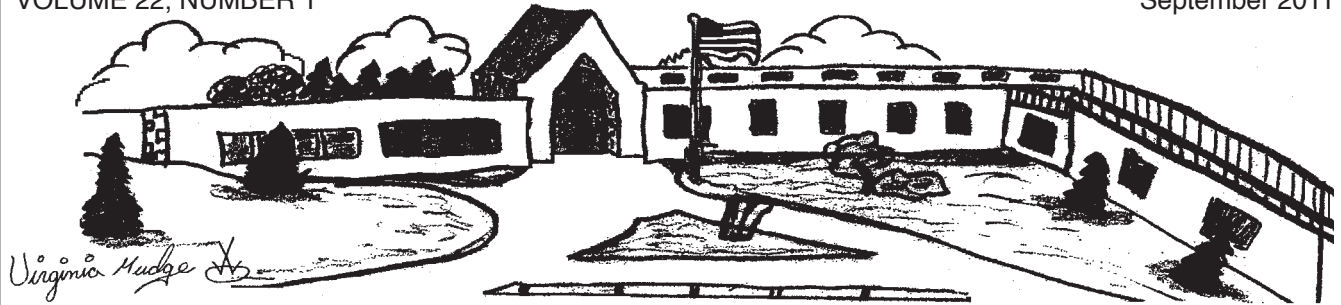


# GILBERTSVILLE-MOUNT UPTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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MISSION STATEMENT: The Gilbertsville-Mount Upton School District is committed to an educational environment that assures equitable opportunity for individuals to become responsible, productive members of society. We will encourage individual excellence in students of all ages that they may gain a lifetime enthusiasm for work and learning.

## Superintendent's Message

I would like to welcome everyone back! I am hoping that everyone had an excellent summer break and that all of you are ready to start the new school year. The opening day of school is an exciting time for all of us and this year we are looking forward to it.

This will be the first year that we will be under many of the new Race to the Top initiatives. The new common core learning standards are in place, school accountability has been raised through the new evaluation processes and the bar has been raised for performance levels in the state and national assessments. In every aspect the state is demanding that schools increase expectations of students, staff and the entire school community. We will need to work together to help our students achieve these standards. With the Capital Project completed and repairs nearly complete from the tornado storm damage, our focus will strictly be geared toward the improvement of our student scores.

Please take the opportunity to look at our school calendar as we would like to invite our parents and community members to watch our students in action this year. We certainly have a multi-talented group of students who like to showcase their talents. Take the opportunity to see them on the stage, playing field, musically, academically or artistically at GMU this upcoming year. Have a great end to your summer and an enjoyable Labor Day weekend. I look forward to seeing all of our students and staff in September for an exciting new school year.

—Glenn R. Hamilton, Superintendent

## Board of Education Meeting

There will be a brief Board of Education meeting scheduled on Tuesday, August 30, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room D104. All community members are welcome.

## Attention GMU Students

The United Methodist Church will be giving away free school supplies to students in need on Sunday, August 28, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the church in Mount Upton.

## GMU Senior Citizens

GMU Senior Citizens are invited to join us on Thursdays at 12:45 p.m. for lunch. The cost of lunch is \$3.50. The menu is included in this newsletter. If you have any questions, please call 783-2207, ext. 122.

## Aerobics at GMU

It's that time of the year again where we want to get in shape. Come have fun and shed a few pounds. We meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the small gym. There is a \$3 fee per class, 18 years and up, bring water and weights. Hope to see you then!

## Confidential Toll-Free Line

Troop C of the New York State Police reminds people of the creation of the toll-free line for the confidential reporting of potentially dangerous situations in the 16 school districts of the DCMO BOCES. This system, housed at Troop C Headquarters, is answered by a machine which is regularly checked by police officials. This system is not designated for callers reporting an immediate threat; such calls should be reported to "911" or other appropriate emergency service providers. The phone number is available on posters placed in the school districts and also through school district publications.

## Board of Education Highlights

- At the reorganization and regular meeting July 5, the Board:
- Made appointments and designations for the 2011-2012 school year.
  - Heard the Superintendent, administration and members provide the following positive highlights:
    - Moving Up and Graduation Ceremonies went well.
    - Baccalaureate was well attended and a special thank you to the Mt. Upton Methodist Church for holding the ceremony.
    - The G-MU Band did an excellent job performing at the July 4th Parade in Gilbertsville.
  - Received a report on the June Regents Results.
  - Appointed a .5FTE Business Clerk.
  - Approved CSE/CPSE Membership and CSE/CPSE Parent Representatives for the 2011-2012 school year.
  - Appointed a surrogate parent and an alternate chairperson for the 2011-2012 school year.
  - Appointed summer bridging and middle school orientation staff.
  - Accepted Free and Reduced Price Income Eligibility and Policy for school meals.
  - Appointed advisors for class/clubs for the 2011-2012 school year.

