## Madrid-Waddington Central School

## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

September 2017

School Board Members and Meeting Dates

President	Matthew O'Bryan
Vice-President	Toby Bogart
	Darcy Backus
	Andrew Bracy
	Tina Wilson Bush
	Brian Hammond
	Richard Hobkirk
	Gerald Molnar
	Jordan Walker

## BOARD MEETING DATES - 2017-18

#### All meetings 7:00 PM, in High School Library unless otherwise noted

- Wednesday, July 5-Reorganization & Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, August 8-Regular Meeting; set tax rate
- Tuesday, September 19—Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, October 17—Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, November 14—Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, December 19—Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, January 16-Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, February 13—Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, March 20—Regular Meeting
- Thursday, April 5-BOCES Annual Meeting
- Tuesday, April 10-Special Budget Meeting (Optional)
- Monday, April 16-Regular Meeting; BOCES Vote
- Tuesday, May 8—Public Presentation of Budget @ 6 PM
- Tuesday, May 15—Annual Budget & BOE Member Vote; Bus Vote; Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, June 19—Regular Meeting



## STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

#### School Hours

UPK 8:45—11:15 12:40—3:10 Grades K-5 8:45—3:10 Grades 6-12 7:35—2:50





Elementary School Supply lists are available online under the <u>Elementary</u> tab

## Viewing School Tool for Schedules

Middle and High School student schedules are expected to be available to view in School Tool by the third week of August.

> Guidance Office will be open August 28 & 29 for schedule questions.

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As we eagerly await the return of our students, faculty, and staff we are hoping for a few more sunny days to balance out a wet summer. Although the weather was less than stellar, the campus grounds look amazing thanks to the tremendous work of our custodial crew. The efforts of our custodians combined with the work from phase II of the capital project will offer some exciting changes for our students.



All of the elementary corridors including the 6-8 wing have fresh coats of paint with a color scheme designed by Mrs. VanPatten. Other areas that have been refurbished this summer include redesigned student restrooms in the high school wing on both sides of the auditorium, a new high school cafeteria floor, a redesigned classroom space for health, and additional restrooms in the district hallway to accommodate special events.

We will be welcoming some new faces to our faculty and staff this September. Our hiring committees were extremely pleased with the successful candidates and we feel our new school community members are well-equipped to carry on the Madrid-Waddington tradition.

This has been another busy summer for district teachers in the areas of curriculum and instruction. Many professional development opportunities were offered and utilized to ensure our professional staff remains on the leading edge of education.

The amount of work accomplished by our custodial team can not be overstated. The crew tackled a huge amount of painting throughout the building in addition to maintaining a gorgeous green campus despite adverse weather conditions. The interior of the building looks fantastic and we are truly fortunate to have custodians that are so dedicated to the district.

A huge thank you to all our support staff members as well. There is an incredible amount of preparation involved to guarantee a smooth opening and our support staff continues to pull it off year after year.

Madrid-Waddington continues to be the best place for education in the north country and rivals schools of any size with regards to academic and extracurricular opportunity. Our wishes for an enjoy-able end to your summer and we look forward to the enthusiastic return of our students.

Cordially,

Eric Burke



We are no longer mailing the quarterly district newsletters to every household. This is a cost savings measure. You may access the newsletter online at <a href="http://www.mwcsk12.org">www.mwcsk12.org</a> under the <a href="http://www.mwcsk12.org">District</a> tab; or via a newsletter link on the District's Facebook page. We will also email the newsletter to parents who have provided an email in their School Tool record.

Paper copies may be picked up at school in either the Elementary Main Office or High School Main Office. A supply will also be made available in both the Waddington and Madrid town libraries.

If you wish to receive the newsletter electronically, please email Patty Bogart at **pbogart@mwcsk12.org** and indicate your request. Thank you.



When completing your New York State Income Tax Return, please note that our School District Code Number is 361.

## Enhanced STAR Exemptions for Senior Citizens

The enhanced STAR exemption is the amount that senior citizens' assessments will be reduced prior to the levy of school taxes. For example, if you own and live in a house that is assessed at \$150,000 and the enhanced STAR exemption for your municipality is \$50,000, the school taxes on your property would be paid on a taxable assessment of \$100,000 (\$150,000 minus \$50,000 = \$100,000).

In order to receive the enhanced STAR exemption, you must apply for it annually before March 1st. Please contact your local assessor for more information.

## HOURS OF TAX COLLECTION in the District Office

September 1 — 29 Monday-Friday 3:00 PM — 5:00 PM October 2, 3, 10, 12, 16, 17, 24, 26, 27, 30 & 31 3:00 PM—5:00 PM

Mrs. Andress, our Tax Collector, will be located in the District Office if you wish to pay your taxes in person. Time and days available indicated above; and will also be printed on your tax bill.

# PAYMENT OF SCHOOL TAXES Mrs. Joan Andress, School Tax Collector

315-322-5746, ext. 267 (Dates & Times listed below)

PAY SCHOOL TAX BY MAIL: until October 31, 2017 Make check payable to: Joan Andress, Tax Collector Mail check & coupon to:

Attn: Joan Andress, Tax Collector Madrid-Waddington Central School P.O. Box 67, Madrid, NY 13660

NOTE: To take advantage of installment program, first payment <u>MUST</u> be made on or before October 2, 2017.

### **OPTIONS FOR PAYMENT**

 <u>Before October 2</u>: Pay in full *or* pay first installment, postmarked

by October 2, 2017.

2. On or After October 3:

Payment in full, plus penalty of 2%; or pay

- second installment, postmarked by October 31, 2017.
- 3. Payments made <u>AFTER October 31, 2017</u>: No longer received at the school location—will be returned to you.

You must mail check payable to: "St. Lawrence County Treasurer" — mail check and coupon to:

- St. Lawrence County Treasurer's Office 48 Court Street, Canton, NY 13617
  - NOTE for PAID RECEIPT:

If you wish to receive a receipt for a tax payment, please check the appropriate box on your tax bill. **Receipts will no longer be automatically mailed.** 

# Matthew Daley, Elementary Principal

As I write this letter, August is in full swing and our communities have enjoyed a multitude of social gatherings and events. I hope this letter finds all district families doing well and enjoying the remaining days of summer.

If you have visited our school recently, you will have noticed that our building has been undergoing a facelift. The purpose of this most recent construction project is to update, enhance, and increase the safety of our students, staff, and visitors. Our custodial staff has also added badly needed color to the halls of our elementary building. We believe this color enhancement is much more "kid friendly" and less "institutional" in appearance. Patty VanPatten has also lended her artistic talents to our walls by adding a beautiful mural in our foyer. Thanks to all for their hard work and dedication. The kids will certainly appreciate it.

We are in year two with our new security doors in the elementary office. As before, when picking up your child for an appointment, he/she will be delivered to you in the reception area, eliminating the need to enter the building and stand in line. This procedure will allow us to better monitor traffic in and out of the building, increasing safety while reducing the chance of a catastrophic event.

If you are dropping your child off prior to the beginning of the school day, we ask you please to drop them off with me at the bus stop or walk them to the front door. I will have teachers available on the first day to accompany students to their classrooms. We are trying to eliminate escorting of children to their classrooms by parents as it could potentially cause a security risk. I thank you in advance for your understanding.

