

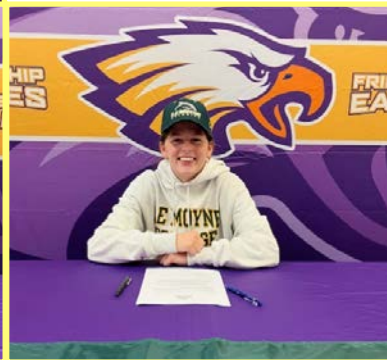


Future D1 Athlete Signs with LeMoyne College!



Nevaeh Ross has decided to further her education after high school and continue her athletic journey, playing D1 softball for LeMoyne College.

Congratulations to Nevaeh for receiving a scholarship from LeMoyne!



Welcome Sweeney! Sweeney is the next pup the Sortore family is raising for Guiding Eyes for the Blind. He will be at FCS for about a year and a half. He is excited to be an eagle and is ready to learn! Sweeney loves to sleep during school and play tug with his fellow students! His name fits him - he is so sweet and gentle!



Warming Shelter



In the event of an emergency, such as a power outage, The First United Methodist Church, of Friendship, will provide shelter for those in need with cots and blankets. Food will be provided by the Church of God In Christ of Friendship.

Elementary Character Award Winners September/October * 2023

October			
Name	Grade	Teacher	Character Trait
Oliver Hope	k	Hyatt	Responsibility
Brayton Dunn	k	Hyatt	Respect
Elise Means	k	Metz	Respect
Madelynn Loomis	k	Metz	Respect
Emily Dunn	1	Anderson	Respect
Hazel Warner-Prentice	1	Anderson	Responsibility
Lily-Ann Randall	1	Nickerson	Respect
Hailey Middaugh	2	Burgess	Responsibility
Teagan Benscoter	2	Burgess	Respect
Preslee Miller	3	Costello	Respect
Trevor Bilby	3	Costello	Responsibility
Bella Pierce	3	Crabb	Respect
Piper Buddell	3	Crabb	Respect
Jessa Gaeta	4	Lewis	Respect
Oliver Warner-Prentice	4	Lewis	Responsibility
Rosaline Brown	5	Malinowski	Responsibility/Respect
Keegan Deming	5	Malinowski	Responsibility
Kayla Kriger	6	Sleggs	Responsibility
Harmony Hitchcock	6	Sleggs	Respect
Daniel Lamberson	7	Sawyer	Responsibility/Respect/Courage

Elementary Character Award Winners NOVEMBER * 2023

NOVEMBER			
Name	Grade	Teacher	Character Trait
Quinlee Bolzan	1	Anderson	Gratitude
Levi Taylor	1	Nickerson	Responsibility
Madyson Conklin	2	Burgess	Gratitude
Hunter Tripp	2	Burgess	Gratitude
Xoey Kirch	3	Costello	Gratitude
AJ Williams	3	Costello	Gratitude
Piper Buddell	3	Crabb	Gratitude
Claire Frutiger	3	Crabb	Gratitude
Logan Griffith	3	Tavernier	Gratitude
Preston Jones	4	Lewis	Gratitude
Hannah Aylor	4	Lewis	Gratitude
Isabell Frutiger	5	Malinowski	Gratitude
Willow Stupp	5	Malinowski	Gratitude
James Burdick	6	Sleggs	Gratitude



“Winter Joy”

Snowflakes are like crystals in the wind,

Shiny and fragile as the cold hits.

Snow piles up to where it seems-

Our feet don't touch the ground.

The winter months are right around the corner.

The kids play in the snow,

Creating snow angels and snow men

For as far as the eye can see.

The winter fun might be nice,

But family makes everything twice as bright.

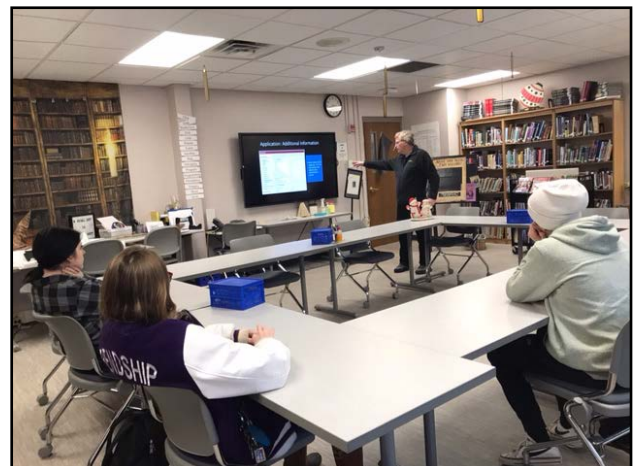
Snow may bring you short-time joy,

But new memories are everlasting.

