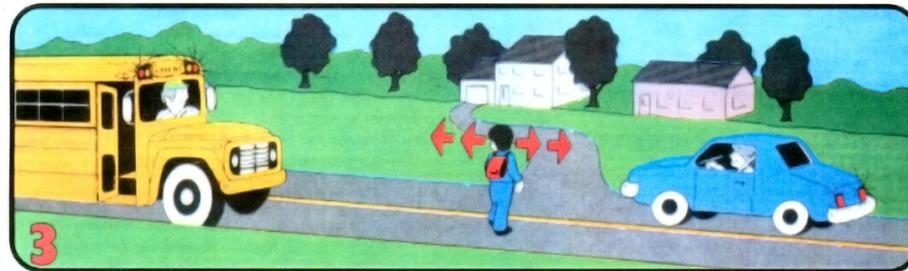
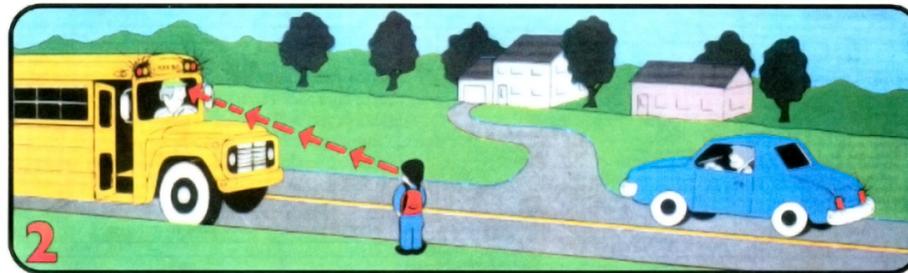
Jodi Newman

Transportation Director

HANCOCK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUS ROUTES 2019-2020

Bus #	Icon	Driver	Route	Departs	Arrives
128	Boat	Karen	Cadosia, Apex	7:15a	8:00a
132	Train	Linda	French Woods, Route 97, La Barre	6:55a	8:00a
133	Cow	Paul	Klondike, Fish's Eddy	6:50a	8:05a
135	Shark	Sara	Special Ed. to Guilford & Sidney	7:15a	8:00a
136	Plane	Michelle	Peas Eddy, West End, Silver Lake	7:05a	8:00a
137	Bicycle	Randi	Readburn, Tar Hollow	7:00a	8:00a
138	Pony	Brianne	Baudendistel, Lordville, Stockport	6:55a	8:00a
140	Star	Missi	Bus Garage, Sands Creek	7:10a	8:00a

HOW TO CROSS SAFELY



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HELPFUL SCHOOL BUS RESOURCES

NYSED Pupil Transportation: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/schoolbus/>

NYS Dept. of Transportation: <https://www.dot.ny.gov/divisions/operating/osss/bus/school>

School Bus Safety: <http://www.safeny.ny.gov/sbus-ndx.htm>



FIFTEEN STAFF MEMBERS REACH MILESTONES

The Hancock Central School District honored 15 staff members for their longtime service during its annual Employee Recognition ceremony Tuesday, September 3, at the front entrance of Hancock High School.

Each employee pictured hit milestones of 5, 10, 15 or 20 years working for the District. From left to right, employees with their years of service are as follows:

Front row: Jeremy Mann—5, Kelly Czapnik—10, Dan Gales—10, Tom O’Boyle—15.

Middle row: Vicki Czapnik—5, Michelle Wormuth—20, Jackie Petriella—5, Karin Nyberg—20, Angie Hazen—5, Jodi Wormuth—20.

Back row: Danielle Gross—10, Kathryn Cooper—15, Judy Ellis—10, Ann Messenger—5, Ann Mangefrida—5.



GETTING TO KNOW YOU!

The Hancock Central School District welcomed incoming fifth- and ninth-graders during orientation events Wednesday, August 28, at the MS/HS Auditorium.

We also caught up with a fun group of seniors who served as a major part of our welcoming committee! Thanks to everybody who made our *newcomers* feel right at home!



SHOP TO HELP HANCOCK!

Did you know you can help the Hancock Central School District earn money by shopping at TOPS?

Register your BonusPlus card with the “TOPS in Education Program” online at <https://www.topsmarkets.com/Education/> and select “Hancock” as your school of choice to get started.

Your purchases of TOPS Brand products will automatically qualify for a refund (up to 5 percent) that Tops Friendly Markets will donate to the District.





