

Madrid-Waddington Central School



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL September 2021

School Hours

UPK 8:30—11:00 12:30—3:00

Grades K-5 8:45—3:10

Grades 6-12 7:35—2:50



School Board Members and Meeting Dates

President Bruce Durant
Vice-President Charles Grant
Wyatt Boswell
Tina Wilson Bush
Brian Hammond
Ryan Hayes
Katheryn Logan
Christopher Pryce

Michael Ruddy

All meetings 6:30 PM, in High School Library unless otherwise noted

BOARD MEETING DATES — 2021-2022

- Tuesday, July 6 Reorganization & Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, August 17 Regular Meeting; set tax rate
- Tuesday, September 21 Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, October 19 Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, November 16 Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, December 14 Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, January 18 Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, February 15 Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, March 15 Regular Meeting
- Thursday, April 7 BOCES Annual Meeting
- Tuesday, April 12 Special Budget Meeting (Optional)
- Monday, April 25 Regular Meeting; BOCES Vote
- Tuesday, May 10 Public Presentation of Budget @ 6 PM
- Tuesday, May 17 Annual Budget & BOE Member Vote; Bus Vote; Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, June 21 Regular Meeting

STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2021



Elementary School Supply lists are available online under the Elementary tab

Viewing schooltool for Schedules

Middle and High School student schedules are available to view in schooltool.

Guidance Office will be open

August 27 & 30 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM for schedule questions.

Call to make an appointment.

Eric Burke, Superintendent of Schools

If you have driven by the school recently it is certainly clear we are still heavily involved in our capital project work. Despite some weather delays the work is coming along nicely and the overall quality of the product is excellent. There will still be work continuing when school begins, however we will be able to isolate the areas and ensure a safe, healthy, and comfortable environment for the return of our students.

Our COVID reopening committee has done an excellent job focusing on bringing all our students back to an academic environment that is as close to our traditional format as possible. Please take time to review the plan on the District website and provide any feedback you may like to share. One of the most obvious remnants from last year will be the continuation of indoor masking for all students, staff, and visitors. While we had hoped this measure would no longer be necessary, it is the avenue we need to take to abide by CDC guidelines and hedge against the current case spike in St. Lawrence County.

We will be welcoming some new faces to our faculty and staff this September. The application pools tend to get smaller every year, however we feel very fortunate having retained high quality individuals. We have created a new position with the use of federal funds to assist families who need outside resource coordination and to promote attendance. This is a part-time position titled Home to School Coordinator and will be filled by a familiar face, Mr. Matt Daley.

One of our largest staffing hurdles continues to be bus driver recruitment. We will be attempting to consolidate a couple of runs and there will be times when our athletic runs will be a bit delayed so if you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a bus driver please contact the garage or district office. We are very grateful for the dedication of our current drivers and monitors as they are consistently willing to put in the extra time to ensure safe and timely transportation for all our students.

The commitment of our entire staff can not be overstated when reviewing the amount, and quality of the work accomplished this summer. Our instructional staff spent several days of professional development focusing on a variety of pedagogical practices. The support, guidance, and administrative staff graciously dealt with a multitude of disruptions to make sure we are ready to roll for September as did our custodial department that never ceases to amaze with their ability to accomplish so much in such a short time.

We are very eager to welcome all our students on September 2nd and remain hopeful that as the weeks progress we will be provided opportunities to continue our progress towards normal operations.

Cordially,

Eric Burke Superintendent of Schools





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

If you've been receiving the senior citizens exemption previously, you may recall that the application for that exemption was also the application for the Enhanced STAR exemption. Under the new law, that is not the case. You are now required to apply for the Enhanced STAR and senior citizens exemptions separately. Submit the applications for both exemptions to your assessor. 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 future years, you will not need to reapply for the Enhanced STAR exemption; the Tax Department will automatically review your income to determine eligibility.