Our building has also seen some personnel changes over the summer. Committees have been busy filling vacancies and adding needed support staff. We are sad to announce that Meghan McGee, one of our UPK teachers, has relocated to the Rochester area. Meghan was a valued member of our staff and will be sorely missed. We wish her the best of luck with her new marriage and all her future endeavors. We are happy to announce that Meghan's replacement will be Susan Toshack. Susan brings numerous talents to our school. We welcome her to the staff and expect great things as she settles into her new position as a third grade teacher. Mrs. Laura Parmeter will be moving from third grade back to her roots as a special education teacher assigned to Kindergarten and first grade. Katie Jo Thomas will spend the second year of her tenure with us filling the UPK vacancy.

Our annual Open House/ Curriculum Night will be Thursday, September 21st. A schedule detailing the evening's events should arrive home prior to the completion of the first week of school. I always look forward to reconnecting with with old friends and meeting new families who have chosen the Madrid-Waddington communities to raise their families.

We will also be welcoming families of incoming UPK and KIndergarten students for an orientation on Thursday, August 31st @ 1:00. More information to follow.

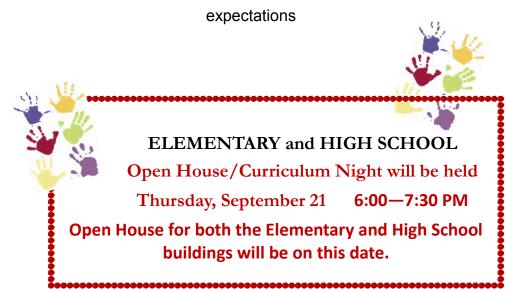
As always, it has been an honor working with families who prioritize their children's education. We will continue to work diligently to create an atmosphere that encourages cooperation, character, and academic excellence. We will continue to adhere to state and federal guidelines while providing a sound educational program that allows for imaginative learning and the creation of friendships that will last a lifetime. The summer months spent in the elementary building always gives me an opportunity to reflect on the previous year's accomplishments while, at the same time, plan for challenges ahead. I look forward to the return of our students in September. They are truly the "fuel" that pushes our school forward.



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UPK and Kindergarten Orientation will be on Thursday, August 31, 2017 1:00—2:00 PM

You are invited to bring your child to school to meet their teacher and see their classroom. A school bus will be here at the entry to assist your child in becoming acquainted with bus protocol and



### **UPK NEWS**

Madrid-Waddington Central School District is pleased to announce that there are openings in its Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program (UPK) for the Fall of 2017 for district residents. The Universal Pre-Kindergarten session will represent two and one-half hours of instruction and socialization skills for students who will be four (4) years old on or before December 1, 2017. This program follows the academic school calendar year. If you are interested in having your child participate in this program, please call the school at 322-5746, ext. 201 Elementary Office or ext. 221 District Office, to receive an application packet.

You must be a resident of the Madrid-Waddington School District to attend.

#### **Elementary Parents**

If you plan to have your child get on or off the bus at a location other than your home on a regular basis, you must notify the school <u>in writing</u> no later than August 25th. This is important since bus routes will be set up at this time. Please call 322-5746, ext. 201 for instructions. Thank you.

#### **ELEMENTARY POLICY**

How a student is to be bussed to/from school **MUST BE IN WRITING FROM PARENT/GUARDIAN**. These requests must be DATED and SIGNED so there is <u>no mistake</u> about when the student is to take a different bus.

ONLY IN AN EMERGENCY can the school take a telephone request for a bus change.

THIS POLICY IS FOR THE PROTECTION OF YOUR CHILD

The Elementary Main Office is staffed 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. If you need to contact the Office concerning emergency changes for the afternoon bus transportation of your elementary student, please call 322-5746, ext. 201 <u>before</u> 2:00 PM.

To contact the Bus Garage, call 322-5746, ext. 401.

## STUDENT ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE—both High School and Ele-

mentary students—Parents are reminded on days when a student is absent to please send a written excuse to the student's homeroom teacher the day the student returns to school, stating the reason for the absence. It is also requested that you please try to schedule appointments such as medical, dental, etc., around school exam days if at all possible. Thank you.

The School Nurse will contact parent/guardian after two days absence of your student.

See our website <u>www.mwcsk12.org</u>

for a sample excuse form

CEEB Code used for financial aid or for use on college applications: 332970 Education Law requires that the students enrolled in the schools of this District attend school on every school day unless legally excused. The educational program offered by this District is predicated upon the presence of the student and requires continuity of instruction and classroom participation. The regular contact of students with one another in the classroom and their participation in a well planned instructional activity under the tutelage of a competent teacher are vital to this purpose. Absences other than excused absences as defined by State regulations have a highly adverse effect on the student, as well as the entire educational program. Therefore, the Board of Education urges all parents to make every effort for their children to be in attendance.

Based upon our District's education and community needs, values and priorities, the School District has determined that absences, tardiness and early departures will be considered excused or unexcused according to the following standards:

**Excused Absence**: An absence, tardiness or early departure may be excused if due to personal illness, illness or death in the family, impassable roads due to inclement weather, religious observance, quarantine, required court appearances, attendance at health clinics, approved college visits, approved cooperative work programs, military obligations, road tests, learner's permit, or other such reasons as may be approved by the Board of Education.

**Unexcused Absence:** An absence, tardiness or early departure is considered unexcused if the reason for the lack of attendance does not fall into the above categories (e.g. family vacation, hunting, babysitting, hair cut, oversleeping)

## GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS - by Sabrina Pribek-Britton and Toni Siddon

# IMPORTANT DATES FOR SENIORS WHO ARE COLLEGE-BOUND

Seniors should be aware of some important deadlines that can impact the college application process. The college entrance exams (ACT and SAT) have specific registration deadlines. For the **ACT**, students can complete registration materials online at <u>www.actstudent.org</u>. For the **SAT**, registration information can be found at <u>www.collegeboard.com</u>. Please keep in mind that there is a charge to take these exams. If your family meets certain income guidelines, you may be eligible to receive a fee waiver. In addition, some students who participate in STEP may be eligible for a fee waiver through those programs. The Guidance Office has information about the fee waivers if you have questions. Almost all four-year colleges, and many two-year colleges require an SAT or an ACT. Many scholarship applications also require these scores. SAT and ACT Test deadlines may be found on the websites listed above or by calling the Guidance Office at 322-5746, ext. 218.

Students planning to apply to a college as an early decision candidate, or any student applying for scholarships must also pay close attention to deadlines. If you are going to be requesting a letter of recommendation from a teacher, be sure to ask them early. If you wait until the last minute, it is usually impossible for teachers to accommodate your request, and it isn't really fair to them.

Students who plan to apply to college are encouraged to do so by Thanksgiving vacation and NO LATER than mid-December (prior to Christmas vacation).

## GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS — by Sabrina Pribek-Britton and Toni Siddon

As a reminder to students and parents, Guidance Office staff are as follows: Phone: 322-5746, ext. 218

STAFF MEMBER STU	JDENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR:	
Mrs. Toni Siddon	Grades 6-12 (Last names beginning with A—L)	
Mrs. Sabrina Pribek-Britton	Grades 6-12 (Last names beginning with M—Z)	
Mrs. Jodi Fox	Guidance Secretary, Grades 6-12	

#### **INFORMATION FOR SENIORS**

#### Guidance meeting with each Senior

Mrs. Pribek-Britton or Mrs. Siddon will be meeting with each senior in the fall to review graduation requirements and to assist students in their planning for post high school options. *Parents who are interested in participating in these senior meetings should contact the Guidance Office at 322-5746, ext. 218, to schedule an appointment time.* Meetings usually begin in the third week of September as the first couple weeks of the school year are generally quite busy with schedule adjustments, new student enrollments, and other tasks related to the beginning of the school year. Seniors with questions about the college application process, or issues related to the senior year, are encouraged to check with our office at any time. You need not wait until your individual conference is scheduled!