First Day Photos!

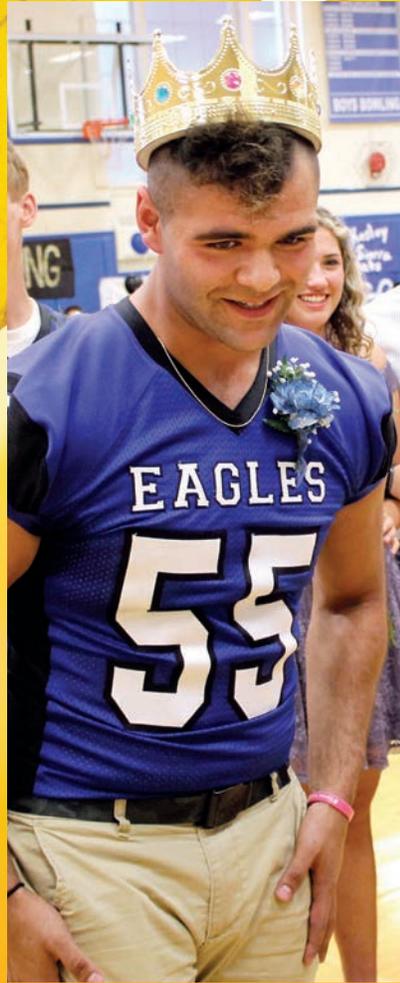
The Hancock Central School District gave students of all ages a warm welcome September 5 as we officially opened the 2019-2020 school year! Check out some photos of the first-day fun and be sure to check our Facebook page for even more from this new beginning.





HCSO Homecoming!

We closed Spirit Week 2019 with a Homecoming celebration September 27 that featured a parade, a crowning ceremony and a huge football win! Take a look at some of the action from a fun-filled day that started with an afternoon Pep Rally and ended with Deposit/Hancock's 47-14 victory over Bainbridge-Guilford in the Section 4 Football Conference!





HANCOCK STUDENTS COME TOGETHER ON PATRIOT DAY

Our fifth- and sixth-grade classes took a red, white & blue snack break to help Hancock honor the memory of those killed during the September 11 terrorist attacks in 2001.

After grabbing some ice cream and brownies, the kids returned to class for a discussion/lesson about 9/11 while they snacked. Special thanks to Hancock teachers Gloria White, Kristina Dufton and Angie Hazen for providing the food and education on this important day of remembrance.



A NIGHT OF SUCCESS!



Congratulations to Hancock Central School District students **Mariah Young** and **Julianna Roloson**, who each won \$500 scholarships from the The Hancock Community Education Foundation during Curriculum Night at the high school gymnasium on Thursday, September 19.

HCSO also simultaneously hosted an Open House at Hancock Elementary School for students and their families. Check out some photos from this big night and visit our Facebook page to see even more!



A NEW WAY TO PAY FOR STUDENT MEALS!

Hancock Central School District families may pay for student meals through the MySchoolBucks program during the 2019-2020 school year.

Parents/guardians can make one-time or recurring payments, view student balances and track cafeteria purchases any time on the MySchoolBucks website or mobile app (iOS and Android).

Parents can pay at any time with a credit/debit card. There is a fee of \$2.49 for each transaction. Newcomers can create free accounts online at www.myschoolbucks.com.

HCSO also will continue to accept traditional payments for student meals (i.e. cash, checks). For more information, call HCSO School Lunch Manager Jo-Anne Smith at 607-637-1320.



HANCOCK PRINCIPAL TO SERVE AS HCEF DIRECTOR



Congratulations to Hancock Central School District PK-12 Principal Julie Bergman on her recent appointment as a director for the Hancock Community Education Foundation.

The HCEF also announced the following appointments during its annual meeting in mid-September:

President: Dawn Joyce, NBT Bank Branch Manager, HCEF member since 2004.

Vice President: Michael MacDonald, Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services at DCMO BOCES in Norwich.

Treasurer: Ken Salvestrini, Owner of Bisbee Lumber Company.

Secretary: Candace Tinagero, Retired, 20 years of leadership in the New York City Foster Care system.

Director: Julie Bergman, HCSD PK-12 Principal.

Director: Janice Crosby, Retired School/Hospital Nurse.

Director: Evan Hall, Retired Military/Commercial Pilot.