HOURS OF TAX COLLECTION

 Sept. 2 - Sept. 30
 Monday - Friday
 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

 Oct. 5 - Oct. 28
 Tuesday & Thursday
 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

 Oct. 29 & Nov. 1
 Friday & Monday
 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. 35267

(Dates & Times listed below)

PAY SCHOOL TAX BY MAIL: until November 1, 2021

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 MUST be made on or before September 30, 2021.

OPTIONS FOR PAYMENT

1. Before September 30:

Pay in full *or* pay first installment, postmarked by September 30, 2021.

2. On or After October 1:

Payment in full, plus penalty of 2%; *or* pay 2nd installment, postmarked by November 1, 2021.

3. Payments made AFTER November 1, 2021:

No longer received at the school location—will be re turned 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.

Nicole Weakfall, Elementary Principal

Dear MWCS Families,

It is with extreme excitement that I write this letter to introduce myself and welcome you and your children back to school! It's hard to believe that September is upon us and it's almost time to get back into the swing of a school routine! My name is Nicole Weakfall and I have been working in the field of education for close to 20 years. I started my career as a teaching assistant and then went on to teach elementary school at Colton-Pierrepont. Most recently, I have done some interim Principalships and spent two years as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction at Potsdam Central. I was happy to learn about the availability of the Principal position at Madrid-Waddington as it allowed me the opportunity to get back to working with children, the part of the job I love the most! I have some very big shoes to fill following Mr. Daley's retirement, but I've hit the ground running and spent the summer learning all about the operations here at MWCS. I couldn't be more thrilled to work with the students and families of this district!

As we begin the new school year, we are also welcoming some new staff members to the elementary building. **Megan St. Thomas**, formerly the high school secretary, will join us in the elementary office. **Mandy Yandoh** will be joining us to teach a morning session of UPK and she'll spend her afternoons providing math intervention services for students. **Maria Vecchio** will be providing support to students as a Special Education teacher. **Ellie Burns** will work with all elementary students in providing general music and choral instruction. I hope you will join me in welcoming them all to Madrid-Waddington! These new faces, along with our veteran teachers, have all been hard at work in setting up classrooms and preparing engaging lessons to kick off our year! The maintenance staff has also been working tirelessly to ensure that classrooms are clean and ready for a safe return to school in September. If you've driven by the school at all this summer, you can imagine that this is no small task with the amount of work that has been going on here as part of the Capital Project.

In an effort to maximize in-person instruction and keep students safe, all **students will be required to wear a mask while in the school building and on the bus**. Mask breaks will be provided throughout the day as needed. With that said, we are happy to return to other bits of "normalcy" and offer our **Meet the Teacher** opportunity on **September 1st**. Students and families are invited to visit their child's classroom, meet the teacher, and drop off supplies prior to the first day of school. It is our hope that this may alleviate some "first day" anxieties. As a way to mitigate the number of visitors to the building, we have split into two sessions based on the first letter of your family's last name.

- If your last name begins with A-M, we welcome you to visit the school from 1-2 PM.
- If your last name begins with N-Z, we welcome you to visit the school from 2-3 PM.
- All students and family members who enter the building must be masked.

I look forward to getting to know the students and families of Madrid and Waddington! If at any time you have a question or concern, please do not hesitate to reach out. It is only through a true partnership and communication that we will be able to provide the best school experience for your child. I will do my best to address your needs in a timely manner with due diligence. I cannot wait to kick off this new school year with enthusiasm and positivity!



UPK NEWS

Meet the Teacher:

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

1:00 - 2:00 PM (A - M)

2:00 - 3:00 PM (N -Z)

classroom. A school bus will be here at the entry to assist your child in becoming acquainted with bus protocol and expectations.

You are invited to bring your child to school to meet their teacher and see their

ELEMENTARY and HIGH SCHOOL

Open House/Curriculum Night will be held Wednesday, September 22 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Open House for both the Elementary and High School buildings will be on this date.

Madrid-Waddington Central School District is pleased to announce that there are openings in its Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program (UPK) for the Fall of 2021 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, 2021. This program follows the academic school calendar year. If you are interested in having your child participate in this program, please call the elementary school at 315-322-5746 Ext. 35201 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 in writing or by e-mail to Imacintosh@mwcsk12.org no later than August 27th. This is important since bus routes will be set up at this time. Please call 315-322-5746, Ext. 35201 for instructions. Thank

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 no mistake 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.