## CSE OFFICE Committee on Special Education Mrs. Toni Siddon, CSE Chairperson tsiddon@mwcsk12.org Diana Cryderman, CSE Secretary 322-5746, ext. 217

#### **PSAT INFORMATION FOR JUNIORS**

Juniors will have the opportunity to take the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) - date to be announced. The PSAT gives students the opportunity to practice for the SAT I test. It contains two verbal sections, two mathematical sections, and one writing skills section. Total testing time is two hours and ten minutes. Juniors will receive more detailed information about this exam in late September and will be able to signup to take it if they choose. There is a fee for the test per student– please contact Guidance Office to inquire about the fee amount. Fee waivers are available for students who fall into specific income eligibility categories.

#### SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Guidance Office has compiled a list of scholarships available to our students on the Madrid-Waddington Central School website: <a href="http://www.mwcsk12.org">ww.mwcsk12.org</a> Click on **Directory**, and in the dropdown menu, choose **Guidance**. You will find a link on this page to access scholarship information.

This website is updated on a regular basis. Please refer to this site often to obtain information about scholarship eligibility and deadlines. Some scholarships can be applied for online. Others require applications which are available in the Guidance Office. The Guidance Office maintains a scholarship file outside Mrs. Higgins' office. Students are responsible for picking up application materials for those scholarships they wish to apply for.

Please be aware that there are usually more scholarships available during the second semester of the school year.

## New students in the MWCS District

may contact Patricia Bogart in the District Office to enroll during the month of August. Please call 322-5746, ext. 221 to make arrangements to complete enrollment documents.

You may also pre-register online and print out the required forms on the District's website <u>www.mwcsk12.org</u>, click on <u>District</u> and scroll down

to Student Pre-Registration Once

completed, please call Ms. Bogart for an appointment to enroll.

# CLASS SCHEDULE CHANGES

CAN BE MADE IN THE GUIDANCE OFFICE 322-5746, ext. 218 Please visit Guidance Office AUGUST 28 & 29, 2017 9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM



Sixth Graders Sixth Grade Orientation August 31, 2017 1:00 PM Information will be mailed home.

#### **ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) INFORMATION**

Students who have enrolled in Advanced Placement Courses must pay a fee to take the AP exams in May 2018. There is a fee per exam—Contact Guidance Office to confirm cost. Test fees are due in March 2018.

Parents/Guardians will receive notification about required test fees, and payment plans once school is in session. Fee reductions are available to families who meet the necessary income guidelines.

Students who plan to apply to college are encouraged to do so by Thanksgiving vacation, and NO LATER than mid-December (prior to Christmas vacation)



#### **HIGHER EDUCATION NIGHT—COLLEGE DAY**

On October 3rd, Higher Education Night will take place at the Augsbury Physical Education Complex at St. Lawrence University. Many college and military representatives will be available to answer questions and provide information on post graduate opportunities. Parents and all high school students are encouraged to attend this event. Please feel free to contact the Guidance Office if you would like more information.

The same representatives who will attend Higher Education Night will also be at OFA during the morning. Seniors from Madrid-Waddington will have the opportunity to sign up for the College Day at OFA. A bus will be provided so that seniors may attend.

A reminder to Juniors and Seniors--throughout the fall, many college representatives visit our school to speak with students. Listen to announcements or check the bulletin board in the guidance office to find out what colleges will be sending representatives. Be sure to sign up if you have an interest in learning more about a particular college.

## CAFETERIA NOTES.....

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Research has proven that breakfast and lunch participation play an important role in a student's academic achievement. Given the current difficult economic times, I believe it is important to inform families about the continued value of the school lunch/breakfast program. The school meal still represents a cost effective manner to provide healthy, nutritional meals for your children. All school meals comply with state and federal guidelines. Families can be assured that student meals meet the necessary food groups and caloric intake.

An average student spends approximately \$10.00 a week for meals in the school cafeteria. This would be in place of a bag lunch or breakfast prepared at home. While some families may prefer the latter, it is important to note the savings options that are available through the District.

The **MySchoolBucks** on-line payment system allows for monthly budgeting of meal payments. This system has remained up and running during the summer allowing families to make regular deposits to the meal program spread throughout the entire twelve months rather than just the academic year from September to June. Parents/Guardians are also able to monitor daily student spending and meals from their home computer.

The federal **2017-18 Free and Reduced Meal Program (see pages 10-14 for information and application)** is also designated to assist families with the cost of these school meals. The guidelines change annually so please review the eligibility scale and application included in this newsletter to see if your family is able to possibly receive these benefits. Many District students who are eligible do not take advantage of this financial assistance. They are needlessly paying money or going without meals. There is no longer any identification card attached to participating in this program. Students utilize their School ID number when progressing through the cafeteria line, so confidentiality is always maintained. I am available to assist with the completion of the eligibility application if necessary.

Feel free to call me at school if you have any questions regarding the school lunch/breakfast program.

Stephen Adams, School Lunch Manager 322-5746, ext. 230



2017-2018 Breakfast and Lunch

Milk \$.50 Breakfast K-12 \$1.25 ~NEW PRICES ~ Grs K-5 Lunch \$2.10 Grs 6-12 Lunch \$2.25 Adult Lunch

\$3.62



#### AFFORDABLE OPTION.....

Fill out the Free & Reduced Lunch Application found on page 13—even if you are unsure you qualify ~ Your child will be able to receive a free or reduced price at 25 cents versus the regular price charged (Breakfast \$1.25; \$2.10 elementary or \$2.25 middle/high school). Confidentiality is maintained as students use an ID Card code to proceed through the cashier. If you need assistance completing the application, please contact School Lunch Manager, Mr. Adams at 322-5746, ext. 230 for advice and assistance.

#### MySchoolBucks.com — an On-Line Payment System

To access the **MySchoolBucks.com** on-line payment system referenced above, follow these steps:

- 1. Go to the District website at www.mwcsk12.org
- 2. Click on the Cafeteria link

3. Click on the **MySchoolBucks.com** link in center of this page. From this site you will create your account and add money to your child's account. A **Troubleshooting Guide** is also available on the Cafeteria page, just below the **MySchoolBucks.com** link. Please feel free to call Mr. Adams if you have questions concerning this payment system at 322-5746, ext. 230.

#### Dear Parent/Guardian,

Children need healthy meals to learn. Madrid-Waddington Central offers healthy meals every school day. **Breakfast costs \$1.25; K-5 Lunch is \$2.10; 6-12 Lunch is \$2.25.** Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Reduced price meals cost each eligible student **\$.25** for lunch and **\$.25** for breakfast. To apply for free or reduced price meals, submit a Direct Certification letter form the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance **OR** complete the enclosed application, sign it, and return it to **Mr. Eric Burke**, **Superintendent**, as soon as possible. Please refer to the guidelines contained in this letter when completing the application.