## No Child Left Behind

Our Student Support Services Department, following the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*, continues to provide academic, remedial, and social/emotional support to *all* students. This support is directly linked to our Academic Intervention Services (AIS) and Response to Intervention (RTI) which includes extra in-class help provided by teachers and/or aides, learning centers, after-school programs, scheduled AIS or RTI, counseling and intensive individualized instruction. In addition, Student Support Services provides special education and 504 interventions as needed and required.

As outlined in the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School is committed to providing our students with highly qualified educators. We appreciate and applaud initiatives aimed at recruiting and maintaining trained professionals and we continue to seek out the best teachers and support personnel to serve your children. If you are interested in learning more about our District's excellent staff, we welcome your inquires. You may request the following information via the District Office about your child's teacher and/or paraprofessional:

- whether the teacher has met State qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualifications or licensing criteria have been waived;
- the Baccalaureate Degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher, and the field or discipline of the certification or degree; and
- whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

If you have any questions about our programs, feel free to call Karen Volpi, Elementary Principal/Director of Special Education or Annette Hammond, MS/HS Principal, at 783-2207.

Thank you for your continued interest and support.

## Important Information from the Health Office

The District's School Health Services program supports your student's academic success by promoting health in the school setting. One way that we provide care for your student is by performing the health screenings as mandated by the State of New York. During this school year, the following screenings will be required or completed at school:

### VISION

- Distance acuity for all newly entering students (including Pre K) and students in Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 10.
- Near vision acuity, hyperopia and color perception screening for all newly entering students (including Pre K).

### HEARING

- Hearing screening for all newly entering students (including Pre K) and students in Kindergarten, Grades 1, 3, 5, 7 and 10.

### SCOLIOSIS

- Scoliosis (spinal curvature) screening for all students in Grades 5 – 9.

### HEALTH APPRAISALS

- A physical examination including Body Mass Index and Weight Status Category Information is required for all newly entering students and students in Pre K or Kindergarten, Grades 2, 4, 7 and 10 (this may be done by your private Health Care Professional or done here by Karen Adams, FNP starting in September). Please notify the Health Office if you prefer to have your student's physical done at school. If we do not receive notification of a private physical being completed or a current one is not on file, the student will be automatically placed on the appointment list for a school physical. You will be notified of the time and date.

### DENTAL CERTIFICATES

- A dental certificate is *requested* for all newly entering students (including Pre K) and students in Kindergarten, Grades 2, 4, 7 and 10. A letter will be sent home if there are any findings on the screening done at school that would cause concern or need medical follow-up. Please call the school's Health Office if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,  
Carol Angelone, RN, School Nurse

## Memo from the Health Office

If your child has an illness absence for more than 3 days, a MD note is needed upon return.

Call the attendance clerk at 783-2207 to report an absence and follow up with a note.

If a child is ill, fever, vomiting/diarrhea, keep them home until symptom-free for 24 hours.

If a student is injured or ill and cannot participate in gym, a note from MD stating *no gym* is needed for specific amount of time. MD must also write a clearance note for return to gym.

If child becomes ill during school hours, he/she is released by the School Nurse who will make the appropriate contact with the parent/guardian. Students may not use the pay phone to call a parent for release. The parent/guardian or emergency contact person must sign the student out at the front desk. Students cannot be released to anyone other than those listed on The Student Information Form. For students who drive themselves to school and become ill, at the discretion of the School Nurse, a parent/guardian will be contacted to obtain permission for this student to drive self home.

If injured in school or at a school-sponsored activity and medical treatment is necessary, contact the School Nurse immediately, submit claims to your own Health Insurance provider, then submit proof of payment of claim or denial to the Business Office. The school only covers the cost not covered by your own insurance.

Thank you for your cooperation in these health matters.

—Carol Angelone, RN, School Nurse

## School Tax Collection Notice

School Tax Collection for the Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton School District will begin on September 1.

Tax payments can be paid either by mail to: GMU School Tax Collector, 693 State Highway 51, Gilbertsville, NY 13776, or in person at the GMU District Office as follows:

Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturdays: October 29th or November 5th, 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon

Taxes can be paid without penalty through September 30th. Beginning October 1 through October 31, a 2% penalty will be added and from November 1 through November 5, 3% will be added. After November 5, all unpaid taxes will be returned to the County Treasurer. School taxes are then re-levied with an additional penalty and payable with the Town and County Tax that you will receive in January of 2012.

—Thank you

## Emergency Procedures

All school districts in the State of New York are required to comply with the Commissioner's Regulation 155.13 which requires written annual instructions to parents, students and staff regarding District emergency management plans. The complete plans are on file in each Principal's Office and are available to parents, students and staff at any time.

