



# ***NORTH SYRACUSE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT***

**N O R T H S T A R S**

**2025-2026  
CALENDAR &  
REQUIRED  
NOTIFICATIONS**





# Welcome to the 2025–2026 School Year!

We're excited to share this year's district calendar as a resource designed to help families stay informed, organized and engaged throughout the school year. Inside, you'll find key dates, holidays and early dismissals to support your planning. While this calendar provides a helpful overview, we encourage you to always visit [www.nscsd.org](http://www.nscsd.org) for the most up-to-date information, news and announcements.

We are using this year's calendar to celebrate the spirit of our schools by highlighting photos from the 2024–25 school year. These snapshots capture just a few of the many incredible moments made possible by our dedicated staff and amazing students. We hope they inspire you to get involved, support one another and make this school year even brighter.

Here's to a successful, safe and connected year ahead—because in the North Syracuse Central School District, we're always Brighter Together.



## Administration

**Superintendent of Schools,**  
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Dr. Christopher R. Leahey

**Associate Superintendent for Business Services,**  
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Dr. Michael G. Barody



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**Jilian Herrera, District Clerk**



## Our Schools

### PRE-SCHOOL

**North Syracuse**

**Early Education Program . . . . . 315/218-2200**

Dawn Hussein, Principal

205 South Main Street, North Syracuse, NY 13212-3169

### ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS: Kindergarten–4th grade

**Allen Road Elementary School . . . . . 315/218-2300**

Emily Lafountain, Principal

803 Allen Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212-1900

**Karl W. Saile Bear Road**

**Elementary School . . . . . 315/218-2400**

Olivia Cambs, Principal

5590 Bear Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212-1900

**Cicero Elementary School . . . . . 315/218-2500**

Melissa O'Donnell, Principal

5979 Route 31, Cicero, NY 13039-8890

**Lakeshore Road Elementary School . . 315/218-2600**

Tina Chmielewski, Principal

Due to construction at Lakeshore, students in Grades 1-3 are being located at St. Margaret's School (201 Roxboro Road, Mattydale, NY 13211-1496) for the 2025-26 school year. Lakeshore kindergarten students will temporarily attend Cicero Elementary School and 4th graders will attend Gillette Road Middle School.

**Roxboro Road Elementary School . . . 315/218-2700**

Matthew Motala, Principal

200 Bernard Street, Mattydale, NY 13211-1496

**Smith Road Elementary School . . . . . 315/218-2800**

Lyndsey Maloney, Principal

5959 Smith Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212-2499

### MIDDLE SCHOOLS: 5th–7th grades

**Gillette Road Middle School . . . . . 315/218-3000**

Sarah Jones, Principal

6150 South Bay Road, Cicero, NY 13039-9310

**Roxboro Road Middle School . . . . . 315/218-3300**

Heather Pellegrino, Principal

300 Bernard Road, Mattydale, NY 13211-1495

### JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL: 8th & 9th grades

**North Syracuse Junior High School . . 315/218-3600**

Naomi Trivison, Principal

5353 West Taft Road, North Syracuse, NY 13212-2799

### HIGH SCHOOL – 10th–12th grades

**Cicero-North Syracuse High School . . 315/218-4100**

Kristen Hill, Executive Principal

6002 Route 31, Cicero, NY 13039-8891





## About the NSCSD

The North Syracuse Central School District embraces the best of both worlds - as the largest suburban school district in Onondaga County, it has all the advantages of a large district but with a small community feel. The District serves the towns of Clay, Cicero, Salina and the village of North Syracuse as one community: Northstar Nation.

We are proud to offer expanded educational offerings to meet the unique needs and interests of our student population. Our dynamic programming aims to prepare students for the real world through diverse experiences and exceptional extracurricular, athletics and fine arts opportunities.

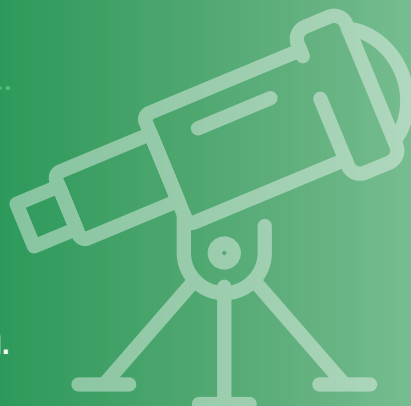
## District MISSION

To educate all students to the highest levels of academic achievement and prepare them to be productive, responsible, ethical, creative and compassionate members of society.



## District VISION

Our schools and classrooms are safe, welcoming and inclusive where all students are valued and supported. We remove learning barriers by researching and implementing practices that support students academically and emotionally on their path to graduation.



## NOTIFICATION REGARDING STUDENT WORK AND PHOTOS

During the school year, your child may have the opportunity to have their photo taken, video image and voice recorded and/or art and written work published in connection with a school district activity or program. Your child's photo (image), schoolwork and/or name may be published in local newspapers, posted (displayed) on the district's website or used by the requesting organization (local TV or print media) for programming, i.e., backup and their news stories. If you DO NOT want your child's picture, name or schoolwork to be used in newspaper articles, video and/or district publications including our district's website, please inform your school principal in writing.



## Who to Contact: A Guide for Families

At the North Syracuse Central School District, we believe open, respectful communication is key to student success. If you have a question, concern or idea, we're here to help—and we want to connect you with the right person as quickly as possible.

### Start with the source

Whenever possible, begin by reaching out to the person most directly involved. This is usually your child's:

- Teacher (for classroom-related questions or concerns)
- Coach (for athletic issues or team updates)
- Club Advisor or Activity Leader (for extracurricular involvement)

These staff members know your child best and are often able to resolve most issues quickly.

