

# Madrid – Waddington Central School

**District Newsletter**

**June 2024**





## From the Desk of **Mr. Burke** *Superintendent*

The Madrid-Waddington campus has been brimming with energy, as athletes, musicians, actors, and scholars fill our evenings and weekends. Witnessing the outcomes of a year's worth of dedication, supported by our exceptional educational community, is truly inspirational. In this lively setting, we see the rewards of teamwork and dedication, showcasing the talent and commitment within our educational community.

As we conclude this school year, it's the perfect time to reflect on the profound impact that quality educators have on our students. Our remarkable faculty and staff have not only imparted knowledge but have also inspired curiosity, fostered resilience, and cultivated a passion for lifelong learning. Their unwavering dedication and tireless efforts have significantly shaped our students' futures, equipping them with the skills and confidence to thrive in whatever path they choose.

This year, we extend extreme gratitude to several retirees who have dedicated the bulk if not all of their career to the students of Madrid-Waddington. We extend our best wishes to Robin Hosmer with 32 years, Lucy Thomas with 27 years, Dave Bailey with 26 years, Linda Carr with 24 years, Bonnie Chichester with 22 years, and Diana Cryderman with 18 years. Their careers in education have been marked by an unwavering commitment to our students and District, creating lasting impacts that will be felt for generations. The legacy of their passion and dedication will continue to inspire both colleagues and students alike.

We are gearing up for an active summer, filled with enrichment activities for many elementary students. Over the past four years, this program has expanded significantly, underscoring the vital role of continuous student engagement throughout the year. The excitement from both students and staff has been truly inspiring.

Congratulations to the graduating class of 2024 on reaching this important milestone. Your dedication and effort have truly paid off. As you set off on new journeys, keep in mind that the education and experiences you've gained here will serve as a strong foundation for your future. We are incredibly proud of you and eagerly anticipate the remarkable contributions you will make to the world.

# Congratulations to the MWCS Class of 2024!



## Graduation Ceremony

*Friday, June 28, 2024 at 6:00 PM*

*Riche Baseball Field*

# Future Plans for the Class of 2024

Clarance Andress

Aidan Arquiett

Caleb Averill

Chase Brandy

Grace Barton

Burke Basford

Erica Bates

Cheyenne Bishop

Larry Blakemore

Alan Boswell

Hunter Bowman

Bailey Brooks

Sam Carter

Cassie Caswell

Abigail Chambers

Dylan Cuthbert

Reileigh Flanagan

Jacob Forbes

Zoey French

Ava Fuller

Harlie George

Bailey Georgi

Stefin Jacob

Baiylee Jessmer

Kyleeann Kriegel

Grace LaMora

Zackery LaShomb

Austin LaValley

Hayden Maloy

Hannah Manson

Hailey Marcellus

Grace Mayette

Edward Miller

Nicholas Moquin

Logan Mundorff

Kyle Murphy

Hailie Paquin

Greg Perelli

Katelyn Pickering

Aaron Putman

Connor Schneider

Landen Sharlow

Greysen Steffenhagen

Blake Taylor

Lillan Todd

Mollie Uppstrom

Madison Vallance

Mackenzie Wiggins

Elliott Woodward

Workforce

Workforce (Florida)

Workforce

Alfred State

Workforce

Workforce

Elmira College

Jefferson CC

Clarkson University

Gap Year - Clarkson

SUNY Potsdam

Workforce

SUNY Morrisville

Workforce

SUNY Canton

Workforce

Uncertain

Workforce

SUNY Canton

SUNY Canton

SUNY Potsdam

Workforce/Tech School

SUNY Canton

SUNY Canton

Workforce

SUNY Canton

Jefferson CC

US Army

Workforce

SUNY Canton

Clarkson University

St. Bonaventure Univ.

