Building **BRIDGES OF EXCELLENCE** for today’s students to cross into tomorrow’s world with EQUITY, INNOVATION and OPTIMISM
WELCOME to the 2018-2019 School Year

NYACK SCHOOLS MISSION STATEMENT

We, the students, parents, community and staff of the Nyack School District VALUE:
...the pursuit of scholastic excellence
...the richness of our diverse community
...harmonious relationships among individuals and groups
...partnerships among students, staff, parents, and community
...respect for self, and others
...responsible ethical behavior that engenders trust
...individuals who think critically and creatively
...ongoing involvement in local and global issues
...development of essential skills and attitudes for a productive life
...a safe and nurturing environment

To embody these values, we ENVISION: a community, proud of its traditions, that uses the richness of its diversity to meet the needs of all students and prepare them for a rapidly changing world. In a spirit of collaboration, we provide an environment that fosters scholastic excellence, cultural appreciation, and ethical behavior. Nyack is a community of lifelong learners, encouraging new ideas to shape a positive future.

Guided by our values and vision, we will strive to:

- Nurture a love of learning
- Yield positive outcomes
- Appreciate diversity
- Care for each other
- Keep on the path to excellence

DISTRICT PROFILE

Enrollment: 3,118 students
Ethnic Make-up:
44% White
25% Latino/Hispanic
18% Black
7% Asian
5% Multi-Racial
0.1% American Indian/Alaskan Native

Average Class Size
Gr. K-5: 21
Gr. 6-12: 24

Transportation Eligibility
1 mile or more Gr. K-8
1.5 miles or more Gr. 9-12

NYACK BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS

1. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT: Challenge each student to reach his/her highest potential as a whole person (i.e. intellectually, socially, ethically, artistically and physically).

2. FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY: Continue to improve the District’s operating and financial efficiency in a way that is supportive of student achievement and stakeholder communications.

3. STAKEHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS: Continue to improve how the District and its stakeholders work together to achieve District goals (e.g. parents, community, staff, students).

A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT:

WELCOME TO THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR!

In Nyack Public Schools, we believe that all children are capable learners. As we begin a new year together, our classrooms, hallways and common grounds will be filled with opportunities for students to explore and pursue excellence through education.

Our commitment to the core competencies of Critical Thinking, Creativity, Collaboration, Communication, Compassion, Content Mastery and Cultural Awareness is embedded in all we do.

One of our most critical responsibilities in school community is to demonstrate our collective belief in each and every child’s abilities and aspirations. If we are to achieve our purpose of giving every child the schooling that equips them to grow and thrive in the 21st century, we must help each and every one find their own unique purposes.

As parents, guardians and care-givers, we can look back on our own educational experiences to find somebody in our lives that really demonstrated that they believed in us. We know that when a sense of efficacy exists in a classroom, there are good results for all children. Our Board of Education, Administrators and Staff are focused on how to uplift equity together.

This year, we invite you to learn about the Nyack Basics, our new campaign to ensure that all our children are entering Kindergarten ready to learn and reading on level by the third grade. We rely on you as an essential link in our school-to-home connections and we encourage you to participate in every possible opportunity that strengthens your child’s education. Please make every effort to attend Parent/Teacher conferences, school events and meetings listed in this calendar. Throughout the school year, we hope you will join our pursuit to create conditions that allow all children to participate, prosper and reach their full potential.

In partnership, we are “building bridges for today’s students to cross into tomorrow’s world with equity, innovation and optimism.”

James J. Montesano, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools

Calendar Cover: “Untitled”, painting by Michaila Furchak, Class of 2018
School Year at a Glance

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS
Elementary (L, UN, VC): Sept. 27 • MS: Sept. 13 • HS: Sept. 20

HOLIDAY RECESS

SUPERINTENDENT CONFERENCE DAYS: Sept. 4, Nov. 6, Mar. 22

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
Gr. K-5: 11:45 AM Dismissal Dec. 4 & 11 and Apr. 16 & 18 • EVE Dec. 6; Apr. 17
Gr. 6-8: 11:45 AM Dismissal Nov. 9 • EVE Nov. 5 & 15
Gr. 9-12: 11:45 AMDismissal Jan. 18
EVE Nov. 29 & Dec. 5

ELEMENTARY TRIMESTERS AND MS/HS QUARTERS
1st Trimester End: Dec. 7; 2nd Trimester End: March 22; 3rd Trimester End: June 21
1st Quarter MS/HS Progress Reports: Oct. 5; End: Nov. 9
2nd Quarter MS/HS Progress Reports: Dec. 14; End: Jan. 18
3rd Quarter MS/HS Progress Reports: March 8; End: Apr. 12
4th Quarter MS/HS Progress Reports: May 17; End: June 14

