



NORTH SALEM

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Calendar and Handbook

2023 – 2024

Welcome 2023

Letter from the Superintendent

"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about." — Margaret J. Wheatley

I am honored to begin my first year as Superintendent in North Salem. My transition started back in January of 2023, and I am grateful for the guidance and support from Dr. Freeston, his team, and the Board of Education. I have also received warm welcomes from faculty, staff, parents, and students.

Dr. Freeston was most proud of his legacy around the North Salem Mission. In his letter last year, he noted the district's two-decade commitment to a mission that embraces enabling our students to define and solve problems through critical and creative thinking.

As my first summer in North Salem shifts into the fall, I look forward to opportunities to connect and engage with the entire community. When we meet on campus or in town, please say hello. And, no matter who you are, I will likely ask you what you are reading and thinking about. As the leader of an exemplary learning community, you might as well know some of my habits and passions upfront: I like to read and to talk about ideas.

Looking forward, I will work with the entire North Salem community—students, faculty, parents, and residents—to guide our mission into the future. I believe that schools and communities must create the future we want, not wait for it to happen. Building the future requires broad engagement, the collective effort of many, the thoughtful exchange of diverse points of view, and an ongoing commitment to a shared vision.

I look forward to a productive school year and to building the future of North Salem schools together.



Duncan Wilson, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools



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School District Mission

Engage students to continuously learn, question, define and solve problems through critical and creative thinking.

2023 – 2024 Calendar






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Profile of a North Salem Graduate as a Problem Solver

North Salem graduates are continuously improving learners who question, define and solve problems through critical and creative thinking. The graduate aspires to be a...

Critical and Creative Thinker 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selects and uses creative, divergent thinking strategies to generate multiple ideas, gather a variety of resources, and consider multiple perspectives for solving problems • Employs critical, convergent thinking strategies to analyze, synthesize, validate, evaluate and select among multiple ideas, resources, perspectives, solutions • Links creative and critical thinking in a process for developing, evaluating and solving a problem in a timely manner
Collaborator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works interdependently within a group to promote learning, increase productivity and achieve common goals • Seeks and utilizes assistance and feedback from others to adapt ideas • Helps the group persist in accomplishing tasks • Listens to, shares and respects divergent thinking and cultural diversity to engage in thoughtful discussion leading to a solution • Supports collaboration by initiating ideas, conducting research, evaluating resources • Performs and shares various roles in group work
Communicator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advances understanding through active listening strategies • Incorporates effective writing skills for a variety of purposes and audiences • Acquires and broadens knowledge and experience through reading and viewing • Employs effective public speaking strategies suited to the topic, audience and purpose • Expresses concepts and emotions to a variety of audiences using processes in the visual and performing arts
Citizen 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exhibits and supports honest and ethical behavior • Shows empathy, compassion and respect for individuals and cultures on local, national and international levels • Applies concepts of government and historical context to balance personal freedom with the needs of the larger group • Uses personal financial responsibility to help shape and support self and the greater community • Actively engages in school and community in a way that respectfully addresses the needs of groups and individuals • Promotes environmental stewardship by committing to the conservation of Earth's resources leading to a sustainable future
Continuously Improving Learner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masters concepts and process skills in and among the disciplines of English, math, social studies, world language, science, physical fitness and the arts to improve self and others • Utilizes self-reflective skills needed to describe, explain and evaluate thinking in order to set and carry out goals to improve learning and problem solving • Exercises Habits of Mind to support continuous learning to meet personal and academic goals • Engages in healthy and positive practices and relationships to promote good physical and mental health • Adds value to self and others with digital learning strategies

September

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TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

August

October

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21
Varsity/JV Sports Begin
22
Senior Pictures 2–8pm

23
Varsity/JV Athletic Open House
6pm
24
6th Grade Orientation



1
Superintendent Conference Day

2

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Schools Open
Grades 1–5 Full Day
PQ PTO 9am
Kindergarten
11:30am Dismissal
Board of Education Mtg.
7:30 pm

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8

Kindergarten
11:30am Dismissal
PQ PTO K/New Family Social
4pm

9

ACT
Honor Band Rehearsal
9am–1:30pm

**Labor Day
Schools Closed**

Superintendent Conference Day
PQ Open House 3–5pm

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Kindergarten
11:30am Dismissal
Modified Sports Begin
Modified Open House 6pm

Kindergarten
11:30am Dismissal

Kindergarten
11:30am Dismissal

Kindergarten Full Day

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Senior Pictures 2–8pm

MS/HS PTO 9am

Senior Pictures 2–8pm
Board of Education Mtg.
7:30 pm

PQ Curriculum Night
Grades K, 1, 2
6pm
MS Open House
HS Virtual Open House

Honor Band Rehearsal
9am–1pm

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**Schools Closed
Religious Observance**

Financial Aid Presentation 7pm

PQ Curriculum Night
Grades 3, 4, 5
6pm
PQ Band Orientation 7pm
ACT, SAT, PSAT Presentation
7pm

MS Pictures
Homecoming

Homecoming

←.....Spirit Week.....→

2023

Board of Education

The Board of Education usually meets two Wednesdays each month. However, this may vary; please check the calendar for each month. The seven members of the board are elected by the qualified voters of the district to serve without remuneration for three-year terms.

All citizens are encouraged to take an active role in the development of our schools by attending the public board meetings, which are held at the middle/high school.

Check the website for special meetings, or schedule changes, and watch all meetings that are streamed live on the website.

School Trustee Elections

Candidates seeking election to the Board of Education must file a nominating petition with the District Clerk no later than Monday, April 22, 2024.

Qualifications for voting in any school district election are:

- U.S. Citizen
- 18 years of age by the date of the election (May 21, 2024)
- A resident of the school district 30 days prior to the election
- Registered voter

Persons may register during each school day at the office of the District Clerk.

The School Budget Vote and Board Trustee Elections will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at Pequenakonck Elementary. Polls are open from 7 am to 9 pm.

Absentee ballots

Applications for absentee ballots are available on April 25, 2024 in the office of the District Clerk. Applications for absentee ballots to be mailed to the voter should be received by the District Clerk by May 9; applications for absentee ballots to be picked up in person should be received by the District Clerk by May 9. The District Clerk must receive absentee ballots by 5 pm on May 16, 2024.