SUNY Potsdam

RIT

SUNY Canton

SUNY Canton

SUNY Canton

Workforce

US Air Force

SUNY Morrisville

UTI

Workforce

SUNY Canton

Workforce

SUNY Cobleskill

SUNY Potsdam

SUNY Canton

Workforce

SUNY Potsdam

Family Business

History/Education

Nursing

Business

Mechanical Engineering

Civil Engineering

Music Education

Deisel Mechanic

Early Childhood Care

Welding

Electrical Union/Const.

Vet Science Technology

Nursing

Psychology

Mechanics

Game Design

Social Work

Roofing Union/Const.

Criminology/Crim. Jus.

Culinary Arts

Nursing

Physical Therapy

Health Sciences

Elementary Education

Exercise Science

Liberal Arts

Business Admin.

Psychology

Agricultural Engineering

Deisel Technician

Game Design

Animal Science

Special Education

Crime Analysis

Music Theory

# **Congratulations to 2024 Seniors completing Career and Technical Education Programs**



**Clarence Andress  
Aiden Arquiett  
Caleb Averill  
Chase Bandy  
Cheyenne Bishop  
Bailey Brooks  
Samuel Carter  
Dylan Cuthbert  
Jacob Forbes  
Ava Fuller  
Bailey Giorgi  
Baiylee Jessmer  
Kyleann Kriegel**

**Zackery LaShomb  
Austin LaValley  
Hayden Maloy  
Hannah Manson  
Logan Mundorf  
Hailie Paquin  
Greg Perelli  
Katelyn Pickering  
Connor Schneider  
Greysen Steffenhagen  
Blake Taylor  
Madison Vallance**



**Hunter Bowman and Nicholas Moquin were selected and recognized for their  
accomplishments by the St. Lawrence-Lewis Counties School Boards Association.  
CONGRATULATIONS!!**



# From the Desk of **Mr. Binion**

*Junior/Senior High School*

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students:

Congratulations to the parents, guardians, and students of the Class of 2024. The hard work you have put in over the past 4-years has finally paid off. Your dedication will continue to lead you on a path of growth and accomplishment on your journey through life.

Please see the information below regarding the June Regents and the end of year schedule. For students that may need to attend summer school, the guidance department will be reaching out. There is an in person option in Ogdensburg and a remote option where students can attend from home. Chromebooks will be available for students that need them for remote summer school.

Enjoy the summer and we will see everyone in September.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Binion

**End of Year Schedule:**

- **June 13th:** Last Day of Regular Classes (Grades 7-12)
- 6th Grade students will attend school through June 25th
  - June 14th-20th: Normal School Day
  - June 21st-25th: 11:30 pm Dismissal w/elementary
- **June 14th-June 25th:** Grades 7-12 Students will not report to school unless they are scheduled for a Regents Exam or for a Regents Review Class.
- **June 28th: Graduation**
  - 6 pm at Jim Rishe Field

**EXAMINATION SCHEDULE: JUNE 2024**

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

June 4 TUESDAY	June 14 FRIDAY	June 17 MONDAY	June 18 TUESDAY	June 19 WEDNESDAY	June 20 THURSDAY	June 21 FRIDAY	June 24 MONDAY*	June 25 TUESDAY	June 26 WEDNESDAY
8:30 am	8:00 am	<b>Eid al-Adha Observed</b>  <b>Rating Day for Schools Not Closed</b>	8:00 am	<b>Juneteenth Holiday Observed</b>	8:00 am	8:00 am	8:00 am	8:00 am	<b>RATING DAY</b>
Algebra I*	English Language Arts  Earth Science Performance		U.S. History & Government		Physical Setting/ Earth Science	Geometry	Algebra II	Physical Setting/ Physics	
	Noon		Noon		Noon		*World Language Assessment suggested date/time:  Locally developed Checkpoint Exams	<b><u>Uniform Admission Deadlines</u></b>  Morning Examinations: 10:00 a.m. Afternoon Examinations: 2:00 p.m.	
	Living Environment		Global History & Geography II		Physical Setting/ Chemistry				

# Class of 2024 Honor Students

The Madrid-Waddington Central School District wishes to also recognize the following Honor Students from the Class of 2024 for their outstanding academic achievement. Congratulations to all!