The object of emergency planning is to anticipate problems in dealing with natural and man-made disasters. Depending on the kind of intensity of this disaster, the school may be required to carry out any of the following procedures:

- A. School Cancellation
- B. Evacuation
- C. Early Dismissal
- D. Sheltering

Sheltering and early dismissal or *go home* drills are held at least once a year. Parents will receive an advance announcement of these drills via a newsletter at least one week prior to the drill.

It is important to note that emergency procedures may be carried out without advance notice. Children may be coming home to either empty homes or locked doors. Parents must make contingency plans with their children to go to the home of a neighbor if the children require supervision. A note has been sent home to all elementary parents requesting a copy of this plan.

Emergency information will be broadcast over the following radio stations: WKXZ, WCDO, WDOS, WSKG, WZOZ, WHWK, WAAL and school closings will also be broadcast on WBNG-TV as well as, on our website [www.gmucsd.org](http://www.gmucsd.org).

If you have questions concerning any of the above information, please contact the appropriate Principal's Office: Elementary Office, 783-2207, ext. 102; or High School Office, 783-2207, ext. 103. Thank you for your cooperation.

—Glenn Hamilton, Superintendent

## Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act

In accordance with 40 CFR Part 763-93 © of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), notice is hereby given that the PK-12 building and bus garage of the Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton Central School were constructed in 1994 and has recently been updated in 2010 and does not contain any asbestos containing building material (ACBM).

Copies of the AHERA Management Plans are available for review in the District Office during normal working hours. Any questions regarding the Management Plan should be directed to the LEA Designee Mr. Richard Shaw, Health and Safety Coordinator, DCMO BOCES, 6678 County Road 32, Norwich, NY 13815, 607-335-1249.

## Families in Temporary Housing Situations

Dear Student/Parent:

Students in temporary housing situations are eligible for free school meals. Homeless students and their families do not need to complete a free meal application. Instead, the school district's McKinney-Vento Liaison can give the students' names to the food service director.

- Are you living in a temporary location?
- Are you sharing the housing of another person because you lost your housing, or because of economic hardship, or for another similar reason?
- Are you sleeping in a car, a park, bus/train station, or campsite?
- Are you staying in a motel, a hotel, a shelter, or another temporary location?

If you answered *Yes* to any of the questions above, please talk with your school district's McKinney-Vento Liaison. You might not have to fill out the free meal application.

Your liaison is Annette Hammond, MS/HS Principal and she can be contacted at the following number: 783-2207, ext. 103 to find out whether you or your children are eligible to get free meals without an application.

If you need contact information for a liaison in a different school district, or if you would like more information about the rights of a student in temporary housing, please visit [www.teachs.org](http://www.teachs.org).

Sincerely,  
*Martha Dibbell*

## Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF)

If you receive food stamps or Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), you may receive a letter in August from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance that will simplify the process for your child or children to receive free meals or milk at school.

If you take or send the letter to Martha Dibbell, 783-2207, ext. 122, [mdibbell@gmucsd.org](mailto:mdibbell@gmucsd.org) or one of the schools your child/children attend, your children will receive free meals or milk without your having to complete an application.

You will receive only one letter. If you lose it, it will not be replaced. If you do not return the letter to the school, you must fill out the Free and Reduced Price Application in order for your children to get free meals or milk.

Call 783-2207, ext. 122 or email [mdibbell@gmucsd.org](mailto:mdibbell@gmucsd.org) if you have any questions. Thank you.

—*Martha Dibbell*

## School Lunch Program Guidelines

- Adults are not allowed to run credit accounts. Money may be placed on account in advance. No credit will be extended to adults.
- A maximum of \$10 in charges will be allowed. When a student's account reaches the \$10 limit, parents will be notified and the student will be placed on a cash only basis until such time as the account is paid in full. Students must have money on their account to purchase snacks using their account. If a student owes charges they will be unable to purchase snacks.
- Parents are strongly encouraged to place money on the student's account in advance.
- Parents are encouraged to use the free and reduced lunch program if they qualify.
- Call Martha Dibbell at 783-2207, ext. 122 if you have any questions.

## GMU Breakfast Program

The Gilbertsville Mt. Upton Central School meals program offers breakfast to all students in grades Pre K-12 in the cafeteria from 7:45-9:15 a.m. daily. We offer a variety of items which include breakfast sandwiches (sausage or ham, egg and cheese on a bagel or english muffin), egg and cheese breakfast burritos, oatmeal, cold cereal, muffins, an assortment of bagels with toppings, scrambled eggs, fruit, juice and milk. These options vary daily. The paid price for breakfast for Pre-K-12 is \$1.25. Your approved application for free or reduced meals includes breakfast. If you qualify for reduced meals the cost of breakfast is \$.25.