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 315-322-5746, Ext. 35201 before 2:00 PM.

To contact the Bus Garage, call 315-322-5746, Ext. 35401.

Madrid-Waddington Elementary School Supply Lists

- ⇒ 4 Boxes Crayons Crayola 24 Ct
- ⇒ 1 Colored Pencils Crayola 12 Ct
- → School Box
- ⇒ 12 Pencils Ticonderoga No 2
- 1 pack of Markers—Crayola 10Ct Thick
- Scissors Fiskar Kids
- ⇒ Box of Tissue Kleenex
- → Wipes Antibacterial Hand
- ⇒ 1 Good Quality Headphones

First Grade

- 4 boxes of 24 Crayons Crayola
- ⇒ 4 Dry Erase Markers—Chisel Pt Black
- 4 Erasers- Pink Large
- 8 Glue Sticks White

- 2 Bottles of Glue Washable, White
- 24 Pencils Ticonderoga No 2
- 1 Good Quality Headphones 1 School Box - 5.6 in x 8,4 in x 2,5 in
- → 1 Scissors Fiskar 1 Box of Tissues
- 1 Hand Sanitizer—Box pump

Fourth Grade

- ⇒ 1 box of Colored Pencils Crayola 12 Cr
- → 2 Composition notebooks Wide Ruled

⇒ 1 Colored Pencils - Crayola - 12 Ct

⇒ 2 Composition notebooks- Wide Ruled

⇒ I box of Crayons - Crayola 24 Cr

1 package of Cap Erasers

Folders - Plastic & Pocket - Leach Blue

- ⇒ Folders Plastic & Pocket 1 each Blue, Green, Orange, Yellow & Red
- 1 Highlighter Yellow 1 bottle Elmers - Washable School Gluc
- 1 package Filler Paper Wide 100 Ct
- 1 Package of Pencils
- 1 Ruler 12in/30cm Plastic 1 Pencil Pouch

⇒ 24 Pencils ~ Ticonderoga -> 3 Highlighters

4 Washable Glue Sticks

Green, Yellow & Red

- 1 box of Tissue
- ⇒ 1 Good Quality Earbuds
- ⇒ 15cissors Fiskar

2 boxes of Tissues

1 package of Wipes - Disinfectant

1 Good Quality Headphones

→ 1 pk. Dry Erase Markers – 4 colors Chisel

1 Scissors - Fisker

1 School Box

2021-2022 School Year

Second Grade

- ⇒ 2 Composition Books Wide Ruled
- ⇒ 4 boxes Crayons Crayola 24 Ct
- ⇒ 1 package of cap eraser
- ⇒ 30 Glue Sticks clear or white
- ⇒ 1 School Box 5.6 in x 8.4 in

⇒ 24 Pencils - Ticonderoga No 2

- ⇒ 1 Scissors Fiskar
- ⇒ 1 Good Quality Headphones

Fifth Grade

- ⇒ 1 boxes of Colored Pencils Crayola 24 Ct
- ⇒ 1 pack of Markers—Crayola—8Ct
- 2 Composition notebooks Wide Ruled
- 2 Dry Erase Markers Black-Chisel
- 1 bottle Elmers Washable School Glue
- 2 Washable Glue Sticks
- 2 Highlighters- Yellow
- 2 packages Filler Paper Wide 100 Ct
- 24 Pencils
- 1 Pencil Pouch
- 1 Ruler 12in/30cm Plastic Clear
- 2 Sharples Black Ultra FineTip
- 1 Good Quality Headphones
- 1 Scissors Fiskar

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

As a reminder to students and parents, Guidance Office staff are as follows:

Phone: 315-322-5746, Ext. 35218

<u>STAFF MEMBER</u> <u>STUDENTS RESPONSIBLE FOR:</u>

Mrs. Toni Siddon Grades 6-12 (Last names beginning with A—L)

Ms. 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

Ms. 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 315-322-5746, Ext. 35218, 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
315-322-5746, Ext. 35217

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: www.mwcsk12.org 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. Pribek-Britton's 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.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

ATTENDANCE—both High School and Elementary 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 possi-

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

ble. Thank you.