*The following students have achieved the designation of Summa Cum Laude - “with highest distinction,” earning a grade point average of 95 or better.*

## Erica Bates

Erica Bates is the daughter of John and Andrea Bates. Erica plans on attending Elmira College to study Nursing and play softball. While in high school, Erica has participated in Outing Club, Whiz Quiz, is a member of the National Honor Society, Language Club, Science Olympiad, Yearbook and Varsity Club. She is Vice President of Key Club, Treasurer of Whiz Quiz and Co- Captain of the Girls Varsity Volleyball, Basketball and Softball teams. Erica works two jobs throughout the school year. She is a Certified Nurse’s Aide at United Helpers and is a Supervisor at the MWCS Fitness Center. Erica has been awarded several scholarships this year including the Evergreen STEM Award, the Nihanawate Chapter Scholarship and the Elmira College Key Award. Erica has also received several athletic awards such as Athlete of Distinction, 2nd Team All Northern and the Sharp Shooter Award for Basketball, the Golden Glove Award and Coach’s Award for Softball. Erica has earned an Advanced Regents diploma with Honors, Mastery in Math.



## Alan Boswell

Alan is the son of Wyatt and Adrienne Boswell. Alan plans on taking a gap year after graduation and then will attend Clarkson University to study Civil Engineering. While in high school, Alan has been very active in the music program and has been in several plays and musicals. He has participated in Select Chorus, Stardust, Band, Stage Band and Chorus. Alan is a member of National Honor Society and Tri-M Music Honor Society. He is the Treasurer for Stardust and the Nest. During his junior year, Alan was awarded the Clarkson University Leadership Award, the RIT Computing Award, Sage College Student Award and the University of Rochester George Eastman Award. Alan earned an Advanced Regents diploma with Honors, Mastery in Math and Science.



## Hunter Bowman

Hunter is the son of Mandy and Vernon Bowman. Hunter will attend SUNY Potsdam in the fall and study at the Crane School of Music. Hunter plans to pursue a career in Music Education. While in high school, Hunter has participated in Chorus, Band, Stage Band, Select Chorus and Stardust singing group. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Tri M Music Honor Society and the Potsdam Community Band. During his Junior year of high school, Hunter was awarded the Sage College Scholarship and was most recently awarded the SUNY Potsdam Freshman Scholarship. Hunter has earned an Advanced Regents diploma with Honors, Mastery in Math and Science.



## Nicholas Moquin

Nicholas is the grandson of Emily and Henry Sharlow. Nicholas will attend the Rochester Institute of Technology majoring in Exercise Science. Nicholas was awarded the RIT Grant and the Presidential scholarship. He was selected as the WWNY TV 7 - Academic All Star and has been a High Honor Roll student throughout high school. Nicholas has served as Senior President of the National Honor Society, Sophomore Vice President and Senior Class Secretary. Nicholas has also held a part-time job year round this past year. For sports, Nicholas participated in Track and Field from Sophomore through Senior year, Cross Country during Junior year and Wrestling during Senior year. Nicholas has earned an Advanced Regents diploma with Honors, Mastery in Math and Science.



## Elliott Woodward

Elliott Woodward is the son of Nicole and Josh Page. Elliott plans on attending SUNY Potsdam with intentions of applying to the Crane School of Music for Music Theory. He has earned the SUNY Potsdam NH Provost scholarship. While attending Madrid-Waddington, Elliott has participated in a variety of clubs and organizations, such as Chorus, Stardust, Select Choir, Band, Stage Band, Speech and Debate, History Club, Drama Club, and Whiz Quiz. He also has had numerous lead roles in multiple plays and musicals. He has been a member of the National Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society and is Class President. Elliott has participated in NYSSMA, All-County, Vocal Select, Jazz All-County, and was a sound engineer for the Madrid Dam Music Series. Elliott has earned an Advanced Regents diploma with Honors, Mastery in Math and Science.