For further information contact the District Clerk at 914-669-5414, ext. 1011.



Board of Education Directory

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Fran Havard, Trustee.....havardboe@northsalemsschools.org..... Term expires 6/30/25

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Brian Lange, Trusteelangeboe@northsalemsschools.org..... Term expires 6/30/24

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October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			Board of Education Mtg. 7:30 pm		Math Honor Society Applications Due 2pm Emergency Management Plan Drill 15-minute Early Dismissal	Honor Band Rehearsal 9–1pm SAT
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Columbus Day Schools Closed	PQ PTO 9am	PQ Picture Day	MS/HS Progress Reports Posted to Portal	6th Grade Boundless Adventure	PQ Harvest Fair Honor Band Rehearsal/Concert 9am–3pm
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Senior Pictures 2–8pm	MS/HS PTO 9am Senior Pictures 2–8pm	PSAT 7:30am Board of Education Mtg. 7:30 pm	PQ Enrichment Night Virtual 6pm Student Council Blood Drive 1pm		
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		HS Pictures	Community Conversation with the BOE 7pm		Student Forum Halloween Dance 7–9pm Rho Kappa Induction	ACT
29	30	31			September S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	November S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
	Half Day Professional Development Early Dismissal MS/HS 10:30am PQ 11:30am	6th Grade Halloween Historical Contest				

School Schedules

PQ Grades K – 5

Marking Periods: K – 5

January 27, 2024 End of first semester
June 22, 2024 End of second semester

Report cards will be available in the Parent Portal on February 1 and June 22.

Parent Teacher Conferences will be November 16, 2023 and April 11, 2024. No school for students on these days. Parents can set up meetings with all of their children's teachers. Conferences are scheduled through PTCWizard. This can be accessed through the school website.

School Hours

K–5 8:25 am – 3:05 pm

Lunch menus are available online. A cold breakfast for \$1.55 and a hot lunch for \$3.00 are available daily.

Blackboard

Blackboard is a communication vehicle from the District, PQ and the MS/HS to parents. We use it for routine announcements and for some emergencies such as power outages. We use the phone, text and email information you provide each year.

What you need to do: Keep your own and emergency contact information current in the parent portal. You will be required to update this information annually before receiving teacher placement or student schedules.

When it becomes necessary to close schools prior to the start of the school day or delay their opening due to hazardous weather conditions, announcements will be made on the following:

www.northsalemsschools.org Superintendent News Service www.ctweather.com
WHUD 100.7 FM Cable TV Channel 12

Snow Make-up Days: If additional days are needed due to excessive school closings (inclement weather), school will be in session in the following order: April 5, 4, 3, 2.



Middle School/High School Grades 6 – 12

Marking Periods

November 10, 2023 End of first quarter
January 27, 2024 End of second quarter
April 14, 2024 End of third quarter
June 23, 2024 End of fourth quarter

Report cards will be available on the parent portal the following week.

School Hours

7:28 am – 2:10 pm

MS/HS Bell Schedule

Period 1	7:28 am – 8:08 am
Homeroom	8:13 am – 8:18 am
Period 2	8:22 am – 9:02 am
Period 3	9:06 am – 9:46 am
Period 4	9:50 am – 10:30 am
Period 5	10:34 am – 11:14 am
Period 6	11:18 am – 11:58 am
Period 7	12:02 pm – 12:42 pm
Period 8	12:46 pm – 1:26 pm
Period 9	1:30 pm – 2:10 pm

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences at the Middle/High School are scheduled for November 30, 2023.

You will be scheduling conferences with your student's teacher(s) online at the North Salem Middle/High School webpage through our scheduling software: **PTC Wizard**.


Go to the link below to create an account or log in at any time to North Salem Middle/High School webpage: www.northsalemsschools.org/schools/middle_highschool.

North Salem Mobile App is in the app store.



November

Erin Bartels, painting; sculptures, Robert Walag, Lucas Noya, Noah Lazo

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<i>October</i> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	<i>December</i> S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31		1	2	3	4
5	6	7	Student Forum Thanksgiving Food Drive Kick-off Board of Education Mtg. 7:30 pm			SAT
			MS Picture Retakes Fall End of Season Varsity Awards Dinner 5:30pm	PTO Taste of North Salem 7pm	Veteran's Day Schools Closed	11
12	13	14	Varsity/JV Athletic Open House 6pm Board of Education Mtg. 7:30 pm MS/HS Report Cards Posted to Portal	15	16	17
	Varsity/JV Sports Begin	PQ PTO 9am		PQ Parent Teacher Conferences PQ No Students	HS Drama Club 7:30pm	18
		PQ Book Fair				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
HS Drama Club 2pm	Modified Ice Hockey begins	MS/HS PTO 9am Math Honor Society Induction Breakfast	Early Dismissal MS/HS 10:30am PQ 11:30am	Schools Closed Thanksgiving Recess		
26	27	28	29	30		
	MS High Honor Roll Breakfast Modified Sports Begin Modified Athletic Open House 6pm	Senior Pictures 2–8pm		MS/HS Parent Teacher Conferences MS/HS No Students		

2023

Pequenakonck Elementary School

Grades K–5

The Building

Pequenakonck, affectionately called PQ, is the North Salem Elementary School that serves approximately 450 students in kindergarten through grade five. Originally built in 1972, subsequent building projects have added a modern gymnasium, several impressive classroom wings, technology in every classroom, air conditioning throughout and a large multipurpose room, making PQ a wonderful learning facility.

The Curriculum

The elementary program utilizes a variety of approaches to deliver curriculum. Instruction is guided by student needs and the NYS Next Generation Learning Standards in reading, writing, math, science and social studies. Teachers involve students in large and small group activities and individual instruction. Complementing the academic curriculum is the Be Kind/PBIS Program, promoting positive student behavior. Students learn to be kind, act responsibly, respect one another, and be safe in their classrooms, school, and community. In addition to the classroom curriculum, all children participate in programs provided by the art, music, library, and physical education specialists. Computers and other technologies are available throughout the building for student use.

