

Madrid-Waddington Central School

December 2022



Seasons Greetings,

The warm weather held on as long as it could and now as the snow flies we are ready to welcome another holiday season full of student activities. The first three months of the school year have been full of student opportunity and success bolstered by an incredibly supportive staff and community. The number of teachers, assistants, coaches, advisors, and students still actively engaged in programs on campus after the last bell is beyond impressive.

Our fall athletic teams had tremendous participation numbers and we were fortunate to witness many team and individual accomplishments. Congratulations to Mr. Mark Ruddy along with the **cast and crew of our fall production “Present Laughter” which was very well attended and received great reviews.** An additional thank you to Mrs. Burke, Mr. Shultz, and Ms. Sharlow who initiated our newest technology course offering of Drone Soccer which has received much attention across the State as we are one of the first schools to offer this learning and competitive opportunity to students.

In addition to student offerings we are proud to maintain a campus that is open to the community and provides a valuable resource. We will again be opening our doors this winter for hallway walking during fitness center hours. Residents are also encouraged to make use of our cross country ski trails that will be groomed and open on weekends as the weather permits. As part of our recent capital project the outdoor courts have been fully renovated and now include pickleball courts that will be open in the spring. Thanks to the efforts of Mr. Gotsch, Mr. Shoen and our custodial crew, we now have a fully complete disc golf course within our nature trail that will be open to the public in the spring as well.

The School Board facilities committee has been busy working through our most recent building condition survey report to highlight needs for our next capital project. We currently anticipate providing project budget and scope information to the public throughout the spring and summer with a vote occurring early fall of 2023.

We look forward to greeting all our families as we celebrate the talents of our student musicians throughout our winter concert series. We wish everyone a safe, healthy and joyous holiday season.

Cordially,

Eric Burke

JOE BINION, JR.—SR. PRINCIPAL

Greetings Everyone,

It is that time of the year once again. I cannot believe how fast this school year is going. Maybe it is the great weather we have been having. I hope this does not mean January and February will bring a ton of snow and bitter cold.

I wanted to remind everyone of our upcoming Winter Concert Dates. We hope to see you there. When attending any of the concerts, we ask if everyone could please help us out and be courteous to our neighbors on Brady Road by not parking on their lawn? Thank you for your support and understanding.



- *6th grade chorus & band & MS Chorus & Band: Monday, December 12, 2022, 7:00 pm*
- *HS Chorus & Band: Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 7:00 pm*
- *MS Select, HS Select, & Stage Band: (Wednesday, January 18, 2023)*

The M-W Key Club and NHS are busy with several winter events. Please be on the lookout to support anything they are doing throughout the community. Two of the seasonal highlights these groups participate in are the Lights on the River (NHS) and the school Door Decorating Contest (Key Club). Our students do an amazing job with both of these events to get us into the spirit of the season.

As part of the season of hope, giving, and appreciation, please once again help me thank our amazing teaching staff, counselors, psychologist, nurses, and custodial, transportation and cafeteria staff. We are very fortunate to have such great people here at Madrid-Waddington.

Happy Holidays to you all! Stay warm and safe this winter.

*Sincerely,
Joe Binion*

MADRID-WADDINGTON DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS.....

PRESENT LAUGHTER



Director - Mark Ruddy
Daphne Stillington - Harlie George
Miss Erikson - Aoife Burke
Fred - Edward Miller
Monica Reed - Grace Plumley
Garry Essendine - Elliott Woodward
Liz Essendine - Ava Rutherford
Roland Maule - Larry Blakemore
Henry Lyppiatt - Ben Weaver
Morris Dixon - Alan Boswell
Joanna Lyppiatt - Danika Sheffield
Lady Saltburn - Sophia Rogers