***The following students have achieved the designation Magna Cum Laude - “with great distinction,” earning a grade point average of 93 or better.***

**Kyle Murphy**

Kyle Murphy is the son of Joe and Lisa Murphy. Kyle plans on attending SUNY Canton, majoring in Business Administration. He is a member of the National Honor Society, the Varsity Club, served as Class Treasurer for three years, and was a member of stage crew for the high school musicals. He played Varsity Soccer, serving as Captain his Senior year and received the Section X Second Team All Northern Award and the Section X Athlete of Distinction Award. He played Varsity Hockey for the Norwood-Norfolk Icemen, serving as an Assistant Captain his Senior year, receiving the Section X Athlete of Distinction Award. He has enjoyed playing high school golf and has participated in several local golf leagues, with plans to play at the college level for SUNY Canton. Kyle has earned an Advanced Regents diploma.



**Aaron Putman**

Aaron Putman is the son of Clark and Nancy Putman. Aaron plans on attending SUNY Morrisville, majoring in Agricultural Engineering. Aaron has achieved High Honor Roll throughout high school. He is a member of the Varsity Club and participates in many community events. Aaron has been an athlete in Cross Country, Basketball and Track. He has had a part-time job for several years at McKnight’s River Breeze Farm. Aaron has been awarded the SUNY Morrisville Trustee’s scholarship. Aaron has earned an Advanced Regents diploma.



**Lillan Todd**

Lillan Todd is the daughter of Eric Todd and Tina Sawyer. Lillan plans on attending SUNY Cobleskill majoring in Animal Science. During high school, Lillan has been involved in a variety of activities including History Club, Outing Club, Whiz Quiz, Varsity Club, Yearbook and National Honor Society. Lillan is a three sport athlete in Basketball, Softball and Volleyball. She was the captain of her Softball and Volleyball teams. She received a Second Team All Northern Award for Volleyball and the Nicole Fleury Sportsmanship Award for Basketball. For all three sports, she has been awarded the Section X Athlete of Distinction. She is also the President of Key Club. She has had part-time employment at Breezy Maples Farm, Madrid-Waddington School Fitness Center, and the Madrid Recreation Program. Lillan has earned an Advanced Regents diploma, Mastery in Science.



***Students who have earned the designation of Cum Laude - “with distinction,” have earned a grade point average of 90 or better.***

## **Larry Blakemore Jr.**

Larry Blakemore Jr. is the son of Juanita and Larry Blakemore Sr. He will be pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering at Clarkson University. Larry is a recipient of the Clarkson Merit Scholarship, Clarkson SAE Scholarship, Clarkson University Engineering Scholarship, Clarkson Alumni and Clarkson Visit Scholarship, the RIT Presidential Scholarship, the Merit Scholarship from SUNY Canton, and the SUNY Canton Woodcock Family Endowed Scholarship, the SUNY Polytechnic Dean Scholarship and the University of Rochester Bausch and Lomb Scholarship and Award. While at Madrid-Waddington, Larry has been a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, History Club, Drama Club, Whiz Quiz, North Country Science & Technology Entry Program, Liberty Partnership Program, E-Sports, and Drone Soccer. Larry is the president of the Speech and Debate Club and the Language Club. He won multiple 1st place awards in the Oral Interpretation

Category for Speech and Debate as well as in the Extemporaneous Speech Category. Larry also does the morning announcements and has played various roles in the fall plays and spring musical productions. He traveled to Italy and Greece with the History Club. Larry participated in various leadership programs to include Project Challenge, Horizons, and the GE Leadership Day at Clarkson University as well as the NCSTEP/STEP Statewide Student Conference and LPP Leadership Summit. He has volunteered many hours in service projects within the community throughout the years for Key Club, National Honor Society and Boy Scouts of America. Larry is a member of the Order of the Arrow Honor Society within the Boy Scouts of America organization, has earned multiple Merit Badges and a Life Rank. He has been an Altar Server and a Lector at St. Mary’s Church in Waddington and at St. John’s in Massena. Larry has consistently been on the Honor and High Honor Roll and has earned an Advanced Regents diploma.