Beyond the Curriculum

Beyond the basic curriculum, the elementary program includes Spanish instruction in grades K-5, instrumental music classes for students in grades 4 and 5, a grade 3–5 Enrichment Program, including Genius Hour, chorus, the running club, after-school activities and field trips. We provide special education services including OT, PT and speech and language. We also provide remedial reading and math services. A school nurse, psychologist, social worker and a diagnostic team of teachers are available to support student needs. Students in grades one through five may participate in the Student Council. Meetings are held after school each month and are facilitated by two staff members.



Parent Involvement

Recognizing that parents are our students' first teachers, we strive to maintain and enjoy a partnership with them. Every parent is encouraged to join the PTO and to attend the monthly meetings. Meetings are marked on this school district calendar. Parents who would like to volunteer to help in the classroom may contact their child's teacher. Those wishing to volunteer in the Media Center may contact our School Library at ext. 3044. Parental and community involvement in our school program is welcome.

PQ Website: www.northsalemsschools.org/Domain/8

PQ Twitter: @PQ_elementary



December

Leonardo DeSalvo, painting

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>November</div> <div><div>SMTWTFS</div><div>1234</div><div>567891011</div><div>12131415161718</div><div>19202122232425</div><div>2627282930</div></div>	<div>January</div> <div><div>SMTWTFS</div><div>123456</div><div>78910111213</div><div>14151617181920</div><div>21222324252627</div><div>28293031</div></div>				1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		HS Picture Retakes MS Chorus 7:30pm	MS Chorus Snow Date 7:30pm Board of Education Mtg. 7:30 pm		Student Forum Toys for Tots Kick-off	SAT
	←..... PQ Kindergarten Registration 3:30–6pm→					World Language Honor Society Induction Breakfast
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		PQ PTO 9am MS Band 7:30pm	MS Band Snow Date 7:30pm	5th Grade Band, 4th Grade Chorus Concert 6pm	Student Forum Holiday Movie 6:30–8:30pm	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		MS/HS PTO 9am 5th Grade Band, 4th Grade Chorus Snow Day 6pm HS Concert 7:30pm	MS/HS Progress Reports Posted to Portal HS Concert Snow Date 7:30pm Board of Education Mtg. 7:30 pm		Schools Closed Holiday Recess Begins	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Schools Closed – Holiday Recess					

2023

Middle/High School



Grades 6 – 12

The Building

The North Salem Middle/High School campus provides both middle and high school students with technologically equipped science labs and research facilities, a music suite, an art-media center to allow for the integration of technology and the arts, and indoor as well as outdoor locations for physical activity and recreation. A state-of-the-art library media center offers students and community members access to the Internet and an expanded research collection. Computer labs, Smart Boards, and wireless labs expand the opportunities for technology use throughout the building.

The Curriculum

Using its small size to full advantage, North Salem Middle/High School offers a full, comprehensive educational program, developmentally appropriate to the needs of both middle school and high school youngsters, comparable to that available to students in much larger schools. Through a strong, coordinated 6–12 curriculum, students are being prepared to exceed expectations of the New York State Standards and Assessments and are nurtured in the interpersonal, intrapersonal, critical thinking and creative thinking skills also necessary in the 21st century.

The middle/high school academic program offers a wide range of courses, interventions, and enrichments to meet the individual needs of students and to promote mastery of the curriculum. In the middle school, an interdisciplinary, team-oriented approach emphasizes problem-solving development designed to prepare students for the New York State assessments. A commitment to the New York State Essential Elements of Middle Schools focuses on the intellectual development and academic achievement of all students and the personal and social development of each student.

The high school offers a comprehensive program including Advanced Placement, Honors, Regents, occupational, and elective courses. Honors courses are provided in English, social studies, math, science, French, and Spanish. AP courses are available in English language, English literature, physics, environmental science, Spanish, French, U.S. history, European history, world history, art, calculus AB and BC, chemistry, biology, and computer science.

Beyond the Curriculum

Exploratory opportunities at the middle school and electives at the high school are available to all students in areas such as art, technology, instrumental and vocal music, family and consumer science, English, social studies, and science. Technology instruction and use are integrated across the curricula. For juniors and seniors, there are more than 40 electives offered at area technical school centers sponsored by BOCES. As seniors, students may elect to participate in O.P.T.I.O.N.S., which provides them with the opportunity to prepare for post high school education and entry into the workforce through guided internships. All seniors participate in a public presentation of their original work in the Senior Exhibition as part of O.P.T.I.O.N.S. and/or Senior English.



Counseling Department

The North Salem Middle/High School Counseling Department is available to students and family members to discuss all aspects of the educational program and address the specialized concerns of middle/high school youngsters. The annual Career Fair, parent informational meetings centered on both middle school and high school curriculum, and post high school planning activities are among the varied and important guidance-sponsored programs. The most essential aspect of

the counselor's work, however, centers on the day-to-day individualized attention provided to students and parents.

Athletics & Co-Curricular Activities

Extra- and co-curricular programs are essential parts of the total educational experience for both middle and high school students. An extensive interscholastic athletic program of more than 50 teams for students in grades 7–12 and intramurals for middle school students are also important components of North Salem Middle/High School. They include basketball, baseball, bowling, field hockey, football, golf, skiing, soccer, swimming, tennis, track, volleyball, cross country, ice hockey, and lacrosse.

In addition to athletics, North Salem Middle/High School offers a diverse selection of co-curricular clubs such as art, drama, musical theater, International Club, math, newspaper publishing, literary magazine, yearbook, Mock Trial, Club Español, sound and lighting, book club, Model UN, robotics, and student government opportunities.

All athletics and co-curricular activities begin at 3:00 pm on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, following the "extra help" time.



January

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 New Year's Day Schools Closed – Holiday Recess	2 School Reopens	3 Board of Education Mtg. 7:30 pm	4	5	6
7	8	9 PQ PTO 9am	10	11	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Schools Closed	16 MS/HS PTO 9am	17 Board of Education Mtg. 7:30 pm	18 National English Honor Society Induction Breakfast	19	20
21	22	23 Student Council Blood Drive 1–6pm	24	25 College Panel Night 6:30pm	26 PQ Marking Period Ends	27
28 Model UN Trip	29 Half Day Professional Development Early Dismissal MS/HS 10:30am PQ 11:30am Pre-ACT 11-2pm	30	31 Community Conversation with the BOE 7pm MS/HS Report Cards Posted to Portal		December S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	February S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29

Special Education

Student Services

To assist all our students in achieving their individual potential, the North Salem Central School District employs specialists in various fields. The role of the specialist is to support the students in their educational, emotional, physical, and social growth through direct contact with students and consultation with the teaching staff and parents.