Stage Crew: Matt Reed & Adam Sabatini
Props: Zoey French, Rileigh Stebbins, Cass Caswell
Hair/Make-Up Crew: Zoey French, Cass Caswell, Grace Mayette, Lydia Baxter
Set Construction & Painting: Joe Ruddy, Eric Burke, Margie Harmer, Sandra Ruddy, Patty Van-Patten, Elliott Woodward, Eddie Miller, Kyle McGrath, Noah Haenel, Sophia Rogers, William Moots, Rileigh Stebbins, Sarah Weaver, Ben Weaver, Michele Weaver, Scott Weaver

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Upcoming SAT / ACT Exams and Test Centers 2023

Madrid-Waddington is NOT a test site for the SAT or ACT exam. Please plan accordingly.

SAT:

* Students must pre-register at www.collegeboard.com
Test Fee: \$60.00 Late Registration Fee: add \$30.00

March 11, 2023	Registration Deadline: February 10, 2023
May 6, 2023	Registration Deadline: April 7, 2023
June 3, 2023	Registration Deadline: May 4, 2023

ACT:

*Students must pre-register at www.actstudent.org
Test Fee: \$63.00 without Writing \$88.00 with Writing Late Registration Fee: add \$36.00

February 11, 2023	Registration Deadline: January 6, 2023
April 1, 2023	Registration Deadline: March 10, 2023
June 10, 2023	Registration Deadline: May 5, 2023
July 15, 2023	Registration Deadline: June 16, 2023

***Students who fall within certain income guidelines may be able to obtain a FEE WAIVER for these exams. If you receive free or reduced lunch, you may be eligible. Please check with the Guidance Office for more information.**
****Some colleges require SAT Subject Tests. Usually they are highly selective colleges with difficult admission requirements. If you have a college in mind, and wonder if any SAT Subject Tests are required, please contact the Guidance Office or go to the college's website and check admission requirements.**

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

Financial Aid Information


Websites that will help you understand the financial aid process include the following:

The New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC): www.hesc.ny.gov

- This agency administers the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP).
- It also administers 25 grant, scholarship and loan programs

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): www.studentaid.gov

- This application should be completed by all college-bound students & their families.
- It is recommended that this form be completed ONLINE every year the student is in college.
- KEEP IN MIND THAT EACH COLLEGE HAS THEIR OWN FINANCIAL AID DEADLINE; BE SURE TO FIND OUT WHEN THE DEADLINE DATE IS, SO YOU CAN GET YOUR FAFSA COMPLETED BY THAT DATE.
- There is NO FEE for this application.



CSS/Financial Aid PROFILE <http://cssprofile.collegeboard.org>

- *This financial aid form is only used by **some colleges** & scholarship programs
- *A list of those programs who use the PROFILE is available on the website
- *The PROFILE is a fully web-based application system & there is an application fee for this form

CAREER RESOURCE INFORMATION and WEBSITES

Occupational Outlook Handbook:

www.bls.gov/ooh

Prepared by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, this website is updated annually with information on occupations that include nature of the work, working conditions, qualifications and training needed, employment, job outlook, earnings, related occupations and sources of additional information.

Career Info Net:

www.careeronestop.org

Prepared by the Department of Labor, this site is actually composed of 4 sites in one, so in addition to CareerInfoNet, you will find and be able to directly link to the Career One Stop, the Job Bank and the Service Locator. Though all the sites are job search oriented, the Career Info Net has industry and occupation information, and it is categorized as well by state. There is a Career Tools section that includes a resume tutorial among other exceptional resources, and the entire site is very easily navigable and user friendly.

Guidance Direct: Career Connections

www.guidancedirect.com

This program is available to all students attending Madrid-Waddington. Many of our students utilized the program last spring and were able to complete an interest inventory and/or a resume. College and scholarship information is also available to students. To access Madrid-Waddington's Guidance Direct information, use the following Student Login ID and password:

MWCS School ID: 4692095

MWCS School Password: TkjKHhHa6N

For students who have already set up an account, you can retrieve information and sign onto your account to access additional information. If you have forgotten your login information, please check with the Guidance Office. For students who would like to set up an account, simply click on "Student Login" and follow the steps. Guidance Direct can be accessed from any computer with Internet capabilities.

