



**ONONDAGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**2015-2016 Academic Calendar**

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**\*\*Please note that calendar dates are subject to change. Please check the school website for updated calendar of events.\*\***



## Mission Statement

THE ONONDAGA CENTRAL SCHOOL COMMUNITY CHALLENGES INDIVIDUAL  
MAXIMUM POTENTIAL, PRIDES ITSELF ON SUCCESS AND PREPARES  
CONTRIBUTING CITIZENS FOR LIFE.

### Administration

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Transportation/Maintenance 4457 S. Onondaga Road, Nedrow, NY 13120	552-5090 492-9624 (F)

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# AUGUST 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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9	10	11	12 Regents Exams	13 Regents Exams	14	15
16	17 Fall Varsity Sports Begin	18	19	20 Wheeler 3rd Grade Walkthrough 6:00-7:00 PM	21	22
23	24	25 Board of Education 6 PM	26 Kindergarten Open House 10:00 - 12:00	27	28	29
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SEPTEMBER 2015

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# Onondaga Central School District Communication Guidelines

Question/Concern	Contact 1	Contact 2	Contact 3	Contact 4
Academics	Teacher	Jr/Sr High School Counselor	School Principal	Superintendent
Athletics	Coach	Athletic Director	School Principal	Superintendent
Behavior	Teacher	School Principal	Superintendent	
BOE Policies	District Clerk	Superintendent	Board of Education	
Budget	School Business Administrator	Superintendent		
Building Use	Athletic Director	Maintenance Supervisor	School Business Administrator	
Cafeteria	School Lunch Manager Wendy Swift 677-9510	School Business Administrator	Superintendent	
Classroom Procedures	Teacher	School Principal	Superintendent	
Co-Curricular	Club Advisor	School Principal	Superintendent	
Curriculum	Teacher	School Principal	Superintendent	
Facilities	School Principal	Maintenance Supervisor	School Business Administrator	Superintendent
Health	School Nurse	School Principal	Superintendent	
Scheduling	Teacher	Jr/Sr High School Counselor	School Principal	Superintendent
Special Education	Teacher	School Principal	CSE/CPSE Chairperson	Superintendent
Transportation	Bus Driver	Transportation Dispatcher	School Business Administrator	Superintendent

It is our hope that this communication guideline procedure will serve as a helpful resource for parents and other community members with concerns, questions or to make suggestions. Following these guideline will assist the Superintendent and his Administrative Staff to administer the school district and to put into operation the policies and decisions of the Board of Education. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **Contact Telephone Numbers:**

Rob Price, <i>Superintendent of Schools</i>	552-5000
Debra Eichholtz, <i>School Business Administrator</i>	552-5001
Todd Henry, <i>Transportation Dispatcher</i>	552-5090
Wendy Swift, <i>LaFayette Food Manager</i>	677-9510
Jacquelyn Elias, <i>CSE Chairperson</i>	552-5075
Tim Mumford, <i>Principal, Jr./Sr. High School</i>	552-5020
Timothy Cowin, <i>Principal, Wheeler School</i>	552-5050
Margaret Hart, <i>Principal, Rockwell School, CPSE Chairperson</i>	552-5070
Victor Zampetti, <i>Vice Principal/Athletic Director, Jr./Sr. High School</i>	552-5020



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# SEPTEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Professional Development Day  3rd Grade Orientation  Wheeler Meet the Teacher Night  Modified Football Begins	2 Professional Development Day  7th Grade Orientation 5:00 - 6:30 PM  Jr/Sr High School Meet the Teacher Night 6:30-8:00 PM	3	4	5
6	7 Labor Day (No School)	8 First Day of Classes  Modified Soccer & Cross Country Begin	9 PTO Meeting Rockwell 7 PM	10	11	12 ACT Exam
13	14	15 Board of Education 6 PM	16	17 Rockwell Meet the Teacher Night 6:30-8:00 PM	18 First Rockwell Morning Program	19
20	21	22	23	24 Rockwell Emergency Evacuation Drill 2:45 Dismissal	25 Jr/Sr High School Picture Day	26
27	28	29 Board of Education 6 PM	30			

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## CODE OF CONDUCT SUMMARY

This is a summary of the Code of Conduct adopted by the Board of Education of the Onondaga Central School District. The Code contains the rules for conduct on District property and at District functions, as well as the penalties for unacceptable conduct. The Code applies to all activities in the school setting, and is not restricted to classroom settings. Students, parents, visitors, and District employees all have responsibilities regarding the education of the District students and are subject to the Code while on District property or at District functions.

### STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The Code contains Student Rights and Responsibilities. Students have the right to an education that offers them the opportunity for inquiry and development to their fullest potential. Students also have the right to be safe while on District property and at District functions, to receive guidance from District staff, to participate in extracurricular activities, and to receive appropriate educational and health services.