Student Services offered include: health, speech and language, occupational and physical therapy, reading and mathematics remediation, special education, guidance, psychological, social work, and home tutoring services. Services are provided in accordance with district and state guidelines. Further information about these programs may be obtained by contacting:

Adam VanDerStuyf, Ed.D.
Assistant Superintendent Pupil Personnel Services
Chairperson, CSE/CPSE, 914-669-5414 ext. 1016.



The Committee on Special Education

By law, each school district must have a Committee on Special Education (CSE). Students are referred to the CSE for evaluation when it is suspected that a disability is present, if the student has not made adequate progress after an appropriate period of time, and has been provided with specific instruction and intervention.

The committee members include the following persons: Chairperson of the CSE, a psychologist, a teacher or administrator of special education, the child's regular education teacher, the child's parent, a parent member (parent of a child with a disability) if requested, and the student, when appropriate. Others may attend at the invitation of the CSE or the parent.

The CSE meets on a regular basis to make recommendations regarding the eligibility and education of children with special needs. Decisions are made as a team, with the parents as critical members, after reviewing all of the data presented at the CSE meeting.

If the child is eligible to receive special education services, the CSE develops and implements an appropriate I.E.P. (Individualized Education Program). Students identified by the CSE are provided with a variety of services based on each child's individual needs. The continuum of services includes: related services only (when multiple services are needed), consultant teacher, resource room, co-teaching, and special class services provided in the district. Programs through BOCES or other school districts, private schools, and residential schools are also considered when a child's needs warrant such intensive services. In compliance with state and federal mandates to provide students access to the general education curriculum, the district's Special Education Department has focused on developing models of co-teaching and integrated programs.

Under the supervision of the Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Personnel Services, programs for students with disabilities are carefully monitored, and annual reviews are scheduled with parents, teachers of the program, and the CSE. The CSE and personnel involved with these students work hard to fulfill their responsibility to provide appropriate programs for all of these students in the least restrictive classroom and school settings.

Parents are an integral part of this process and your involvement is encouraged.

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Jake Ross, Ph.D. 914-669-5317 ext. 3076	Nancy Diaz 6-9 914-669-5414 ext. 2040	Lisa Fryer 914-669-5414 ext. 2376
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		Secretary CPSE Sharon Verdejo 914-669-5414 ext. 1061

Notice of Non-Discrimination

The North Salem Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the school district's non-discrimination policies:

Dr. Adam VanDerStuyf, coordinator for Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Title VI, Title VII and Title IX

230 June Road, North Salem, NY 10560
914-669-5414, ext. 1016; Fax 914-669-8753

Dr. Julio Vazquez, coordinator for Title VI, Title VII and Title IX
230 June Road, North Salem, NY 10560
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High School Counseling; College Testing

The Counseling Department is here to provide services to students and their families. Please feel free to contact the office when the need arises. Appointments can be made for many purposes. Call to discuss your child's needs at 914-669-5414, at the extension listed below, or fax 914-669-8554.

Middle/High School Counseling 914-669-5414

John Davis	2032
Jennifer Galligan	2036
Elizabeth Loughran	2024
Jane Lash, clerical	2021
Melissa Smith	2023

College Testing

PSAT Test

General Information

- The PSAT/NMSQT (Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test) is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 18, 2023**. It is a standardized test offered to juniors and provides practice for the SAT. The test will also be offered to those sophomores who wish to take it. The PSAT gives juniors a chance to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship Corporation's (NMSC) scholarship programs. A letter will be sent home in September with more detailed information.

SAT and ACT Tests

General Information

- Register for SAT online at www.sat.org/register.
- Register for ACT online at www.actstudent.org
- **Students with testing accommodations must see their school counselor before registering for these tests.**
- North Salem's CEEB Code is 334-645



SAT Tests

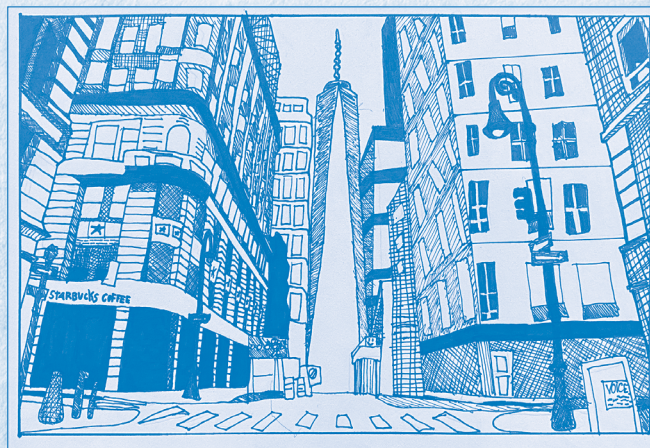
2023 – 2024	
Test Dates	Registration Deadlines
October 7	September 7
November 4	October 5
December 2	November 2
May 9	April 5
June 1	May 17

You can register online at www.sat.org/register, by mail, or by phone.
Please consult your counselor before registering.

ACT Tests

2023 – 2024	
Test Dates	Registration Deadlines
September 9	August 4
October 28	September 22
December 9	November 3
February 10	January 5
April 13	March 8
June 8	May 3

You can visit the ACT website at www.actstudent.org.



March

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Attendance/Health Information

Attendance

Attendance Policy (K – 12)

An important factor in the development of a good record of achievement is good attendance. To aid in the improvement of attendance, the administration and staff will take steps to inform parents as soon as possible of irregular patterns of attendance. This is in addition to informing parents at the regular report card period of the general pattern and record of attendance.

Absences (K – 12)

New York State law requires that a student returning from an absence must present an excuse note signed by a parent or legal guardian. Absences not so covered are considered illegal and must be handled as provided for in state law.

Parents must notify their child's school to inform the school of their child's absence by 8:30 am. For additional information please check our website at www.northsalemsschools.org under District Policies/Attendance.

PQ Elementary:

Parents must report an absence in our School Dismissal Manager App by 8:00 am.