Director: Christine DeLuca Lotto, Retired Children's Librarian/Early Childhood Teacher.

Director: Jerry DaBrescia, Retired, Former Owner of DAB Insurance Agency.

Director: Vincent Furfaro, Retired Middle School Teacher.

Director: Rev. Daniel Quinn, Pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Church.

Executive Director: Linda K. O'Brien, HCEF member since 2003.

Ron DeLuca, Wellington Lester and George Elwood founded The Hancock Community Education Foundation in 1999. It has been operating as a 501 (c) (3) since February 2000 with the mission to provide educational support from birth to post-graduation and to encourage a greater percentage of students to go on to higher education.

To accomplish its mission, the HCEF provides the following educational and social programs for children and families in Hancock: The Hancock Community Children's Center; Hancock Community Preschool; Grades K-4 After School Program; Grades 5-9 After School Program; Scholar of the Month Program; Justin's Patriotic Project; College Transition Program;

The Family Learning Center; After-School Garden; Weekend Back Pack Program; Grades K-9 Summer Enrichment Program; Robert W. Nichol Nature Preserve and Science Center; and the College Scholarship Program, which has awarded \$1,020,350 in college scholarships to Hancock students since 2000.

For more information, visit www.hancockeducationfoundation.org online, email hcef@hancock.net or call the HCEF office at 607-637-5262.

MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS MAKE THEIR MARKS

Hancock students in grades 5-6 celebrated International Dot Day with this hallway creation, currently on display near the Hancock MS/HS Auditorium.

International Dot Day, which fell on September 15 this year, is named for the classic Peter H. Reynolds storybook *The Dot*. His book shares the story of a girl who begins a journey of self-discovery after a caring teacher challenges her to "make her mark."

For more information on International Dot Day, visit <http://www.thedotclub.org/dotday/> online.





WE'VE GOT SPIRIT!



The Hancock Central School District celebrated Spirit Week in a wacky way Wednesday, September 25, highlighted by a performance from the Buffalo and Brandy Family Show at Hancock Elementary School.

Part of Wacky Wednesday at HES, Buffalo and Brandy captivated our littles with music and magic from start to finish! Wacky Wednesday also gave kids the opportunity to express themselves with funky hairstyles and eye-catching attire.



Hancock High School and Middle School students celebrated in their own wacky ways, too, as several got into the spirit by dressing up for Western Wednesday.

Check out some scenes from an action-packed Wednesday at Hancock, which celebrated school spirit the entire week.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM UNDERWAY!



The Hancock Community Education Foundation's After School Program started Tuesday, October 1, at the Hancock Central School District. The ASP offers extended educational opportunities such as robotics, wood shop, exploration and more for students after regular school hours. For information, email Tina Appley at tappley@hancock.stier.org.

FREE ADULT ED CLASSES AVAILABLE

Are you interested in earning a high school equivalency diploma, or improving your reading, writing and math skills? There are free, educational services available through Afton Central School's Adult and Continuing Education program.

Afton Central School's Adult and Continuing Education program sponsors two classes per week in many area schools and libraries. You may join a class at any time. Classes are free, and the work is individualized.

For those unable to attend a class, there is a program offered through the mail called GRASP (Give Ready Adults a Study Program). This program is designed for motivated people age 21 or older who work well on their own and possess good reading skills.

For more information about classes or GRASP, call June White, Director, at 607-639-2811 or 1-800-792-2145.



COURSE OF ACTION!

Deposit-Hancock's varsity golf team played its final match of the 2019 regular season on a chilly and wet September 30 afternoon, hosting Afton/Harpursville with the help of coach Gloria White at the French Woods Golf Course.

The Eagles won their finale, then went on to a second-place finish in the Midstate Athletic Conference championships on October 2 at Chenango Valley State Park. Great job, D/H Nation!



FIELD HOCKEY CHAMPIONS!



Congratulations to the Deposit/Hancock field hockey team, which won the Windsor Invitational championship at the end of August.

The Eagles gave up one goal in the two-day tournament, following a 3-0 victory over Spencer-Van Etten/Candor in the opening round with a 3-1 defeat of Walton in the title game.

D/H beat both of its tournament opponents during regular-season play in September as well. Keep up the good work!

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Hancock Nurse Jennifer Hunt recently announced updated immunization requirements for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students attending school during the 2019-2020 academic year. These requirements must be met before your child can attend school. For more information, visit <https://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2370.pdf> online.