Students shall be free from bullying (including cyberbullying), discrimination and harassment on school property or school functions including, but not limited to, the educational program, activities, or admission policies of their school. Such conduct shall include, but is not limited to, threats, intimidation or abuse based on a person's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practices, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender (including gender identity and expression) or any other legally protected status.

Students are expected to attend school every day, perform all assignments to the best of their ability, respect the property of others, and set a positive example for others.

### DRESS CODE

The District's employees and students shall be appropriately groomed and dressed while on District property and at District functions. Teachers and all other District employees shall exemplify and reinforce acceptable student dress and help students develop an understanding of appropriate appearance in the school setting. Also, visitors are to be appropriately attired while on District property and at District functions. Each Building Principal shall inform all students and their parents/guardians of the student dress code at the beginning of the school year and any revisions to the dress code made during the year. The appropriateness of an individual's dress will depend, to some degree, on the student's age, circumstances and setting. Students will be asked to change, cover or remove inappropriate clothing if they are not in compliance with the District Dress Code.

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# OCTOBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 SAT Exam
4	5	6	7 PTO Meeting Wheeler 7 PM	8 Rockwell Picture Day	9 Wheeler Picture Day  Wheeler Apple Harvest Day	10
11	12 <i>Columbus Day (No School)</i>	13 Board of Education 6 PM	14	15	16 End of 1st Marking Period  <b>Homecoming Weekend</b>	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 ACT Exam
25	26 Modified Volleyball Begins	27 Board of Education 6 PM	28 PSAT Exam	29 High School Prism Concert	30 Rockwell Halloween Parade 9:15 AM	31

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## CODE OF CONDUCT SUMMARY (CONTINUED)

### PROHIBITED STUDENT CONDUCT

The Code contains definitions of prohibited conduct. The Code is not meant to be an exhaustive list of all possible acts of misconduct. Any conduct that violates the Code, any federal or New York State statute, or any established practice of the District may be the basis for discipline.

### ELECTRONIC DEVICES

The use of, IPODs, MP3 players, or any other electronic device, including, but not limited to, PSP players, cell phones, electronic notebooks, electronic pads, ear buds, headphones, smart watches, etc., are prohibited during the school day hours from 7:35 a.m. to 2:21 p.m. (Wheeler School), and 9:00 a.m. to 3:06 p.m. (Rockwell) (except when under the supervision of an administrator). Cell phone or electronic device use during the activity period will be allowed if permission of the instructor is granted.

At the Jr./Sr. High School the use of IPODs, MP3 players, or any other electronic device, including, but not limited to, PSP players, cell phones, electronic notebooks, electronic pads, ear buds, headphones, smart watches, etc., between the hours of 7:45 am and 2:25 p.m. will be monitored by the staff in zones labeled as Red and Green. IPODs, MP3 players, or any other electronic device, including, but not limited to, PSP players, cell phones, electronic notebooks, electronic pads, ear buds, headphones, smart watches, etc., are not allowed under any circumstances to be used and will be strictly enforced in Red Zones. These items are the sole responsibility of the student and the school will not be responsible for the theft or loss of cell phones or electronic devices in any way.

### CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES

The Code governs the conduct of students on school buses. The standards of conduct that apply in the classroom also apply to conduct on school buses. All passengers are to obey the instructions of the bus driver. The District may suspend a student's right to ride the bus for any misconduct including behavior that distracts the driver.

### REPORTING VIOLATIONS

Any student observing another violating this Code of Conduct on Onondaga Central School District property or at an Onondaga Central School District function shall report this information immediately to an Onondaga Central School District staff member, administrator or supervising adult. Any teacher, administrator, employee, Board of Education member, or other person may report a violation of the student disciplinary code to the Building Principal or his or her designee.

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# NOVEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1	2 Modified Boys' Basketball Begins	3 Half Day Students/'Full Day Staff	4 PTO Meeting Rockwell 7 PM	5	6	7 SAT Exam	
8	9 JV/Varsity Winter Sports Begin  Modified Winter Sports Season 1 Begins	10 Board of Education 6 PM	11 <i>Veteran's Day (No School)</i>	12	13 Jr/Sr High School Picture Retake Day	14	
15	16	17 Rockwell Picture Retake Day	18 Wheeler Picture Retake Day	19 Elementary Report Card Day	20 Wheeler Senior Citizen Luncheon  <i>Drama Club Production</i>	21	
22	23 Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences Early Dismissal	24 Elementary Parent/Teacher Conferences Early Dismissal	25 <i>Thanksgiving Recess - No School</i>			26	27
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### CODE OF CONDUCT SUMMARY (CONTINUED)

Anyone who believes he/she has been subjected to discrimination, harassment, bullying or retaliatory behavior or has witnessed any possible occurrence of such conduct should immediately report same to any staff member or administrator. If a school employee learns of any occurrence of possible bullying or harassment, the school employee shall orally notify the school principal no later than one (1) school day after learning of such conduct. Such school employee shall also file a written report no later than two (2) school days after making such oral report. If the District determines that a District official, employee, volunteer, vendor, visitor and/or student has violated the Code of Conduct or a material incident of harassment, bullying and/ discrimination has occurred, immediate corrective action will be taken, it will take prompt action reasonably calculated to end the violation, eliminate any hostile environment, create a more positive school culture and climate, prevent recurrence of the behavior, and provide for the safety of the student or students against whom such violation was directed. Generally, responses to acts of harassment, bullying, and/or discrimination against students by students shall incorporate a progressive model of student discipline.