MS/HS:

Parents must either call the attendance office at 914-669-5414, ext. 2165, or email (mshsattendance@northsalemsschools.org) to report an absence. Absences that are not verified by a parent or guardian are considered illegal. In order to assist middle/high school students who are absent for an extended period (three or more days), parents may request that homework be sent home by contacting the MS/HS office. In order to allow time for all teachers to be contacted, please call one day in advance. Homework assignments will then be available in the main office for parents to pick up at the close of school on the **following** day.

Health Services

Good health maintenance and health counseling are available to all students and their families. A physical examination and dental certificate for all students new to the district and all students entering grades K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 is required. Screening procedures are conducted for hearing, vision problems, and for scoliosis. If you need more information or have a health-related problem, please call the Health Office at your child's school for assistance.

North Salem Health Offices

Danielle Zaetz, **PQ Nurse**
914-669-5317, ext. 3043
Fax: 914-669-5442

Rita Driscoll, **MS/HS Nurse**
914-669-5414, ext. 2018
Fax: 914-276-3240



Immunization

Communicable disease control is a primary responsibility of school and public health authorities. We know that vaccine-preventable diseases occur almost exclusively among unimmunized or inadequately immunized children; therefore, mandatory immunization is an extremely important aspect of a comprehensive communicable disease control program. Enforcement of Public Health Law, Section #2164, should be a prime concern of parents, as well as school officials.

The intent of the law is to protect children against vaccine-preventable diseases and does NOT permit an unimmunized child to attend school unless exempt for medical reasons only. The school nurses are very helpful to parents seeking information regarding immunization. Proof of immunization must be on file in the health office before a child may enter school.

Sports Physical

Before a student may participate in North Salem's extracurricular athletic program in any way (for example, try out for a team or practice with a team), she or he must have a sports physical that has been reviewed by the school physician. This physical must be done each year and it qualifies as a valid sports physical for a full calendar year. A student may have a sports physical with his or her personal physician or with the school physician. Either way, the physical must be completed on the board-approved physical form. Additionally, prior to every sport season, every athlete must have an Interval Health History filled out by his or her parents no more than 30 days prior to the start of tryouts.

Before each new sports season, announcements are made that signups for the next season have begun. Students sign up to play a sport with Ms. Laura Chamberlain in Room W34. When the student signs up, indicating that he or she intends to play a sport, information will be sent home to the parents on the status of the student's sports physical. If a parent chooses to have the school physician complete the physical, the parent must call Ms. Chamberlain to schedule a sports physical. Please understand that it is the parent's responsibility to see that the student receives the appropriate physical, either by scheduling the exam with the student's personal physician or by calling Ms. Chamberlain to make an appointment with the school physician.

If the deadline for required paperwork is not met for a particular sports season, athletes will not try out or join a team for that season. All athletic required paperwork is submitted online.

All absences and illnesses must be reported to the school.

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Student Information

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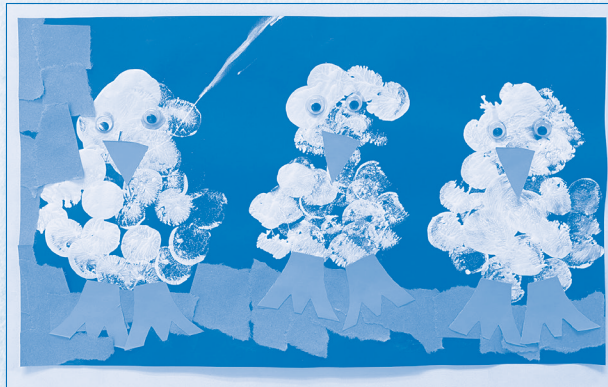
All students under 18 years of age must have working papers if they are to be engaged in legal employment in New York State. Applications and information on working papers can be obtained in the Counseling Department between 8 am – 3 pm.

Required Course Load

Each student must take at least five courses each semester, plus physical education. Electives are selected from the other courses offered to complete the required number of credits. The Course Description Guide explains these requirements in detail.

Attendance Required for After-School Activities

Middle school and high school students must be in attendance and in class for seven periods a day in order to participate in any after-school activity. Students absent from school due to illness may not participate in after-school activities. Students should seek clarification from an administrator in advance for questions regarding valid attendance.



Dismissal Policy (K – 12)

Absolutely no changes may be made in a student's regular dismissal routine unless a written note, signed by the parent/guardian, is provided to the principal. At PQ, written notification is done through the School Dismissal Manager App.

Early Dismissal Policy (6 – 12)

If it is necessary to leave school before dismissal time, students must bring a note signed by a parent/guardian to the Attendance Desk in the main lobby. Parents may come directly to the security desk to sign their student out. In order to minimize disruptions in Period 9 and to provide a safe end-of-day and bussing dismissal, students are not dismissed after 1:55 pm. Please plan accordingly.

Student Records

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, the North Salem Central School District has adopted a Student Record Policy to assure that parents and eligible students have the right to access information contained in the student's records and to assure that parents and eligible students can limit disclosure of certain information from these records. The entire policy may be found on our district website at www.northsalemschools.org

Homework

Grade-level appropriate homework is assigned to all students. Homework should be completed by the student and handed in on time.

Visit our website at www.northsalemschools.org to see all district policies.

National School Lunch Program

North Salem participates in the National School Lunch Program, enabling us to offer free or reduced priced meals to eligible students. Please contact the Business Office with any questions at 914-669-5414 ext. 1014. Breakfast is available at PQ and MS/HS. Lunch at PQ is \$3.00; at MS/HS \$3.25, reduced, no charge. The district's POS system allows student accounts to be prepaid and monitored online. Please visit myschoolbucks.com.