Pre-Kindergarten

- 3 doses Polio (IPV)
- 4 doses Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (DTaP)
- 1 dose Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)
- 3 doses Hepatitis B (HepB)
- 1 dose Varicella (or written proof from a doctor of having Chickenpox)
- 1 dose Haemophilus influenza (Hib; if given after the age of 15 months) or 3 doses Haemophilus influenza (Hib; if given before the age of 15 months)
- 1 dose Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV; if given after the age of 24 months) or 4 doses Pneumococcal Conjugate (PCV; if given before the age of 24 months)

Note: Registration takes place in May and a child must be age 4 by December 1. All children who appear on the census will receive an enrollment/recruitment form in the mail. Eligible families then will be contacted to come in and register their child.

Kindergarten

- 4 doses Polio (IPV)
- 5 doses Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (DTaP)
- 2 doses Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)
- 3 doses Hepatitis B (HepB)
- 2 doses Varicella or written proof from a Dr. of having Chickenpox

Note: Registration and orientation take place in April/May for kindergarten classes beginning in September. Parents of youths whose names are on file in the census office and who will be age 5 by December 1 will receive letters informing them of registration dates.

FREE BOOKS FOR KIDS!

Children ages 4 and younger who live in Delaware or Otsego counties are eligible to receive a free book in the mail every month through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

Donations made to the United Way of Delaware and Otsego counties and a grant from the A. Lindsay & Olive B. O'Connor Foundation cover all costs for this program, so participation is free. The Dolly Parton Imagination Library handles the database maintenance, book ordering and mailing.

To register a child, visit www.unitedwaydo.org online, select programs and choose *Dolly Parton Imagination Library* from the drop-down list.

For more information, call Kimberly Lorraine at 607-432-8006.

YEARBOOK

ORDER YOURS TODAY!

We have some very exciting ideas for our yearbook this year, so be sure to order yours soon!

Our *Branching Out from the Past* yearbook will feature photos of Hancock Central School District students taking part in activities inside and outside of the classroom during the 2019-2020 academic year. If you have pictures from school-related events, we would love to see them. Please email Yearbook Advisor Tish Drumm at ldrumm@hancock.stier.org or call her at 607-637-1379 for more information.

We encourage you to pre-order your yearbook to ensure that your child receives one this year as we cannot guarantee that extra yearbooks will be available at the time of distribution. Yearbooks cost \$40 each and may be paid in full or in four \$10 installments (due November 1, January 20, March 20 and May 20). Receipts will be given to your child after each payment.

To pre-order, please fill out this form and send it to school with a check or money order covering the total cost or the first installment. Please do not send cash.

You also may personalize yearbooks by purchasing a *Recognition Ad* specifically designed for your child. Ads cost \$65 for a quarter-page, \$95 for a half-page and \$125 for a full page.

Select a size, then provide photos and text that fit the space appropriately. Please drop off or mail photos, text and payment to the Hancock Central School District at 67 Education Lane, Hancock, NY 13783 by January 15, 2020.

We ask that you do not cut, glue, tape or alter photos as the Yearbook staff will enlarge or reduce sizes to fit the layout. Please submit copies of irreplaceable photos as the HCSD is not responsible for lost or damaged items.

All submitted photos should have your name, address and phone number written lightly in pencil on the back. Photos will be scanned and returned ASAP. The yearbook staff reserves the right to reject any submission or request changes from the customer.

Those who purchase a Recognition Ad will have a chance to see it before the yearbook goes to print. Changes cannot be made once the yearbook has been printed.

YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

Student's Name: _____

Student's Teacher: _____

Student's Grade: _____

Quantity Ordered: _____

Total or Installment Paid: _____

Check Number or Money Order: _____

Costs: Yearbooks cost \$40 each, paid in full **OR** four \$10 installments (due November 1, January 20, March 20 and May 20).