#### The district's designated Dignity Act Coordinators are:

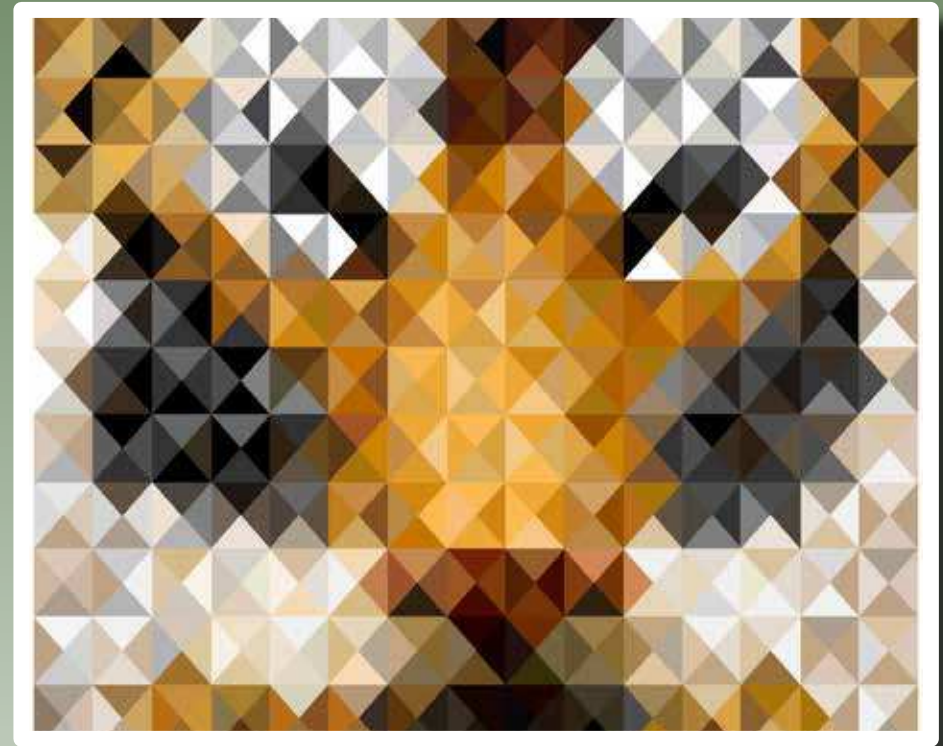
Name	School Building	Email	Phone
Tim Mumford	Jr./Sr. High School	tmumford@ocs.cnyric.org	315-552-5020
Victor Zampetti	Jr./Sr. High School	vzampetti@ocs.cnyric.org	315-552-5020
T. J. Cowin	Wheeler Elementary	tjcowin@ocs.cnyric.org	315-552-5050
Margaret Hart	Rockwell Elementary	mhart@ocs.cnyric.org	315-552-5070

### DISCIPLINARY INTERVENTIONS, PROCEDURES AND PENALTIES

Students, employees and visitors who violate the Code will be subject to disciplinary action and/or other consequences as the District deems appropriate. District officials may use a range of responses to address student misconduct. Before disciplining a student, District officials may issue a warning, conduct a parent conference, enter into a student behavior contract, or provide counseling or mediation. Disciplinary actions may include a school or activity suspension, personal liability and police notification. Any person other than a student found in violation of the Code shall be subject to appropriate criminal and/or civil penalties.

### DUE PROCESS

The amount of due process a student is entitled to before a penalty is imposed will depend on the type of penalty being imposed. In all cases, regardless of the penalty imposed, the Onondaga Central School District personnel authorized to impose the penalty must let the student know what misconduct the student is alleged to have committed, and must investigate the facts surrounding the



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# DECEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 PTO Meeting Wheeler 7 PM  Jr/Sr High School Instrumental Concert Auditorium 7 PM	3 Wheeler Instrumental Concert at HS Auditorium 7 PM	4 End of 2nd Marking Period	5 SAT Exam
6	7	8 Board of Education 6 PM	9 Jr/Sr High School Vocal Concert Auditorium 7 PM	10 Wheeler Vocal Concert at HS Auditorium 7 PM	11	12 ACT Exam
13	14	15	16	17	18 Rockwell Holiday Sing-a-Long 9:15 AM	19
20	21	22	23	24 <b>Holiday Recess - No School</b>	25	26
27	28 <b>Holiday Recess - No School</b>	29	30	31		

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## **CODE OF CONDUCT SUMMARY (CONTINUED)**

alleged misconduct. All students will have an opportunity to present their version of the facts to the Onondaga Central School District personnel imposing the disciplinary penalty in connection with the imposition of the penalty. The Code also contains detailed procedures for dealing with misconduct by special education and disabled students.