- Do I need to fill out an application for each child? No. Complete one application for all family members to apply for free or reduced price meals. Use one Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. Return completed application to: Stephen Adams Madrid-Waddington CSD, P.O. Box 67, Madrid, NY 13660 Questions: (315) 322-5746, ext. 230 or sadams@mwcsk12.org
- 2. Who can get free meals? All children in households receiving benefits from SNAP, the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations or TANF can get free meals regardless of your income. Also, your children can get free meals if your household income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Guidelines.
- **3. Can foster children get free meals?** Yes, foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court, are eligible for free meals. Any foster child in the household is eligible for free meals regardless of income.
- 4. Can homeless, runaway and migrant children get free meals? Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant qualify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or email Toni Siddon, 322-5746, ext. 214, or tsiddon@mwcsk12.org to see if your child(ren) qualify.
- 5. Who can get reduced price meals? Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced price limits on the Federal Income Chart, shown in this letter.
- 6. Should I fill out an application if I received a letter this school year saying my children are approved for free or reduced price meals? Please read the letter you received carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at 322-5746, ext. 230 if you have questions.
- 7. My child's application was approved last year, do I need to fill out another one? Yes. Your child's application is only good for LAST school year and for the first few days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school has informed you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
- 8. I receive WIC, can my child(ren) get free meals? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. <u>Please fill out an application</u>. Applications available in District Office or online at <u>www.mwcsk12.org</u>; click on <u>PUBLIC FORMS</u>: scroll to Free or Reduced Lunch and click.
- 9. Will the information I give be checked? Yes, and we may also ask you to send written proof.
- **10. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later?** Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start getting Food Stamps, TANF or other benefits. If you lose your job, your children may be able to get free or reduced price meals.
- 11. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application? You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: Eric Burke, Superintendent, MWCS, P.O. Box 67, Madrid, NY 13660. Call 315-322-5746 or email <u>eburke@mwcsk12.org</u>
- **12. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?** Yes, you or your child(ren) do not have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify for free or reduced price meals.
- 13. Who should I include as members of my household? You must include all people living in your household, related or not (such as grandparents, relatives, or friends). You must include yourself and all children who live with you. If you live with other people who are economically independent (for example, people who you do not support, who do not share income with you or your children, and who pay a pro-rated share of expenses), do not include them.
- 14. What if my income is not always the same? List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it; but not if you only work overtime sometimes. If you have lost a job or had your hours or wages reduced, use your current income.

- **15. We are in the military. Do we include our housing allowance as income?** If you get an off-base housing allowance, it must be included as income. However, if your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income.
- 16. My spouse is deployed to a combat zone. Is his/her combat pay counted as income? No, if the combat pay is received in addition to basic pay because of deployment and it wasn't received before he/she was deployed, combat pay is not counted as income. Contact your school for more information.
- 17. My family needs more help. Are there other programs we might apply for? To find out how to apply for SNAP or other assistance benefits, contact your local St. Lawrence County assistance office or call 1-800-342-3009.

<u>Income Chart</u>: The following chart lists income levels according to household size and income levels received either yearly, monthly or weekly. If your total household income is the same or less than the amounts on the Income Chart below, your children may be eligible to receive free or reduced price meals.

	INCOME CHART	Γ - Effective fron	n July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2	018	
Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every 2 weeks	Weekly
1	\$22,311	\$1,860	\$ 930	\$ 859	\$ 430
2	\$30,044	\$2,504	\$1,252	\$1,156	\$ 578
3	\$37,777	\$3,149	\$1,575	\$1,453	\$ 727
4	\$45,510	\$3,793	\$1,897	\$1,751	\$ 876
5	\$53,243	\$4,437	\$2,219	\$2,048	\$1,024
6	\$60,976	\$5,082	\$2,541	\$2,346	\$1,173
7	\$68,709	\$5,726	\$2,863	\$2,643	\$1,322
8	\$76,442	\$6,371	\$3,186	\$2,941	\$1,471
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member add	. +7,733	+\$ 645	+\$ 323	+\$ 298	+\$ 149

#### Reduced Price Eligibility Scale

<u>How to Apply</u>: To get free or reduced price meals for your children you may submit a Direct Certification letter received from the NYS Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, OR carefully complete one application for your household and return it to the designated office. If you now receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) for any children, or participate in the food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR), the application must include the children's names, the household food stamp, TANF or FDPIR case number and the signature of an adult household member. All children should be listed on the same application. If you do not list a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR case number for all the children for whom you are applying, the applications must include the names of everyone in the household, the amount of income each member and how often it is received and where it comes from. It must include the signature of an adult household member and that adult's social security number, or the word "none" if the adult does not have a social security number. An application that is not complete cannot be approved. Contact your local Dept of Social Services for your SNAP or TANF case number, or complete the income portion of the application.

<u>Reporting Changes:</u> The benefits that you are approved for at the time of application are effective for the entire school year. You no longer need to report changes for an increase in income or decrease in household size, or if you no longer receive SNAP.

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.

Eric Burke, Superintendent of Schools contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

<u>Meal Service to Children With Disabilities</u>: Federal regulations require schools and institutions to serve meals at no extra charge to children with a disability that may restrict their diet. A student with a disability is defined in 7CFR Part 15b.3 of Federal regulations, as one who has a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities. Major life activities are defined to include functions such as caring for oneself, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, and working. You must request the special meals from the school and provide the school with medical certification from a medical doctor. If you believe your child needs substitutions because of a disability, please get in touch with us for further information, as there is specific information that the medical certification must contain.

<u>Confidentiality</u>: The United States Department of Agriculture has approved the release of students' names and eligibility status, without parent/guardian consent, to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement of federal education programs such as Title I and the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), which are United States Department of Education programs used to determine areas such as the allocation of funds to schools, to evaluate socio-economic status of the school's attendance area, and to assess educational progress. Information may also be released to State health or State education programs administered by the State agency or local education agency, provided the State or local education agency administers the program, and federal State or local nutrition programs similar to the National School Lunch Program. Additionally, *all* information contained in the free and reduced price application may be released to persons directly connected with the administration or enforcement or programs authorized under the National School Lunch Act (NSLA) or Child Nutrition Act (CNA); including the National School Lunch and School Breakfast Programs, the Special Milk Program, the Child and Adult Care Food Program, Summer Food Service Program and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC); the Comptroller General of the United States for audit purposes, and federal, State or local law enforcement officials investigating alleged violation of the programs under the NSLA or CAN.

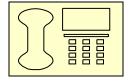
The disclosure of eligibility information not specifically authorized by the NSLA requires a written consent statement from the parent/guardian. We will let you know when your application is approved or denied.

Eric Burke, Superintendent of Schools



## DISTRICT CONTACT INFORMATION Phone: 322-5746

Elementary Main Office	Ext 201	Fax #: 322-0030
High School Main Office	.Ext 200	Fax #: 322-4462
Guidance Office	.Ext 218	Fax #: 322-5769
CSE Office	Ext 217	Fax #: 322-5861
School Lunch Manager	.Ext 230	Fax #: 322-4462
Bus Garage	322-5723 or 322-5	746, ext. 401
Superintendent's Office	Ext 221	Fax #: 322-4462



Date Withdrew\_

Attachment Va F R D

#### 2017-2018 Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals/Milk

To apply for free and reduced price meals for your children, read the instructions on the back, complete **only one** form for your household, sign your name and **return it to the address listed below.** 

#### **Return Completed Applications to:**

Madrid-Waddington Central School

1. List all children in your household who attend school:

Student Name	School	Grade/Teacher	Foster Child	Homeless Migrant, Runaway

#### 2. SNAP/TANF/FDPIR Benefits:

If anyone in your household receives either SNAP, TANF or FDPIR benefits, list their name and CASE # here. Skip to Part 4, and sign the application.