~Melody Dombrowski



Seniors taking advantage of the ACCA scholarship opportunities.



FCS First Quarter High Honor Roll Students

Riley Sadler
Jessa Gaeta
Braylin Langdon
Xaiden Middaugh
Sofia Wilkins
Rosaline Brown
Keegan Deming
Elaina Gorman
Trevor Bilby
Preslee Miller
Noah Southwick
William Armstrong
Kyllynn Bittner
Hayden Coen
Kayla Kriger

FCS First Quarter Honor Roll Students

Cora Armstrong
Piper Buddell
Bella Pierce
Emily Southwick
Olivia Stuck
Elijah Armstrong
Samuel Armstrong
Hannah Aylor
Gabriel Harper
Mckayla Holder
Zemirah Harper
Ty Hitchcock
Xoe Lapier
Uliana Lanina
Addison Perkins
Jase Hosley
Vivian Hunt
Preston Vanderbilt
Oliver Warner-Prentice
Isabell Frutiger
Willow Stupp
Harper Waite
Keith Wickwire
Easton Brown
Darrell Ueblacker

High Honor Roll First Quarter 2023

Alina Sisson
Ashlyn Golden
Olivia Marks
Destiny Wilkins
Sean Dieter
Faith Allard
Brooklyn Allard
Nevaeh Ross
Emma Bolzan
Morphyn Ross
Madelyn Sortore
Charles Taylor
Morgan Holcomb
Madison Rondeau
Ella Miller
Kaydence Sadler
Brett Simons
Karlee Cochran
Melody Dombrowski
Kaylee Dayton
Annette Gorman
Kennedy Hunt
Lillian Kirtz
Alexiss Herring
Laynee Miller
Lillyan Brown
Daniel Lamberson
Carsyn Ross
Malakhi Coish
Finnegan Stupp
Alyssa Jones
Nevaeh Mosher
Alana Higgins
Zakkary Ueblacker
Josilyn Kirch
Angel DeLude
Nathan Pentycote
Daneesha Cordner
Mio Enomoto



Food Drive a Success

By Jim Greenaker, Student Council Advisor

The week prior to the Thanksgiving break Student Council sponsored a food drive. The drive collected 1,558 items for the Friendship food pantry. The winners for each division were 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade, 8th Grade and the Sophomores.

Student Council would like to thank all that participated and supported the food drive.

2nd Grade



3rd Grade

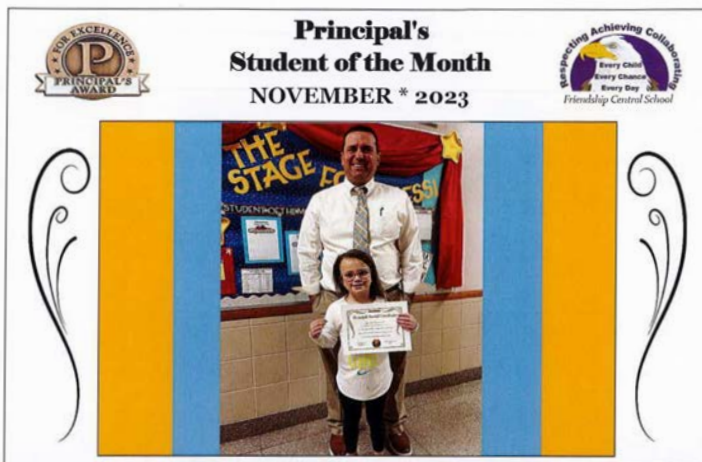


8th Grade



Sophomores





Emily Dunn
First Grade

Mr. Pizur is pleased to present the Student of the Month Award to Emily Dunn. Emily works hard and wants to do well in class. She is consistent with her desire to work, to her best ability, while frequently participating in classroom discussions. Emily comes to school prepared and ready to learn. When things are hard, she does not give up! Emily leads by example and positively influences classmates and peers. Emily is a natural encourager. She stands up for what she knows is right while inspiring others to look on the bright side of things. Emily, even at her young age, seems to have just the right words to encourage her friends.