It's a fact: eating breakfast at school helps children learn. Studies show that children who eat breakfast at the start of their school day have higher math and reading scores. They have sharper memory and show faster speed on cognitive tests. They have broader vocabularies. They do better on standardized tests. They focus better and behave better.

Eating breakfast at school has health benefits too. Children are less likely to be absent. They're less likely to see the school nurse and less likely to be overweight. They eat more fruit, drink more milk and consume a wider variety of foods.

We would like to encourage our students to join us for breakfast each day, if you have any questions please call Martha Dibbell, 783-2207 ext. 122 or email at [mdibbell@gmucsd.org](mailto:mdibbell@gmucsd.org). Thank you for your support of our program.

## Consent to Release Free or Reduced Price Eligibility Information

School officials may release information that shows that my child/children are eligible for free or reduced price meals or free milk to the following programs. I understand that the information will only be provided to the program(s) checked.

(Check the box next to the program area(s) you wish to release information to)

- Federal health programs such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).
- State or federal programs such as the Youth Summer Work program or the Educational Talent Search Program.
- Local health and education programs and other local programs that provide benefits such as free textbooks or school supplies, free band instruments, or reduced fees for summer school or driver education.
- Community programs such as holiday baskets, summer arts and playground programs.

I understand that I will be releasing information that will show that my child/children are eligible for free and reduced price meals or free milk for my child. I give up my right to confidentiality for the program(s) checked.

Child/Children

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I certify that I am the child's parent/guardian for whom the application was made.

Signature of Parent/Guardian:

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Print Name:

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Address:

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Phone Number:

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Date:

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## From the School Meals Program

The GMU CSD School Meals Program offers breakfast and lunch daily to students providing them with the nutrition necessary for healthy growth of their minds and bodies.

The menu is published monthly in the school newsletter. The cost of breakfast is \$1.25 for students PK-12, lunch is \$1.75 for PK-5 and \$1.95 for students in grades 6-12. You may prepay for your child's meals by sending either cash or a check, payable to GMU School Lunch Fund, and the money will be placed in your child's account. The costs per week are as follows: Breakfast for PK-12: \$6.25, lunch for grades PK-5: \$8.75 and grades 6-12: \$9.75.

I would encourage you to file an application (included in this newsletter or available from school) for a free or reduced lunch. If your child qualifies for reduced meals, the cost is \$.25 for breakfast and \$.25 for lunch or \$1.25 per week per meal.

Snack and a la carte items are also at a price range of \$.50-\$1.00. You may wish to place additional money in your child's account for purchasing these items. Please fill out the form below to allow your child to charge items other than lunch to their account and return the form to Martha Dibbell, School Meals Coordinator. Students must have money on their accounts to be able to charge milk or snacks. Thank you for your continued support of our program. If you have any questions, please contact me at 783-2207, ext. 122 or email me at [mdibbell@gmucsd.org](mailto:mdibbell@gmucsd.org).

Please allow \_\_\_\_\_ to purchase items in addition to his/her breakfast or lunch and charge them to his/her account.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

—Martha Dibbell, School Meals Coordinator



## Free and Reduced Price Meal Application Fact Sheet

When filling out the application form, please pay careful attention to these helpful hints.

### **Food Stamp/TANF/FDPIR Case Number:**

This must be the complete case number supplied to you by the agency including all numbers and letters, for example, E 123456, or whatever combination is used in your county. Refer to a letter you received from your local Department of Social Services for your case number or contact them for your number. All children with the same case number may be listed on the same application. If anyone in your household receives food stamps, all children living in your household are eligible to receive free meals at school.

### **Direct Certification:**

If you receive food stamps or TANF, send in the Direct Certification Letter from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance instead of completing the application. Make a copy for your records.

### **Foster Child:**

A child who is living with a family but who is under the legal care of the welfare agency or court may be listed on your family application. List the child's "personal use" income. This includes only those funds provided by the agency which are identified for the personal use of the child, such as personal spending allowances, money received by his/her family, or from a job. Funds provided for housing, food and care, medical, and therapeutic needs are not considered income to the foster child. Write "0" if the child has no personal use income.

### **Household:**

A group of related or non-related people who are living in one house and share income and expenses.

### **Adult Family Members:**

All related and non-related people who are 21 years of age and older living in your house.

### **Financially Independent:**

A person is financially independent and a separate economic unit/household when his or her earnings and expenses are not shared by the family/household.

### **Gross Income:**

Is money earned or received by each member of your household before deductions. Examples of deductions are Federal tax, State tax, and Social Security deductions.

### **Examples of Gross Income are:**

- Wages, salaries, tips, commissions or income from self-employment
- Net farm income, gross sales minus expenses only, not losses

- Pensions, annuities, or other retirement income including Social Security retirement benefits
- Unemployment compensation
- Welfare payments (does not include value of food stamps)
- Public Assistance payments
- Adoption assistance
- Strike benefits
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Survivor's Benefits
- Alimony or child support payments
- Disability benefits, including workman's compensation
- Veteran's subsistence benefits
- Interest or dividend income
- Cash withdrawn from savings, investments, trusts, and other resources which would be available to pay for a child's meals
- Other cash income

If you have more than one job, you must list the income from all jobs.