### Use ParentSquare to communicate

ParentSquare is our primary tool for home-school communication. It's the easiest and most reliable way to contact staff, receive important updates and stay informed. If you're not sure how to use it, reach out to your school's main office (see school directory on page 2) for support.

### If more help is needed

If your concern isn't resolved after speaking with the teacher, coach or advisor, please take the next step by contacting:

- Building-Level Administrator (such as the assistant principal or principal)
- District-Level Director (for special education, curriculum, athletics, etc.)

Our goal is always to work together to support your child. By starting with the person closest to the situation and following the appropriate steps, we can collaborate more effectively and respectfully.



### District Contact Numbers

General Information	315/218-2100
Athletics	315/218-4114
Board of Education/District Clerk	315/218-2131
Business Office	315/218-2143
Communications	315/218-2190
Curriculum	315/218-2148
Elementary Education	315/218-2153
Facilities	315/218-2109
Food Service	315/218-2177
Human Resources	315/218-2149
Registration	315/218-2145
Special Education	315/218-2144
	315/218-2159
Superintendent	315/218-2150
Technology	315/218-2041
Transportation	315/218-2107

### District Addresses

#### Central Administration

Jerome F. Melvin Administrative Office Building  
(District Office)  
5355 West Taft Road  
North Syracuse, NY 13212-2796

#### Maintenance-Transportation-Food Service

5520 East Taft Road  
North Syracuse, NY 13212-3789

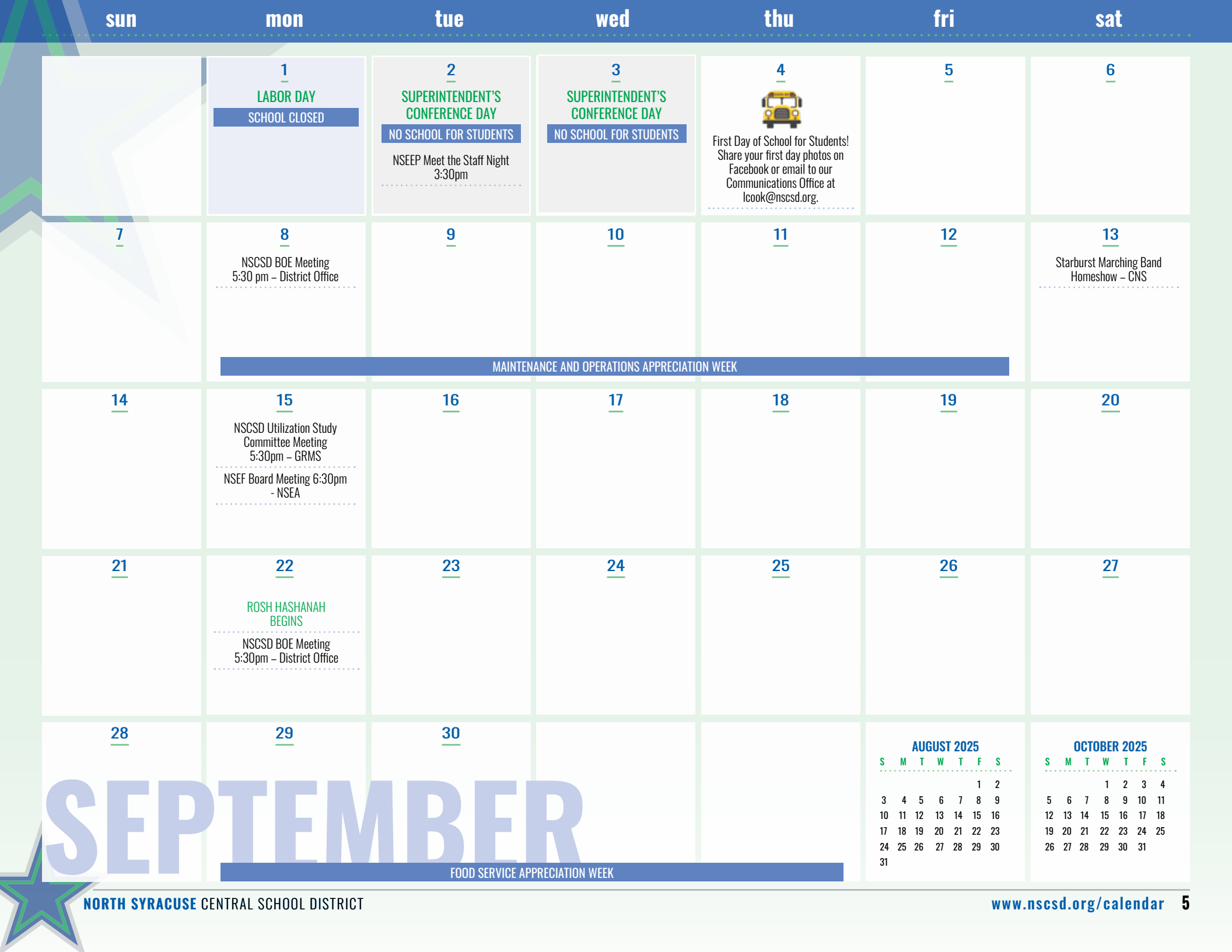
### CALENDAR ALPHA LEGEND

ARE	Allen Road Elementary School
BOE	Board of Education
CE	Cicero Elementary School
CNS	Cicero-North Syracuse High School
CSE	Committee on Special Education
DO	District Office
GRMS	Gillette Road Middle School
KWS BRE	Karl W. Saile Bear Road Elementary
LRE	Lakeshore Road Elementary School
NSEEP	North Syracuse Early Education Program
NSEA	North Syracuse Education Association
NSEF	North Syracuse Education Foundation
NSJH	North Syracuse Junior High School
NYSSMA	New York State School Music Assoc.
OCMEA	Onondaga County Music Educators Assoc.
PAC	Parent Advisory/Awareness Council
RRE	Roxboro Road Elementary School
RRMS	Roxboro Road Middle School
SRE	Smith Road Elementary School



**Transportation Hotline**  
**315-218-2035**  
**August 18 - September 12**





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LABOR DAY  
SCHOOL CLOSED

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SUPERINTENDENT'S  
CONFERENCE DAY  
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

NSEEP Meet the Staff Night  
3:30pm

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SUPERINTENDENT'S  
CONFERENCE DAY  
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

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First Day of School for Students!  
Share your first day photos on  
Facebook or email to our  
Communications Office at  
lcook@nscsd.org.