CareerZone:

<http://www.careerzone.ny.gov>

CareerZone is an innovative online career exploration and planning system designed especially for today's high-tech youth in New York State. CareerZone presents current and relevant occupational and labor market information in a clear and interesting way, making career exploration and planning fun and easy. CareerZone leverages the power of the web to provide: information on 800 occupations from the national Occupational Information Network (O*NET) Database; the latest labor market information from the state Department of Labor; and interactive middle and high school career portfolios aligned with the NYS Education Department Career Plan initiative. Links to college exploration and planning resources help youth begin their life/work journey. Over 450 career videos provide a visual of the workplace and bring careers to life. Up-to-date job postings provide a glimpse into the local labor market and an ability to apply for positions. The expanded resume builder helps youth prepare one of the most important tools needed for a successful job search.

Youth in grades 6-12 most often use CareerZone to start their career exploration journey by beginning with the Interest, Work Values and Skill assessment tools to explore potential careers. A middle school and high school career portfolio are available to help youth create a meaningful plan for their future education and career choices.

GPS for Success:

mygpsforsuccess.com

About GPS for Success: GPS For Success is a multi-platform website where students and adults can watch, read and learn about career opportunities, income potential and education/training requirements in 16 career clusters outlined nationally as experiencing a shortage of skilled workers entering the workforce. **GPS For Success** was recently awarded a *Certificate of Excellence by the New York State Economic Development Council* in multi-media marketing.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION: A reminder to SENIORS to check the Guidance website on a regular basis to find out what scholarships have been received by our office. Generally, we receive the bulk of our scholarship information in the spring semester.

Career and Technical Education

The Guidance Office hosts a field trip in collaboration with Northwest Technical Center in Ogdensburg for all students in grade 10. This trip helps students experience a variety of the programs that are available to them in their junior and senior years. This year we are scheduled to visit the Tech Center on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at approximately 9:00 a.m.

Gateways to Careers @ SUNY Canton - March 15, 2023

Juniors enrolled in English 11 and all seniors who attend a Career and Technical Educational program will participate in this program. Gateways to Careers is a college and career readiness workshop, which annually provides more than 1,200 students from component school districts, the opportunity to learn critical job seeking skills as well as the knowledge of how a well-developed resume, solid communication skills, and a positive attitude can impact their future success.

College Application Deadlines

Each individual college has their own deadline for applications. Seniors should [pay special attention to these deadlines](#). The Guidance Department recommends that seniors have their applications complete and sent in to the college by December 1. This allows time for transcripts and other important information regarding the application process to be gathered. More importantly, seniors should hear back from the college by early Spring if they have their applications in early, making their remaining months of high school less stressful.

~ Winter Break ~
December 23 - January 2

~ Back to School ~
Tuesday, January 3, 2023



~ Mid-Winter Break ~
February 20 - 24, 2023

~ Spring Break ~
April 7 - 14, 2023

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Absence is the main cause of failure in school. Unless health forbids or an emergency arises at home, a student should be in school. Responsibility for making up work lies entirely with the student. The student should schedule an appointment with their teachers to determine what is to be made up. **The standards and guidelines for make-up work are presented to the students at the beginning of each course they take. Copies of teachers' make-up policies are available upon request in the high school main office.** Punctuality and regular school attendance are essential to success in school and later on the job.

BE ON TIME AND IN YOUR CLASS EACH DAY.

All absences must be verified by a note from the parent within forty-eight hours of the student's return to school indicating the reason for absence. **Excused absences** include personal illness, medical, dental, or legal appointments, religious observance and death in the family.

All absence, as well as tardiness and truancy are recorded daily. Car problems, oversleeping and personal reasons are not acceptable excuses for being late.