Name:	CASE #:

3. Report all income for ALL Household Members (Skip this step if you answered 'yes' to step 2)

#### All Household Members (including yourself and all children that have income).

List all Household members not listed in Step 1 (including yourself) even if they do not receive income. For each Household Member listed, if they do receive income, report total income for each source in whole dollars only. If they do not receive income from any other source, write '0'. If you enter '0' or leave any fields blank, you are certifying (promising) that there is no income to report.

Name of household member	Earnings from work before deductions Amount / How Often	Child Support, Alimony Amount / How Often	Pensions, Retirement Payments Amount / How Often	Other Income, Social Security Amount / How Often	No Income
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Total Household Members (Children and Adults)

\*Last Four Digits of Social Security Number: XXX-XX-\_\_\_

\*When completing section 3, an adult household member must provide the last four digits of their Social Security Number (SS#), or mark the "I do not have a SS# box" before the application can be approved.

4. Signature: An adult household member must sign this application before it can be approved. I certify (promise) that all the information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the information is being given so the school will get federal funds; the school officials may verify the information and if I purposely give false information, I may be prosecuted under applicable State and federal laws, and my children may lose meal benefits.

Signature.		Date.	
Email Address:			
Home Phone:	Work Phone:	Home	Address:

5. Ethnicity and Race are optional; responding to this section does not affect your children's eligibility for free or reduced price meals.

Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

Race: Camerican Indian or Alaskan Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Island White

Annual Income Conversion (Only conver Weekly X 52; Every Two Weeks		
SNAP/TANF/Foster           Income Household: Total Household Income/How Often:	1	Household Size:
Free Meals   Reduced Price Meals	Denied/Paid	
Signature of Reviewing Official		Date Notice Sent:

#### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for free and reduced price meals, complete only one application for your household using the instructions below. Sign the application and return the application to \_\_\_\_\_\_.

If you have a foster child in your household, you may include them on your application. A separate application is no longer needed. Call the school if you need help: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Ensure that all information is provided. Failure to do so may result in denial of benefits for your child or unnecessary delay in approving your application.

## PART 1 ALL HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE STUDENT INFORMATION. DO NOT FILL OUT MORE THAN ONE APPLICATION FOR YOUR HOUSEHOLD.

- (1) Print the names of the children, including foster children, for whom you are applying on one application.
- (2) List their grade and school.
- (3) Check the box to indicate a foster child living in your household, or if you believe any child meets the description for homeless, migrant, runaway (a school staff will confirm this eligibility).

#### PART 2 HOUSEHOLDS GETTING SNAP, TANF OR FDPIR SHOULD COMPLETE PART 2 AND SIGN PART 4.

- List a current SNAP, TANF or FDPIR (Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations) case number of anyone living in your household. The case number is provided on your benefit letter.
- (2) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4. SKIP PART 3. Do not list names of household members or income if you list a SNAP case number, TANF or FDPIR number.

#### PART 3 ALL OTHER HOUSEHOLDS MUST COMPLETE THESE PARTS AND ALL OF PART 4.

- (1) Write the names of everyone in your household, whether or not they get income. Include yourself, the children you are applying for, all other children, your spouse, grandparents, and other related and unrelated people in your household. Use another piece of paper if you need more space.
- (2) Write the amount of current income each household member receives, before taxes or anything else is taken out, and indicate where it came from, such as earnings, welfare, pensions and other income. If the current income was more or less than usual, write that person's usual income. Specify how often this income amount is received: weekly, every other week (bi-weekly), 2 x per month, monthly. If no income, check the box. 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 and Development Block Grant, TANF and At Risk Child Care Programs should not be considered as income for this program.
- (3) Enter the total number of household members in the box provided. This number should include all adults and children in the household and should reflect the members listed in PART 1 and PART 3.
- (4) The application must include the last four digits only of the social security number of the adult who signs PART 4 if Part 3 is completed. If the adult does not have a social security number, check the box. If you listed a SNAP, TANF or FDPIR number, a social security number is not needed.
   (5) An adult household member must sign the application in PART 4.

OTHER BENEFITS: Your child may be eligible for benefits such as Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). To determine if your child is eligible, program officials need information from your free and reduced price meal application. Your written consent is required before any information may be released. Please refer to the attached parent Disclosure Letter and Consent Statement for information about other benefits.

#### USE OF INFORMATION STATEMENT

Use of Information Statement: The Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act requires the information on this application. You do not have to give the information, but if you do not submit all needed information, we cannot approve your child for free or reduced price meals. You must include the last four digits of the social security number of the primary wage earner or other adult household member who signs the application. The social security number is not required when you apply on behalf of a foster child or you list a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (FDPIR) case number or other FDPIR identifier for your child or when you indicate that the adult household member signing the application does not have a social security number. We will use your information to determine if your child is eligible for free or reduced price meals, and for administration and enforcement of the lunch and breakfast programs.

We may share your eligibility information with education, health, and nutrition programs to help them evaluate, fund, or determine benefits for their programs, auditors for program reviews, and law enforcement officials to help them look into violations of program rules.

#### DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINTS

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deal, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the <u>USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form</u>, (AD-3027) found online at: <u>http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\_filing\_cust.html</u>, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights 1400 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.





Call 322-5746, ext. 201 or 221 to pick up or be mailed a list.

#### Please visit our school website at <u>www.mwcsk12.org</u> to view:

- This "Back to School" newsletter can be viewed in color on our website under the <u>District</u> tab; click on <u>District Newsletters</u>
- Athletics Calendar under the <u>High School</u> tab; click on <u>Athletics</u>
- Updated notifications on the District's Facebook page

The following forms are available to the public online at this web address:

#### http://www.mwcsk12.org/forms-public.html

- ~ Building Use Form—to be completed by organizations or individuals wishing to use the school building for an activity
- ~ School Tool Access Form for Parents/Guardians—gives parents/guardians access to student grades





## FALL SPORT'S SEASON

Bryan Harmer, Athletic Director

JV and Varsity Soccer Teams will begin practice

on Monday, August 14-Check with your child's coach or on

the Athletics Calendar located on the Athletics webpage (located under the High School tab).

MODIFIED TEAMS begin practice on Monday, August 21

GIRLS MODIFIED SOCCER begin practice on Tuesday, August 22

All players should come to practice properly equipped with water, cleats, shin guards and all required medical history forms. You will not be allowed to play without the required forms.

### Fall Coaches

Girls Varsity Soccer—Justin RichardsBoysGirls JV Soccer—Tim DashnawBoysGirls Modified Soccer—Buffy GabriBoysGirls Varsity Volleyball—Troy CreurerGirlsGirls JV Volleyball—Brittany Liggio and Joanne Deleel

Boys Varsity Soccer—Ryan Robinson Boys JV Soccer—Quin Shoen Boys Modified Soccer—Dave Bailey Girls Modified Volleyball—Meghan Gabri

## High School News— Mr. Joseph Binion, Jr-Sr Principal

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year. It is great to see teachers and students begin trickling into the building to prepare their rooms, and to start the fall sports season. The building has been under construction again this summer, with several noticeable changes taking place.