Send Payments to: Hancock Central School District at 67 Education Lane, Hancock, NY 13783 by January 15, 2020

2019-2020 School Calendar

July 2019						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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August 2019						
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September 2019 (18+2)						
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October 2019 (21+1)						
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November 2019 (17)						
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December 2019 (15)						
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January 2020 (21)						
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February 2020 (18)						
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March 2020 (21+1)						
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April 2020 (16)						
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May 2020 (20)						
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June 2020 (19)						
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186 Instructional Days
4 Staff Development Days

Sep 2 – Labor Day
Sep 3 – Staff Development Day
Sep 4 – Staff Development Day
Sep 5 – First Day of School
Oct 11 – Staff Development Day
Oct 14 – Columbus Day
Nov 11 – Veteran’s Day Observed
Nov 27-29 – Thanksgiving Recess
Dec 23-31 Christmas Recess
Jan 1 – New Year’s Day
Jan 20 – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Jan 21-24 – Regents Exams
Feb 17-18 – President’s Weekend
Mar 6 – Staff Development Day
Mar 25-27 – ELA Test 3-8
Apr 6-13 Spring Break
Apr 21-23 – Math Test 3-8
May 20 – Science Perf. Test 4 & 8
May 25 – Memorial Day Observed
Jun 1 – Science Written Tests 4 & 8
Jun 2 – New Regents in US History & Government
Jun 17-25 – Regents Exams
Jun 26 – Rating Day (no regents)
Jun 26 – Commencement

*Half days will be designated on the expanded school calendar.

Hardening the Security Shell

Prepared by Terrance P. Dougherty, Ph.D. Superintendent of Schools, Hancock CSD • John A. Mauro, Retired School Business Official

The Wildcat Pledge: We nurture and empower each learner's unlimited capacity to become a responsible citizen with a promising future.

Our Vision: Striving for excellence as an innovative, advanced and reflective school community.

Core Beliefs:

- Our mindset: We do whatever it takes to ensure continuous growth because we believe each of us can learn.
- Collaboration: We work better together, always.
- Innovation: We embrace creativity and advancing technology.
- Integrity: We trust, respect, support and care for one another.
- Learning environment: Our approach is engaging, learner-centered and adaptable to individual needs.
- Student centered: We put students first.

Prepare

- **Mindset** — All stakeholders will be safe on our time/watch as we continue to practice the prevention of major security incidents, which can occur at any school.
- **Infrastructure** — The security of our infrastructure is strengthened by controlling access to our buildings, intrusion detection and video/telephone surveillance.

Assess

- **Risk Assessment** — Professional security assessments will be conducted by qualified professionals.
- **Threat Assessment** — Identifying potential security threats and crisis trends helps develop effective strategies to handle them.

Train

- **Active Drills** — Conduct regularly scheduled lockdown, lockdown, active shooter, intruder, fire and evacuation/relocation drills.
- **Passive Drills** — Conduct regularly scheduled shelter-in-place tabletop drills.

Engage

- **External Audiences** — Strengthen relationships with local law enforcement, mental health professionals, families and other community members.
- **Internal Audiences** — Communicate with the Board of Education, administration, faculty, staff and students.

Enforce

- **Supervision** — Show effective leadership with proper adult supervision.
- **Policy** — Be consistent with firm and fair enforcement of safety-related policies and procedures.

Implications

- **Support**
 - Community Policing/Mental Health/Counseling
- **Communication**
 - Strategic/Crisis/Status
- **Planning**
 - Facilities/Strategic Planning/Advocacy
- **Culture**
 - Providing Safety/Security
- **Innovation**
 - Leveraging Technology

HANCOCK'S WIN PROGRAM STILL GOING STRONG

Hancock's *What I Need* program continues to give Hancock students at the elementary, middle and high school levels an opportunity to learn more during school hours without sacrificing instruction time.

Through collaborative efforts involving administrators, teachers, support staff and students, the District has tailored WIN to address grade-appropriate needs at each school. Instituted in September 2018, WIN periods are built into daily schedules for remediation, support or enrichment in particular areas of study that may or may not be available to students during regular instruction periods.

This is how WIN program works at Hancock's elementary, middle and high schools:

Hancock Elementary School

Teachers exclusively manage the WIN program at HES, meeting regularly to evaluate students and assigning them to morning WIN classrooms based on similar individual needs. WIN classes give children time to work on specific skills and/or participate in enrichment activities before returning to their homerooms for regular instruction.

Groups typically rotate every five-to-six weeks, but some may remain the same as students may still need to work on a particular skill. WIN elementary classes may be a mix of grade levels as well.

Hancock Middle School

Hancock children in grades 5-8 follow a transitional WIN model that features elements from both the teacher-driven HES classes and the high school program, which actively seeks student input.

Similar to HES, Hancock Middle School teachers assign all of their students to need-specific WIN classes. Students then work on skill-building activities in small groups under the guidance of supportive faculty members. Grade levels also may be mixed at the middle school. These sessions run for 20 minutes at the end of every school day, following the same schedule as the high school WIN program.