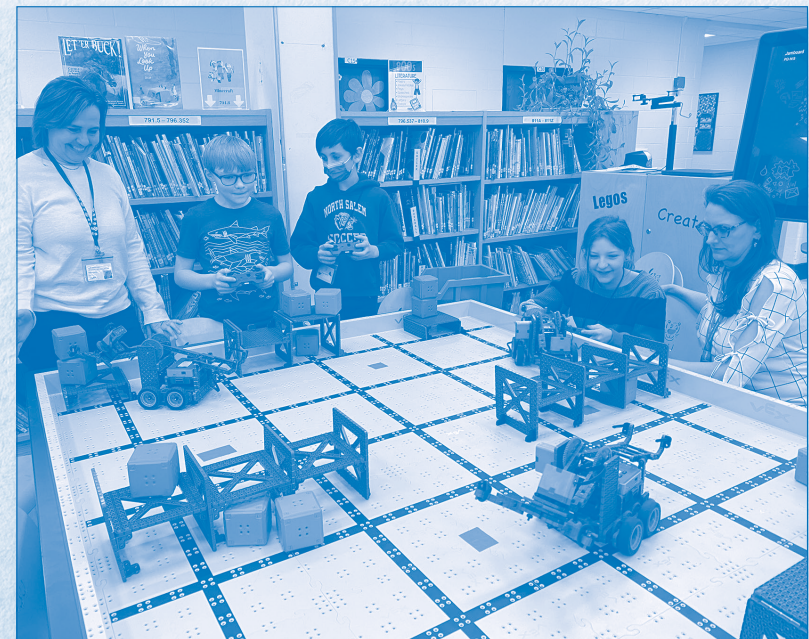
Extra Help

Extra help in all subject areas is available for students by appointment.

Additionally, teachers have scheduled extra help two days a week.

At PQ, times are scheduled by the teacher before or after school. Please consult your child's teacher for times and days.

At the MS/HS extra help is 2:15 – 2:55 pm; the teachers will post their specific locations. All co-curricular activities will begin after this time.



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5	6 College Bound Recognition Day	7	8 AP English Literature & Composition Exam Board of Education Mtg. 7:30 pm	9 NSFL Awards	10 AP European History Exam AP US History Exam	11
12	13 AP Calculus AB Exam AP Calculus BC Exam	14 MS/HS/PQ PTO 9am AP English Language & Composition Exam MS Band Concert 7:30pm	15 AP French Language & Culture Exam AP World History Modern Exam AP Computer Science Exam	16 AP Spanish Language & Culture Exam AP Biology Exam	17 AP Physics Exam	18
19	20	21 Annual Budget Vote & BOE Election 6am-9pm PQ Fine & Practical Arts Night 6pm HS Band Concert 7:30pm	22 Board of Education Mtg. 7:30 pm Mental Health Wellness Fair Science Symposium MS/HS Progress Reports Posted to Portal	23 Kindergarten Concert 1pm	24 Memorial Day Weekend Schools Closed	25
26	27 Memorial Day Schools Closed	28 High School Awards Night Grades 9-11	29 Incoming Kindergarten Orientation 9:30am Senior Awards Night	30 MS Chorus Concert 7:30pm	31 Band/Chorus Assessment	

Community Information

Use of School Buildings

The district's buildings are available for community use with prior approval. Should you wish to reserve a facility, please call the Buildings and Grounds Department office at 914-669-5414, ext. 1038.

Ruth Keeler Memorial Library

Located on Rt. 116 in the Town Center, the library offers weekly storytime for preschoolers, special programs for children, adult programs, art exhibits, Internet access, along with all Westchester library borrowing privileges (www.westchesterlibraries.org). Visit their website at www.northsalemlibrary.org or call 914-669-5161 for further information. Carolyn Reznick, Director.

Monday	12 pm – 7 pm
Tuesday	10 am – 5 pm
Wednesday	10 am – 5 pm
Thursday	10 am – 7 pm
Friday	10 am – 5 pm
Saturday	10 am – 5 pm



North Salem Recreation Department

The Recreation Department is located on 270 Titicus Road. Along with various youth programs, it holds a summer day camp at Mountain Lakes Camps for pre-school and students completing grades K – 7. Van transportation is provided for senior citizens to the Tri-Town Nutrition Program on Tuesdays and Thursdays and for a shopping trip on Fridays. Please call 914-669-5665 between 9 am – 3 pm for more information.

North Salem Basketball

email: admin@nsybasketball.com

North Salem Soccer Club

www.northslemsoccer.com

North Salem Baseball/Softball League

www.NSYbaseball.com

North Salem Girl Scouts

Contact: Joanna Schaffer, 845-279-6438

North Salem Boy Scouts

Scout Master: scoutmaster@northsalem1.mytroop.us

Committee Chairperson: Heide DeMorris,
committeechair@northsalem1.mytroop.us

North Salem Cub Scouts

email: cubscoutsnorthsalem@gmail.com

North Salem Youth Lacrosse Club

www.northsalem youthlacrosse.org



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Parent Teacher Organizations/Booster

The help and cooperation of parents play an important role in the North Salem Schools. The PTO is a formally structured organization with officers, programs, and fundraising events.

Pequenakonck PTO

The elementary PTO, serving grades K–5, works with the school to enhance the quality of educational experiences for all children at PQ. It also acts as a vehicle of communication among parents, teachers, and the school administration.

The PTO holds major fundraisers annually, the PQ Harvest Fair, and two book fairs. Meetings are held monthly. You may sign up as a PTO member using the Membership Toolkit App. This is also where parents can receive PTO information as well as sign up for after-school enrichment activities. Once you have joined the PTO, you will have access to the school directory.

Some of the programs made possible through the efforts of the PTO are an after-school enrichment program, school pictures, a PQ memory book, fifth grade socials, Staff Appreciation Day, an assembly program, and the month-long “ABC PQ” Program (Authors, Books, Children).

If you have any questions, please contact one of the PTO officers listed.



Elementary PTO (Grades K–5):

PQ PTO email: PQPTO@northsalemsschools.org

Liz Bridges & Stephanie Starr	Co-Presidents
Jennifer Logan & Amanda Norcross	Co-Vice Presidents
Kathleen Whalen & Melissa Armstrong	Co-Secretaries
Tina Buzzetto	Treasurer
Amanda Saulean	Assistant Treasurer

SEPTO

northsalemsepto@gmail.com

Middle School/High School PTO

MS/HS PTO email: MSPTO@northsalemsschools.org

Jenna Doering	President
Carolyn Carter & Gillian Margolian	Co-Vice Presidents
Karen Proctor	Treasurer
Mimi Miller	Secretary

Booster Club

Twitter/Instagram: [@booster_ns](https://twitter.com/booster_ns)

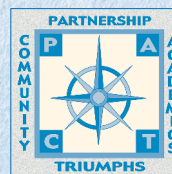
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for Our Students*

July

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Transportation

Bus Loading Areas at School

Please do not endanger your child by picking up or dropping off your children in the bus loading or unloading areas. Do not walk or allow your child to walk behind, in front of, or between the buses. **Please use designated crosswalks.** There are specific areas for you to park, pick up, and/or discharge your children — please use them. Never park in the bus loading areas.