LATE STUDENTS ARE TO REPORT TO THE OFFICE IMMEDIATELY UPON ARRIVAL.
AND UNLESS SCHEDULED FOR AN ACTIVITY – ALL STUDENTS ARE TO LEAVE THE BUILDING
AT 2:08 PM





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, or even a one-time change, you must notify the school **in writing**. This is important to insure that your child is transported safely. Please call 315-322-5746, ext. 35201 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 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.
THIS POLICY IS FOR THE PROTECTION OF YOUR CHILD

School Emergency Days

Notice of SCHOOL CLOSING or DELAY will be available on our website:

www.mwcsk12.org and on the MWCS Facebook page.

During the course of the school year, emergencies may cause school to be closed or delayed. In the event that weather conditions result in delay or closing, you are encouraged to tune in to the following media.

- ◆ ParentSquare
- ◆ Facebook—If you “Like” MWCS Facebook, you will receive an automatic update/notification
- ◆ B99.3 FM
- ◆ WMSA Massena
- ◆ WSLU Canton—North Country Public Radio or online at ncpr.org
- ◆ Spectrum News
- ◆ WWNY TV and WWTI TV in Watertown— wwnytv.com/weather/school-closings



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, please notify the school’s main office in writing.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EARLY DISMISSAL, HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED FIRST.

INJURIES and SCHOOL ACCIDENT INSURANCE: Please report all injuries immediately! We cannot stress enough the importance of prompt reporting to the School Nurse when your child is injured in a school activity. If a Student Accident Claim form is not completed on your child within 72 hours of the injury, our supplemental insurance plan (Student Accident Insurance administered by Philadelphia Insurance Company) may not be able to make payment.

Coverage is only for school-sponsored, teacher supervised activities which are a part of the regular school program.

This is an excess coverage, your primary insurance comes first. Benefits are available only after all other insurance has been utilized. Please submit to your own insurance(s) first before submitting any balances to the school Philadelphia Insurance Company will require itemized bills from all dates of services, as well as the EOB (Explanation of Benefits) from your insurance company. Submit claims as promptly as possible as there is a one year deadline for all claims. The claim must be mailed within one year from the date of injury. The Plan has a schedule of benefits, and pays according to that schedule. Please do not expect the plan to pay all of the excess medical charges. If your medical bills are in excess of the scheduled plan payments, the difference is the responsibility of the parents. Under this policy, the school may not be held legally responsible for the remaining unpaid balance.

Your child is covered by this insurance program once he or she gets on a school bus on the way to school and until he or she gets off the bus on the way home. Students who: walk to school, drive cars, or ride bicycles are not covered until they enter the school building.

Please contact the School Nurse and Philadelphia Insurance Company with all accident/injury related questions. The Student Accident Claim form is available from the School Nurse.



**Public Hours for Fitness Center
5:00 - 8:00 PM Monday through Friday**

Closed Holidays & Emergency School Closings

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

From the Desk of Nicole Weakfall - Elementary Principal

Greetings Elementary Families,

It seems crazy that the month of December is already upon us and we have completed the first quarter of the school year already! It was fantastic to see so many grown ups in the building for Parent-Teacher Conferences last month! A special thanks to those of you who filled out my gratitude survey in November. Your kind words were shared with staff and very much appreciated by all. I was met with many smiles, several thank yous, and an occasional tear after sharing your words of appreciation. With that, I'd like to express my gratitude to all of **you**, for all you do at home to support your children and your work as an active participant in supporting what we do here at school. Thank you for being a part of our team!

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As we get December in full swing, we have lots of fun planned for students and their families! Elementary students are invited to join the staff on special Friday Dress Up Days throughout the month. If your child would like to participate, here are the themes for each day:

- December 9 - **Mad About Plaid** - Wear any and all plaid fabrics!
- December 16 - **Elementary Ugly Sweater Day**
- December 22 - **Pajama Day**

Families and community members are invited to join us for our Holiday Concerts which will be taking place on Monday and Tuesday, December 19th and 20th. We have SUCH a supportive community that we have to break the show up into sections to allow enough room in the auditorium to accommodate our guests!