### **TEACHER REMOVAL OF DISRUPTIVE STUDENTS**

The Code authorizes classroom teachers to remove disruptive students from classrooms. The Code spells out the procedures that must be followed when a teacher removes a student from the classroom, including notice to the student and the opportunity for parents to meet with the principal. No teacher may remove a student with a disability from a class until the teacher has verified with the principal or the chairperson of the Committee on Special Education that the removal will not violate the student's rights under state or federal law.

### **STUDENT SEARCHES AND INTERROGATIONS**

Students may be subject to personal searches and searches of their possessions (including but not limited to, backpacks, telephones, electronic devices and other personal belongings) where "reasonable suspicion" exists that such search will obtain evidence that the student violated the law or school rules (including, for example, the District Code of Conduct). Searches may be conducted by the Superintendent, building principal or designee.

### **VISITORS TO SCHOOLS AND PUBLIC CONDUCT ON SCHOOL PROPERTY**

The Board encourages parents/guardians and other district citizens to visit the District's schools and classrooms to observe the work of students, teachers, and other staff. Since schools are a place of work and learning, however, certain limits must be set for such visits. To create and maintain this kind of an environment, it is necessary to regulate public conduct on Onondaga Central School District property and at Onondaga Central School District functions. Administrators are responsible for all persons in the building and on the grounds. The Code of Conduct contains rules that apply to visitors and public conduct on Onondaga Central School District property.

### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR CODE OF CONDUCT**

Extra-curricular activities are an integral part of school life. Participating in extra-curricular activities and athletics is a privilege, not a right. The student must earn this privilege through dedication, desire, and discipline. Without the pursuit of these traits, the student cannot do justice to him/herself or the school. The student must discipline him/herself to be a good citizen and student in order to achieve excellence. The Onondaga Central School District believes that the tradition of excellence is established and maintained upon these principles. In order for a determined course of action in the pursuit of student achievement and the character training of young persons, the Code of Conduct contains expectations that must be followed.

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# JANUARY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>Holiday Recess No School</i>	2
3	4 Classes Resume  Modified Winter Sports Season 2 Begins	5	6 PTO Meeting Rockwell 7 PM	7	8	9
10	11	12 Board of Education 6 PM	13	14	15	16
17	18 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)</i>	19	20	21	22	23 SAT Exam
24	25	26 Board of Education 6 PM	27	28	29 Half Day Students Full Day Staff  End of 3rd Marking Period	30
31		<i>Regents Exams</i>				

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## School Attendance Hours

Onondaga Jr/Sr High School (Grades 7-12)  
 7:57 a.m. - 2:25 p.m.  
 Main Office: 552-5020 Health Office: 552-5026

Wheeler Elementary School (Grades 3-6)  
 8:00 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.  
 Main Office: 552-5050 Health Office: 552-5052

Rockwell Elementary School (Grades K-2)  
 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
 Main Office: 552-5070 Health Office: 552-5072



The district uses Schooltool, a student data management system that is 100% web-based. One of the features of Schooltool is a parent portal where parents can communicate with teachers and access information about their children such as attendance, schedule, grades and discipline. Parents who have provided the district with an email address will receive logon information at the beginning of the school year.

The district continues to utilize SchoolMessenger, a company that provides notification services for parental outreach, emergency broadcasts, and student attendance communications for K-12 Education. Parents will receive phone calls, text alerts and e-mails about a range of important issues affecting their student's safety and academic performance.

Please be sure that the telephone numbers and e-mail addresses that we have listed for you in our system are correct. To update your contact information, please contact your school office. If you prefer to receive information via text message, please email [mmayer@ocs.cnyric.org](mailto:mmayer@ocs.cnyric.org) and provide your cell phone number and student names. Thank you!

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# FEBRUARY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 2nd Semester Begins	2	3 PTO Meeting Wheeler 7 PM	4 Elementary Report Card Day	5	6 ACT Exam
7	8	9 Community Budget Work Session & Board of Education 6 PM	10	11-12 <i>Jr/Sr High School Spirit Days</i>		13
14	15 <i>President's Day (No School)</i>	16-19 <i>Winter Recess - No School</i>				20
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# Non-Discrimination Policy

The Onondaga Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, national origin, marital status or sexual orientation in the employment and educational opportunities it offers, including vocational educational opportunities. The District is committed to adhering to the non-discrimination provisions of Title VI and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act and the New York Human Rights Law.