The custodial and maintenance staff have been working hard to get the building ready for the first day of school. A great deal of their effort has gone towards painting. Throughout the elementary and junior high school wings, you will notice many new and vibrant colors filling the hallways. The high school cafeteria also got a fresh new coat of paint to go along with the new floor that was put in as part of the building project.

Teachers have also been here preparing their rooms and to continue their education at several different professional development sessions. One of these sessions was to prepare for our new 8th grade technology curriculum. For their middle school technology requirement, our 8th grade students will be complete a LEGO Robotics STEM course for 20 weeks during the fall or spring semester.

We also have several faculty changes to announce for this year. Help me in welcoming the following to the Madrid-Waddington school community: Mr. Theodore Schulz is our new high school Special Education teacher, Miss Meghan Gabri will be filling in for Mrs. Cerne as a long term substitute for the year, and last, but not least, Mrs. Megan St. Thomas is our new high school secretary.

The Guidance Department has been working to balance schedules and provide our students with all of the classes they wanted to take. We are excited to announce some new courses in the high school and junior high school. In the high school we are offering an AP Calculus course, and in the junior high school, the students will have a math and writing lab built into their schedules. The AP Calculus class will help prepare our students wanting to pursue a career in math after high school, and the math and writing labs will prepare students for the rigours of high school.

One additional change for this year is that there will no longer be any homerooms for students. Students will now report directly to their 1st period class for announcements and daily attendance. Here is the updated daily student schedule:

7:35 Buses	Unload	10:41-11:26	Period 5: Lunch Grades 9-12 (10:41-11:11)
7:45 Morni	ng Bell: Report to 1st Period	11:11-11:56	Period 6: Lunch Grades 6-8 (11:26-11:56)
7:48-8:29	Period 1	11:59-12:40	Period 7
8:32-9:13	Period 2	12:43-1:24	Period 8
9:16-9:57	Period 3	1:27-2:08	Period 9
10:00-10:41	Period 4	2:08	Early Dismissal for grades 6-12
		2:08-2:50	Period 10

Just a reminder that the 6th Grade Orientation for students and parents will take place on August 31st from 1:00-2:15 PM in the auditorium. Students and parents are asked to arrive between 12:45-1:00.

I will see you very soon. I hope everyone is as excited as I am to start the new year.

# SCHOOL BUS ROUTES/RULES

#### **Bus Routes**

This fall the bus routes for the district will mostly remain the same as last year. If you are new in the area, please check with a neighbor to determine an approximate time of bus arrival. It is a good idea to be ready a little early the first few days until bus routes are established. All buses are to arrive at the high school by 7:35 a.m. and at the elementary school by 8:40 a.m.

High School students are <u>not</u> allowed to ride the elementary bus runs without prior office approval.



If you are new in the area, please check with a neighbor to determine an approximate time of bus arrival, or call 322-5746,

Ext. 401



#### **School Bus Behavior**

It is a student's responsibility to behave while riding on a bus. Bus drivers have the same degree of authority on the bus as teachers have in a classroom. You must not interfere with the safe and comfortable transportation of other students.

Inappropriate behavior, such as fighting, objectionable language or other behavior problems may result in losing your privilege to ride on the school bus.

#### Parking - Safety Committee Regulations

For the safety of students and staff, please be advised that the following parking regulations are in effect:

- 1. Parking in the lane directly in front of both buildings is prohibited. These are fire lanes and must be kept clear at all times by law. Pick-up and drop off only!
- 2. Please remember to park in district designated parking areas when attending events. Parking on the south end (Madrid side) of building will be restricted to pavement and designated areas.
- 3. Parking will <u>not</u> be allowed behind the building for sporting events.
- 4. Unsafe student driving practices may result in loss of privileges.

#### **BUS RULES**

- 1. Keep hands and feet to yourself.
- 2. Never throw anything out the window
- 3. Don't push or shove.
- 4. Stay in your seat until the bus stops.
- 5. Don't yell or shout.
- 6. Always obey the driver
- 7. Wait for the driver's signal before crossing road

#### STUDENT DRIVERS

Secondary students who drive to school must leave home early enough to arrive for 1st period at 7:45 A.M.

Check in at High School

Main Office if you arrive late.

#### NOTICE:

High School Students who enter the building prior to 7:35 AM will remain in the Lobby areas until 7:35 AM. Students are not to be in classrooms unsupervised.

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During the course of the school year, emergencies may cause school to be closed or delayed. In the event that weather conditions appear that this might happen, you are encouraged to tune in to the following radio and/or TV stations.

## WPDM Potsdam; WMSA & WYBG Massena; WSLB, WNCQ Ogdensburg; WSLU Canton;

## News 10 Now Syracuse; WWNY TV and WWTI TV in Watertown.

Also, please check the school website: <u>www.mwcsk12.org</u> or

our **Facebook** page for cancellation notices. We are also adding a new notification system called "One Call Now". Please refer to page 20 for more information.

Also in the event school should be dismissed early due to emergency conditions, please listen to these stations. Parents of elementary children are encouraged to have pre-planned arrangements for their children. Please discuss these arrangements with your child and if it should be other than where they would normally go, let the school

know also. IN THE EVENT OF AN EARLY DISMISSAL, HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED FIRST (TO BE HOME FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN).



The complete <u>Student Handbook</u> is available on our school webpage at <u>http://www.mwcsk12.org/highschool/studenthandbk.htm</u>

Visit our web site for more information and news updates. <u>www.mwcsk12.org</u>

**VISION.....** The Madrid-Waddington Central School, in partnership with home and community, within a safe environment of empathy, compassion and respect, commits to maximizing each student's achievement in all domains regardless of learning style of ability.

## MISSION

Madrid-Waddington Central School District, with the intent to allow all students to meet or exceed standards, will:

- Embrace challenges
- Resolve problems
- Provide varied opportunities to all students
- Promote global, national and local citizenship
- Develop collaborative and communicative skills
- Prepare students for productive employment and lifelong learning
- Accept the responsibility to set and monitor attainable goals for staff and students

HEALTH OFFICE NOTES... Amber Murphy, R.N., School Nurse 322-5746, ext. 203

Keep a good record of your children's immunizations. No student will be admitted to any New York State school without proper immunization or a statement from a physician stating the reason for exemption from immunizations. Call our School Nurse, Amber Murphy, R.N. with questions: 322-5746, ext. 203

<u>New Kindergarten Students</u> A reminder that all immunization records need to be up-to-date and filed in the Nurse's office. Call offices listed below for an available date.