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NSCSD BOE Meeting  
5:30 pm – District Office

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Starburst Marching Band  
Homeshow – CNS

MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS APPRECIATION WEEK

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NSCSD Utilization Study  
Committee Meeting  
5:30pm – GRMS  
NSEF Board Meeting 6:30pm  
- NSEA

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NSCSD BOE Meeting  
5:30pm – District Office

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SEPTEMBER

FOOD SERVICE APPRECIATION WEEK

AUGUST 2025

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# We do not tolerate bullying or harassment!

**Everyone should feel safe at school** and at school activities. No one should be harassed or threatened because of their race, color, weight, national origin (where your family comes from), ethnic group, religion, religious practices, disability, sexual orientation, gender or sex. The Dignity for All Students Act protects you and helps everyone feel safe at school so they can learn. The North Syracuse Central School District is committed to providing our students with a safe learning environment free from all forms of bullying, cyber-bullying, harassment and discrimination.

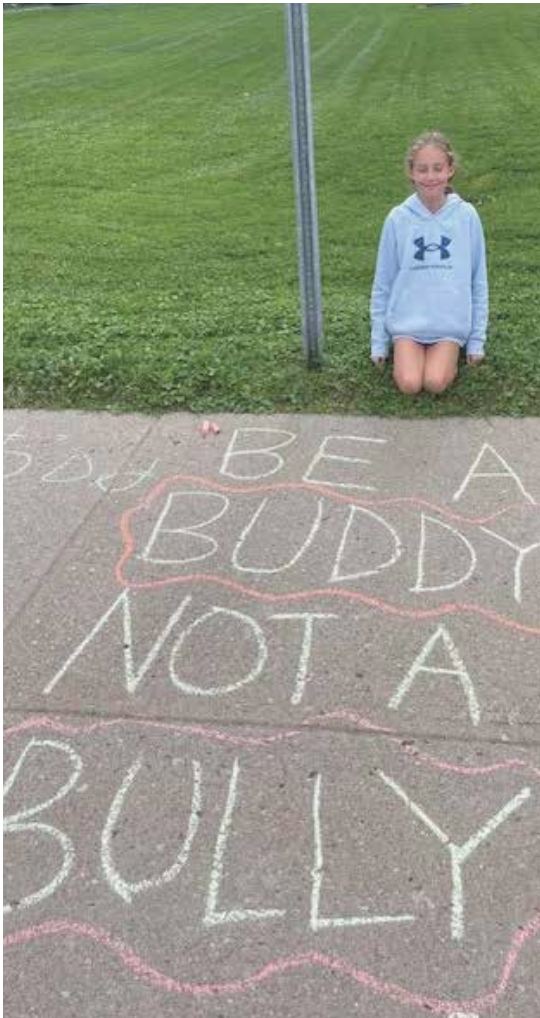
## SPEAK UP!

Our schools cannot effectively address bullying if incidents are not reported. Anyone (including students) who feels that they have been bullied or harassed, who wants to report an incident of someone else being bullied, or who has questions on this topic should contact the relevant school DASA Coordinator.

## DASA COORDINATORS

North Syracuse Early Education Program Dawn Hussein, Principal .....	315/218-2200
Allen Road Elementary School Emily Lafountain, Principal .....	315/218-2300
Karl W. Saile Bear Road Elementary School Olivia Cambs, Principal .....	315/218-2400
Cicero Elementary School Melissa O'Donnell, Principal .....	315/218-2500
Lakeshore Road Elementary School Tina Chmielewski, Principal.....	315/218-2600
Roxboro Road Elementary School Matthew Motala, Principal.....	315/218-2700
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North Syracuse Junior High School Naomi Trivison, Principal .....	315/218-3600
Cicero-North Syracuse High School Damon Villnave, Associate Principal.....	315/218-4100

Remember...always check our website calendar or ParentSquare for the most accurate and up-to-date event information.



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5 Week Progress  
Report Period Ends (Grades 5-12)

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FOOD SERVICE APPRECIATION WEEK

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NSCSD BOE Meeting  
5:30pm – District Office

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STAFF WORKSHOPS

SHORTENED DAY  
FOR PREK-GRADE 125 Week Progress Reports  
available online at 4pm (Grades  
5-12)

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COLUMBUS DAY/  
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

SCHOOL CLOSED

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NSCSD BOE Meeting  
5:30pm – District Office  
NSEF Board Meeting 6:30pm  
- NSEA

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NSCSD Utilization Study  
Committee Meeting  
5:30pm – KWS BRE

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STAFF WORKSHOPS

SHORTENED DAY  
FOR PREK-GRADE 12

OCTOBER

## Utilization Study: Planning a Brighter Future

The North Syracuse Central School District has launched an ambitious Utilization Study to take a thoughtful look at how we use our buildings, staff and resources to support student success, today and into the future.