The Onondaga Central School District also does not discriminate on the basis of sex with respect to employment or in the educational programs and activities it provides ( including vocational programs), including the appointment of employees, employment pay, benefits and opportunities, counseling services for students, access by students to educational programs, course offerings, textbooks and student activities, as required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972.

The Onondaga Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of disability in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the New York Human Rights Law. Furthermore, the District does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission or access to its programs. No person shall be denied employment or employment advancement solely because any physical, mental or medical impairment, provided the individual is capable of performing, with or without reasonable accommodation, the essential functions of the job applied for or held.

Inquiries regarding the District's Non-Discrimination Policy should be directed to:

1. Title IX Coordinator - Debra Eichholtz, School Business Administrator
2. Section 504 Coordinator - Margaret Hart, CPSE Chairperson  
Section 504 Coordinator - Jacquelyn Elias, CSE Chairperson
3. District Records Access Officer - Debra Eichholtz, School Business Administrator

# Emergency Closings

When school is closed due to weather or other emergencies, early morning announcements will be made over the following local radio stations, television stations and websites.

## Radio

WKRL WHEN  
WKRH WBBS  
WTKW WYYY  
WTKV WHCD  
WZUN WSCP  
WNTQ

## TV

WYSR, Channel 9  
WSTM, Channel 3  
YNN, Channel 10

## Websites

[www.ocs.cnyric.org](http://www.ocs.cnyric.org)  
[www.syracuse.com](http://www.syracuse.com)



Parents should have a plan in place for the supervision of their children on emergency closing days or in the event of an early dismissal. This information should be kept on file at your child's school as well as with the Transportation Department.

When the Onondaga Central Schools are closed, all scheduled activities, events, meetings and programs will also be cancelled. In addition, the school closing information applies to all students who are receiving transportation on our district buses, including private and parochial school students, BOCES students and all others.





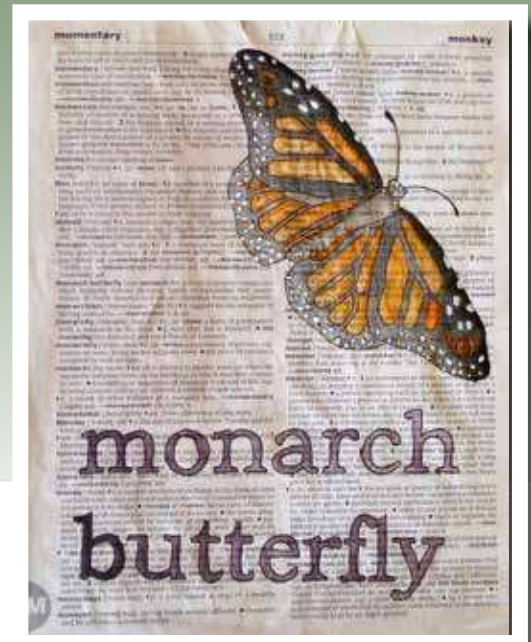
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6	7 Varsity Spring Sports Begin	8 Jr/Sr High School Vocal Concert Auditorium 7 PM	9 Rockwell Kindergarten Registration 6-7:30 PM  Jr/Sr High School Instrumental Concert Auditorium 7 PM	10 NHS & NJHS Induction Ceremony	11	12
13	14	15 Board of Education 6 PM	16 Wheeler Instrumental Concert at HS Auditorium 7 PM	17	18 End of 4th Marking Period	19
20	21	22	23	24 Half Day Students Full Day Staff	25 <b>No School</b>	26
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## Dress Code

The District's employees and students shall be appropriately groomed and dressed while on District property and at District functions. Teachers and all other District employees shall exemplify and reinforce acceptable student dress and help students develop an understanding of appropriate appearance in the school setting. Also, visitors are to be appropriately attired while on District property and at District functions. Each Building Principal shall inform all students and their parents/guardians of the student dress code at the beginning of the school year and any revisions to the dress code made during the year. The appropriateness of an individual's dress will depend, to some degree, on the student's age, circumstances and setting. However, the following general rules shall normally apply.

1. Dress, grooming, and appearance, including hair style/color, jewelry, make-up, and nails shall be safe and appropriate and may not disrupt or interfere with the educational process.
2. Revealing garments such as, but not limited to, tube tops, spaghetti straps, net tops, halter-tops, plunging necklines (front and/or back), and transparent or see-through garments are not appropriate attire for the school environment.
3. At all times, underwear and midriff shall be completely covered with outer clothing.
4. Footwear shall be worn at all times. (Footwear that is a safety hazard will not be allowed.)
5. All headwear, including but not limited to: hoods, hats, bandanas, headbands and all other inappropriate headwear, will not be worn within the school setting. With the exception of headwear worn for medical or religious purposes, these items are prohibited between 7:57 a.m. and 3:15 p.m.
6. Bandanas are not to be worn on any part of the body.
7. Items of apparel that are vulgar, obscene, libelous, or denigrate others on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability or any other legally protected status are prohibited.
8. No item of apparel may promote and/or endorse the use of alcohol, tobacco, or illegal drugs, and/or encourage other illegal or violent activities.
9. No items that could be used as weapons are to be worn.
10. No coats are to be worn in school between the hours of 7:57 a.m. and 3:15 p.m., unless permission is given by an administrator.
11. Dresses, skirts and shorts shall be no shorter than the student's arm length measured from the fingertips of their arm laid straight along side.