STUDENT PHOTOS
High School: Sept. 17, 18, 20
Middle School: Oct. 23, 24
Liberty: Oct. 18; Upper Nyack: Oct. 16; Valley Cottage: Sept. 26

TEST SCHEDULE
SAT (Saturdays): Oct. 6, Nov. 3, May 4, June 1
ACT (Saturdays): Oct. 27, June 8
ACT/Aspire Testing: Nov. 14
PSAT: Oct. 10
HS Advanced Placement: May 6-17
HS Regents: Jan 22-25, June 3 & 18-26
NYS ELA Gr. 3-8: April 2-4
NYS Math Gr. 3-8: May 1-3
NYS Science (Performance) Gr. 4 & 8: May 22 - 31
NYS Science (Written) Gr. 4 & 8: June 3
NYESLSLAT Speaking: Apr. 8 - May 3
NYESLSLAT (Listening, Reading, Writing) May 6-17

CONCERTS
Liberty: Dec. 18 (K-2); Jan. 9 (3-5) @ HS; May 22 (1-2); June 5 (4-5); June 11 (3)
Upper Nyack: Dec. 19 (1-2); Jan. 17 (3-5) @ HS; May 23 (1-2); May 29 (4-5); June 12 (3)
Valley Cottage: Dec. 20 (1-2); Jan. 24 (3-5) @ HS; May 21 (3); June 6 (1-2); June 13 (4-5) @ HS
MS: Dec. 11 (6); Dec. 12 (7); Dec. 13 (8) @ HS; June 4 (6); June 5 (7); June 6 (8) @ HS
HS: Dec. 19 Winter Concert 1; Dec. 20 Winter Concert 2; May 22 Spring Concert 1; May 23 Spring Concert 2

PLAYS & MUSICALS
Musicals: Middle School: March 8 & 9 • High School: March 15 & 16; 22 & 23
High School Plays: Fall: Nov. 9 & 10 • Spring One Act Plays: May 10 & 11

HILLTOP ART GALLERY
Exhibition Openings, Hilltop, Tuesdays, 5:30 PM
Upper Nyack: Jan. 8
Middle School: Feb. 5
Liberty: Mar. 5
Valley Cottage: Apr. 2
High School: May 7

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS
(All Board meetings start at 7:30pm except for 5/15, 8:30pm)
Aug. 28: Administration Board Room
Sept. Date TBD: Administration Board Room
Oct. 2: Administration Board Room
Oct. 16: Administration Board Room
Nov. 13: Liberty Elementary School
Dec. 11: Upper Nyack Elementary School
Jan. 15: Administration Board Room
Feb. 5: Administration Board Room
Mar. 5: Valley Cottage Elementary School
Mar. 19: Administration Board Room
Apr. 2: Administration Board Room
Apr. 16: Administration Board Room
May 7: Nyack High School
May 21: Administration Board Room
Jun. 4: Nyack High School
Jun. 18: Nyack High School

Please try to join us at school events. Note: all Board meetings are podcast and available on www.nyackschools.org.
ATTENDANCE TIMES
Gr. K-5: 8:50 AM – 3:20 PM
Gr. 6-8: 8:05 AM – 2:50 PM
Gr. 9-12: 7:30 AM – 2:15 PM

BUDGET/TRUSTEE VOTE
The vote is held on the third Tuesday in May (May 21). The budget is developed with much input from staff and community. The proposed budget is reviewed, discussed and possibly revised in public workshop sessions to which all are invited to participate. Registration to vote is held weekdays all year and Absentee Ballots are available a few weeks before the vote. Prospective School Board candidates must submit a petition with signatures to the District Clerk at least 30 days before the vote. Please call the Clerk at 353-7015 for details.

CLOSINGS/EARLY DISMISSAL
The decision to cancel school is based upon the District’s regard for the safety of all students, walkers and those transported. The decision is made after a thorough check with local police, highway authorities, the weather forecast, and the District’s transportation office. Parents must have a plan of action to follow if schools must be closed early and no one is home.

The District will report closings/delays via Robo calls by 6AM. Robo phone calls and emails are sent out to all District families and staff.

Closings/Early Dismissals are also posted on the District website at www.nyackschools.org; a voice mail of the message can be heard at the Schools and Administration Building by calling the main office numbers. Announcements are made on local radio and TV stations.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION
It is critically important that the District has up-to-date phone numbers, email addresses and alternative emergency contact information on file for all District households via Infinite Campus, our student data management system.