Guided by the question, *How can NSCSD best organize its facilities, staff and grade configurations to maximize academic achievement, emotional well-being and equity for all students?*, this important effort comes at a time when the district is navigating declining enrollment, reduced state aid and future opportunities like the arrival of Micron.

To lead the way, a Utilization Committee made up of parents, students, staff and community members is meeting monthly through December 2025. Each meeting

includes a tour of a district building and thoughtful, solution-focused discussions led by national experts Deb Ayers, Jen Heckathorn, PhD and John Wisniewski, CDF—who recently helped Baldwinsville through a successful, community-supported planning process.

Superintendent Ward is excited about this work and encourages families and residents to follow along as the study unfolds by clicking the green banner on the district homepage at [nscsd.org](http://nscsd.org).

Key findings and potential recommendations will be shared with the public following the committee's final meeting in December. Stay tuned for updates on this important journey toward long-term sustainability, smart growth and student-centered planning.



## SCHOOL MEAL PROGRAM

**Free school meals:** For the 2025-26 school year, free school breakfast and lunch meals will be provided to all students in the NSCSD through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) Program. Students will receive one free breakfast and lunch daily and may purchase extras with their (MySchoolBucks.com) meal account.





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## HELP US UNVEIL THE NEWLY RENOVATED CNS HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM!



THIS FALL WE WILL OPEN THE NEWLY RENOVATED AUDITORIUM AT CICERO-NORTH SYRACUSE HIGH SCHOOL! WE CAN'T WAIT TO SHARE THE ROOM'S BEAUTIFUL NEW LOOK WITH OUR COMMUNITY. YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE EXCITING SHOWS PLANNED IN THE NEW SPACE.

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

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NSCSD BOE Meeting  
5:30pm – District Office

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR  
APPRECIATION DAY

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ELECTION DAY

SUPERINTENDENT'S  
CONFERENCE DAY

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

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Tri-M Honor Society Induction  
Ceremony 6:30pm - in the NEW  
CNS AUDITORIUM

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10 Week Marking Period Ends  
(Grades 5-12)

Junior High Area All-State 2pm  
- Homer

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Junior High Area All-State 9am  
- Homer

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NSCSD Utilization Study  
Committee Meeting  
5:30pm – CE

NSEF Board Meeting 6:30pm  
- NSEA

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST  
APPRECIATION DAY

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VETERANS DAY

SCHOOL CLOSED

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10 Week Report Cards  
available online at 4pm (Grades  
5-12)

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PARENT CONFERENCES

SHORTENED SCHOOL DAY FOR  
GRADES 5-6

NSCSD BOE Meeting  
5:30pm – District Office

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CNS Fall Play "Clue" 7pm – in  
the NEW CNS AUDITORIUM

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CNS Fall Play "Clue" 7pm – in  
the NEW CNS AUDITORIUM

OCMEA Senior High Auditions  
4pm

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CNS Fall Play "Clue" 7pm – in  
the NEW CNS AUDITORIUM

OCMEA Senior High Auditions  
9am

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THANKSGIVING RECESS

SCHOOL CLOSED

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SCHOOL CLOSED

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SCHOOL CLOSED

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NOVEMBER

## District Alerts

When schools are closed because of weather conditions or other emergencies, announcements are sent on ParentSquare and posted on the district website. Other emergency conditions, such as impending storms, may require students to be dismissed before regular school closing time. Early closing/dismissal announcements are also sent through ParentSquare and posted on the district website.

While emergency closings are also shared with local media, district communications are the first and best source of information.

### Prepare now

- ✓ Update your contact information: Contact your student's school to request changes to your email address or phone number in SchoolTool (which syncs with ParentSquare).
- ✓ Transportation: Ensure arrangements are in place for early dismissal situations. Please inform your student's school.
- ✓ Community Alerts: Grandparents and others can sign up for emergency alerts on ParentSquare by going to [www.nscsd.org/alerts](http://www.nscsd.org/alerts).

## STAY CONNECTED WITH PARENTSQUARE

The NSCSD uses ParentSquare for essential communications with families. Many important, student-specific messages are sent through the system. Parents should be able to see all their children in one account and receive important notifications.

- ✓ Automatic Accounts: Accounts are created based on email or cell phone information in SchoolTool, NSCSD's student data system. Updates in SchoolTool take 24 hours to sync with ParentSquare.
- ✓ Register: Visit [parentsquare.com/signin](http://parentsquare.com/signin) and use the email or phone number listed in SchoolTool. For convenience, download the ParentSquare app for iOS or Android.
- ✓ Check Your Info: Click on your name > My Account in ParentSquare to verify your contact details. If changes are needed, please contact your child's school office to update SchoolTool.



When there is inclement or forecasted inclement weather, the decision to close school, delay opening or dismiss early is based on travel conditions and weather predictions to ensure the safety of all students and staff.



# DECEMBER

## Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct applies to all students, staff, parents/guardians, and visitors while on school property, at school events or taking part in school-related activities. The main goals are to create a safe, respectful and supportive learning environment; teach responsibility, respect and good citizenship and ensure fairness and consistency in how rules are enforced.

### Student Rights:

Students have the right to:

- ✓ Learn in a safe environment.
- ✓ Be treated fairly and respectfully.
- ✓ Express themselves as long as it doesn't disrupt others or violate school rules.
- ✓ Be informed about rules and consequences.

### Student Responsibilities:

Students are expected to:

- ✓ Come to school ready to learn.
- ✓ Show respect for others and school property.
- ✓ Follow directions from school staff.
- ✓ Follow all school rules, including behavior, attendance and dress code.
- ✓ Not bring dangerous or illegal items to school.