## **Zoey French**

Zoey is the daughter of David and Denise French. Zoey plans on attending SUNY Canton to study Veterinary Science Technology. During high school, Zoey has been involved in a variety of activities such as Chorus, Stardust, Select Chorus, Band and Stage Band. She participates in Drama Club, Varsity Club, is a member of the National Honor Society, Yearbook, Area All State and All County Vocal Ensemble. Zoey plays soccer, is a member of the Cheerleading team and participates in Varsity Softball. She has served as Treasurer of Tri-M Music Honor Society, was Captain of the Girls Varsity Soccer team and Cheerleading team, as well as Treasurer of the Cheerleading team. Zoey has participated in several events within her community which include the Madrid Dam Music Series, has played TAPS for Memorial Day celebrations and has been a member of the Waddington Homecoming Band. Zoey has volunteered her time with the Madrid-Waddington plays and musicals and keeps busy with her work on the Madrid-Waddington School Board of Education serving as the Student Liaison. Zoey has been awarded the Sage College Junior Scholarship, and was recommended for the St. Lawrence University Augsburg-North Country Scholarship Award and the University of Rochester Frederick Douglass Award. Zoey has earned an Advanced Regents diploma.



## Bailey Georgi

Bailey is the daughter of Stephen Georgi and Kellie Georgi. Bailey intends to pursue a career in Mechanics. Bailey is a wonderful student, achieving High Honor Roll throughout high school. She is a leader in the Automotive program at Northwest Technical Center in Ogdensburg, is a member of the National Technical Honor Society and the National Honor Society. She enjoys participating in Band and Stage Band. Bailey has earned a New York State Regents diploma with a Career and Technical Endorsement.



## Connor Thrasher

Connor Thrasher is the son of Heather Baxter. Connor plans on attending Universal Technical Institute in Pennsylvania and majoring in Diesel Technician. Connor has been on the High Honor Roll throughout high school and participates in the Automotive Technology program at NorthWest Technical Center. Connor has earned an Advanced Regents diploma with Career and Technical Endorsement.



# Guidance Department

## • Staff Assignments ★

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

Ms. Sabrina Pribek - Grades 6-12 (Last names beginning with M-Z)

Mrs. Mallory Morehouse - Guidance Secretary, Grades 6-12

## • Class Schedules for Fall 2024

You can view your Fall class schedule on SchoolTool in mid-August. If adjustments need to be made to your schedule, you will need to email your counselor. Please email your counselor to make an appointment, if you need a schedule change.

*NOTE: Access to SchoolTool will not be available after July 1 until mid-August due to class scheduling for the coming school year.*



# Important Summer School Information...

...from the  
Guidance Office

There are two options for students to attend summer school this summer. Information and registration needs to be completed through the Guidance Office. Please contact your child's counselor to inquire.

Students will be contacted by their school counselor when grades have been finalized **IF** they need to participate.

**Option 1** – Attend in person to OFA summer school. Dates of operation are 7/8/24 – 7/25/24 for students taking a non-Regents course; 7/29/24 – 8/15/24 for students taking a Regents course. Students can take a maximum of two classes each session if needed. Summer school hours are 7:30 AM – 11:35 PM. Students must arrange their own transportation. Only for students in grades 7-12.

**Option 2** – SLL Boces Regional summer school – online only. Dates of operation are 7/8/24 – 8/15/24. This is video based coursework. Teachers will provide students help with the curriculum. While students are permitted to work at their own pace, each student is required to get on a morning call with their homeroom teacher from 8:00 AM – 8:15 AM daily. Students are expected to engage in their work at a minimum of Monday-Thursday. Only for students in grades 7-12.