Please fill out the Household Contact Verification Form (calendar insert) to update your contact information.

This system enables families and staff to receive rapid phone calls, emails and text messages regarding important school matters and emergency situations.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
Participation in the schools is encouraged. Community members are invited to join shared decision-making committees at the school and District level, as well as to share their talents and experiences with our students. Input is welcomed at public Board meetings, or via letters or phone calls.

LET’S TALK!
is a District-wide online program that encourages authentic dialogue and invites 24/7 feedback from the community, responds easily and creates a culture of exceptional school customer service. Visit the school website home page and click on “Let’s Talk” to register questions, comments, suggestions, concerns or compliments.

FACILITIES USAGE
Indoor and outdoor facilities may be used by civic and community groups. Fees, when applicable, are predetermined. Call 353-7033 for details.

FOUNDATION TO INSPIRE EXCELLENCE IN NYACK SCHOOLS, INC.
The Foundation is a not-for-profit, charitable organization created by community volunteers. Although an independent entity, its goal is to work with the District to identify best practices and new ideas to drive positive change in the schools. The Foundation solicits funds and resources to support its mission of helping to maintain excellence in the school system.

Donations and contributions made to the Foundation (IRS ID Number 26-0754883) are fully tax deductible. Contact the Foundation at P.O. Box 686, Nyack or by email info@inspirenyack.org. For more information go to www.inspirenyack.org.

PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION
Nyack UFSD, as part of an ongoing program, provides parents and staff with important information concerning the use of pesticides in our facilities. The District uses, as its primary control method for dealing with pests, a technique known as Integrated Pest Management. This method of pest control involves using strategies other than pesticides; however, pesticides may be required in some situations and may be used periodically throughout the school year both inside the buildings and on the surrounding grounds. These applications, when required, will be made by certified individuals in accordance with the label directions. Individuals who wish to be notified forty-eight hours in advance may complete a Pesticide Use Notification form and return it to the School District. Prior to any scheduled application, Nyack UFSD will provide notification to all parties on the list. The Pesticide Use Notification form and other information may be found on our website at www.nyackschools.org. If you have any questions, please contact the Facilities Department at 845-353-7027.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT AND SERVICES
The District has a Director of Guidance Services who is focused on developing a K-12 Guidance Program. School Counselors assist students with academic, personal, social, and vocational growth. They provide program scheduling, post high school planning, college preparation, and career guidance. Conferences can be arranged anytime with teachers, administrators, school psychologists, social workers, nurses, and the school/community counselor. Parents are encouraged to meet with counselors to discuss their child’s progress, as well as to attend informational evening meetings on the calendar. To arrange for meetings, call the Guidance Offices (HS 353-7120/ MS 353-7220).

OPT OUT POLICY
According to the national No Child Left Behind Act a school district must disclose a high school student’s name, address and phone number to the military upon request. A parent or guardian may ask that the District does not release such information to the military or institutions of higher learning through a form, mailed to each family annually, which must be returned to the school.
SCHOOL MEALS
Breakfast and lunch, based on Federal nutritional guidelines, are served in each school. Please call 353-7036 to apply. (Gr. K-5) Breakfast $1.00/Lunch $2.35 (Grade 6-12) Breakfast $1.25/Lunch $2.55. Free and reduced meals are available based on income levels. Prices pending state approval.

MyPaymentsPlus is an online payment plan for school lunches. The District participates in this convenient program, which allows you to manage your child’s meal account online. Log onto www.mypaymentsplus.com and deposit funds directly into an account. You must have your student’s ID number (obtained from your child’s school). You can then monitor balances or your student's purchases online. MyPaymentsPlus charges a fee of 4.75% of the transaction amount each time a deposit is made.

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications were included and sent to all District families as an attachment to the center of this District Calendar. Forms in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole and more information can be found on the District website; click Food/Menus Quick Links.