If you receive income from more than one source (wage, alimony, child support, etc.), you must list the income from all sources.

### **Current Income:**

Your income at the present time before deductions. Only farmers, self-employed workers, migrant workers, and other seasonal employees may use their income for the past 12 months reported from their 1040 Tax Forms.

### **Income Exclusions:**

The value of any child care provided or arranged, or any amount received as payment for such child care or reimbursement for costs incurred for such care under the Child Care Development (Block Grant) Fund should not be considered as income for this program.

If you have any questions or need help in filling out the application form, please contact:

Martha Dibbell, School Meals Coordinator  
(607) 783-2207, extension 122, mdibbell@gmucsd.org

*Free and Reduced  
School Meals  
Application Inside . . .*

## News from the Middle/High School Office

I am hoping that everyone had an enjoyable and restful summer and that students and staff are energized and ready for a great school year. In July we had an orientation for incoming 6th and 7th graders, and I am hoping that they are looking forward to being a part of the Middle School as much as I am excited to have them join us! Most of the Middle School classes will be held in the new hallway which connects the Middle School wing over to the gymnasium. High School students will no longer be permitted to walk down the Middle School hallway to get to Technology or Physical Education classes. I'm sure it will take students and staff some time to adjust to the changes in our building, but the addition of the 6th graders to the Middle School will allow our students to have a true Middle School experience. I'd like to officially welcome the new 6th and 7th grade students to the Middle School.

Minor adjustments have been made to this year's schedule. There are 9 periods in the school day (42 minutes each). Each student will start their day off with a Tutorial Period. This period gives students time to meet with their teachers to receive additional assistance, or they may be scheduled for Academic Support in an area of need. Schedules will be mailed in August, so if a student feels they need to make adjustments to their schedule, they may call the guidance office to set up a time to meet with Ms. Cable.

### **Some reminders for parents with the start of the school year:**

- Each student will receive an agenda book on the first day of school.
- Check with your child to make sure homework is completed each evening.
- Please look at what your children are wearing before leaving the house for school, so that you can make sure their choice in clothing meets dress code expectations. These expectations are outlined specifically in the handbook.
- Send your child to school with a note if they arrive late, are leaving early or have been absent. Having a note will ensure that your child has an accurate attendance record. These notes must be written and signed by a parent/guardian and must have a reason for why they are late, leaving early or were absent. If a reason is not included in the note, students will be marked with an illegal absence. Students also need a note if they are not taking the bus or if they are riding the bus with a different student or if they are being picked up by someone other than their parent.

The first day of school is on Wednesday, September 7 and students will need to be in their first period class by 8:00 a.m. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me. I am looking forward to another great year of partnering with parents and community members in supporting the education of our students. Welcome Back Students and Staff!

—Mrs. Annette D. Hammond, 6-12 Principal

## Elementary News

With September comes the beginning of a new school year, new goals and challenges, new friends, and the renewal of old friendships. How exciting all of it can be! All students received their teacher assignment on their report card prior to the summer with a letter and supply list from their teacher. Parents should have received a letter from me about the start of a new school year.

On the first day of school, your child will be bringing home a Student Information Form and the Student/Parent Handbook. Please read through the handbook with your child(ren), complete the forms, and return them to the office by Friday, September 9th.

**Bus note reminder:** Any changes to your child's bus-sing must come in as a written note or fax by 1:30 p.m. We will not accept any changes by phone or after 1:30 p.m. Bus notes must include: the child's full name, regular bus number (or animal), the full name of the person whose house they are going to (i.e. Jane Doe; NOT Aunt Jane) and that bus number or animal or street address.

The teachers, support staff and I look forward to working closely with you throughout the year. Together, we will share the rewarding venture of providing your child(ren) with a quality and exciting educational program. I hope your child enjoys the upcoming school year and meets with a great deal of success!

I would like to strongly encourage communication between parents and the school, your child's success and attitude toward school improves with the increase in communication between all of us.

### **Tips**

- Start the school year off right—set up a quiet time and place for your child to do homework
- Set up a routine that includes asking your child about their school day
- Look at their agenda/homework folder/Friday folder for homework assignments and notes from the teacher
- If you have questions, don't wait, call the teacher.

—Mrs. Karen Volpi

See You  
in September!

## News from the Guidance Office

Welcome and best wishes for a successful school year to our returning students and new students! The Guidance Office provides important services and information such as student enrollment, academic advisement, career options, scholarship and financial aid information as well as counseling services. The Guidance Office is located just around the corner from the front desk at the main entrance on the left hand side of the hallway, Room D121. It is here where you will find Ms. Cable, Guidance Counselor, and Mrs. Cabrinety, Registrar, eager to assist you!