Never pass a stopped school bus with flashing red lights.

REMINDER

Parents are reminded of the following information:

- Review the Bus Safety and Conduct Rules with your children and be sure that they understand them.
- Call the Transportation Office immediately at 914-669-5854 if you have any questions.
- Help us by doing your part as a member of the motoring public; obey all laws and drive defensively.
- Accompany your very young child, or children, coming to school for the first time, to and from the bus stop at least during the first week of school or until you feel confident that they are capable of going by themselves.
- Students, with written permission from their parents or guardian submitted by July 15, may be transported on buses other than their own bus route to alternative sites, as long as the capacity of the vehicle is not exceeded and it is a scheduled route.
- Only requests that are of extreme need will be considered, i.e., no birthday parties, scouts, dancing or musical instrument lessons, playdates or other non-school related activities. Students who are dropped off at a bus stop other than their regular one must have a written permission slip from a parent or guardian.
- **If your child misses the bus, do not attempt to chase it down.** For safety, please drive your child directly to school. Thank you.
- Should you have questions, please call either the Director of Transportation at 914-669-5414 ext 1038 or the Bus Garage at 914-669-5854, Fax: 914-669-5423.

Bus Identification System

Routes are identified by specific numbers. The route number is displayed on a card located on the right hand side window of the bus. Please be sure your child is aware of this system.

Students attending Harvey, Rippowam/Cisqua, Wooster, JFK, Ridgefield Academy, Immaculate, BOCES Tech Center, Melrose, St. Patrick's Yorktown, and St. Patrick's Bedford Village will come in on the high school buses and then transfer to shuttle buses at PQ Elementary School or the high school.



Student Bus Rules & Regulations

- **BE AT YOUR BUS STOP** 10 minutes before the bus is due. Buses will not wait at stops for tardy students. If you are late, do not chase the bus. Please drive your child directly to school.
- **WAIT FOR THE BUS** in a safe spot off the roadway and in an orderly manner. Respect the property of others!
- **DO NOT APPROACH THE BUS** until it is completely stopped. Then, you may enter in single file in an orderly manner and then quickly take your seat.
- **SEAT BELTS** must be worn properly at all times.
- **REMAIN IN YOUR SEAT** while the bus is in motion. Do not change seats.
- **BE COURTEOUS** to your driver and fellow passengers. No yelling, fighting, horseplay or throwing things will be allowed. Profane language will not be tolerated.
- **NO EATING, DRINKING, OR SMOKING ON THE BUS AT ANY TIME.**
- **DO NOT EXTEND HEAD, HANDS, ARMS** or any portion of your body, or any other objects, out windows at any time.
- **The following items are a partial list of items that CANNOT be carried on the school bus at any time:** knives or other sharp objects; guns (or any weapons); animals of any description, regardless of the container they may be carried in; glass objects or chemicals. Generally speaking, all carryons, including back packs, musical instruments, school projects and those things necessary for school programs, should be of the size that can be held on the student's lap.
- When it is necessary to cross the road when entering or leaving the bus, always cross 10 feet in front of the bus. Look both ways and wait for the driver to signal you across. **BE ALERT!**
- **Transportation schedules will be mailed to each family at the end of August.**
- **Application for Transportation to Private/Parochial Schools:** In compliance with Section 3635 of the New York State Education Law, a parent or guardian of children residing in the North Salem Central School District and attending a non-public school must request transportation services prior to **April 1** preceding the next school year.
- **We do not transport to private and parochial schools on days that public schools are not in session.**

Pupils must obey drivers' instructions; the drivers are in charge of the vehicle at all times. Students not obeying the rules will lose the privilege of riding the bus.

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Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act/ Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment

A. Access to, Correction of and Release of Student Records (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)

In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, the North Salem Central School District has adopted a Student Record Policy to assure that parents and eligible students have the right to access information contained in the student's records and to assure, further, that parents and eligible students can limit disclosure of certain information from these records. An eligible student is a student who is 18 years old or a legally emancipated minor, in which case the rights described in this notification are transferred from the parent to the student. The rights accorded to parents and eligible students under the school district's policy are set out below:

1. Parents and eligible students have the right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day a request for access is made. Requests may be addressed to the principal of the school the student currently attends, and the principal will make arrangements for inspection at a specific time and place. Parents and eligible students may also direct such a request to the District Clerk, 230 June Road, North Salem, NY 10560, 914-669-5414, ext. 1011.
2. The school district will not release information contained in a student's education record without prior written consent of the parent or eligible student, except under those limited circumstances as permitted by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. The school district will release such information without prior notice or consent to school officials who have a legitimate educational interest in obtaining access to them in order to perform their professional responsibilities.¹ In addition, the school district will forward education records (including student disciplinary records) without prior notice or consent in response to a request received from another school in which a student seeks to enroll.
3. The school district will also release "directory information" without prior written consent. "Directory information" is personally-identifiable information that would not be likely to invade the privacy of a parent or eligible student if disclosed. It includes the student's name and address, dates of attendance, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, diplomas and awards received, the present and the most recent previous educational institutions attended, and photographs or video depicting students at school activities or events. Such directory information may be released (among other forms of release) in school publications, and in media print, electronic and broadcast outlets. The release of "directory information" is subject to the following two limitations:

- a. In no event will "directory information" be released if the school district determines that the information will be used for commercial or fundraising purposes.
 - b. You may notify the school district that you do not consent to the release of "directory information." To do so, please send the notice in writing to your building principal. Your request will be effective through this academic year and must be renewed annually.
4. A parent or eligible student may ask the school district to correct (amend) any part of the student's education record which is believed to be inaccurate, misleading or in violation of the student's rights. Such requests should be addressed in the first instance in writing to the principal of the school the student currently attends, should clearly identify the portion(s) of the record which is requested to be changed, and should specify why the record is believed to be inaccurate, misleading or in violation of the student's rights.
 5. In case of disagreement with the school district as to the appropriateness of an education record (as to which a correction has been requested), the parent or eligible student will be notified of the school district's decision and of the right to request a hearing by sending a written request to the school district addressed to the District Clerk, 230 June Road, North Salem, NY 10560. Upon receipt of such a request, the school district will furnish additional information regarding the hearing procedures.
 6. A parent or eligible student may also file a complaint with the United States Department of Education if he or she believes that the school district has violated the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act with respect to his or her record. Complaints should be addressed as follows:
Family Policy Compliance Office
U.S. Department of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20212-4605
 7. Please note that school systems periodically receive requests from the United States Armed Forces, pursuant to the "No Child Left Behind Act of 2001," for the names, addresses and telephone numbers of secondary students so that branches of the military can send students information about education, technical training and financial benefits available upon enlistment in the military. The school district will provide such information in response to such requests unless the parent or eligible student withholds consent to such release. To withhold consent, please send a notice to that effect in writing to Mr. Vince DiGrandi, North Salem MS/HS Principal, 230 June Road, North Salem, NY 10560. Your request will be effective through this academic year and must be renewed annually.