### General Rules:

- ✓ No bullying, harassment or discrimination
- ✓ No violence, fighting or threats
- ✓ No drugs, alcohol, tobacco or vaping
- ✓ No weapons of any kind
- ✓ No cheating or dishonesty

Positive behavior is encouraged and supported.

### Disciplinary Actions (Consequences):

If a student breaks the rules, consequences may include:

- ✓ A warning or meeting with staff
- ✓ Loss of privileges
- ✓ Detention (staying after school)
- ✓ Suspension (removal from school for a set time)
- ✓ Referral to counseling or outside support
- ✓ Possible police involvement for serious offenses

The school tries to be fair, considers each situation, and may offer support services to help students correct their behavior.

### Parent/Guardian Involvement:

Parents are expected to:

- ✓ Stay informed about school rules.
- ✓ Help their children follow the rules.
- ✓ Communicate with the school when needed.

### Visitors:

All visitors must check in at the main office and follow school rules while on campus.





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NEW YEAR'S DAY

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HOLIDAY RECESS

SCHOOL CLOSED

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NSJH Musical 7pm - NSJH  
OCMEA Senior High All-County  
4pm

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NSJH Musical 1pm and 7pm  
- NSJH  
OCMEA Senior High All-County  
9am

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NSCSD BOE Meeting  
5:30pm - District Office  
LRE 3rd/4th Grade Chorus  
Concert 6:30pm - GRMS  
NSEF Board Meeting 6:30pm  
- NSEA

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SRE Chorus Concert 6:30pm  
- GRMS

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CNS Winter Concert and Teacher  
Appreciation Night 6:30pm - in  
the NEW CNS AUDITORIUM

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Le Moyne Jazz Festival - 12pm

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DR. MARTIN LUTHER  
KING JR. DAY  
SCHOOL CLOSED

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Regents Exam Day  
RRMS 5th Grade Concert 7pm  
- RRMS

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Regents Exam Day

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Regents Exam Day

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Regents Exam Day  
OCMEA Junior High All-County  
4pm

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OCMEA Junior High All-County  
9am

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NSCSD BOE Meeting  
5:30pm - District Office  
CE Chorus Concert 6:30pm - CE

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20 Week Marking Period Ends  
(Grades 5-12)  
Senior High Area All-State 3pm -  
Ithaca College

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Senior High Area All-State 3pm -  
Ithaca College

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Senior High Area All-State 9am -  
Ithaca College

JANUARY

## Attendance Matters!

Regular class attendance is one of the most important aspects of a student's educational program. The educational process requires continuity of instruction and active classroom participation. According to the Board of Education policy on comprehensive attendance, children who turn six years of age during the school year are required to attend school at the start of classes in September. Also, students who turn 16 during a school year continue to be subject to the compulsory education laws through the end of that school year. The North Syracuse Central School District Board of Education strongly believes that daily classroom attendance is an important aspect of a student's educational program.

While we want all our students and teachers in school as much as possible, we want to stress the importance of attending school only when feeling healthy.

Within the meaning of the education law, excused absences are for illness or injury, medical or dental appointments, family emergencies, death or religious holidays. Upon returning to school, students must present a written explanation relative to their absence, including the specific dates they were out, to their teacher or attendance office.

Chronic truancy problems are reported to Onondaga Family Court and the student may be adjudicated as a "Person in Need of Supervision" (PINS).