See our website www.mwcsk12.org

for a sample excuse form

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.

Education Law requires that the students enrolled in the schools of this

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.

<u>Unexcused Absence</u>: 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)

CEEB Code used for financial aid or for use on college applications: 332970

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 www.actstudent.org. For the **SAT**, registration information can be found at www.actstudent.org. For the **SAT**, registration information can be found at www.actstudent.org. 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 315-322-5746, Ext. 35218.

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).

New students in the MWCS District

may contact Patricia Bogart in the District Office to enroll during the month of August. Please call 315-322-5746, Ext. 35221 to make

arrangements to complete enrollment documents.

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

to Student Pre-Registration Once

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

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP) INFORMATION

Students who have enrolled in Advanced Placement Courses must pay a fee to take the AP exams in May 2022. There is a fee per exam—Contact Guidance Office to confirm cost.

Test fees are due in March 2022.

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)

CLASS SCHEDULE CHANGES

CAN BE MADE IN THE
GUIDANCE OFFICE
315-322-5746, Ext. 35218
Please visit Guidance Office
AUGUST 27 & 30, 2021
8:00 AM TO 2:00 PM



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.....

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 **2021-2022** Free and Reduced Meal Program (see pages 11-15 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 315-322-5746, Ext. 35230

2021-2022

Breakfast and Lunch

Milk \$.50

Breakfast UPK-12

\$1.60

~NEW PRICES ~

Grades UPK-5 Lunch

\$2.35

Grades 6-12 Lunch

\$2.60

Adult Lunch

\$4.00

AFFORDABLE OPTION.....

Fill out the Free & Reduced Lunch Application found on page 14 - even if you are unsure you qualify ~ As your child will receive a free meal this school year.

If you need assistance completing the application, please contact School Lunch Manager, Mr. Adams at 315-322-5746, Ext. 35230 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 315-322-5746, Ext. 35230.

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Children need healthy meals to learn. Madrid-Waddington Central offers healthy meals every school day. **Breakfast costs \$1.60**; **UPK-5 Lunch is \$2.35**; **6-12 Lunch is \$2.60**. 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.

- 1. 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. 35230 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, 315-322-5746, Ext. 35214, 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 315-322-5746, Ext. 35230 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. Please fill out an application. Applications available in District Office or online at www.mwcsk12.org.
- 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 eburke@mwcsk12.org
- **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.

<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

Reduced Price Eligibility Scale INCOME CHART - Effective from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice per month	Every 2 weeks	Weekly
1	\$23,828	\$1,986	\$ 993	\$ 917	\$ 459
2	\$32,227	\$2,686	\$1,343	\$1,240	\$ 620
3	\$40,626	\$3,386	\$1,693	\$1,563	\$ 782
4	\$49,025	\$4,086	\$2,043	\$1,886	\$ 943
5	\$57,424	\$4,786	\$2,393	\$2,209	\$1,105
6	\$65,823	\$5,486	\$2,743	\$2,532	\$1,266
7	\$74,222	\$6,186	\$3,093	\$2,855	\$1,428
8	\$82,621	\$6,886	\$3,443	\$3,178	\$1,589
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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.

Reporting Changes: 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.

<u>Income Exclusions:</u> 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.

Meal Service to Children With Disabilities: 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.

Confidentiality: 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 socioeconomic 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.