RECORDS AND RIGHTS
The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) acknowledges parents’ right to know what appears in their child’s educational records. Records are available through each school. Parents have the right to challenge record information, to place a written rebuttal in the file, and to exercise some control over disclosure of records. In accordance with these rights, the Nyack Public Schools will not disclose information from students’ records without prior written request of a parent or eligible (18 or over) student, except as permitted by law. A record of requests for information disclosures is maintained and may be seen by those eligible. Anyone seeking to change a record or see the complete Privacy Act should contact the Superintendent’s Office. Parents and guardians have the right to request a teacher’s State certification status, their college degrees/majors, and the qualifications of any paraprofessional providing services to their children. To view the FERPA Act in its entirety, please refer to the District website; click Parent Resources.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
Conferences are held for all levels as indicated on the calendar. During conferences, teachers report on a child’s academic progress and social development. Parents are urged to attend and share information about their child in order to promote better understanding of the student. Additional conferences may be scheduled at any time and concerns and questions should be addressed to the teacher as they arise.

TRANSLATION SERVICES AVAILABLE
Contact your Family Resource Center or Community Liaison listed on the back of this calendar. Si le hace falta información traducida en español, llame a Yessenia Polanco 353-7042. Si ou bezwen enfòmasyon tradui an kreyòl, rele Jocelyne Abraham nan 353-7044. For languages other than Spanish and Creole, contact Audrey Cabbell at 353-7032.

TRANSPORTATION
Transportation eligibility and schedules are posted in late August, via Parent Portal. Contact for info: call 353-7041 or email transportation@nyackschools.org.

SENIOR CITIZENS
District residents over age 65 are entitled to free admission to Nyack schools’ cultural and sports events. A school tax exemption on a sliding scale of up to 50% of assessed property valuation is available to senior residents with an annual income of less than $18,500. Information is available directly from the Tax Assessor’s Office in either Clarkstown or Orangetown.

SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION
According to Board policy the District will notify families that a sex offender has moved into the District when it is informed by the Police. Sign up with the Department of Criminal Justice to get a direct alert when an offender has moved into your zip code. You can log onto the following website to sign up for this service: www.criminaljustice.ny.gov. (Click sex offenders then Relocation Alerts sign-up.)

SNOW DAYS
Five snow days are built into the school calendar in case schools must be closed for weather conditions. If closings exceed five days before the Winter Recess, Friday, Feb. 22; Thursday, Feb. 21; and Wednesday, Feb. 20 will be used in that order as school days. Additional vacation time may be created at the end of May if snow days are not used. Single session dates in June may be extended to meet State calendar requirements.
FAMILY RESOURCE CENTERS
Connecting Families to School & Community

The Family Resource Center (FRC) plays a vital role in fostering collaboration among community, parents and teachers.

Because parent involvement in school has been shown to be an important factor in academic success, FRCs offer programs and services that encourage all families to be empowered and engaged.

FRCs OFFER:
- Parenting Workshops & Family Events
- Pre-School Story Hours
- Informal Drop-in Time
- Parenting Books Lending Library

All FRC programs and services are FREE to Nyack School District families.

Please call or drop by for more information:

LIBERTY ................................................................. 353-7247
MIDDLE SCHOOL .............................................. 353-7214
UPPER NYACK .................................................. 353-7268
VALLEY COTTAGE............................................... 353-7291

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY
This policy states that the Nyack School District must offer employment and educational opportunities, without regard to sex, race, color, national origin or handicap. Inquiries regarding this policy should be directed to the Superintendent.

El Reglamento de Nyack Contra la Discriminación declara que el distrito escolar de Nyack tiene que ofrecer oportunidades de empleo y de educación sin mirar al sexo, la raza, el color, el origen nacional o la desventaja. Cualquiera pregunta sobre este reglamento se debe dirigir a: Superintendente.

Règleman Nyack la kont Diskriminasyon deklare distri skolè Nyack la genyen pou li ofri opòtinite travay, edikasyon jeneral, avèk edikasyon vokasyonèl san gade si se fi ou gason, ras, koulè, peyi kote moun lan sóti ou enfimite moun lan. Si ou gen kestyon sou règleman sa a rele: Chef Distri Nyack la.

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MISSION OF THE OCADA COMMUNITY COALITION:
Working together to protect our youth from substance abuse, to foster a safe community and to establish an ongoing network for...

INFORMATION
AWARENESS
SUPPORT WITHOUT JUDGEMENT
CHANGE

TEENS IN NYACK REPORT:
The most common place for substance use is “at a friend’s house”. Is YOUR house a “friend’s house”?

Neighborhood Meetings
small, informal facilitated group discussions to exchange concerns for Parent/Guardian Support

Call Lisa Mininger Retallack, OCADA Program Coordinator, at 353-7013 for more info

Visit www.ocadacoalition.org to find out more

SAVE THE DATE FOR OCADA’S 8TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY PARTY AND BIG SCREEN MOVIE IN MEMORIAL PARK: SATURDAY, JUNE 1 @ 7PM
A Quest for Excellence... Equity, Innovation and Optimism

INITIATIVES & PROGRAMS ADVANCE OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN

- **Before & After School Programs** enrich and motivate students. STARS provides reading tutoring, enrichment programs are available at the elementary levels. Grades 6-12 have clubs, homework help and sports after school.