In addition, please be advised that the school district is required by law to give military recruiters the same access to secondary school students as is provided to postsecondary institutions and prospective employers.

B. Utilization of and Consent to Surveys and Examinations or Screenings Administered to Students (Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment)

It is long-standing school district policy that questionnaires, surveys and physical examinations and/or screenings are not administered to students without prior notice to parents, and with an opportunity to parents and eligible students to grant or withhold consent to such administration. Notwithstanding, the school district is required by federal law to inform parents and eligible students about the requirements applicable to all public school systems with regard to such activities, and also with respect to certain physical examinations and/or screenings.

1. Parents and eligible students are entitled to notice and the opportunity either to consent or "opt out"² of any survey (and, upon request to inspect any such survey instrument) of participation by a student which includes any of the following eight areas of "protected information"³:
 - The political affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent(s);
 - Mental or psychological problems of the student or of the student's family;
 - Sex behavior or attitudes;
 - Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating or demeaning behavior;
 - Critical appraisals of others with whom survey subjects have close family relationships;
 - Legally-recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors or religious leaders (ministers, rabbis, priests, imams, and similar persons);
 - The religious practices, affiliations or beliefs of the student or the student's parent(s); and
 - Income information, other than as may be required to determine eligibility for a school district or other public program.

2. Parents and eligible students have the rights (a) to inspect upon request, and (b) to "opt out" of participation by a student in a survey which collects "personal information" (including such items as a student's or parent's first and last name, address, telephone number or Social Security number), if such information will be used for marketing or selling the information so collected, or will be provided to others for that purpose. However, these inspection and "opt-out" rights do not apply to the collection, disclosure or use of "personal information" from students for the exclusive purpose of developing, evaluating or providing educational products or services for or to students or educational institutions.⁴
3. Parents and eligible students have the rights (a) to be notified of, and (b) to "opt out" of any non-emergency, invasive physical examination⁵ or screening which is: (i) required as a condition of school attendance, (ii) administered by a public school and scheduled by the school in advance, and (iii) is not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of the student, or of other students. However, this "opt-out" right does not apply to physical examinations or screenings which are required or permitted by New York State law, such as mandatory vaccinations and regular physical examinations of students.
4. Parents and eligible students are entitled to inspect, upon request and before administration or use, (a) protected information surveys of students; (b) instruments used to collect personal information from students for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes as described above; and (c) instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.
5. A parent or eligible student may also file a complaint with the United States Department of Education if he or she believes that the school district has violated the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment with respect to him or her. Complaints should be addressed as follows:

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400 Maryland Avenue, S.W.
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¹ A "school official" is a person employed by the school district as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member; a person serving on the Board of Education; a person or entity with whom the school district has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant or therapist); a parent or student serving on an official committee (such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or a Committee on Special Education); and a person assisting another school official in performing his or her responsibilities.

² If the survey is funded in whole or in part by the United States Department of Education, then consent must be obtained before a student is required to submit to a survey. Even if the survey is not so funded, notice of the survey and an opportunity to opt out of participation must be provided.

³ Federal law makes a distinction between surveys of "protected information" which are funded in whole or in part by the United States Department of Education (in which case the prior consent of parents and eligible students must be obtained) and surveys of "protected information" which

are funded from other sources (in which case an "opt-out" opportunity must be provided).

⁴ This exception includes the following types of uses: disclosure to colleges, post-secondary educational institutions and military recruiters; book clubs, magazines and programs providing access to low-cost literacy products; curriculum and instructional materials used by elementary or secondary schools; tests and assessments used by elementary or secondary schools to provide cognitive, evaluative, diagnostic, clinical, aptitude or achievement information about students; the sale by students or products or services to raise funds for school-related or education-related activities; and student recognition programs.

⁵ An "invasive physical examination" is a medical examination which involves the exposure of private body parts, or which includes an incision, insertion or injection into the body. Hearing, vision, and scoliosis screening are not considered to be "invasive."

Pequenakonck Elementary Directory

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School Hours 8:25 am – 3:05 pm

Grades K-5

Main Office

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Roy Martin3041

Assistant Principal:

Dawn Snowdon.....3016

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Nurse

Danielle Zaetz3043

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Rebecca Donofrio.....3117

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Marcia Rudolf3150

Donna Ulrich.....3121

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Samantha Farrell3146

Jessica Farney3151

Cynthia Fox3155

Lauren Hussey.....3120

2nd Grade:

Susan Burch3132

Anna Frates.....3138

Cheryl Pandolfi.....3114

Leah Sullivan.....3126

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Michelle Messemer3133

Jillian Pitaro-Foglia.....3042

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Erin White K–23274

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APE

John Veteri – APE.....3005

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ENL

Christine Contreras3273

Support Services

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Amy Hester – Reading3160

Jennifer Martz – Reading.....3191

Sharon deLuca – Reading3129

Psychological Services

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Special Education

Jane Burdett.....3157

Kristal Castellano.....3008

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Custodian

Office3095

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Main Office

Principal:

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Assistant Principal:

Kathleen Murphy 2029

Staff:

Brigida D'Alesandro 2072

TBD 2029

Suzanne Steimel 2028

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Jan Malin 2135

Diana Marinovic 2149

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Maureen Mullaney 2119

Kylie McCarron-Trivelli 2153

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Family & Consumer Science:

Colleen Fodor..... 2139

Counseling Department:

John Davis..... 2032

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