Students will be asked to change, cover or remove inappropriate clothing if they are not in compliance with the District Dress Code.

~Code of Conduct Handbook 2015-2016

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## Student Meal Accounts

Onondaga Central School District's Food Service Department is excited to provide parents a convenient, easy and secure online pre-payment service to deposit money into your child's school meal account at any time. This service also provides parents the ability to view your child's account balance through a web site called **mySchoolBucks.com**, see below for the link and instructions to register. By having money in each child's account prior to entering the cafeteria, we find the lunch lines move along much faster so your child has more time to eat and be with friends.

### Registering for mySchoolBucks.com

1. You will first need your child's student ID number (610 xxx xxx). You may get this number by contacting our office at 677-9510.
2. Go to **www.mySchoolBucks.com**. From this site you will create your account and add money to your child's school meal account. All you need is your child's name, student ID number and school ZIP code.
3. Click Sign Up and enter the required information.
4. Click Finish to complete the initial registration process.

### Things to know:

- If you have more than one child in the District you can handle all online prepayments from the same online account.
- Payments may be made with a major credit or debit card.
- In order to use the online prepayment service, a small convenience fee for each transaction will be assessed to cover the bank fees. The convenience fee is \$1.95 per deposit transaction. Parents placing money into multiple meal accounts will only be assessed the \$1.95 fee once per deposit transaction. Onondaga School District will not profit from the use of this site.

If you choose not to take advantage of the online prepayment service you may continue to make advance payments via cash or check which should be made payable to LaFayette Food Service. Please write your child's full name on the check. Payment via check is preferred over cash as it allows for easier payment tracking and helps avoid problems with students losing cash.

If you have any questions about these services, please feel free to contact the Food Service Office at 677-9510.

# APRIL 2016

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17 <b>Drama Club Production</b>	18 Board of Education 6 PM	19	20	21 Elementary Report Card Day	22	23
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	<b>Spring Recess - No School</b>					

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# School Bus Safety

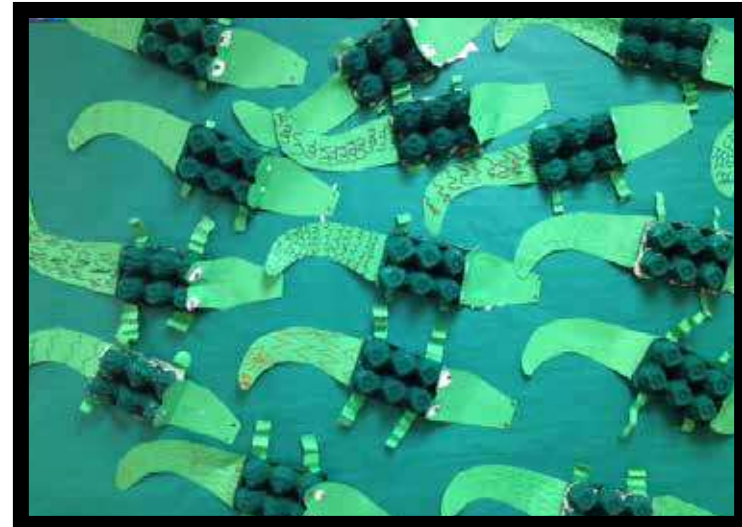
The following guidelines shall govern student conduct on school buses:

1. In general, school buses are extensions of the classroom, and standards of student conduct similar to those that apply in the classroom shall apply to conduct on all school buses.
2. The bus driver is in charge of the bus. The driver's instructions are to be obeyed promptly by all passengers at all times.
3. Upon boarding the bus, students will sit in their assigned seat or select a seat and remain seated for the duration of the trip. Drivers may assign and reassign seats when they feel it is necessary.
4. No student shall board a bus with any object that cannot be held on his or her lap or between his or her knees. Students shall not bring objects on the buses that are potentially dangerous or distracting to other students or the driver. Prohibited objects include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - Glass objects
  - Weapons
  - Explosive devices
  - Live animals
  - Oversized musical instruments and
  - Oversized athletic equipment
5. Students are to be at their bus stop prior to the bus arrival time. Students who are approaching the bus stop as the bus arrives and who make no effort to be on time may be left behind.
6. Student actions that have the effect of distracting the driver or otherwise interfering with the driver's ability to operate the vehicle in a safe manner, are prohibited. Such actions may include, but are not limited to, the following:
  - Throwing objects within or out of the bus;
  - Harassing or fighting with other passengers;

- Extending head, hands, arms, or legs out of bus windows;
- Operating or otherwise tampering with emergency exits;
- Eating, drinking, smoking, and using other drugs and alcohol;
- Creating excessive noise, including verbal abuse of fellow passengers and the use of profanity;
- Causing damage to the vehicle (students responsible for damages will be billed for repair costs);
- Tampering with the vehicle's operating or safety controls;
- Obstructing the driver's vision; and threatening, verbally abusing, attacking, swearing, or directing profanity at the driver.