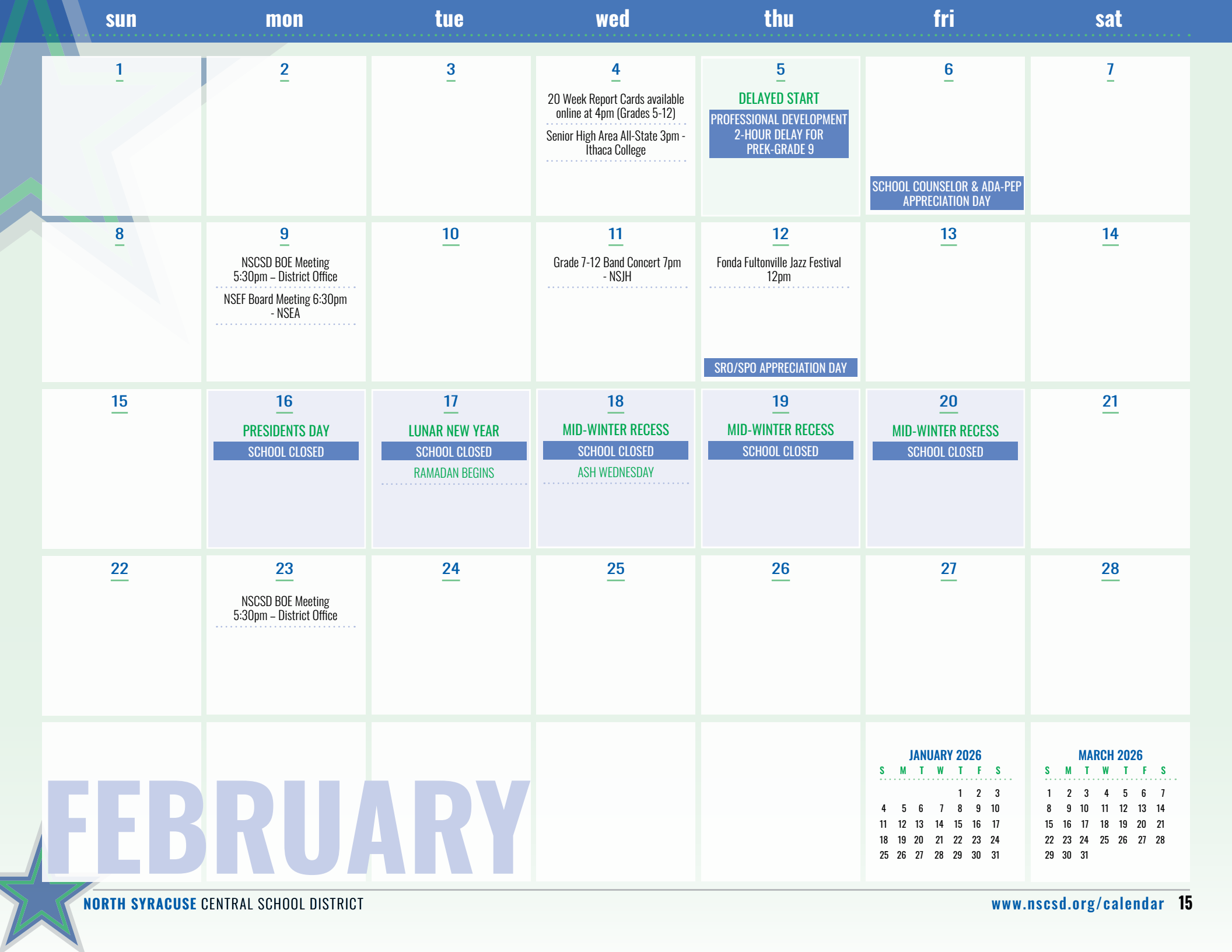


## ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN (AHERA)

The NSCSD has been inspected for building materials containing asbestos as required under the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). Copies of the Management Plan and the three year re-inspection are available in the main office of each building.

AHERA requires the district to appoint a "Designated Person" for asbestos-related concerns. Matthew Erwin, Director of Facilities, has been appointed as the "Designated Person" for asbestos-related concerns in the North Syracuse Central School District.





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		NSCSD BOE Meeting 5:30pm – District Office NSEF Board Meeting 6:30pm - NSEA				Grade 7-12 Band Concert 7pm - NSJH		Fonda Fultonville Jazz Festival 12pm					
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# FEBRUARY

## Parents Bill of Rights for Data Privacy and Security

It is the North Syracuse Central School District's responsibility to adopt appropriate administrative, technical and physical safeguards and controls to protect and maintain the confidentiality, integrity and availability of its data, data systems and information technology resources. All stakeholders, including students, teachers and administrators should be aware of their rights and expect their data to be kept private and confidential. In order to provide a successful educational program, the North Syracuse Central School District receives, creates, archives, and transfers sensitive, private information about students, teachers, and principals protected by both state and federal law. The North Syracuse Central School District takes active measures to protect confidential information in compliance with all state and federal laws. The district expects all employees and partners to maintain the confidentiality of protected information in compliance with state and federal law and applicable board policies. The district is committed to protecting the privacy and security of data in accordance with New York Education Law Section 2-D. For additional information, go to [www.nscsd.org/edlaw2D](http://www.nscsd.org/edlaw2D).

### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION REGARDING THIRD PARTY CONTRACTORS

Any and all contracts between the North Syracuse Central School District and third-party contractors, under which a contractor will receive student data or principal or teacher data, shall include provisions requiring that the contractor maintain the confidentiality of shared student data or teacher or principal

data in accordance with law, regulation and district policy. For more information regarding the district's data security policy, visit [www.nscsd.org/edlaw2D](http://www.nscsd.org/edlaw2D). In addition, the district will ensure that the contract or written agreement with a third-party contractor includes a signed copy of the Bill of Rights and the contractor's privacy and security plan, in compliance with Part 121 of the Commissioner's regulations.

### DATA PRIVACY AND PROTECTION

Education Law 2-D is a New York State law requiring school districts to take significant measures to secure and protect the personally identifiable information (PII) of students, classroom teachers, and building principals. The district provides annual training for all employees who have access to protected data. A Bill of Rights for Data Security and Privacy supplemented with information about each agreement with third party contractors is posted on the NSCSD website at [www.nscsd.org/edlaw2D](http://www.nscsd.org/edlaw2D). The North Syracuse Central School District applies the planning, processes, and categories of information defined within the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework to all its district practices. Whenever a third-party vendor receives PII, the district will ensure that the agreement for using the product or services includes required language. The district has published a complaint process accessible to students, parents/guardians, teachers and building principals and has developed procedures for reporting and notifying when a breach or unauthorized disclosure occurs. These are available on the NSCSD website at [www.nscsd.org/edlaw2D](http://www.nscsd.org/edlaw2D). Jason Clark,

Director of Technology, is the Data Protection Officer (DPO) who oversees implementation of Education Law 2-D responsibilities. To view the complete Bill of Rights for Data Security and Privacy, visit [www.nscsd.org/edlaw2D](http://www.nscsd.org/edlaw2D).

### COMPLAINTS

Any parent/guardian, eligible student, teacher, principal or other eligible staff may file a complaint regarding a breach or unauthorized release of student data and/or teacher/principal APPR data by filing a written complaint with the district's Data Protection Officer. For more information regarding the district's data security policy, go to [www.nscsd.org/edlaw2D](http://www.nscsd.org/edlaw2D). Additional information about acceptable computer use is available online at [www.nscsd.org/IT](http://www.nscsd.org/IT).