Beyond having courage to stand up for what is right, Emily has patience for those who struggle and goes out of her way to make people feel loved. We can always count on Emily to share a smile. Her smiling eyes always bring joy to every atmosphere. Emily has a way of making our days a bit brighter. Great job, Emily, in showing everyone at FCS how to always put our best foot forward and live our best life!



Carsyn Ross
Seventh Grade

Mr. Pizur is pleased to present the Student of the Month Award to Carsyn Ross. When it comes to respect and responsibility, Carsyn is a leader by example. As Carsyn shows courage and perseverance with assignments, he continues to excel academically as well as athletically. With each task, Carsyn takes pride in what he does demonstrating self control and above all he does so with integrity. Carsyn continues to maintain a high grade point average, turns in quality work and remains on high honor roll. With a solid academic and sports focus, Carsyn still finds time to help others. He is always offering help to his peers, in class, once he finished his responsibilities. Carsyn likes to help his peers, with their projects, in 7th grade science.

Carsyn has also given countless hours of his time to volunteer with FCS sports teams. His commitment to practices and games shows a great sense of responsibility. The Principals' Student of the Month Award is given to Carsyn Ross for the academic excellence he displays and his desire to be a great role model! Thank you Carsyn!



Mio Enomoto
Eleventh Grade

Mr. Pizur is delighted to present the Student of the Month Award to Mio Enomoto. Although Mio has not been an FCS student for long, she is making a significant impact of students and staff alike. Mio is always respectful and polite and displays impeccable manners. She enters class with a smile and a greeting and departs in an equally polite manner. She is extremely responsible! Mio has never misplaced an assignment and submits all assignments on time. She takes her work seriously and puts forth tremendous effort on assignments, despite the challenges the language and cultural barrier present. Mio expresses genuine gratitude as she appreciates her classmates and teachers. In fact she is kind and gentle as she interacts with others. As Mio perseveres through each task, she persists providing excellent finished products in spite of how overwhelming an assignment may be. She works meticulously to produce every project to the best of her ability, with creativity, and does an outstanding job. As referenced, by her teachers, Mio is an absolute delight. Her smile lights up the room and her kind spirit is contagious! Mio is an excellent role model for everyone at FCS. We are so fortunate to have her in our FCS family this year!

Thank you, Mio Enomoto for your inspiration to each of us.

All-Tournament Honors

Morghyn Ross was selected for the All-Tournament team for the Genesee Valley Belmont Rotary Varsity Basketball Tip-Off Tournament. Morghyn scored 29 points, collected 13 rebounds, and racked up 8 steals across the two-game tournament.



Coins for Campers

By Jim Greenaker, Student Council Advisor



During the weeks of January 8th to January 19th Student Council will be collecting money for the Genesee Valley Rotary Camp (GVRC). Below is a description of the camp from their website <https://gvrc.org/about/>

Genesee Valley Rotary Camp (GVRC), is a one week summer camp for young people (ages 8 – 21) with various disabilities. GVRC is a not-for-profit organization that became incorporated in 1963 and has served children and young adults from four surrounding counties (Livingston, Steuben, Wyoming, and Allegany) ever since.

The camp experience is provided free of cost through the efforts and financial support of the Rotary Clubs of the Genesee Valley and through private donations.

The camp runs every summer during August and is located in the beautifully rustic setting of Camp Sam Wood, in Pike, NY. GVRC services approximately 100 campers and employs about 60 staff members each summer.

GVRC currently serves the following Western New York towns: Dansville, Wayland, Geneseo, Avon, Perry, Mt. Morris, Livonia, Lima, Fillmore, Pavilion, Nunda, Belmont, Caledonia – Mumford, Cuba, Friendship, and Wellsville.

There are accessible trails from tent sites to the bathrooms, swimming pool, recreation and dining areas. Special dietary needs are accommodated by our kitchen staff.

As in the past we will be holding a contest for which classes can raise the most money in the following divisions: K-2, 3-6, Middle School and High School. The goal is to raise as much as we can to benefit GVRC. Last year as a school we raised over \$1200 and the Friendship Rotary added another \$1400. We are hoping to exceed that amount this year.