### Schedules

Students should have received their schedules in the mail by now. Make sure you have reviewed your schedule. Students should take at least six and half credits. If a student has questions or did not receive a schedule, please contact the Guidance Office at 783-2207, ext. 141.

### Seniors

Now is the time to start looking seriously at colleges and filling out college applications! Students are encouraged to visit college campuses and attend fall open houses. Call college admissions offices or visit the college websites to find out opportunities for a campus visit or to attend a fall program. In addition to open house programs, many campuses offer campus tours, admission interviews, overnight stays and the opportunity to meet with faculty, staff and coaches. Also if you were not already aware of college admission requirements, you will need at least 2 or 3 recommendation letters, so start asking teachers for college recommendations letters now and give them ample time to write a well drafted letter. Ask them to give you at least 6 signed original copies of the letter in a sealed envelope with their signature across the back. This allows you to have it all ready when you send in your college applications. Besides applications and recommendation letters, do not forget another important part of the college admission process and that is the required admission tests called SAT and ACT exams. There is still time to register for the upcoming test but *Do Not Delay!* If you plan on taking the SAT again, the beginning of your senior year is the best time. Research shows that students who take the SAT a second time usually improve their score. Remember, students who qualify for free or reduced lunch are eligible for one fee waiver for each exam.

TEST	TEST DATE	Registration Deadline	Website
SAT	October 1	September 9 (Sept. 21 late with extra fee)	<a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a>
ACT	October 23	September 17 (Oct. 1 late with extra fee)	<a href="http://www.actstudent.org">www.actstudent.org</a>

### Juniors

This is an important and rigorous year for you with at least two major Regents exams required for graduation, but especially if you are considering a higher education after high school. Be sure to use your time wisely and plan ahead. The PSAT will be given on October 12. All juniors are encouraged to take the test as it is the best way to get ready for the SAT. Then, plan on taking the SAT in the spring of 2012, because students who typically take the SAT a second time improve their score. Students who perform well on the test may qualify for special campus visits programs, information sessions in your hometown or for certain scholarships. Also, if you are not already involved in clubs or activities, plan on adding it into your schedule this year as colleges look for well rounded students who can balance their academics and extracurricular activities.

### Freshmen and Sophomores

Get involved and start thinking about what you want to do after high school! It takes time to figure out who you are and what you want to become. You can find help with career planning by:

- Exploring and taking different kinds of classes and reading different books to find a subject that fascinates you.
- Asking your counselor about taking a career assessment test.
- *Shadowing*, or observing, someone who works in that field to get an idea of what the work might be like.
- Instead of posting your status on Facebook, visit Mapping Your Future ([mappingyourfuture.org/PlanYourCareer/](http://mappingyourfuture.org/PlanYourCareer/)) and use their CareerShip® tool. Also, visit [www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco), the Federal government's Bureau of Labor Statistics Occupational Outlook Handbook, which tells you which fields are growing.

### Middle School

We hope students enjoyed their orientation and remember their locker combinations, if not; it should be on your schedule. We remind and encourage you to begin the year off with an extra effort to focus on making new friends, respecting others, and learning about yourself as well as asking for help when you get confused. Please look to help others who struggle with their academics or might be having a difficult time opening their locker, it means showing good character at all times and doing your best each day.

—Ms. Cable, Guidance Counselor

## Otsego County Fair

Our students in both Elementary and High School art had an *awesome* showing at this year's Otsego County Fair. We had many ribbons and *three* Best of Show winners! We are very proud of all the entrants. Congratulations everyone!

### The following are all the entries:

#### Elementary Entries (in grade order)

##### First Grade

Maddy Pain—1st place, crayon and watercolor picture  
Maya Farwell—2nd place, marker and watercolor picture

##### Fourth Grade

Zara Zeidman—1st place, watercolor landscape  
Tim Grow—2nd place, watercolor landscape  
Mara Nolan—3rd place, watercolor landscape  
Ian LaBar—watercolor landscape

##### Fifth Grade

Vasiliki Drapaniotis—1st place, Hex Sign

##### 6th Grade

Abby Davidson—3rd place, Spirit Shield  
Dustin Nesbitt—Spirit Shield  
Liam Champion—Spirit Shield

#### High School Entries (by class)

##### Studio Art

#### Best of Show/1st place—Gavin Loitsch, collage

Neyen Romano—2nd place, collage  
Dillan Osborne—3rd place, collage  
Michelle Ryan—2nd place, picture with colored pencil  
Kali Murphy—2nd place, pencil drawing  
Kayla Sullivan—pencil drawing