Registration deadline and additional information will be provided in the coming weeks.

Toni Siddon – [tsiddon@mwcsk12.org](mailto:tsiddon@mwcsk12.org) – Students with last names A-L in grades 6-12

Sabrina Pribek – [spribek@mwcsk12.org](mailto:spribek@mwcsk12.org) – Students with last names M-Z in grades 6-12

## College Credit Courses at Madrid-Waddington ~ Requesting Your Transcript

Madrid-Waddington does NOT give college credits, only high school credits. In order to obtain the college credits the following request for college transcripts must be completed by the student.

**Paul Smith's College:** If you completed a Paul Smith's course for college credit and would like your transcript sent to another college, please go to the following website:

[www.paulsmiths.edu/registrar/request-a-transcript](http://www.paulsmiths.edu/registrar/request-a-transcript)

The Guidance Office also has copies of Paul Smith's Transcript Request Form in our office. We can fax the request for you during business hours; however, a student signature is required.

**SUNY Potsdam:** If you completed a SUNY Potsdam course for college credit and would like your transcript sent to another college, please go to the following website:

[www.potsdam.edu/about/offices/registrar/transcripts](http://www.potsdam.edu/about/offices/registrar/transcripts)

**SUNY Canton:** If you completed a SUNY Canton's course for college credit and would like your transcript sent to another college, please go to the following website:

[https://www.canton.edu/media/pdf/transcript\\_request.pdf](https://www.canton.edu/media/pdf/transcript_request.pdf)

The Guidance Office also has copies of SUNY Canton's Transcript Request Form in our office. We can fax this request for you; however a student signature is required.



# College-Bound Juniors

Juniors completed a resume 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 2024, 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. Be sure to review each college's website for more information on these admission requirements.

## Upcoming Exams

### SAT

\* Students must pre-register at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)  
Test Fee information available online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

Test Dates	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
August 24, 2024	August 9, 2024	August 13, 2024
October 5, 2024	September 20, 2024	September 24, 2024
November 2, 2024	October 18, 2024	October 22, 2024
March 8, 2025	February 21, 2025	February 25, 2025
May 3, 2025	April 18, 2025	April 22, 2025
June 7, 2025	May 22, 2025	May 27, 2025

### ACT

\* Students must pre-register at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)  
Test Fee information available online at [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

Test Dates	Regular Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline
September 14, 2024	August 9	August 25
October 26, 2024	September 20	October 7
December 14, 2024	November 8	November 22
February 8, 2025	January 3	January 20
April 5, 2025	February 28	March 16
June 14, 2025	May 9	May 26

## Fitness Center

Monday – Friday 5:00 – 8:00 PM

Fitness Center is closed July 4th & Labor Day



## Maintenance Department News

### *End of School Year Pesticide Notification*



Schools are required to maintain a list of staff and persons in parental relation who wish to receive 48 hour prior written notification of pesticide application at relevant facilities and procedures on how to register with the school to be on such a list for notification. This notice shall be made available at the beginning and end of each school year. If you would like to obtain information about products being applied, including warnings that appear on the label of pesticides used, or would like to be placed on our notification list, please contact the District Office at 315-322-5746 ext. 35221

## New Student Registration

If you are new to the Madrid-Waddington Central School District, and wish to register your child(ren), registration may be done through the District Office during the months of July and August, Tuesday through Friday, 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Please call Patty Bogart at 315-322-5746 ext. 35221 for information and an appointment. New registrants for Grades 6-12 will have the opportunity to speak to the Guidance Counselors regarding class schedules.



## Pre-K Registration

### *September 2024*



Applications are being accepted from district residents interested in having their child participate in our Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) program. This is a half day program and is for any child who will turn **four years of age on or before December 1st, 2024** and is a resident of the Madrid-Waddington School District. Please call the Elementary Office at 315-322-5746 ext. 35201 to receive a registration packet.