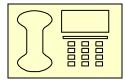
Eric Burke, Superintendent of Schools



DISTRICT CONTACT INFORMATION

Phone: 315-322-5746

Elementary Main OfficeExt. 35201	Fax #:	315-322	2-0030
High School Main OfficeExt. 35200	Fax #:	315-322	-4462
Guidance OfficeExt. 35218	Fax #:	315-322	!- 5769
CSE Office Ext. 35217	Fax #:	315-322	:-5861
School Lunch ManagerExt. 35230	Fax #:	315-322	-4462
Bus Garage 315-322-5723 or 315-	322-57	46, Ext.	35401
Superintendent's Office Ext. 35221	Fax #:	315-322	2-4462



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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. MWCS offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$1.60; UPK-5 lunch costs \$2.35; 6-12 lunch costs \$2.60. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. Beginning July 1, 2019 students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge.

- DO I NEED TO FILL OUT AN APPLICATION FOR EACH CHILD? No. Complete the application 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 the completed application to: Steve Adams at PO Box 67, Madrid, NY 13660.
- 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. Categorical eligibility for free meal benefits is extended to all children in a household when the application lists an Assistance Program's case number for any household member. Also, your children can get free meals if your household's gross income is within the free limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Households with children who are categorically eligible through an Other Source Categorically Eligible designation, as defined by law, may be eligible for free benefits and should contact the SFA for assistance in receiving benefits.
- 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. Foster children may also be included as a member of the foster family if the foster family chooses to also apply for benefits for other children. Including children in foster care as household members may help other children in the household qualify for benefits. If non-foster children in a foster family are not eligible for free or reduced price meal benefits, an eligible foster child will still-receive free benefits.
- CAN HOMELESS, RUNAWAY, AND MIGRANT CHILDREN GET FREE MEALS? Yes, children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant quatify for free meals. If you haven't been told your children will get free meals, please call or e-mail Toni Siddon at 315-322-5746 Ext. 35214-or tsiddon@mwcsk12.org to see if they qualify.
- 5. WHO CAN GET REDUCED PRICE MEALS? Your children may-be approved as reduced price eligible if your household income is within the reduced-price limits on the Federal Eligibility Income Chart, shown on this letter. Beginning July 1, 2019, students in New York State that are approved for reduced price meals will receive breakfast and lunch meals and snacks served through the Afterschool Snack Program at no charge.
- SHOULD I FILL OUT AN APPLICATION IF I RECEIVED A LETTER THIS SCHOOL YEAR SAYING MY CHILDREN ARE APPROVED FOR FREE MEALS? Please read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at 315-322-5746 Ext. 35230 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 that school year and for up to the first 30 operating days of this school year. You must send in a new application unless the school told you that your child is eligible for the new school year.
- 8. I GET WIC. CAN MY CHILD(REN) GET FREE MEALS? Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced price meals. Please fill out a FREE/REDUCED PRICE-MEAL application.
- 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. For example, children with a parent or guardian who becomes unemployed may become eligible for free and reduced price meals if the household income drops below the income limit.
- 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: Steve Adams, 315-322-5746 Ext. 35230 or sadams@mwcsk12.org.
- 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 U.S. citizens 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, other relatives, or friends) who share income and expenses. You must include yourself and all children living 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 make \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only made \$900, put down that you made \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime, include it, but do not include it 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 HER COMBAT PAY COUNTED AS INCOME? No, if the combat pay is received in addition to her basic pay because of her deployment and it wasn't received before 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 assistance office or call 1-800-342-3009.

Please visit our school website at www.mwcsk12.org 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 Athletics tab
- 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
- ~ schooltool Access Form for Parents/Guardians—gives parents/guardians access to student grades



FALL SPORTS PRACTICE TIMES

Bryan Harmer, Athletic Director

MONDAY, 8/23

Girls Varsity Soccer @ 8 - 10 AM Girls JV Soccer @ 8 - 10 AM Boys Varsity Soccer @ 5 - 8 PM Varsity Volleyball @ 6:30 - 8:00 PM JV Volleyball @ 6:30 - 8:00 PM

MONDAY, 8/30

Girls Modified Soccer @ 2:15 - 4:15 PM Boys Modified Soccer @ 9 - 11 AM Modified Volleyball @ 3 - 4:30