##### Drawing and Painting

#### Best of Show/1st Place—

##### Tammy Lawrence—“Oasis”, watercolor

Tammy Lawrence—1st place, “Fish” colored pencil drawing;  
“Octomaids”, charcoal  
Elizabeth Smith—1st place, “Self Portrait”, pencil drawing;  
1st place, “Hands”, charcoal; “Fond of You”, mixed media  
Amanda Smith—3rd place, “Dream”, charcoal  
Elizabeth Champion—“Giraffe”, colored pencil drawing  
Brandy Otten—“Tears”, Colored Pencil Drawing

##### Senior Theme

Alexis Lanza—1st place, “You will fly . . .”, sculpture

##### Photography

Amber Shaffer—1st place, “A Thoughtful Moment”  
James MacDuff—2nd place, “Back & Forth”  
Bri Lambert—2nd place, “I’m a Good Boy”  
Amber Shaffer—“Lobby”

##### Digital Photography

#### Best of Show/First Place—Samantha Nober, “Dark Stair”

3rd place, “Louie”, “Moonlight”, “Sunlight”  
Alexis Lanza—1st place, “Chipper”; 2nd place, “Merrie”;  
2nd place, “Untitled”; 2nd place, “This Jar”; 3rd place,  
“Chicas en Mexico”; 3rd place, “Ghost of Mia”  
Jensen Wiltsie—2nd place, “Home”; 3rd place, “Up Above”  
Dakota Van Houten—2nd place, “A Long Way Home”; 3rd  
place, “I Whip My Hair”; “I sit Alone”; “Untitled”

Raelynne Poole—1st place, “Schoolbus”; 2nd place, “Katie”;  
2nd place, “Mirror”; “Junior”  
Amber Shaffer—1st place, “Old”; 1st place, “Flag”; “Alley”  
Emily Steckline—1st place, “Glub”; “Morning Light”;  
“Cold Lace”; “Bandit”  
Ashley Newell—“Storm”



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Sincerely,

Your Price Chopper Tools for Schools Coordinator

## Bus Routes for 2011-2012 School Year

Bus 39-Bunny - Leave school at 6:55 A.M. to Herb Lilley Hill Rd., Wilber Cross Rd., Lulu Coon Rd., Wilber Hill Rd., Robert Williams Rd., Shaw Brook, River Rd., Village of Gilbertsville, Spring St., on to school.

Bus 41-Puppy - Leave school at 7:05 A.M. to Oregon Rd., Halbert Hill Rd., Copes Corners Rd., Rod and Gun Club Rd., Nelson Rd., Opperman Rd., Musson-Erwin Rd., Copes Corners Rd., Dunhams Rd., Copes Corners Rd., on to school.

Bus 43-Star - Leave school at 7:00 A.M. to Rt. 8 South, Co. Rt.#1, Lockwood Hill, Jesse Rogers Rd., Fisk Hill, Rt. 8 South of Rockdale to Turnaround at Old Rt #8, on to school.

Bus 44-Duck - Leave School at 6:35 A.M. to Co. Rt.#10, to Shelley Rd., to Taylor Rd., to Bell Hill Rd., Coon Crossroad, Co. Rt. #8, Mill St., Frog Harbor, Marion Avenue, on to school.

Bus 45-Cow - Leave school at 7:05 A.M. to Co. Rt. 4, Dunhams Cross Rd., Coye Brook Rd., Rt. 51 North of village, Hilton and Vine St., Maple and Elm St., on to school.

Bus 46-Apple - Leave school at 7:08 A.M., to Mt. Upton Old Rt. #8 North, Rt.#8 South to village of Mt. Upton intersection, to Rt. #51, on to school.

Bus 49-Bird - Leave school at 7:05 A.M., to Baker Rd., to County Rt.#8, to Pochy Rd., to Clarence Musson Rd., Canham Rd., on to school.

Bus 50-Dinosaur - Leave school at 6:55 A.M., to Back River Rd., Prentice Gorge Rd., County Rt. #1 to French's Garage Turnaround, Townline Rd., Butternut Rd., on to school.

Bus 51-Gingerbread - Leave school at 7:05 A.M., to Co. Rt.#18, Lafayette Park, Co. Rt. #33, to Rt.#8, Crandall Hill, Co. Rt. #37 to village Turnaround, Depot St., on to school.

Bus 52-Bear - Leave school at 6:55 A.M. to County Rt. 4, Guy Beardsley Rd., Cty. Rt. 4, Co. Rt. #5, Tower Road, Lobdell Rd., Co. Rt. #4, to Sylvan St., Commercial St., Marion Avenue, on to school.

Bus 53-Cat - Leave school at 6:55 A.M., to Co. Rt. # 37, Keach Rd., Upper High Bridge Rd., Phillips O'dell Rd., Blower Rd; Miller Rd., White's Hill Rd., Shumway Hill, Rd., on to school.