The schedule for the concerts is as follows:

- **December 19th at 6:00 PM** - Kindergarten and 1st Grade Performance
- **December 19th at 6:45 PM** - 2nd Grade and 3rd Grade Performance
- **December 20th at 6:00 PM** - 4th Grade and 5th Grade Band/Chorus

Performance

*When visiting the school, we ask that you are courteous to our neighbors on the Brady Road and do not park on their lawns.

As the weather continues to change, please be sure to send your child to school with winter clothing that is suitable for outdoor recess. We will be going outside for recess each day the "feels like" temperature is at least 20 degrees. If you are having difficulty getting winter clothing for your child, please reach out for support.

I wish you all a safe, happy, and healthy holiday season!!!

Sincerely,
Nicole



From the Desk of Nicole Weakfall - Elementary Principal

Each month, we end the month with an elementary assembly that celebrates our students and the work that they're doing here at Madrid-Waddington. Here are our award winners for the first 10 weeks of school!



Mystery Diner Award

Ava Chester
Mia Curtis
Augustis Dubuque

Kallie Dunkelberg
Cordelia Goliber
Belle Mattoon
Aubrie McKane
Cheyenne Richer
Riley Secore
Elliot Watson
Joseph Zufall
Mrs. Yandoh's Class
Mrs. Ayrassian's Class
Mr. Gotsch's Class

Bus BEEhavior Award



Bus #2
(nominated 2x!)
Bus #4
Bus #8 (nominated 2x!)



Rockin Reader Award

Jaidyn Tallman

Golden Jacket Ticket Award

Harper Arquiatt
Caroline Boyer
Kai Parmeter-Gilbo
Kashius Sabre



Knowing My Words and Actions Affect Others

Daveigha Bleau
Kailani Eurto
Cody Howes
Elijah Sharpe

Bravery

Joseph Baker
Danica Billings
Weston Dumas
Brodan Elliot
Gabe Sogioan

Gratitude

Bria Clary
Lane LaBarge
Liana Patraw
Kayden Skinner
Noah Webster
Thalia Youngs



Sting With Kindness Award

Harper Arquiatt
Alex Backus
Harper Barkley
Charlotte Barton
Caleb Benware
Jesse Billings
Skyler Brothers
Sophia Brothers
Alyssa Callahan

Ava Chester
Sadie Clough
Kéon Cordwell
Mason Dailey
Sophie Dillon
Lillian Dumas
Ryder Dunkelberg
Reyna Elliott
Victoria Fay
Liam Fonda
Cordelia Goliber
Delaney Groebler
Leon Greenwood
Cozetta Harvey
Jaxson Holmes
Ridge Holmes
Korie Hollis
Fable Infante
Rainer Infante
Izabelle Kelley
Lane LaBarge
Jase LaRock
Kaylinn Mann
Eleanor Maxner
Beatrice McManus
Jedidiah Montroy
Makenna Murray
Zoey Planty
Sloan Rider
Kaidence Smith
Fiona Sullivan
Beckett Tallman
Jaxson Twombly
Abigail Vallance
Elliot Watson
Isla Wilson
Kale Zeledon
Joseph Zufall

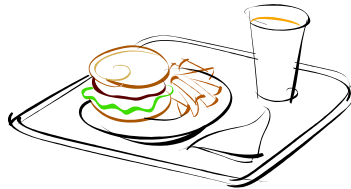


Scholarships for Seniors—Class of 2023 Madrid-Waddington Central School

If you have considered sponsoring a scholarship or award for a graduating Senior, but not sure how to go about it, here is some information for you. Scholarships will be announced at our June 2023 graduation ceremony. Scholarships may be donated by individuals, families, organizations and corporations. Donations are made for varied reasons: *In memory of a loved one, in recognition of a well-deserved accomplishment, or to help a student that is continuing in a certain trade or continuing on to college.*

Recipients are chosen in several different ways: by the MWCS Scholarship Committee, by the donor, or by committees organized within the donating business or charity. Our Madrid-Waddington Central School graduates always appreciate the recognition and monetary support.