# From the Desk of

# Ms. Weakfall

## *Elementary School*

Dear Elementary Parents and Guardians,

Wow, what a fantastic school year it has been! As we bid farewell to another incredible year of learning and laughter, I wanted to take a moment to share some smiles and celebrate the fantastic journey we've had together.

First and foremost, I must express my gratitude for your incredible support throughout the year. Your enthusiasm, involvement, and follow-through have helped to make our school community truly extraordinary. Thank you for partnering with us to ensure your littles had a successful year!

I am so proud of the outstanding elementary students we have here at Madrid-Waddington! From their impressive improvements in phonics to their perseverance with a new math program, from their catchy tunes to their daily displays of kindness, they have left us in awe with their extraordinary talents and boundless creativity. We've witnessed their growth, not just in academics but also in character. Through the Positivity Project, they've learned the power of kindness, the joy of sharing, and the importance of teamwork. They've discovered that making mistakes is part of the learning process and that embracing challenges leads to growth.

I would also like to express my gratitude for our amazing faculty and staff. From inspiring students to enjoy learning and ensuring they have the tools to be successful, to keeping our space clean and safe for children. The dedicated adults that surround your littles work tirelessly to make learning fun and engaging. I extend my sincere gratitude to our teachers, support staff, nurses, office staff, custodial, maintenance, cafeteria and transportation staff for their contributions to our school community.

As we approach the summer break, it's time for our students to recharge their batteries. Whether it's building sandcastles at the beach or just spending quality time with loved ones, we encourage them to savor every moment of the break and come back refreshed and ready for more fantastic adventures next year.

Thank you for entrusting us with the education and well-being of your children. It has been an absolute honor and privilege to serve as the elementary principal for another year at Madrid-Waddington. May your summer be filled with sunshine, laughter, and unforgettable memories.

Sincerely,  
Nicole Weakfall



# Battle of the Books

The 2024 local Battle of the Books was held at the Madrid Hepburn Library on Saturday, March 2nd. Battle of the Books is a book trivia competition for teams of no more than four students in grades 4-6.

This year, sixteen 4th, 5th, and 6th graders formed five teams for the competition. Students took on the task of reading 16 novels from October through February. They met on a regular basis to go over the rules, answer sample questions about the novels, and design logos for team shirts.

During the double elimination competition, the teams were asked questions about the books and were required to answer with the correct title and author. Teams included The Cookie Monsters, made up of Caius and Daveigha Bleau, Lilly Fetterly, and Liana Patraw. Alex Backus and Madison Burns made up The Birdies team. The Cobras team was made up of Gavin Cary, Jase Larock, and Isaac Miller. The Bookworms Reborn were the first place winners this year, while the Lightning Readers 4.0 finished in second place. Congratulations to all of these students for a job well done!

The regional battle, scheduled for March 23rd, was postponed due to inclement weather and was rescheduled, giving teams more time to read/reread books and practice. On Saturday, May 4th, the top two teams from the local battle, The Bookworms Reborn and the Lightning Readers 4.0, traveled to St. James School in Gouverneur to compete in the regional battle against teams from St. Lawrence, Lewis, and Jefferson Counties. Both teams put on a good performance. The Lightning Readers 4.0, who represented the Waddington Library proudly and with a great deal of enthusiasm, finished in ninth place. The three members of this team were new to the program this year and are looking forward to returning next year.

Congratulations to The Bookworms Reborn who shattered the old school record of 4th place by finishing in 1st, bringing home the trophy and winning the entire tournament. They faced some very competitive teams in multiple battles, most of which came down to the final question, and one that went into multiple overtimes. They stayed above the fray and kept calm throughout the tournament!