**Questions regarding data privacy and security may be directed to the Data Protection Officer. Contact:**

Jason Clark,  
Director of Technology/Data Protection Officer  
[jclark@nscsd.org](mailto:jclark@nscsd.org) ..... 315/218-2040





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		ATHLETIC TRAINER APPRECIATION DAY								25 Week Progress Report Period Ends (Grades 5-12)			
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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS		NSCSD BOE Meeting 5:30pm – District Office				NSJH Chorus Concert 7pm - NSJH		PARENT CONFERENCES SHORTENED DAY FOR PREK-GRADE 4		25 Week Progress Reports available online at 4pm (Grades 5-12) GRMS Musical 7pm RRMS Spring Musical 7pm		GRMS Musical 7pm RRMS Spring Musical 2pm Winterguard Home Show 1pm - NSJH	
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GRMS Musical 3pm		NSEF Board Meeting 6:30pm - NSEA		Trimester 2 Marking Period Ends (Grades K-4)  SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER APPRECIATION DAY		SUPERINTENDENT'S CONFERENCE DAY NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS		EID AL-FITR (ANTICIPATED) CNS Spring Musical 7pm - in the NEW CNS AUDITORIUM		EID AL-FITR (ANTICIPATED) CNS Spring Musical 7pm - in the NEW CNS AUDITORIUM		CNS Spring Musical 7pm - in the NEW CNS AUDITORIUM	
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		NSCSD BOE Meeting 5:30pm – District Office		Trimester 2 Report Cards available online at 4pm (Grades K-4)  CNS Honor Society Induction Ceremony - in the NEW CNS AUDITORIUM (Tentative Date)		District-Wide String Fest Concert 7pm - NSJH		Festival of Nations - CNS		NSCSD Wall of Distinction Induction Ceremony - in the NEW CNS AUDITORIUM			
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## Non-Discrimination Policy

It is the policy of the Board that no student shall be denied educational benefits or subjected to discrimination or harassment on the basis of age, color, race, creed/religion, mental or physical disability, marital status, military status, national origin, ethnic origin, gender/sex, sexual orientation, domestic violence victim status, genetic predisposition and carrier status, weight or any other protected category. The Board also prohibits any retaliatory behavior directed against complainants, victims, witnesses and/or any other individuals who participate in an investigation of a discrimination or harassment complaint.

The North Syracuse Central School District also does not discriminate with respect to employment, including the appointment of employees, employment pay, benefits and opportunities. 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.



Remember: always check our website calendar or look in ParentSquare for the most accurate and up-to-date event information.

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

**Section 504 Compliance Officers:**

Julie Darmody-Latham, Director of Special Programs  
OR Catherine Reeve and Sara Kees, Directors of Special Education  
North Syracuse Central Schools  
5355 West Taft Road  
North Syracuse, New York 13212 .....315/218-2144

**Title IX, Title VI, Title VII, ADA, ADEA and New York Human Rights Law Compliance Officer:**

Dr. Michael G. Baroody  
Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources  
North Syracuse Central Schools  
5355 West Taft Road,  
North Syracuse, New York 13212 .....315/218-2125



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PASSOVER BEGINS

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GOOD FRIDAY

SCHOOL CLOSED

45

EASTER

6NSCSD BOE Meeting  
5:30pm – District OfficeSCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA  
SPECIALIST APPRECIATION DAY78SCHOOL OCCUPATIONAL  
THERAPIST APPRECIATION DAY910OCMEA All-County Jazz Festival  
4pm11OCMEA All-County Jazz Festival  
9am1213NSEF Board Meeting 6:30pm -  
NSEA1415161730 Week Marking Period Ends  
(Grades 5-12)

NSJH Talent Show 7pm - NSJH

NYSSMA Solo Festival 4pm  
- ESM18NYSSMA Solo Festival 9am  
- ESM1920NSCSD BOE Meeting  
5:30pm – District Office2122NSJH Small Ensembles Concert  
7pm - NSJHOFFICE PERSONNEL  
APPRECIATION DAY232430 Week Report Cards available  
online at 4pm (Grades 5-12)25Festival of the Arts 11am - 2pm  
- NSJH2627282930

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## Digital device policy

The North Syracuse Central School District is preparing for the 2025-2026 school year with a new cell phone policy aimed at creating a more focused and distraction-free learning environment. The updated policy, which aligns with New York State Education Law Section 2803, restricts the use of internet-enabled personal electronic devices during the school day across all grade levels.

### What Families Need to Know:

- ✓ **Device Use Not Allowed During School Hours:** Students may not use personal internet-enabled devices at any time during the school day, including lunch, recess, hallways, and study periods.
- ✓ **School-Issued Technology Still Permitted:** Devices such as Chromebooks or tablets provided by the district for learning purposes are still allowed.



### Legal Exceptions:

Students may use personal devices during the school day only in the following situations:

- ✓ For specific educational purposes, when authorized by staff
- ✓ For health-related needs
- ✓ In emergency situations
- ✓ For translation assistance
- ✓ If they are primary caregivers (with counselor approval)
- ✓ If required by an IEP or 504 Plan



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OCMEA Elementary All-County  
4pm - NSJHFeats of Clay 9am - Everson  
Museum

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OCMEA Elementary All-County  
9am - NSJH

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NSCSD BOE Meeting 5:30pm -  
District Office

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GRMS Orchestra Concert 7pm  
- GRMS

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CNS Talent Show 7pm - in the  
NEW CNS AUDITORIUM

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TEACHER  
APPRECIATION DAYSCHOOL NURSE  
APPRECIATION DAYTRANSPORTATION  
APPRECIATION DAYSPEECH THERAPIST  
APPRECIATION DAY

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MOTHER'S DAY

11

RE Chorus Concert 6:30pm -  
RRMSLRE 3rd/4th Grade Chorus  
Concert 6:30pm - GRMS

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NSCSD BOE Meeting and Budget  
Public Hearing 5:30pm -  
District OfficeGRMS Band Concert 7pm -  
GRMSTEACHING ASSISTANT  
APPRECIATION DAY

13

SRE Band/Orchestra Spring  
Concert 6:30pm - GRMS

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CNS Chorus and CNS/NSJH Jazz  
Ensembles Concert 7pm - CNS