Bus 56-Tree - Leave school at 6:55 A.M., to Rt#8 South to High Bridge Rd., Phillips O'dell Rd., Rockdale Rd., Camp Meeting Rd., Fred Smith-Creek Rd., Rt.#8, on to school.

If you have any questions regarding your child's bus number or pick-up times please feel free to call the Bus Garage at 783-2207, Ext. 115. or 783-2275  
Joe Zaczek- Transportation Director

School Opens September 7 -  
Please Drive Carefully

Remember:

Our children are our greatest asset. Let's all work to keep them safe. Please obey the flashing lights on our school buses!

## September 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b> <b>Please fill out a Lunch application for the 2011-2012 school year.</b>	<b>2</b> Students must have a signed permission slip and money on their account to charge snack items.	<b>3</b> <b>Please give us a call if you have any questions: 783-2207 ext. 122</b> <b>Students' who owe on accounts are unable to purchase snacks.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>5</b> Labor Day	<b>6</b> Conference Day	<b>7</b> Hot dog on bun Baked beans Fruit Milk	<b>8</b> Macaroni and cheese Spinach Fruit Milk	<b>9</b> Tacos Rice Corn Fruit Milk
<b>12</b> Chicken nuggets Seasoned potatoes Green beans Fruit Milk	<b>13</b> Mini sub Pasta Salad Fruit Milk	<b>14</b> Hamburger on bun Vegetable soup Fruit Milk	<b>15</b> Barbecue pork on bun Roasted potatoes Mixed vegetable Fruit Milk	<b>16</b> Chicken fajita Corn Rice Fruit Milk
<b>19</b> Chicken patty on bun Potato wedges Peas Fruit Milk	<b>20</b> Assorted pizza Salad Fruit Milk	<b>21</b> Grilled cheese sandwich Tomato soup Fruit Milk	<b>22</b> Spaghetti Salad Roll Fruit Milk	<b>23</b> Chicken enchilada Rice Corn Fruit Milk
<b>26</b> Chicken spiedie on bun Seasoned potatoes Fruit Milk	<b>27</b> Grilled cheese sandwich Tomato soup Fruit Milk	<b>28</b> Sloppy Joe on bun Cole slaw Fruit Milk  A variety of sandwiches, salads, fruits and vegetables are available daily. A La Carte prices: Chips: \$.75, Cookies \$.75 Ice cream: \$.75 Beverages: \$.50, .75 & 1.00	<b>29</b> Chicken and biscuits Mashed potatoes Broccoli Fruit Milk	<b>30</b> Tacos Rice Corn Fruit Milk
<b>Please check on your students' account balance.</b> Call 783-2207 ext. 122	<b>Breakfast:</b> <b>Assorted hot and cold cereal, bagels, breakfast sandwiches, muffins, pastries, fruit, juice and milk.</b>	<b>Meal Prices</b> Lunch: Pre-K-5 \$1.75 Grades 6-12 \$1.95 Breakfast: \$1.25 Reduced meals: \$.25 Milk: \$.50	<b>A La Carte Breakfast prices:</b> Bagel \$1.00 Breakfast sandwich \$1.25 Coffee \$1.00 Muffin \$1.00	

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**Calendar of Events for September**

1	BVS vs. Worcester GVS @ Worcester Modified Practice Begins	19	Morning Raiders, 8:25 a.m.
5	<b>No School—Labor Day, Offices Closed</b>	20	BVS vs. CV-S GVS @ CV-S Fall Sports Pictures
6	<b>No School—Superintendent’s Conference Day</b>	21	Morning Raiders
7	<b>First Day of Classes</b> BVS @ Franklin GVS vs. Franklin	22	BVS @ Milford GVS vs. Milford
9	BVS vs. Edmeston GVS @ UV Tournament	23	Morning Raiders, 8:25 a.m. BMS @ Worcester GMS vs. Worcester
10	ACT GVS @ UV Tournament	24	SADD Traveling Scavenger Hunt
12	Morning Raiders, 8:25 a.m. Auditions for Musical	26	Morning Raiders, 8:25 a.m. BMS vs. Franklin GMS @ Franklin
13	BVS vs. Laurens GVS @ Laurens Auditions for Musical Board of Education Meeting, D104, 7:00 p.m.	27	BVS vs. Richfield Springs GVS @ Richfield Springs
14	Morning Raiders, 8:25 a.m. Callbacks for Musical	28	Morning Raiders, 8:25 a.m. BMS @ Edmeston GMS vs. Edmeston
15	BVS @ Morris GVS vs. Morris	29	PK-12 Picture Day 3-5 Soaring Eagles, 8:15 a.m. BVS @ Schenevus GVS vs. Schenevus
16	Morning Raiders, 8:25 a.m. Soccer Rally/Dance	30	Morning Raiders, 8:25 a.m.