If you have a student that you believe could attend the camp in Pike, NY please go to <https://gvrc.org/contact-us/>

Seniors Visit Corning Community College

On November 13th, Friendship seniors who are currently enrolled in English and Biology college courses through Corning Community College's ACE program enjoyed a field trip to the Corning campus to learn about Corning's Learning Commons, to experience college-level research in their library and to enjoy a production in the incredible Digital Dome that Corning is so fortunate to have on its campus. This trip, sponsored by the College for Every Student program, allowed our students to immerse themselves into the college environment and to experience the college firsthand. Students were impressed with the campus and its resources, and we appreciated the warm welcome we received on the campus. It was a phenomenal day!



A Christmas Story

Everyone in the snowy village believed in Christmas magic.
People decorated the whole town, and they had parties and sang.
A week before Christmas, while kids were building gleeful snowmen, they found a purple glowing crystal.
They took the gem back to the village and placed it on the town tree.
Later that night, everyone woke up to Christmas decorations alive, yes, alive!
And wild!
They were knocking down trees and even breaking ornaments and destroying decorations.
How could this be?
The Christmas magic was disrupted, and the town was a wreck!
People were scared and confused, so they went into the church to come up with a plan.
For the next week, people and decorations worked together to clean up the town and make new ornaments for trees.
All came together to help clean up and make new décor, food, and gifts for Christmas
And, by the end, the town realized the crystal was reborn, becoming as white and gleaming as the freshly fallen snow.
Coming together, in the spirit of Christmas, brought peace and joy once more.
Christmas magic was back, just in time for the Christmas party.

~Kaylee Dayton



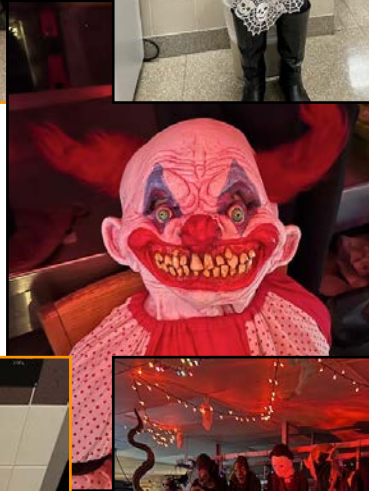


Congratulations to Neveah Ross for scoring her 1000th point in basketball on a foul shot on 12-15-2023!!!

Photo credit: Tricia Robert Davenport



Halloween Festivities 2023





Forensics Class

The Forensics class analyzed different tool marks using pumpkins as the testing surface!! The impressions made by tools leave very distinctive marks when it is forced against another surface. The students tested several different tools and measured the damage to the pumpkin surface. This will allow them to analyze tool marks at upcoming mock crime scenes. The class also practiced taking exact measurements of a "body" at a crime scene. Taking precise measurements to understand the exact position at the scene is vital to crime scene investigations.



NJHS and NHS Community Service Project

On November 20th the NJHS and NHS students volunteered at the Allegany County SPCA. Students made cat and dog toys, wiped down windows, and provided lots of love to a handful of furry friends. To provide additional support, the NJHS and NHS students also hosted a Friendship School "Homeroom Challenge" to see what class could collect the most items to donate to the SPCA. With the help of our students and families, the NHS students were able to bring in 10 boxes of donated goods with them on their volunteer trip. A special shout out to Mrs. Lewis' 4th Grade Class for collecting the most items and winning the Pizza Party.





2024 Pre-K Application

The time is here to apply for pre-school. Children are eligible to enter Pre-School in September of 2024, if their 4th birthday is on or before December 1, 2024.

Please complete and return the following pre-application information in order to reserve a spot for your child. You will receive a registration packet with registration dates shortly after we receive the pre-application. You will also receive a phone call from our school about a time and date for your child's April screening, once the registration requirements are completed.

1. Completed registration is required **BEFORE** the May screening.
2. Screening is necessary. Friday May Screening date and time to be announced.
3. A parent/guardian needs to attend the screening along with the eligible student.