#### **NEW REQUIREMENTS:**

Grades K—2: (2) MMR and two (2) Varicella Grades 6—8: (2) Varicella Grade 7: (1) Meningococcal Grade 12: (2) Meningococcal or (1) if 1st dose was received at 16 yrs or older

> St. Lawrence County Public Health Immunization Clinics All clinics are by appointment only—Call for appointment at 386-2325 Beginning October 1, 2014 all immunization clinics will be held in the Canton office location at 80 State Highway 310, 2nd Floor, Canton, NY

EDUCATION LAW § 903 requires students to furnish a health certificate for students upon entry into school, or upon entry into grades K, 2, 4, 7 and 10. Chapter 281 of the Laws of 2007 amended § 903 to require school districts to request dental health certificates upon a student's entrance into school, or upon entry into grades K, 2, 4, 7 and 10. Failure to provide such a dental certificate does <u>not</u> preclude a student's attendance at school. Parents or guardians will receive notification from the school with information on how to request the dental health certificate and will provide a list of dentists, upon request, to which students who need dental examinations may be referred on a free or reduced basis.



**MEDICATIONS**—If a student needs to take a medication while in school, NYS law requires that the parent bring a written prescription by the doctor and that the medication be in the original container from the drug store. Parents must contact School Nurse, Mrs. Amber Murphy, 322-5746, ext. 203 if child is required to take medication during the school day.

### STUDENT INSURANCE

The Board of Education has purchased a student accident insurance policy to pay partial medical expenses if students are injured while participating in school sponsored activities. The policy is a non-duplicating one. This means if a family is covered by their own hospitalization plan, that their personal policy will provide first coverage. If there are expenses not covered by your personal policy or if there is no personal insurance, the student accident insurance will pay the maximum coverage allowable under its policy. Any difference will be the responsibility of the family. Mrs. Murphy, our School Nurse, is responsible for handling all medical claims for the student insurance program.

#### **ONE CALL NOW**

Madrid-Waddington Central School District will be implementing the **One Call Now** Notification System for emergency and informational alerts.

The One Call Now System is able to send alerts using telephone calls, text messages, and emails. Parent/guardians of MWCS students will receive a notification based upon the contact information that is currently on file with the District in School Tool. If you need to update your information, please contact Lori MacIntosh at 322-5746, ext. 223 or email her at <u>Imacintosh@mwcsk12.org</u>

#### FAQ's

Question: How do I opt out of receiving a phone call?

**Answer:** While listening to a message on your phone, press the Star (\*) key to remove your phone number from the list. You may also use the <u>My Call Now Self-Update Portal</u> to manage your contact information.

Question: How do I get texts instead of calls:

**Answer:** By opting-In to text messaging, you will receive a text instead of a call when notifications happen. To opt-in: Text the word ALERT to 22300.

Question: Does my contact information get updated for the school if I use the One Call Now Self-Update link?

**Answer:** NO. You must also contact Lori MacIntosh, District Office at 322-5746, ext. 223 or <u>Imacintosh@mwcsk12.org</u> to update your child's Parent/Guardian contact info.

**ADDING CONTACTS**: If you would like to add additional telephone contacts, receive text messages or provide an email address for alerts, use the <u>My Call Now Self-Update Portal</u>. To register, you will need to use the telephone number and email address that is on file for your student.

#### **Opt Out of Text Messages and/or Emails:**

- At the bottom of an email message, click the "Opt Out" link to remove your email address from the notification list. This
  is an immediate opt out.
- To opt out from receiving a text message on your cell phone: Open a blank text message and in the recipient field type 22300; in the message field, type STOP and click send.

#### Messages will come from the following sources (to identify One Call Now messages):

PHONE: 877-698-3261 TEXT: 22300

If you have accidentally opted out from receiving notifications and would like to be reinstated,

email <u>pbogart@mwcsk12.org</u> and include your full name, student(s)' name(s) and the phone number or email you opted out with. The MWCS District utilizes mass email to communicate District emergency closings, delay or updates. Please be sure to include the <u>parent</u> email address(es) on the Student/Parent Contact Information sheet that will be coming home to you. Parents/Guardians of Grade 6-12 students will receive this form in a late summer mailing. Parents/Guardians of Elementary students will receive this form in early September—it will come home with your student.

The District newsletter can be obtained electronically by emailing your request to <a href="mailto:pbogart@mwcsk12.org">pbogart@mwcsk12.org</a>

## **VISITORS**

For security purposes, all doors to the building are locked after 8:30 AM. —Elementary and High School. We utilize a buzzer and intercom to allow you access to the buildings.

Visitors must report to the Main Office to sign in and receive a Visitor's pass. To insure student safety, parents or visitors are not permitted to go directly to a student's classroom. Student Information Reports on Grades 3-8 State Assessments are anticipated to be available via School Tool. September 1, 2017.

If you do not currently have access to your student's School Tool records, please contact the District Office to sign up for the Parent Portal. Call Patty Bogart at 322-5746, ext. 221 or email <u>pbogart@mwcsk12.org</u>

#### Paperless Progress Reports and Report Cards

We have had a great deal of success with the utilization of SchoolTool's online access for parents/guardians and we believe that sending electronic progress reports and report cards will expedite the process for parents/guardians to monitor their children's progress.

The transition to paperless report cards will continue with the 2017-18 school year. Essentially, parents/guardians will be notified via e-mail when progress reports and report cards are ready for viewing. You can simply log-in to your SchoolTool account to view.

Parents/guardians who do not have internet access may still submit a written request to our Guidance Department for progress reports and report cards to be mailed home.

If you are not yet registered in SchoolTool, you may access the SchoolTool Parent Portal by completing the registration form located on the District website under the Parent Information Page.



Specific instructions for viewing these reports will be e-mailed when reports are ready to view.

#### Dear Parent:

According to the federal legislation, Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), passed on December 10, 2015, as a Parent you are entitled to the following information with regard to the academic qualifications of your child's classroom teacher.

- Whether the teacher has met state qualification 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 qualification 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 of discipline of the certification or degree.
- Whether the child is provided services by paraprofessionals (teaching assistants) and, if so, their qualifications.

Please contact the District Office if you would like additional information.

Cordially, Eric Burke, Superintendent

#### Notification Regarding Use of Surveillance Cameras in School Buildings, School Buses and on School Grounds

The Board of Education recognizes its responsibility to promote and foster school safety and ensure a safe and effective learning environment. After having carefully considered and balanced the rights of privacy with the District's duty to promote discipline, health, welfare and safety of staff and students, as well as that of the general public who has occasion to use school facilities, the Board of Education supports the use of surveillance cameras in its schools, its buses and/or on school grounds. District surveillance cameras will only be utilized in public areas where there is no "reasonable expectation of privacy." Recordings may be shared with law enforcement officials in accordance with their official duties and/or as otherwise authorized by law. District Policy #5683—Adopted July 22, 2008

#### New York State Pest Management Plan-New Regulations

#### Statement of Pesticide use through the Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM) during a school year.

What is Integrated Pest Management?

IPM is an effective and environmentally sensitive approach to pest management that relies on a combination of common sense practices. IPM programs use current and comprehensive information on the life cycles of pests and their interactions with the environment. This information, in combination with available pest control methods is used to manage pest damage by the most economical means that pose the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment. <u>IPM programs take advantage of all pest management options possible</u> which include but are not limited to the judicious use of pesticides. Understanding pests' needs is essential in implementing IPM effective-ly. Pests seek habitats that provide basic needs such as air, moisture, food and shelter. Pest populations can be prevented or controlled by creating inhospitable environments, by removing some of the basic elements pests need to survive, or by simply blocking their access into buildings. In the event that these actions are not effective, IPM may require that pests be managed by other methods such as traps, vacuums, biological controls or pesticides. This notice is to inform you of the Integrated Pest Management Program of our school.