FALL COACHES

Varsity Volleyball - Charlie French Girls Varsity Soccer - Justin Richards

JV Volleyball - Brittany Liggio Girls JV Soccer - Quinn Shoen

Modified Volleyball - Meghan Gabri Girls Modified Soccer - Buffy Gabri

Boys Varsity Soccer - Ryan Robinson Boys Modified Soccer - Dave Bailey

- ~All athletes must have a current sports physical (within the past year) in order to participate). If an athlete had a physical completed by their family healthcare provider, please send a copy of the physical paperwork to MWCS.
- ~Please bring your own water bottle & all necessary equipment to practice.
- ~Volleyball players will need to wear a mask while indoors.
- ~Merger athletes (Football, Cross Country, Girls Swimming) should check the Canton CS website for specific information.

Joe Binion, Jr - Sr High School Principal

Dear Students and Parents/Guardians:

It is with great excitement that I welcome everyone back for the 2021-2022 school year. I know there are many questions left unanswered, but similar to last year, I am confident that we will continue to provide the safest and best learning environment for our students. We owe a great deal of thanks to our parents, students, and community members for being so supportive last year. Collectively, we provided an education model second to none.

This summer, things have been busy around school. Inside, construction crews have been in the auditorium, locker rooms, cafeteria, LGI, hallways, and bathrooms. Outside, they have torn up the baseball field, parking lot, and constructing our new outdoor concession stand and bathrooms. While all of this has been going on, our maintenance staff has been working hard so everyone can safely return to the building.

This year things will look more normal academically. We will return to a 9 period, 42 minute schedule. 10th period will be available for extra help, but with some restrictions. Due to limited seating on the elementary buses, middle school and high school students will only stay during this time when it is deemed to be academically necessary by a teacher.

Additionally, Remote Instruction will only be allowed under a few circumstances this year. Students will be provided synchronous instruction similar to last year under the following circumstances:

- Confirmed to be positive for COVID-19
- Confirmed to be waiting a COVID-19 test result
- Has been quarantined by SLC Public Health

In classrooms, we will follow the guidance put out by the New York State Education Dept. Students will wear masks and be socially distanced at 3 ft. in most cases. There may be times where distancing will be at 6 ft. for safety reasons. Students will also be allowed to use their lockers and the locker rooms this year.

I also wanted to mention that our 6th grade orientation will be on September 1st starting at 1 pm in the auditorium. Be on the lookout for the letter in the mail.

Please rest assured that we are taking the necessary precautions that will allow a safe return for students and staff. We understand the importance of students having the option of being able to return to school in-person. The social-emotional and academic advantage of human interaction is vital to the growth of our students.

In closing, I want to reiterate that I am confident that we can provide a positive learning environment for our students this year. Before students board the buses and get dropped off at school the first day, please take the time to discuss the importance of wearing masks and social distancing. Thank you for trusting us to keep your children safe.

High School Picture Day: September 16

School Supply Lists (from survey sent to teachers February '21)

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	☐ Pens		3" binder
	□ Pencils		2" binder
	☐ Colored pencils		3 ring pocket folder
	☐ Highlighters		Highlighters
	☐ Erasers		Pencils
	☐ Loose-leaf paper		Pens
	☐ Composition notebook		Colored Pencils
	☐ Scissors		Erasers
	☐ Glue sticks		Loose leaf paper
	☐ 3 Ring pocket folder (x4)		Graph paper
	☐ 1" Binder		Headphones or earbuds
	☐ 1.5" Binder		
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	☐ Pens		Loose leaf paper
	☐ Pencil		Graph paper
	☐ Colored Pencils		Index cards
	☐ Highlighters		One subject spiral notebook
	☐ Erasers		1.5" binder
	☐ Loose leaf paper		
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	☐ 1.5" binder		Pens
	□ 3.0" binder		Pencils
	☐ 3 ring pocket folder (x4)		One subject spiral notebook
	☐ Scientific calculator		1.5" binder
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	□ Pencils		Pencils
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	☐ Highlighters		Loose leaf paper
	☐ Erasers		Graph paper
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	☐ One subject spiral notebook		1.5" binder (x2)
	☐ 3 ring pocket folder (x4)		
	☐ 1.5" binder (x2)	Art (<u>Classes:</u>
	☐ Headphones or earbuds		8x10 Sketchbook

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 315-322-5746,

Ext. 35401



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:

- 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!
- 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.
- 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.