If you know of any other children in the community who would be eligible to attend class in the fall, or if you have any questions, please call the FCS Principal's Office at 585-973-3311 or email jdent@friendshipcs.org

Eligible families **please return this pre-application by March 18, 2024** to:

Friendship Central School
Attn: Jackie Dent/Principal's Office
46 W. Main St.
Friendship, NY 14739

Pre-K Pre-Application Form (PLEASE PRINT)

Child's Name: _____ Birth Date: _____ Gender: M/F
(M/D/Y)

Parent/Guardian(s) Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: NY Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

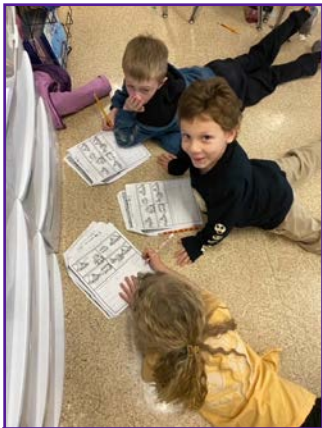
Email: _____

Does your child have other siblings in school? Yes/No If yes, who? _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Emergency Contact #: _____
Relationship to student: _____

1st Grade Fun!

We've been busy playing together, creating together, and learning together in first grade the last couple of months.



LITERACY WEST YOUTH PROGRAM

FRIENDSHIP | OCTOBER - 2023 | YOUTH PROGRAM MANAGER



COUNSELING

Stacy Schmidt was nominated for Employee of the MONTH for her outstanding dedication to our CORE VALUES and empowering students and families!

COACHING

Brenda Austin is continuing to make incredible impact on student, family and staff lives. She and Kevin became COACHES for Boy's on the Right Track – and they all flew across the finish line!

OUR IMPACT

What more can be said of the Dynamic Four? Impact is steadily growing and lives are being transformed. During October, our Friendship Team successfully finished our FBITES trips and Boys on the Right Track! Both programs inspired students to be leaders and team-players – developing different skills from culinary workforce to healthy life habits.

Kevin Willis and Brenda Austin continued to give students opportunities to give back through community outreaches of raking leaves! Not only that, but during Family Fun Nights – the numbers soared even more from 40 – 70 and now an

expected 100 for November's Community Dinner! Stacy Schmidt continued to meet with students and all of her Girl's Circle meetings proved to be educational and a time for the girls to discuss harder topics. The girls learned coping strategies and how to apply these to every day life.

Sara Ziegler was a great support to the Friendship Team, whether filling in as a "basketball hero" with students, to program aide during After-School Clubs, assisting with Girl's Circle and even filling in for the Safety-Team. Way to "play as a team" and gain ground Friendship! We ARE Moving forward.

CLUBS/SAFETY

Lacey Wilmat and Sara Ziegler (Floater) have been developing strategies to make program even better! Kevin Willis – was nominated for our monthly CORE VALUE Award – He is truly a team player and each person knows he cares about them – "UNITY is what it is all about."

FRIENDSHIP | OCTOBER - 2023 | YOUTH PROGRAM MANAGER

SUCCESSES - Our YOUTH team has been implementing daily evaluations of challenges and progress of students, activities, club/classroom management – proving to be very successful. Brenda is working at building Natural Helpers and Kevin has started Basketball sign ups. Not to mention our FBITES Team from Friendship helped prepare delicious fall desserts for their October Family Fun Night!



HOW WAS the FBITES Trip?!

- "I like the consistency of week to week staying in the same place to learn and cook. CG
- "I liked cooking the food. It was fun!" ME
- "I liked being with my friends on the line at FBITES!" MK



VISION MOVING FORWARD:

COUNSELING

Teach students on how to have healthy relationships (Safe Dates Curriculum) Maintain Counseling

CLUBS

Keep providing a safe and creative space for students to come after-school. CONTINUE impactful Family Fun Nights

COACHING

Reach K-6th Natural Helpers Start Boys Circle

SAFETY

Continue to monitor school access points Plan for Basketball season Be a steady protection and support to school.