15

STAFF WORKSHOPS

SHORTENED DAY  
FOR PREK-GRADE 1235 Week Progress  
Report Period Ends (Grades 5-12)

CNS Junior Prom

16

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CE Chorus Concert 6:30pm - CE  
LRE Band/Orchestra Spring  
Concert 6:30pm - GRMSKWS BRE Spring Chorus Concert  
6:30pm - NSJH

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ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE

ARE Chorus Concert 6:30pm -  
RRMSKWS BRE Band/Orchestra  
Concert 6:30pm - GRMSTEACHER AIDE APPRECIATION  
DAY

20

NSJH Orchestra Concert 7pm  
- NSJH

21

CNS Band and Orchestra  
Concert 7pm - in the NEW CNS  
AUDITORIUM

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35 Week Progress Reports  
available online at 4pm(Grades  
5-12)

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MEMORIAL DAY

SCHOOL CLOSED

26

EID AL-ADHA (ANTICIPATED)

GRMS Chorus Concert 7pm -  
GRMS

27

EID AL-ADHA (ANTICIPATED)

CNS Senior Art Show 5pm - in  
the NEW CNS AUDITORIUM

NSJH Band Concert 7pm - NSJH

28

CNS Senior Night and Final  
Concert 6pm - in the NEW CNS  
AUDITORIUM

29

STAFF WORKSHOPS

SHORTENED DAY  
FOR PREK-GRADE 12

CNS Senior Ball

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MAY





## NEIGHBOR NOTIFICATION LAW/INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT NOTICE TO PARENTS AND ELIGIBLE STUDENTS OF THE NORTH SYRACUSE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

The NSCSD is required to provide notice to students, staff and persons in parental relationships about pesticide application. You may register to receive written notice 48 hours prior to any pesticide application by calling 315/218-2174 and leaving your name, complete address and phone number. You will be given notice by mail at home, or by interoffice mail if you work for the district, before these applications. We incorporate the practice of monitoring all pest populations at regular intervals to keep identified pests under control. No pesticides are used when alternate methods will work. Pesticides will be used in a prudent manner in accordance with recommended application procedures. The notice will state: "This notice is to inform you of a pending pesticide application to a school facility. You may wish to discuss with the designated school representative what precautions are being taken to protect your child from exposure to these pesticides. Further information about the product(s) being applied, including any warnings that appear on the label of the pesticide(s) that are pertinent to the protection of humans, animals, or the environment, can be obtained by calling the National Pesticide Telecommunications Network Information Line at 1-800-858-7378 or the New York State Department of Health Center for Environmental Health Information Line at 1-800-458-1158." An application summary will be printed in the district newsletter. The district contact, Matthew Erwin, can be reached at 315/218-2174 regarding this information.

## NOTIFICATION OF PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS AT NSCSD THROUGH 7/1/25

There have been no pesticide applications from 12/1/23 - 7/1/25. Staff and persons in parental relationships can register to obtain a 48-hour notification form by calling Matthew Erwin, the district's director of facilities at 315/218-2174 and requesting an application for notification registration form. Information can also be obtained from NPTNI @ 1-800-858-7378 or NYS Department of Health at 1-800-458-1158 regarding specific materials that were applied.





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<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>  Dollars for Scholars Awards Ceremony - in the NEW CNS AUDITORIUM	<u>9</u> Regents Exam Day RRMS 6th Grade Spring Concert 7pm - RRMS	<u>10</u> Regents Exam Day NSJH Awards Night - NSJH	<u>11</u> RE Band/Orchestra Concert 6:15pm - RRMS RRMS 5th Grade Spring Concert 7:15pm - RRMS	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
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# JUNE

# Information for Families Experiencing Temporary Housing (Homelessness)

The NSCSD is committed to helping all students succeed, no matter their housing situation. If your family is temporarily without a permanent home, your child has special rights under the law to ensure they can continue their education without disruption.

Here's what you should know:

## Who qualifies?

Your child has rights under this policy if you are:

- ✓ Staying with friends or family because you lost housing
- ✓ Living in a shelter, motel, car, campground or other temporary place
- ✓ In any situation where you don't have a fixed, regular and adequate place to sleep

## Your child has the right to:

- ✓ Stay in the same school (even if you move out of the school district) if it's in their best interest
- ✓ Get free transportation to and from school
- ✓ Enroll and start school right away even if you don't have all the required documents (like proof of residency, immunization records, or school records)
- ✓ Receive the same services and programs as other students

## How do I get help?

The district's Homeless Liaison can help you enroll your child, arrange transportation or answer questions about your rights.

### Contact:

Donna Marie Norton, Executive Director for Data, Accountability and School Improvement  
[dnorton@nscsd.org](mailto:dnorton@nscsd.org) ..... 315/218-2121



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# AUGUST





# BRIGHTER TOGETHER

## WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS!

We are looking forward to a positive and successful school year for all our students and staff and would love to share your back to school photos online. If you have photos of your children's first days of school or other school events that you would like to share with us for our websites and other public media, please email them to Laurie Cook, our School Information Officer, at [lcCook@nscsd.org](mailto:lcCook@nscsd.org) or share them on the district's Facebook page at [www.nscsd.org/facebook](http://www.nscsd.org/facebook).

## KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE AS SEASONS CHANGE!

As the seasons change, times for sunrise and sunset shift, and school buses take to the roads, please remember to pay extra attention for students walking to and from school and waiting for buses. The glare from the sun can be very bright at certain times of day, making it difficult to notice students far ahead of time. Students are also asked to pay close attention to traffic and be aware of their surroundings.

**NSCSD Bus Hotline Number**  
Aug. 18 through Sept. 12, 2025

**315/218-2035**



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