School Emergency Days

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: www.mwcsk12.org or our Facebook page for cancellation notices.

We are also adding a new notification system called "ParentSquare".

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).



Visit our web site for more information and news updates. www.mwcsk12.org

The complete <u>Student Handbook</u> is available on our school webpage at

http://www.mwcsk12.org/highschool/studenthandbk.htm

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

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS....

Students entering school in September 2021 - Immunization requirements New York State Law Section 2164 requires that schools will not permit a child to attend school unless the parent provides the school with a certificate of immunization or proof from a physician, nurse practitioner or physician's assistant that the child is in the process of receiving the required immunizations. Public and private school officials may not admit unvaccinated children to school in excess of 14 days. Please see the School Nurse's webpage under immunization tab for complete listing of immunization requirements. NEW requirements for a student entering are as follows:

Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th grades —Two (2) doses MMR and two (2) doses Varicella

Grades 6, 7, 8 & 9 — Two (2) doses Varicella

Grades 7, 8 & 9 —One dose Meningococcal

Grade 12– Two (2) doses of Meningococcal or one dose if first dose was received at 16 years of age or older

These vaccinations can be obtained at any Public Health clinic (315-386-2325) or from your private health care provider.

Education Law requires all New York State (NYS) public school students to have a health exam when they are a new student when they enter Pre-K or Kindergarten, and grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11. This exam must be provided to school within 30 days of entry into school or the grade levels indicated. A review of the immunization certificates and/or other proof of immunity are needed at the time of registration of all students, inclusive of new entrants and transfers.

Medication: If your child will be taking medicine at school, provider and parent permission forms are needed for both prescription and over-the-counter medications. New medication permission forms are required each year and the form is available online under the "Medications" tab of the School Nurse webpage.

If you have any questions, please call our School Nurse, Mrs. Amber Murphy at 315-322-5746, Ext. 35203
315-322-0030 (fax)

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.

Guidance Department News

Information for College-Bound Juniors

Juniors completed a resume and a career inventory earlier in the year to prepare them for life after high school. We encourage juniors who are interested in college to spend time this summer thinking about colleges they feel might be a good fit. Visiting colleges you have a strong interest in is also a valuable experience to determine whether you feel those colleges will meet your needs. You may not be able to visit a college in person but a virtual tour can be just as helpful and informative. College websites are wonderful resources for finding out about campus tours, open houses, admission requirements, financial aid and other pertinent data.

In the Fall of 2021, students who plan to attend college should take at least one of the college entrance exams (SAT or ACT). This is especially important for students who intend to go to a four-year college directly out of high school, and who did not take one of these exams prior to the school closure. Be sure to check with the college first to see if they require one of these tests for admission. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some colleges have decided to go Test Optional for the 2021-2022 school year.

Upcoming SAT Exams

SAT

* Students must pre-register at www.collegeboard.com

Test Fee information available online at www.collegeboard.com

August 28, 2021 December 4, 2021 September 25, 2021 March 12, 2022

October 2, 2021 May 7, 2022

November 6, 2021 June 4, 2022

The MWCS District utilizes mass communication (text messages/email) for District emergency closings, delay or updates. Please be sure to include the <u>parent</u> cell & 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 pbogart@mwcsk12.org



Public Hours for Fitness Center
4:00 - 7:30 PM Monday through Friday

Closed Holidays & Emergency School Closings

Student Information Reports on Grades 3-8 State Assessments will be available via School Tool upon the State release of the scores anticipated in late Sept.

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 315-322-5746, Ext. 35221 or email pbogart@mwcsk12.org

District residents may access the MWCS Fitness Center during the hours listed above.

Paperless Progress Reports and Report Cards

Due to the success of schooltool's online access for parents/guardians we will continue to send electronic progress reports and report cards that help expedite the process for parents/guardians to monitor their children's progress.