- **Waldron Terrace & Nyack Center Home Work Clubs** boost confidence and bolster skills while also strengthening communication between students and teachers in students’ neighborhoods.

- **Center for Success** is a learning center at the High School, staffed by faculty, where students can go for help with their studies.

- **The Da Vinci Center** is at the heart of a multimedia program that promotes the most current media literacy. A state-of-the-art Mac Lab and 3D printers now support the work of Film and TV Production, Media Communication, Computer Graphics and Engineering.

- **Prevention Programs** include DARE (Drug Awareness Resistance Education), led by the local police, and OCADA-sponsored clubs such as SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) Heroes and Cool Kids, Positive Action and Teen Council.

- **Summer Music Programs** in strings and band are offered for a nominal fee to students and expand the students’ musical experiences.

- **Summer Kindergarten Readiness** ensures that incoming students who need the opportunity, can enter Kindergarten, ready to learn.

- **Family Resource Centers** offer a variety of free programs, support and work shops that engage families. Preschool Literacy, ENL Outreach and Parent workshops connect community to schools.

- **Circle Forward** is a social justice alternative to suspension that seeks to build a Restorative School Community via positive resolutions in disciplinary matters.

- **HS “Promise”** provides mentorship opportunities for students and strength-based support groups and activities.

- **Efficacy Academy** is a summer program that teaches “growth mindset” to raise self-esteem in 5th graders and prepares them for entering the middle school years.

- **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)** Robotics Engineering is taught in grade K-8. STEMscopes, for K-5, provides a hands-on approach that is inquiry-based. Project Lead the Way, for K-12, focuses on engineering and project-based problem solving to increase critical thinking.

- **WISE (Wise Individualized Senior Experience)** provides high school seniors the opportunity to work with staff mentors on community internships or research projects allowing them to explore personal interests and careers. A daily journal and culminating oral presentation are required for credit.

- **Fresh Start Alternative High School Program** provides effective, comprehensive and flexible ways for students to complete courses for graduation. A smaller class size and unique physical setting provides 1-to-1 support and computer access.

- **Bilingual Classes** at the elementary level is piloting a way for ENL (English as a New Language) learners to succeed at an early age.

- **SOAR Youth Mentorship** at the middle school is designed to uplift youth of color by leveraging positive role models; advancing academic excellence, community engagement and personal development.

- **Project SEE (Student Enrichment Experiences)** is a 6th grade, two-day team-building camping trip that promotes mutual respect for others.

- **Nyack Basics Coalition and Campaign** was launched in the beginning of 2018 to ensure that all children are entering Kindergarten ready to learn and reading on level by the 3rd Grade. School community working toward the common goal: All Students Reading by 3rd Grade.

“One of our most critical responsibilities in school community is to demonstrate our collective belief in each and every child’s abilities and aspirations.”

– Dr. James Montesano, Superintendent of Nyack Schools
During the early years of brain growth, infants and toddlers absorb massive amounts of information from interactions with people. This early learning becomes the foundation for all future learning.

**THE NYACK BASICS** are five evidence-based parenting and care giving principles that help our children grow to become the happiest and most successful they can be!

**NYACK BASICS** is an active member of a national campaign conceived by the Achievement Gap Initiative at Harvard University.

For more information about **THE NYACK BASICS**, please visit [nyackbasics.org](http://nyackbasics.org) or contact Lynnette Marshall, Nyack Basics Coordinator, at 353-7062.

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80% of brain development happens during the first three years of life.
### September HIGHLIGHTS

- Student Photos: 5, 6, 7, 17, 18, 20
- Back to School Nights: 13, 20, 27
- Homecoming Events: 28, 29

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1. **Labor Day**
2. **Rosh Hashanah**
3. **Constitution Day & Citizenship Day**
4. **Yom Kippur**
5. **Autumnal Equinox**

**Red number indicates a Holiday or Celebration (see page 31)**
DON'T FORGET TO UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION!