It's never too early to consider donating a scholarship or award for a member of this year's graduating Class of 2023. In fact, in late January, informational letters will be mailed out to past donors outlining the timeline for scholarship donations. If you would like to receive this information, please email Sabrina Pribek at spribek@mwcsk12.org or call 315-322-5746, Ext. 35215.



FREE & REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION

(find application on the next page) → →
Fill out and return to MWCS
following instructions below...



A Free & Reduced Lunch Meal Program is available to assist families with the cost of school meals. Fill out the application even if you are unsure you qualify as this benefits the district. Please complete the application found on the next page of this newsletter and mail to **Mr. Stephen Adams, School Lunch Manager, MWCS, P.O. Box 67, Madrid, NY 13660.**

Confidentiality is maintained as students utilize a school ID number when progressing through the cafeteria line.

This program will ensure that all students have the opportunity to receive a healthy, nutritious meal.

Please call 315-322-5746, Ext. 35230 for assistance in completing this application.

This application has to be completed on a yearly basis - every September when school begins, or throughout the year if your financial circumstances have changed. Please utilize this program to be sure your student receives a healthy meal - breakfast and/or lunch every day!

If you wish, please call District Office at 315-322-5746, Ext. 35221 to request an application be mailed to you.

**Every child should have the opportunity
to enjoy a nutritious breakfast and lunch each day!**

Date Withdrew _____

F ___ R ___ D ___

2022-2023 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**. Call 315-322-5746, if you need help.

**Return Completed Applications to: Madrid-Waddington Central School
PO Box 67
Madrid, NY 13660**

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

Student Name	School	Grade/Teacher	Foster Child	Homeless Migrant, Runaway
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	\$ _____ / _____	<input type="checkbox"/>

Total Household Members (Children and Adults)

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

I do not have a SS#

*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 (Check one or more): American Indian or Alaskan Native Asian Black or African American Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Island White

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE - FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

Annual Income Conversion (Only convert when multiple income frequencies are reported on application)
Weekly X 52; Every Two Weeks (bi-weekly) X 26; Twice Per Month X 24; Monthly X 12

SNAP/TANF/Foster

Income Household: Total Household Income/How Often: _____ / _____ Household Size: _____

Free Meals Reduced Price Meals Denied/Paid

Signature of Reviewing Official _____ Date Notice Sent: _____

Letter to Parents for School Meal Programs

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. **MWCS** offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs **\$1.60**; **UPK – 5 lunch costs \$2.25**; **6 – 12 lunch costs \$2.50**. 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.**

1. **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.
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 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.
6. **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.**

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THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT
 Office of State Assessment
 Albany, NY 12234

EXAMINATION SCHEDULE: JANUARY 2023

Students must verify with their schools the exact times that they are to report for their State examinations.

JANUARY 24 TUESDAY <i>8 a.m.</i>	JANUARY 25 WEDNESDAY <i>8 a.m.</i>	JANUARY 26 THURSDAY <i>8 a.m.</i>	JANUARY 27 FRIDAY <i>8 a.m.</i>
English Language Arts	Geometry	Global History & Geography II	Physical Setting/Earth Science Physical Setting/Chemistry
<i>12 p.m.</i>	<i>12 p.m.</i>	<i>12 p.m.</i>	
Living Environment	Algebra I Physical Setting/Physics*	Algebra II	Uniform Admission Deadlines Morning Examinations – 10:00 a.m. Afternoon Examinations – 2:00 p.m.