Hancock High School

Hancock students in grades 9-12 follow a transitional WIN model that features elements from both the elementary and middle schools.

In the first quarter of the school year, students are placed into WIN classes predominantly by grade level and/or support for courses or Regents exams that a student failed or struggled with. Approximately every five weeks, WIN schedules are re-examined to determine if any changes would benefit student needs.

USE OF STUDENT IMAGES EXPLAINED

The Hancock Central School District features photographs, videos and/or the work of our students in district and community publications on a regular basis. Names sometimes accompany these images, especially for those students who earn special recognition (awards, certificates, honors, etc.) from the district and/or outside entities.

These images may appear in printed district publications (such as brochures, calendars, newsletters, pamphlets, yearbooks, etc.); on the district's website (www.hancock.stier.org); on the district's social media pages (Facebook and Twitter); et al.

If you object to your child's image, name or work appearing in these formats, you must submit that objection in writing to the school Superintendent.



CAPITAL PROJECT INFORMATION COMING SOON

In September 2018, the Hancock Central School District Board of Education and Superintendent Terry Dougherty invited community members to participate in a Facilities Review that would help determine the scope of a potential capital project in 2019.

The Facilities Review Committee conducted an in-depth study over the ensuing 12-plus months to identify areas in need of renovations and/or updates throughout the district. The study focused on safety, security, building infrastructures and technology.

HCSO will soon share the findings of the Facilities Review Committee and whether the BOE will recommend to advance a referendum vote to the community in pursuit of a capital project, which would have zero tax impact on local property owners. All costs related to the potential capital project vote would be funded by state aid or capital reserve funds set aside by the District as a result of prudent fiscal planning.

All committee meetings to date have been documented and are available on the HCSO website at <https://www.hancock.stier.org/CapitalProject.aspx>. For more information, visit the District Office at 67 Education Lane in Hancock, call the Superintendent's Office at 607-637-2511, or email Dr. Dougherty at TDougherty@hancock.stier.org.

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CALL ME!

With Facebook, Twitter, texting and countless other communication tools at our fingertips, we certainly have embraced all of the advantages of new technology. Nonetheless, the best way to communicate within the Hancock Central School District is to call us.

When you need clarification, additional information, an answer to a pressing question, etc., or have any recommendations or concerns, the best practice is to call the Main Office of your child's school. Classroom or course-specific questions can be directed to your child's teacher via a call to the Main Office.

Email can be effective when reaching out to school officials. In most cases, though, it is best to use email to schedule a phone call or a face-to-face meeting. The dialogue that can be established with a phone call cannot be duplicated via text or email.

Parents should consult and follow this Communications Chart when attempting to contact the District about the following issues.

For Questions About	1st Contact	2nd Contact	3rd Contact	4th Contact
Academics	Teacher	Guidance Counselor	PK-12 Principal	Superintendent
Athletics	Coach	Athletic Director	PK-12 Principal	Superintendent
Behavior	Teacher	Director of Pupil Personnel/ PK-12 Principal	Superintendent	
BOE Policies	District Clerk	Superintendent	Board of Education	
Budget	Business Administrator	Business Manager	Superintendent	Board of Ed.
Building Use	PK-12 Principal	Supt. Buildings & Grounds	Supt. Secretary	Superintendent
Cafeteria	Café Manager	PK-12 Principal	Superintendent	
Classroom Procedures	Teacher	PK-12 Principal	Superintendent	
Co-Curricular	Advisor	PK-12 Principal	Superintendent	
Facilities	Supt. Buildings & Grounds	Superintendent		
Health Office	Building Nurse	PK-12 Principal	Superintendent	
Scheduling	Teacher	Guidance Counselor	PK-12 Principal	Superintendent
Special Education	Teacher	Director of Pupil Personnel	PK-12 Principal	Superintendent
Transportation	Bus Driver	Transportation Director	Superintendent	

Contact Information

Elementary School Office.....	637-1219	Elementary School Health Office.....	637-1220
Middle/High School Office.....	637-1305	Middle/High School Health Office.....	637-1310
CSE Office.....	637-1374	Transportation Department.....	637-5322
Food Service Office.....	637-1320	Buildings and Grounds.....	637-1313
Superintendent's Office.....	637-1301		