FRIENDSHIP CENTRAL SCHOOL - 2023-2024

JULY, 2023							JULY							JANUARY, 2024								
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	Holiday - Independence Day 7/4							S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	
							1	AUGUST								1	2	3	4	5	6	T-21
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8								7	8	9	10	11	12	13	S-21
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	SEPTEMBER							14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	Holiday - Labor Day 9/4							21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	Staff Development Days 9/5 & 9/6							28	29	30	31				
	30	31						Open House 1pm-3pm - 9/6														
	AUGUST, 2023							First Day of School 9/7							FEBRUARY, 2024							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	OCTOBER							S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	
T-0			1	2	3	4	5	Holiday - Columbus Day 10/9											1	2	3	T-16
S-0	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	NOVEMBER							4	5	6	7	8	9	10	S-16
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Holiday - Veterans' Day 11/10							11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	11/20 - Students in School All Day							18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
	27	28	29	30	31			11/20 - Parent/Teacher Conf 3-7pm							25	26	27	28	29			
								11/21 - No School for Students														
	SEPTEMBER, 2023							11/21 - Parent/Teacher Conf 8am-11am							MARCH, 2024							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	Thanksgiving Recess 11/22-11/24							S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	
T-19						1	2	DECEMBER												1	2	T-20
S-17	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Christmas Break 12/25-12/29							3	4	5	6	7	8	9	S-19
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Holiday - Christmas 12/25 & 12/26							10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	JANUARY							17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	Holiday - New Years 1/1							24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
								Holiday - Martin Luther King Day 1/15							31							
	OCTOBER, 2023							Regents Exams 1/23-1/26							APRIL, 2024							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	FEBRUARY							S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	
T-21	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Holiday - Presidents' Day 2/19								1	2	3	4	5	6	T-16
S-21	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Winter Recess 2/19-2/23							7	8	9	10	11	12	13	S-16
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21								14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28								21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
	29	30	31					MARCH							28	29	30					
	NOVEMBER, 2023							Academic Showcase - 5pm-7pm - 3/7							MAY, 2024							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	Staff Development Day - 3/8							S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	
T-18				1	2	3	4	Holiday - Good Friday 3/29										1	2	3	4	T-22
S-17	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	APRIL							5	6	7	8	9	10	11	S-22
	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Spring Recess 4/1-4/8							12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	ELA Exams Grades 3-8 - 4/9-5/17							19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
	26	27	28	29	30			MAY							26	27	28	29	30	31		
	DECEMBER, 2023							Math Exams Grades 3-8 - 4/8-5/17							JUNE, 2024							
	S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	Holiday - Memorial Day 5/27							S	M	T	W	TH	F	S	
T-16						1	2	JUNE													1	T-19
S-16	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Regents Exams 6/14-6/26							2	3	4	5	6	7	8	S-18
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Elem Early Dismiss 6/21 & 6/27 @ 10:30							9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	Holiday-Juneteenth 6/19							16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	Regents Rating Day 6/26							23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
	31							Graduation 6/29							30							
6/19/2024- (14th Holiday)							Superintendent's/Staff Dev Day-No School for Students, Offices Open															
188 Teachers							Students/Teachers-Out of School, Offices Open															
183 Students							Holiday - Teachers & Students Out of School, Offices Closed															
							BOARD APPROVED ON 04/18/2023															

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James Lewis
Dawn Golden

The five-member Board of Education is elected by the people and serves, without salary, as your representative in policy matters concerning the school district. Elections are held each year on the third Tuesday in May; each Board member serves a term of five years. ***The Board of Education's regular meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. (except December and May) in the Board Conference Room.***

Everyone is invited to attend.

The scheduled meeting dates are as follows:

REGULAR MEETING DATES

July 11, 2023 - Re-Organizational Meeting
August 15, 2023
September 19, 2023
October 17, 2023
November 21, 2023
December 19, 2023 - Meeting Time is 6:00pm
January 16, 2024
February 20, 2024
March 19, 2024
April 16, 2024
May 21, 2024 - Budget Vote / Board Member Elections - Meeting Time is 6:00pm
June 18, 2024

*Please note that these dates are subject to change due to conflicts.

The Board provides a portion of time at its stated meetings for the public to speak or ask questions. Questions or comments relating to school district policy may be brought to the Board's attention at this time.

Persons desiring to place items to be discussed on the agenda must notify the Superintendent of Schools at least five working days prior to the board meeting. Agenda for the board meetings are available to the public each Friday prior to the stated meeting. The agendas are available at the Central Office.

Minutes of Board of Education meetings are a matter of public record and may be inspected in the office of the District Clerk.

SCHOOL CLOSING AND DELAY INFORMATION 2023-2024

Tune into one of the following for delay or closing information:

RADIO STATIONS

WLSV - 790 AM
WOEN - 1360 AM
WPIG - 95.7 FM
WBEN - 930 AM

TV STATIONS

WKBW - Channel 7
WIVB - Channel 4
WGRZ - Channel 2

NEWSPAPERS USED FOR NEWS RELEASES:

Olean Times Herald
639 Norton Drive
Olean, NY 14760
(716)372-3121

WEB SITES

www.friendship.wnyric.org