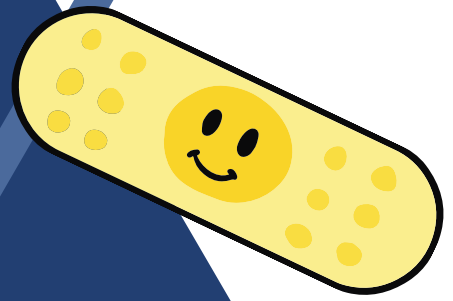
The Battle of the Books participants, as well as their coaches, Mr. Gotsch and Miss Kowalchuk, would like to thank Deborah Chase-Lauther from the Madrid Hepburn Library for hosting this year's local competition and for the medals and goodie bags given to each of the students. We also thank her for providing a delicious taco bar for the participants and their families for lunch, as well as the library helpers who set things up and helped serve lunch. We would also like to thank the PTO for purchasing the shirts for the teams. Last, but certainly not least, we would like to thank the parents, family members, and friends for their support throughout the year. It came as no surprise that the Madrid-Waddington teams had the largest group of fans in Gouverneur.

Congratulations to everyone involved!





# From the Health Office



## IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Students entering school in September 2023 – 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 Nurses, Mrs. Amber Murphy or Elyse Burnett at 315-322-5746, Ext. 35203  
315-322-0030 (fax)

## Free & Reduced Lunch

Information and the application for our Free & Reduced Lunch eligibility requirements will be provided in our August Newsletter. Please contact the District Office at 315-322-5746, ext. 35221 for information on this application. This application must be completed EVERY SEPTEMBER when returning to school to continue your child's eligibility.

# Feed Their Summer Smiles With SUN Programs!

Make this summer one to remember with SUN Programs: USDA's Summer Nutrition Programs for Kids. We've got meals and new benefits to keep your kids fueled up for summer.



## SUN MEALS

Children 18 and under can enjoy meals together at eligible meal sites. SUN Meals are free and help your kids get the nutrition they need all summer long.

## SUN MEALS TO-GO

In some rural areas, SUN Meals can be picked up or delivered right to your home!

## SUN BUCKS

With SUN Bucks, get \$120 per eligible school-aged child to buy more of your family's favorite food, from fresh fruits and vegetables to pantry staples, supporting delicious and healthy meals at home.



[fns.usda.gov/summer](https://fns.usda.gov/summer)



[twitter.com/USDANutrition](https://twitter.com/USDANutrition)

Scan to find out  
about meal options  
and grocery benefits  
in your area.



# Board of Education

## Madrid-Waddington Central School Board of Education

### Meeting Dates 2024-2025

6:30 PM unless noted otherwise

Monday, July 1, 2024	Reorganizational meeting & Regular meeting
Tuesday, August 20, 2024	Regular meeting; set tax rate
Tuesday, September 17, 2024	Regular meeting
Tuesday, October 15, 2024	Regular meeting; <b>Audit Committee 5:45 PM</b>
Tuesday, November 19, 2024	Regular meeting
Tuesday, December 10, 2024	Regular meeting
Tuesday, January 21, 2025	Regular meeting
Tuesday, February 11, 2025	Regular meeting
Tuesday, March 25, 2025	Regular meeting
Tuesday, April 8, 2025	Special Budget Meeting (Optional)
Thursday, April 10, 2025	BOCES Annual Meeting with dinner and Budget presentation
<b>*Tuesday, April 29, 2025</b>	<b>Regular meeting BOCES Budget Vote</b>
Tuesday, May 13, 2025	Public Budget Hearing <b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>*Tuesday, May 20, 2025</b>	<b>Regular meeting Budget &amp; Board Member Vote; Bus Referendum</b>
Tuesday, June 10, 2025	Regular meeting

**\* We have no option to change dates highlighted in yellow.**

- Bruce Durant – President
- Amber Sullivan – Vice President
- Wyatt Boswell
- Charles Grant
- Ryan Hayes
- Katheryn Logan
- Christopher Pryce
- Michael Ruddy
- Robert Smith

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