* Available in Restricted Form only. Each copy of a restricted test is numbered and sealed in its own envelope and must be returned, whether used or unused, to the Department at the end of the examination period.

MADRID-WADDINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL HALL OF FAME



MWCS Athletic Hall of Fame

The Madrid-Waddington Central School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee is planning an induction ceremony next summer for all eligible Yellow Jacket athletes. The committee is looking to gradually catch up since the last induction, by initially focusing on athletes graduating between 2005-2008. Subsequent inductions will be held annually until all eligible years have been covered.

To be eligible for nomination, an athlete must have been out of school a minimum of 10 years. Coaches must have coached a minimum of 10 years in the sport for which they are nominated, and must be out of coaching a minimum of 5 years. A community member can be nominated at any time. Those athletes who were previously nominated, but not selected, will remain under consideration for up to 5 years.

All nominees for selection must meet minimal requirements developed by the Hall of Fame committee. If you would like to nominate a deserving athlete who graduated between 2005-2008, forms can be obtained on the [Madrid-Waddington Athletic website](#). All nomination forms are to be submitted to Laurinda Stockwell by February 1st, 2023. Mailing instructions and all other pertinent information can be found on the form. As per last year, donations will be very appreciated. Please send your donations to Marsha Watson at Po Box 53 Madrid, NY 13660.

WHAT'S NEW IN 2022

M-W's new Drone Soccer class, composed of 13 students in grades 8-12 were asked to be the keynote demonstration at the *North Country Collaborative* conference at SUNY Potsdam on Thursday, November 10, 2022. The conference was attended by over 180 educators from around the North Country. Students were able to explain what drone soccer is and explain the program at Madrid-Waddington. Their presentation was covered by News Channel 7 out of Watertown: <https://www.wvnytv.com/2022/11/10/drone-soccer-gives-students->



Students have enjoyed the new addition of the kiosk line in the cafeteria. This allows us to offer more meal choices for everyone.

December 2022

Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>menu subject to change without notice</p> <p>5 Sweet & Sour Meatball Bowl Steamed Rice Roasted Carrots Fruit & Milk</p>	 <p>6 Chicken Caesar Salad w/Garlic Breadstick Stirring Cheese Stick Fruit & Milk All Veg/Caesar Salad</p>	<p>7 Homemade Pizza Three Bean Salad Fruit & Milk</p> 	<p>1 Loaded Potato Bowl (Popcorn Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Cheddar Cheese) Steamed Corn, Biscuit Fruit & Milk</p>	<p>2 Quesadilla Refried Beans Red Pepper Strips Fruit & Milk</p>
<p>12 Tacos or Taco Salad Corn Black Bean & Cilantro Salsa Fruit & Milk</p> 	<p>13 Buffalo Chicken Wrap Garlic Breadstick North Country Carrot Coins w/ Hummus Dip Fruit & Milk</p>	<p>14 Homemade Pizza Broccoli Salad Fruit & Milk</p>	<p>8 Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Steamed Corn Fruit & Milk</p>	<p>9 Buffalo Chicken Bake Cheese Filled Breadstick Stick Cucumber Slices Fruit & Milk</p>
<p>19 Ham & Cheese Bagel Melt or Turkey Bagel Melt French Fries Steamed Broccoli Fruit & Milk</p>	<p>20 Roasted Turkey Mashed Potatoes Stuffing - Butternut Squash Fruit & Milk</p>	<p>21 Homemade Pizza Cucumber Slices Fruit & Milk</p>	<p>15 Chicken & Biscuits Mashed Potatoes Roasted Baby Carrots Fruit & Milk</p>	<p>16 Lasagna Garlic Toast Garden Salad Fruit & Milk</p>
<p>26 Holiday Break No School</p>	<p>27 Holiday Break No School</p>	<p>28 Holiday Break No School</p>	<p>22 Hot Dog or Hamburger on WW Roll Baked Beans Fruit & Milk</p>	<p>23 Holiday Break No School</p>
<p>29 Holiday Break No School</p>	<p>30 Holiday Break No School</p>	<p>29 Holiday Break No School</p> 	<p>29 Holiday Break No School</p>	<p>30 Holiday Break No School</p>
<p>Monday's Alternates PB&J w/cracker & cheese stick Turkey Sandwich Chef Salad Hot Dog on a roll</p>	<p>Tuesday's Alternates PB&J w/cracker & cheese stick Ham & Cheese Sandwich Chef Salad Chicken Sandwich</p>	<p>Wednesday's Alternates PB&J w/cracker & cheese stick Turkey Sandwich Chef Salad Hamburger</p>	<p>Thursday's Alternates PB&J w/cracker & cheese stick Ham & Cheese Sandwich Chef Salad Chicken Patty on Roll</p>	<p>Friday's Alternates PB&J w/cracker & cheese stick Turkey Sandwich Chef Salad Baked Haddock Sandwich</p>
<p>Monday French Toast Sticks</p> 	<p>Tuesday Cinnamon Roll</p> 	<p>Wednesday Breakfast Sandwich</p>	<p>Thursday Breakfast Pizza</p> 	<p>Friday Pancake/Waffle</p>