Use the Household Contact Verification Form included as an insert to your calendar.
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CREATIVITY
# November HIGHLIGHTS
- MS & HS Parent Teacher Conferences: 5, 9, 15, 29
- Superintendent’s Conference Day: 6
- American Edu Week District-Wide Open House: 16
- HS Fall Play: 9 & 10
- Half Day: 21

## WE INVITE COMMUNITY DIALOGUE.
Register your question, comment, concerns or compliment.
Visit nyackschools.org.

## NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH
- Class of 2019 Field Photo
- VC Picture Re-Takes
- Project SEE Grade 6 Trip
- HS National Honor Society Induction (7PM)

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
(Set clocks back 1 hour)

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**ELECTION DAY**
**SUPERINTENDENT’S CONFERENCE DAY**
- UN PTA Meeting (2:30PM)
- L Multicultural Festival (6PM)
- MS Parent Teacher Evening Conferences (6PM)
- ArtsAngels (7:30PM)

**MS/HS SCHOOLS END 1ST QUARTER**
- HS Early Dismissal (11:45AM)
- MS Parent/Teacher Afternoon Conferences (1-3PM)
- HS Senior Portraits
- HS Fall Play

**VETERANS DAY**
**AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK**
- UN Harlem Wizards Game
- Senior Class Thanksgiving Feast for Seniors (HS Cafe 5:30PM)

**HALF DAY OF SCHOOL**
Early Dismissal for all schools

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**STAY UNDERAGE DRINKING SUBSTANCE ABUSE**

**OCADA**
Our Communities Against Drug Abuse

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The District will report school closings/delays by 6:00 AM. Families and staff will receive a phone call. Announcements are also made on the radio, school phones, text message, the District website and television.
### December HIGHLIGHTS

- Elementary Parent Teacher Conferences: 4, 6, 11
- Elementary, MS & High School Winter Concerts: 13, 19, 20
- Winter Recess: Dec. 24 - Jan. 1

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- **NYSSMA All-State**

### Additional Events

- **1ST NIGHT OF HANUKKAH**
  - UN PTA Meeting (2:30PM)
  - VC, MS, UN Book Fairs (all week)

- **HUMAN RIGHTS DAY**
  - Elementary Parent/Teacher Afternoon Conferences (11:45AM Elementary Dismissal)
  - MS Grade 6 Concert (1:30PM)
  - School Board Meeting (UN 7:30PM)

- **1ST TRIMESTER ENDS (ELEMENTARY)**

- **HUMAN RIGHTS DAY**
  - Elementary Parent/Teacher Afternoon Conferences (11:45AM Elementary Dismissal)
  - MS Grade 7 Concert (1:30PM)
  - Red & Black Club Meeting (7PM)
  - MusicWorks (7:30PM)
  - VC PTA Meeting (7:30PM)

- **1ST TRIMESTER ENDS (ELEMENTARY)**

### Other Events

- **Senior Portraits**
- **MS PTA Meeting (7PM)**
- **Elementary Parent/Teacher Evening Conferences**
- **MS Grade 8 Concert (HS 7PM)**
- **L Grade 5 Movie Night**
- **L Grades 1-2 Concert (9:30AM)**
- **MS Holiday Sale**
- **UN Grade 1-2 Concert (9:30AM)**
- **HS Winter Concert #1 (7PM)**
- **SEPTSA Meeting Pot Luck (MS 7PM)**
- **VC Grade 1-2 Concert (9:30AM)**
- **HS Winter Concert #2 (7PM)**

### Community Dialogue

**We invite community dialogue.**

Register your question, comment, concerns or compliment.

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January HIGHLIGHTS
• Hilltop Art Gallery Opening (UN): 8
• Elementary Winter Concerts: 9, 17, 24
• Gr. 8 Incoming Freshman Parent Orientation: 23

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FEBRUARY 2019

COMPASSION

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“Throughout the school year, we hope you will join our pursuit to create conditions that allow all children to participate, prosper and reach their full potential.”

– Dr. James Montesano, Superintendent
### March HIGHLIGHTS

- Hilltop Gallery Opening (L): 5
- Superintendent’s Conference Day: 22
- HS Musical: 15, 16, 22, 23
- MS Play: 8, 9
- Red & Black Sports Dinner: 20
- Liberty’s Night Out at Nyack Center: 21
- InspireNyack Spring Event: 23

### March Highlights

**Sunday, March 5:**
- Hilltop Gallery Opening (L Exhibit 5:30PM)
- School Board Meeting (VC 7:30PM)
- Sports Physicals at MS
- DramaWorks (7PM)
- MS PTA Meeting (7PM)
- UN PT Meeting (7PM)