Due to the distractive nature of the above activities, any such actions will be considered "dangerous to the health and well being" of the driver and other students on the bus.

7. Use of music players is allowed with ear phones for personal listening only.
8. Gameboys and other personal electronic devices are only allowed to be used by the owner.
9. Phones are not to be used without the driver's or coach's permission except for 911 emergency calls.



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# MAY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 AP Psychology Exam 12 PM	3	4 PTO Meeting Rockwell 7 PM	5	6 End of 5th Marking Period  AP US History Exam 8 AM	7 SAT Exam
8	9	10 Board of Education 6 PM  AP Government & Politics Exam 8 AM	11	12 Kindergarten Orientation  AP World History Exam 8 AM	13	14
15	16	17 Budget Vote 7 AM - 9 PM  Board of Education 9:20 PM  7/8 Grade Honors Breakfast	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Senior Breakfast Jr/Sr Prom	28
		<b>NYS Assessments</b>				
29	30 <i>Memorial Day (No School)</i>	31 <b>NYS Assessments</b>				

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## ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS

### Asbestos Management Plan

In accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1987, Onondaga Central School District's facilities have been inspected and response actions are planned to ensure a continued safe environment for our students and employees. The district conducts re-inspections every three years. The Onondaga-Cortland-Madison BOCES Health and Safety Department was contracted to complete the 2013 triennial inspection of all facilities and update the asbestos management plan, which is available for your review in the district office. For more information please contact Debra Eichholtz, Asbestos Designee, at 552-5001

### FERPA: Access to Student Records

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) gives students over 18 years of age and parents the right to review certain educational records. Pursuant to law, the following records are available for review:

- the guidance folder, which contains standardized test scores, biographical data and elementary progress reports;
- academic records for grades seven through 12;
- cumulative health records;
- attendance records;
- student disciplinary records reflecting superintendent's hearings in which the student has been found guilty and letters and/or records of school suspension lasting five days or less;
- school medical records maintained at the school nurse's office that contain the student's medical history;
- pupil service records that include psychological reports maintained by school personnel.

These records are confidential and cannot be released without the prior written consent of the parent or guardian. The law does provide for limited exceptions to the prior consent requirement, e.g., certain school employees or state or federal officials have a legitimate purpose for needing access to information contained in the students' records.

The Board of Education has established a policy for maintaining the confidentiality of student education records, and for providing access to such records for parental review. Copies of this policy are available in the district office. Applications for access to student records also are available in the district office. Please direct any questions about the right to review student records to the respective building principal.

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# JUNE 2016

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			1 PTO Meeting Wheeler 7 PM  Jr/Sr High School Instrumental Concert Auditorium 7 PM <b>Regents Exams</b>	2  Wheeler Instrumental Concert at HS Auditorium 7 PM  <b>NYS Assessments</b>	3  Jr/Sr High School Tiger Day	4  SAT Exam
5	6  Grade 8 NYS Science Written Assessment  Rockwell Game Day	7  Board of Education 6 PM	8  Wheeler Vocal Concert HS Auditorium 7 PM	9  Jr/Sr High School Vocal Concert HS Auditorium 7 PM	10  Jr/Sr High School Last Day of Classes  Senior Picnic  Wheeler Race Day	11  ACT Exam
	<b>Jr/Sr High School Local Finals</b>					
12	13  <b>Jr/Sr High School Local Finals</b>	14  Rockwell Flag Day Parade	15  Wheeler Drama Production HS Auditorium 7 PM	16  Wheeler Drama Production HS Auditorium 7 PM	17  Rockwell Last Morning Program	18
	<b>NYS Regents Exams</b>					
19	20  Rockwell Game Day	21  Board of Education 6 PM	22  Half Day Students Full Day Staff  Wheeler 6th Grade Moving Up Ceremony at HS Auditorium 7 PM	23  Half Day Students Full Day Staff  Elementary Report Card Day	24  Professional Development Day  End of 6th Marking Period  Graduation Rehearsal 8:30 AM	25
	<b>NYS Regents Exams</b>					
26 High School Graduation 1 PM	27	28	29	30		
<b>HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!</b>						

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### **Fire inspection report policy**

Notice is hereby given that the annual inspection for 2015 of structures within the Onondaga Central School District for fire hazards which might endanger the lives of students, teachers, and employees therein has been completed.