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Our monthly board meetings are held in the high school library at 6:30 PM unless otherwise noted, and are open to the public.

Notification of the upcoming Board meetings an agenda and related documents can be viewed online, under the “Board of Ed” tab. Agenda is posted three days prior to the meeting date.

<http://www.mwcsk12.org/district/boardpage.html>

Visit the Board of Education webpage at the address above for:

- ◆ Tax Calculator
- ◆ District Policy Manual
- ◆ Listing of Board members and terms
- ◆ Board Meeting Calendar
- ◆ Budget Information
- ◆ Employment Applications



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

School Board Meetings

BOARD MEETING DATES REMAINING IN 2022-2023 6:30 PM High School Library

Tuesday, December 13 - Regular meeting
Tuesday, January 17 - Regular meeting
Tuesday, February 14 - Regular meeting
Tuesday, March 21 - Regular Meeting
Tuesday, April 4 - Special Budget Meeting (Optional)
Wednesday, April 5 - BOCES Annual Meeting
Tuesday, April 18 - Regular Meeting
BOCES Budget Vote
Tuesday, May 9 - **5 pm** Public presentation of budget
Tuesday, May 16 - Annual District vote; Regular meeting
Tuesday, June 13 - Regular meeting

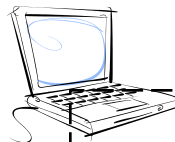
All meeting times are 6:30 PM, unless otherwise noted.

MWCS District Phone: 315-322-5746

Superintendent	Ext 35221
High School Office.....	Ext 35200
Elementary Office.....	Ext 35201
School Lunch Manager	Ext 35230
Business Office	Ext 35222
Bus Garage.....	Ext 35401
or direct line to Bus Garage 315-322-5723	
Guidance Office.....	Ext 35218
CSE Office.....	Ext 35217
School Nurse.....	Ext 35203

FAX:

District Office & High School..	315-322-4462
Elementary	315-322-0030
Guidance	315-322-5769
Nurse.....	315-322-5668



Schooltool access for parents is available—allowing you to access your student’s grades.

Call Patty Bogart, District Office, 315-322-5746, Ext. 35221 for the form and information on how to gain this access. The form may also be found online by clicking on the District tab; Forms, to Public Forms, and print out the Schooltool Access Form. Mail to Ms. Patty Bogart, MWCS, P.O. Box 67, Madrid, NY 13660

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If you know of someone who wishes to receive this newsletter electronically, please email Ms. Bogart at **pbogart@mwcsk12.org** to be placed on an email listing.