**Sunday, March 22:**
- Superintendent’s Conference Day
- HS Musical: 15, 16, 22, 23
- MS Play: 8, 9

**Saturday, March 28:**
- MS PTA Grade 8 Basketball Game/Olympics

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### Daylight Saving Time

(Move clocks ahead 1 hour)

**Sunday, March 10:**
- Arts Angels (7:30PM)
- MS Spring Pictures

**Monday, March 11:**
- School Board Meeting (H 7:30PM)

**Tuesday, March 12:**
- Red & Black Club Meeting (HS 7PM)
- L PT Meeting (7PM)
- MusicWorks (7:30PM)
- VC PTA Meeting (7:30PM)

**Wednesday, March 13:**
- HS Pi Day

**Thursday, March 14:**
- UN Game Night (6-8PM)
- HS Musical (7:30PM)

**Friday, March 15:**
- Inspire Nyack Spring Event

**Saturday, March 16:**
- HS Musical (7:30PM)

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**SUPERINTENDENT’S CONFERENCE DAY**

2ND TRIMESTER ENDS
(ELEMENTARY)

**Sunday, March 22:**
- Inspire Nyack Spring Event
- HS Musical (1:30; 7:30PM)

**Monday, March 23:**
- MS PTA Grade 8 Basketball Game/Olympics

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ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

To vote on the School Budget and for School Board trustees (May 21) you have to have voted in a general election in the past four years or have been newly registered through the Board of Elections or the School District. Absentee Ballots are also available. Call the District Clerk for information, 353-7015.
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- Hilltop Art Gallery Opening (VC): 2
- Jimerson String Festival: 15
- MS National Junior Honor Society Induction: 11
- UN Spring Fling: 12
- Spring Recess: 19-26
- Choral Festival: 30

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Join us at the schools’ annual spring concerts in May and June where students’ talents and hard work are showcased.
### May HIGHLIGHTS

- Hilltop Gallery Opening: (HS) 7
- HS One-Act Plays: 10, 11
- Spring Concerts
- School Budget/Trustee Vote: 21

#### SUNDAY

**May HIGHLIGHTS**

- Hilltop Gallery Opening: (HS) 7
- HS One-Act Plays: 10, 11
- Spring Concerts
- School Budget/Trustee Vote: 21

#### MONDAY

**May HIGHLIGHTS**

- Honors Assemblies
- Gr. 5 Parent Orientation: 30
- Science Research Symposium: 30
- HS Art Show & Film Festival: 31

#### TUESDAY

- DramaWorks (7PM)
- Gr. 3-8 NYS Math Tests
- NYSESLAT Speaking

#### WEDNESDAY

- MS Math Night (6:30PM)
- L Grade 5 Dance
- L Field Day

#### THURSDAY

- MS Math Night (6:30PM)
- L Grade 5 Dance
- L Field Day

#### FRIDAY

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- VC Grade 5 Car Wash (10AM-12PM)

#### SATURDAY

- VC Grade 5 Car Wash (10AM-12PM)

### ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

#### JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

#### NATIONAL PTA TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK

#### MOTHER’S DAY

#### QUARTER 4 PROGRESS REPORTS (MS/HS)

#### MEMORIAL DAY

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### June HIGHLIGHTS
- OCADA Party: 1
- MS Concert: 4, 5, 6
- Red & Black Sports Dinner: 12
- Senior Prom: 14
- Kindergarten, Gr. 6 & MS Moving Up
- HS Graduation and Project Graduation: 26

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Red number indicates a Holiday or Celebration (see page 31)
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Stay Connected:
- Visit school sites for Class Pages, Principal Memos, Staff Directories, Calendar Events and Announcements at:
  - Liberty Elementary: www.lb.nyackschools.org
  - Upper Nyack Elementary: www.un.nyackschools.org
  - Valley Cottage Elementary: www.vc.nyackschools.org
  - Nyack Middle School: www.ms.nyackschools.org
  - Nyack High School: www.hs.nyackschools.org
- Use Parent Portal Accounts for 24/7 access to K-12 grades, attendance
- Receive Infinite Campus Alerts robo calls, emails and texts for important school-to-home messages

Contact Us via Let’s Talk!:
- GO to any of the 6 District websites; tab will poke out on the left of each page
- SUBMIT your question, comment, suggestion, concern or compliment
- RECEIVE timely responses aimed at finding answers or effective solutions
- LET US KNOW what you think

Save Paper... Go Green with Peachjar
- K-12 Digital Flyer System for school-approved info sent directly to parent emails & posted on school sites.
- Mark your calendars, post and share important dates or events
- Check our District’s Peachjar Guidelines to find out about community partner posting.