Structures inspected include: Rockwell Elementary, Junior-Senior High School, Walter Wheeler School, industrial Arts Building, Garage/Storage Building, District Office, Bus Garage, Pumphouse @ High School, Press Box, Maint. Office/ Grounds Center. The report is available for review by all interested persons at the district office.

### **Homeless student policy**

As required by No Child Left Behind, all districts have responsibilities to homeless students in the district. In order to serve these students, each district must appoint a liaison for homeless children that are currently residing within a district. The liaison must first identify these students and, to aid in doing so, post notifications regarding educational services and contact information at places where the parents of homeless students will see it. These locations can include, but are not limited to, homeless shelters, medical clinics, post offices and local Social Service offices. School Social Worker, Amy Stanton, is the liaison for Onondaga Central School District.

### **Non-discrimination policy**

The Onondaga Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in its programs, activities, employment, and admissions; and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Debra Eichholtz, compliance officer/coordinator, at [deichholtz@ocs.cnyric.org](mailto:deichholtz@ocs.cnyric.org), 315-552-5001, 4466 S. Onondaga Road, Nedrow, NY 13120. Inquiries concerning the application of the Onondaga Central School District non-discrimination policies may also be referred to the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR), 32 Old Slip, 26th Floor, New York, NY 10005, telephone (646) 428-3800 (voice) or (800) 877-8339 (TTY).

Any parent who believes his or her child has been denied the benefits of an appropriate education as a result of discrimination based on disability should contact the Superintendent of Schools. Moreover, any person who believes his or her rights have been violated should contact the Superintendent of Schools.

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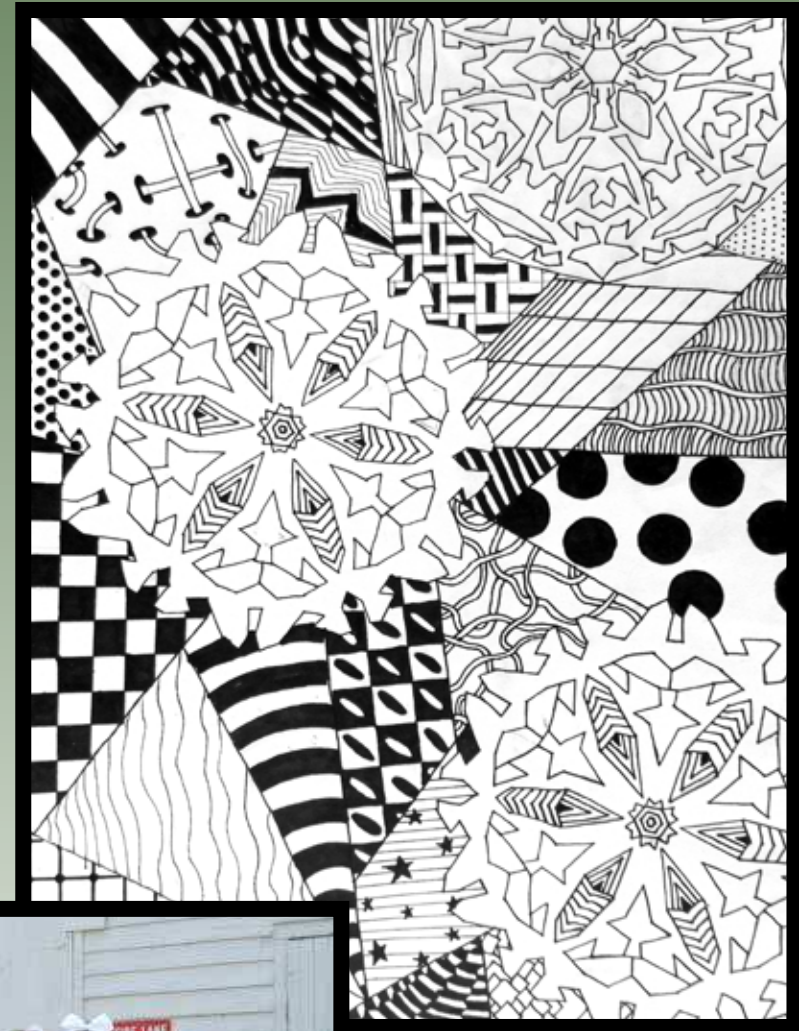
## Pest Management

Onondaga Central School District practices Integrated Pest Management to keep pests a safe distance away from students, staff and property, while limiting the use of pesticides. New York State Education Law requires school districts to notify parents/guardians, faculty and staff about the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year. Further, the state requires us to maintain a list of those who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirement:

- anti-microbial products;
- non-volatile rodenticides in tamper-resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- non-volatile insecticidal baits in tamper-resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- silica gels and other non-volatile, ready-to-use pastes, foams or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- boric acid and octaborate tetrahydrate;
- the application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- the application of EPA-designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;
- the use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects, including venomous spiders, bees, wasps and hornets;

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

To receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications scheduled to occur in a school, please contact Debra Eichholtz, Pesticide Coordinator, at 552-5001.



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