E-mail and facebook notifications will be sent 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.



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. IPM programs take advantage of all pest management options possible which include but are not limited to the judicious use of pesticides. Understanding pests' needs is essential in implementing IPM effectively. 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 315-322-5746 ext. 35401



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 does not 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.

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.¹

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 10, 2021. 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

- Address

- Electronic mail address

- Major field of study

- Date and place of birth

- Telephone

- Weight & height of members of athletic teams

- Photograph

- Degrees, honors & awards

- Dates of attendance

- Participation in officially recognized activities & sports

- Most recent educational agency or institution attended

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.

¹These 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.

	NOTIFICATION	TO S	SCHOOL DISTRICT
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 <u>F</u>	OO NOT release the name, address or telephone numb	er of	to the military recruiters, institu-
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MADRID-WADDINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL 2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR

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		Monday's Alternates Tuesday's French Toast Sticks Scrambled Eggs	Monday's Alternates PB & J Sandwich w/Cheese Stick* PB & J Sandwich Turkey Sandwich Ham & Cheese Sandwich Chicken Tenders w/Garlic Breadstick Cheeseburg	27	Turkey Bagel Melt Sweet Potato Fries Fruit & Milk Chicken Caesar Salad w/Garlic String Cheese Stick Fruit & Milk Alt Veg:Caesar Salad	Pizza Dunkers 13 Orange Chicken Three Bean Salad Steamed Rice Chicken Caesar Fruit & Milk	6 Tacos w/lettuce, Labor Day Steamed No School Fruit 8	It will help the district in many other areas. Please fill one out today.
This institu	Daily Alternates: Bu	Tuesday's Alternates Scrambled Eggs w/ English Muffin	Tuesday's Alternates PB & J Sandwich w/Cheese Stick* Turkey Sandwich Roast Beef Sandwich Cheeseburger on Roll	Popcorn Chicken Garlic Breadstick Black Bean Salad Fruit & Milk	21 Chicken Caesar Salad w/Garlic Breadstick String Cheese Stick Fruit & Milk Alt Veg:Caesar Salad	Orange Chicken Steamed Rice Steamed Broccoli Fruit & Milk	Tacos wilettuce, cheese & salsa Steamed Carrots Fruit & Milk	
This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer	Daily Alternates: Breakfast Pizza, Mini Donuts, Bagel, Poptart/Yogurt or Cereal Daily Breakfast Offerings: 100% Fruit Juice, Fruit, Milk	Breakfast Wednesday's Alternates Fresh Baked Cinnamon Rolls	Wednesday's Alternates PB & J Sandwich w/Cheese Stick* Buffalo Chicken Wrap Chicken Salad Sandwich Chef Salad w/Garlic Breadstick	29 Homemade Pizza Broccoli Salad Fruit & Milk	Homemade Pizza Homemade Pizza Three Bean Salad Fruit & Milk	Homemade Pizza Iceberg Garden Salad Fruit & Milk	8 Homemade Pizza Caesar Salad Fruit & Milk	No Classes
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		Friday's Alternates Egg & Sausage Sandwich	Friday's Alternates PB & J Sandwich w/Cheese Stick* Buffalo Chicken Wrap Ham & Cheese Sandwich Baked Haddock Sandwich	Prices Lunch S0.00 PK-8 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 \$0.00 Reduced \$0.00 menu subject to change without notice	Boneless Chicken Wings Rice Pilaf Celery Sticks Fruit & Milk	Hot Meatball Sub Steamed Carrots Fruit & Milk	Sampler-3 Mozz Sticks, 3 Boneless Wings Cheese Filled Breadstick Stick Three Bean Salad Fruit & Milk	Inditional Friza Iceberg Garden Salad Fruit & Milk

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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 even though meals are free to all this year. Return it to school as soon as possible in August or September.

An application is also available by calling 315-322-5746, Ext. 35221 or Ext. 35230; or stop by the Superintendent's Office to pick one up.

Call 315-322-5746, Ext. 35230 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.