Schools are required to maintain a list of staff and parents who wish to receive forty-eight hour prior written notification of pesticide applications at relevant facilities, and procedures on how to register with the school to be on a list for notification.

To be placed on a list to receive 48-hour prior notice of pesticide application, please contact Craig Ashley, Head of Buildings and Grounds, at 322-5746 ext. 401

#### Asbestos Inspection

Madrid-Waddington School facilities have been inspected for both friable (crumbles easily) and nonfriable materials which contain asbestos. All friable asbestos has been removed from the District's buildings. Nonfriable asbestos materials were found in various areas in the buildings. These areas are both accessible and inaccessible to students and staff members. The situation <u>does not</u> pose a health risk at this time and we are carrying on periodic inspections to insure that there is no release of asbestos fibers. The record of the inspection, drawings showing the locations of the friable and nonfriable materials and a copy of the management plan are in the office of the Head of Buildings and Grounds and available for your inspection.



#### 2017-18 Board of Education Members

Row 1: Richard Hobkirk, Toby Bogart, Vice President; Tina Wilson Bush, Jordan Walker Row 2: Gerald Molnar, Andy Bracy; Matthew O'Bryan, President; Brian Hammond Missing from photo: Darcy Backus

#### FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS and PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

The FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS and PRIVACY ACT (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that Madrid-Waddington Central School, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, Madrid-Waddington Central may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary in accordance with District procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow this district to include this type of information from your child's education records in certain school publications. Examples include: A playbill showing your student's role in a drama production; annual yearbook; honor roll or other recognition lists; graduation programs; and sports activity sheets.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. In addition, two federal laws require location education agencies (LEA's) receiving assistance under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories-names, addresses and telephone listings- unless parents have advised the LEA that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior consent.<sup>1</sup>

If you do not want Madrid-Waddington Central School to disclose directory information from your child's education records without your prior written consent, you must notify the District in writing by September 15, 2017. Madrid-Waddington Central School designates the following information as directory information: (NOTE: an LEA may, but does not have to, include all the information listed below.)

- Student's name - Grade Level

- Major field of study - Date and place of birth

- Photograph

- Degrees, honors & awards - Participation in officially recognized activities & sports

- Address - Electronic mail address - Telephone
  - Weight & height of members of athletic teams
- Dates of attendance

- Most recent educational agency or institution attended

<sup>1</sup> These laws re: Section 9528 of the ESEA (20 U.S.C. 7908) as amended by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-110), the educational bill, and 10 U.S.C. 503, as amended by section 544, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (P.L. 107-107), the legislation that provided funding for th4e Nation's armed forces.

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Mail to:	Guidance Office	RE:	Reservation of Consent for the Release
	Madrid-Waddington Central School		of Certain School Information Under the
	P.O. Box 67		Every Student Succeeds Act
	Madrid, NY 13660		
Please DO	NOT release the name, address or telephone number	of	to the military recruiters, institu-
	-	-	(Print name of student above)
tions of high	gher learning or outside agencies. Do not include my	stuc	lent's photo or directory information in school publications.
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Pa	arent Signature		
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St	tudent Signature, if 18 years or older		

## MADRID-WADDINGTON SCHOOL CALENDAR

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April 10-17 – ELA 3-8 Testing April 23 – 27 – Spring Break

May 1-8 – Math 3-8 Testing May 23 – 31 - Science 4 & 8 May 28 - Memorial Day

August	2	February	15		
September	19	March	21		
October	21	April	16		
November	18	May	22		
December	15	June	16		
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Total Days	96	186 Day Cale	endar		

June 1 & 4 - Science 4 & 8 June 5, 12-21 - Regents Exams June 15 & 22 - Rating Days

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#### ACCIDENT INSURANCE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING A CLAIM – FULL EXCESS PLANS ONLY

The accident insurance plan is designed to cover all registered participants of the policyholder while they're engaged in policyholder sponsored and supervised activities. The plan will consider reimbursement for eligible expenses which are <u>not</u> payable by your healthcare plan or any other insurance plan providing reimbursement for medical expenses. Therefore, prior to filing a claim against the accident insurance policy, you must first file the claim with your own healthcare plan. Please observe the following claim filing procedures: (Please include the policy number on all correspondence to facilitate the handling of your claim)

- 1. Obtain a claim form from the sponsoring organization. Only one form is needed for each accident, regardless of the number of expenses incurred for the particular accident.
- Part I of the claim form should be completed and signed by an official from the sponsoring organization. Part I requests a description of how the accident occurred. Please check to see that a complete description is provided. For example, "Basketball" is not acceptable; however, "Twisted left ankle while playing basketball" is acceptable.
- 3. Part II of the claim form should be completed and signed by the claimant or the claimant's parent or guardian if claimant is a minor. All questions in Part II must be completed in order for the company to examine your claim. Please do not leave any questions blank. Part II includes the section entitled "Authorization to Release Information."
- 4. Itemized Bills must be submitted. Itemized Bills provide the dates of service, the procedure codes, the diagnosis and the charge(s). "Balance Due" bills are not acceptable because they do not provide all of the information needed to properly examine a claim.
- 5. When submitting charges for Physical Therapy, the itemized bill must be accompanied by the prescription and include the frequency and the duration of the treatment.
- 6. Submit copies of the Explanation of Benefits (EOB) statements from your own healthcare plan. The EOB's will show how much your healthcare plan paid for the services rendered and the amount which is your responsibility. There should be an EOB for each Itemized Bill you have submitted for reimbursement.
- 7. Mail or email the fully completed claim form, each Itemized Bill (and the prescription, if applicable) and the corresponding EOB to the following address: (Please include the Policy Number on all correspondence)

NAHGA Claim Services P.O. Box 189 Bridgton, ME 04009 claims@nahga.com Fax 207-647-4569 Phone 800-952-4320

Please remember, the policy is an Accident insurance policy. It does not provide reimbursement for illness or for injuries that are not the result of an Accident. It is subject to exclusions and limitations. The policy may also contain a deductible which may be the claimant's responsibility. Please be aware that the claim form contains state mandated fraud warning language that requires your review and signature.



# Public Hours Mon. – Fri. 5:00 - 8:00PM





# Closed school holidays and snow days

www.mwcsk12.org/fitnessctr/ Call 322-5746 for initial orientation visit



FREE for MWCS district residents Madrid-Waddington Central School

P.O. Box 67 2582 State Highway 345 Madrid, New York 13660

Our Web Address http://www.mwcsk12.org Non-Profit Organization U.S. Postage Paid Madrid, New York 13660 Permit # 1

# POSTAL PATRON

## Application for Free and Reduced Price School Meals

Federal Funding to schools is based on eligibility numbers. We encourage all families, who may be eligible, to complete the school meals application contained in this newsletter. Please read the information regarding Free & Reduced eligibility and complete the application on Page 13. Return it to school as soon as possible in August or September.

An application is also available by calling 322-5746, ext. 221 or ext. 230 to request a copy;

or stop by the Superintendent's Office to pick one up.

Call 322-5746, ext. 230 for assistance in completing this application.

Help us to provide your child a nutritious meal which aids in academic success! Research indicates that students who eat breakfast and lunch increase achievement in school. Confidentiality is maintained by use of an ID # at the register.