Please feel free to contact the District’s Public Relations Office at (845) 353-7013 or email: Lretallack@nyackschools.org.

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Celebrating Our Community

Developing respect and appreciation for the many ethnic and religious backgrounds of our students and their families is a priority in our schools. We encourage awareness about holidays and festivals that represent the diversity of our community.

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All Baha’i, Jewish and Muslim holidays begin at sunset the previous day. Note that Buddhist and Hindu holidays may be observed at different times than those indicated here since they are dependent on both the religious group and region.

The sources for this listing were: www.interfaithcalendar.org, Anti-Defamation League, Calendarlabs.com

**OCTOBER 2018**
- Shmini Atzeret (J) .................................................. 1
- Simchat Torah (J) .................................................... 2
- Indigenous People’s Day ............................................ 8
- Navaratri (H) .......................................................... 10-18
- Dassera (H) .............................................................. 19
- Birth of the Bab (Ba) .................................................. 20
- Installation Guru Granth Sahib Eternal Guru (S) ... 20
- Halloween .............................................................. 31
- Reformation Day (P) .................................................... 31

**NOVEMBER 2018**
- All Saints Day (RC, P, O) .......................................... 1
- All Souls Day (RC, PO) ................................................. 2
- Diwali (H, S) .............................................................. 7
- Birth of Baha’u’llah (Ba) .............................................. 12
- Haitian Liberation Day .............................................. 18
- Day of the Covenant (Ba) .......................................... 26

**DECEMBER 2018**
- World Aids Day ...................................................... 1
- Advent begins (RC, P) ................................................. 2
- Hanukkah Begins (J) ............................................... 3
- Bodhi Day (Bu) ......................................................... 8
- Feast of the Immaculate Conception (RC) ............. 8
- Festival of Our Lady of Guadalupe (RC) ............... 12
- Christmas (RC) ...................................................... 25
- Kwanzaa (7 days) (Afro/Am.) ................................. 26
- Wounded Knee Day ................................................ 29

**JANUARY 2019**
- Temple Day (Bu) ...................................................... 1
- Haitian Independence Day ....................................... 1
- Birth of Guru Gobind Singh Sahib (S) ................... 5
- Epiphany (RC, PO) .................................................. 6
- Festival of The Three Kings (C) ............................ 6
- Makar Sankranti (H) .............................................. 15
- Tu Bishvat (J) .......................................................... 21

**FEBRUARY 2019**
- National Freedom Day ............................................ 1
- Lunar New Year (Year of the Pig) (Bu, Co, D) .... 5
- St. Valentine’s Day ................................................ 14
- Nirvana Day (Bu, Korea, Jain) ............................... 15
- World Day of Social Justice .................................. 20
- Ayyam-i-Ha (Ba) .................................................... 26

**MARCH 2019**
- Shrove Tuesday (RC, P) .......................................... 5
- Ash Wednesday/Lent Begins (RC, P) ....................... 6
- International Women’s Day .................................. 8
- Harriet Tubman Day .............................................. 10
- St. Patrick’s Day .................................................... 17
- Purim (J) ................................................................. 21
- Holi (H) ................................................................. 21
- International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination ........................................... 21
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- Cesar Chavez Day .................................................. 31

**APRIL 2019**
- Baisakhi (S) ........................................................... 14
- Palm Sunday (C) ...................................................... 14
- Holy Thursday (RC, P) ........................................... 18
- Day of Silence ........................................................ 19
- Good Friday (RC, P, O) ........................................ 19
- Passover (J) ............................................................ 20
- Easter (RC, PO) ........................................................ 21
- Ridvan (12 days) (Ba) ............................................. 21

**MAY 2019**
- Yom Hashoah (J) ..................................................... 2
- Cinco de Mayo (Mex) .............................................. 5
- Ramadan Begins (I) ................................................. 6
- Buddha Day (B) ....................................................... 18
- Haitian Flag Day .................................................... 18
- Declaration of the Bab (Ba) ................................... 24
- Ascension of Baha’u’llah (Ba) ............................... 29
- Ascension Day (RC, PO) ....................................... 30

**JUNE 2019**
- Eid al-Fitr (I) ............................................................. 4
- Pentecost (RC, PO) .................................................. 9
- Shavuot (J) ............................................................. 9
- Juneteenth .............................................................. 19

**JULY 2019**
- Martyrdom of the Bab (Ba) .................................. 10
- Dharma Day (B) ..................................................... 16

**AUGUST 2019**
- International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and It’s Abolition ............. 23
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