



WOODBIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Welcome to 2024, Beecher Road School families and staff. It has been wonderful to see the cheerful smiles these past few days in our halls and learning spaces. I appreciate that our incredible staff welcomed our learners back with positivity and enthusiasm...that is just what everyone needs to gear up for the second half of our year. I wanted to share a few updates with you regarding the Board, our 2024/25 budget and calendar.

Board of Education: As a result of the November election and in accordance with Policy 9110, at their meeting on January 3 the Board elected new officers. Congratulations to Chair Lynn Piascyk, Vice Chair Steven Lawrence and Secretary Sarah Beth Del Prete. Board members devote countless hours of volunteer service to our children and we are grateful for their invaluable leadership.

Budget: On January 3, the Board approved the Superintendent's recommended 2024-25 Operating Budget in the amount of \$17,679,200. This is a 3.89% increase over the current year's budget, and in addition to funding contractual and required expenditures, includes a STEAM teacher for BRS for next year. We are very excited and appreciate the Board of Education's support of the administrative team's efforts in preparing this budget that places student learning at the center of our work. The next step in the budget process occurs on January 24, when the Operating and Capital Budgets are presented to the joint Boards of Selectmen and Finance.

Calendar: I also wanted to be sure that everyone was aware that at the December 18 meeting, the Board of Education adopted the 2024/25 calendar. Much of the 2024/25 calendar follows our usual pattern of days off, early dismissals, and start---end dates. This calendar has one significant difference than calendars of the past several years so I wanted to ensure everyone knew far in advance of the change. *Please note: this change is NOT for this upcoming February 2024.*

In February of 2025 there will be a full week vacation instead of the two days attached to Presidents' Day. This change was made to align with Amity's Board of Education decision to also have a full week of vacation in February 2025. The full discussion of the rationale can be found by listening to the December Board of Education meeting, however, the brief explanation is that Amity's high school seniors were seeking a bit longer of a senior intern experience and this decision accommodates that.

An additional minor change is that the day prior to the December vacation will be an early dismissal day for all BOWA districts. Also, there is no Extended Day coverage available on that date.

As you are aware, the BOWA districts try to ensure that we have a fairly common calendar. This benefits our families who may have children in multiple schools and minimizes impact on our transportation budget by aligning days that buses are utilized.

For your convenience, the 2024/25 calendar is attached, and also posted on our district website at www.woodbridge.k12.ct.us

Wishing you the very best that 2024 has to offer,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Vonda J. Tencza".

Vonda J. Tencza
Superintendent

WOODBRIIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 2024/25 STUDENT CALENDAR

JULY				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	2	3	X4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

AUGUST (5)				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20*	21*	22*	23
(26)	(27)	28	29	30

SEPTEMBER (20)				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
X2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

OCTOBER (21)				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
X14	(15)	16	(17)	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

NOVEMBER (17)				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1
4	5*	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27*	X28	X29

DECEMBER (15)				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	(20)
23	X24	X25	26	27
30	31			

JANUARY (21)				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		X1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
X20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

FEBRUARY (15)				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
X17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

MARCH (20)				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21*
24	25	26	27	28
31				

APRIL (17)				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2	3	4
(7)	8	(9)	10	11
14	15	16	17	X18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30		

MAY (21)				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
X26	27	28	29	30

JUNE (9)				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	(12)	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30				

NO SCHOOL/ BUILDING CLOSED		X
Jul. 4	Independence Day	X
Sep. 2	Labor Day	X
Oct. 3	Rosh Hashanah	
Oct. 14	Columbus/Indigenous Da	X
Nov. 5	Teacher Workshop	
Nov. 27	Teacher Workshop	
Nov. 28-29	Thanksgiving Holiday	X
Dec. 23-Jan. 1	Holiday Recess	
Dec. 24-25	Christmas Holiday	X
Jan. 1	New Year's Day	X
Jan. 20	MLK Day	X
Feb. 17	Presidents' Day	X
Feb. 17-21	Winter Break	
Mar. 21	Teacher Workshop	
Apr. 18	Good Friday	X
Apr. 14-18	Spring Vacation	
May 26	Memorial Day	X

Kdg. Bus Ride/Safety Demo		Aug. 19
New Teacher Orientation		Aug. 19 and 23

ABBREVIATED DAYS ()	
Aug. 26	First Day Students
Aug. 27	Second Day for Students
Oct. 15	Parent/Tchr Conference
Oct. 17	Parent/Tchr Conference
Dec. 20	Holiday Recess
Apr. 7	Parent/Tchr Conference
Apr. 9	Parent/Tchr Conference
Jun. 12	Last Day for Students
Dismissal Time 1:10 PM	

Note: No Extended Day Coverage on Parent Conference Days

WORKSHOP DAYS * /	
NO SCHOOL	
Aug. 20-22, Nov. 5	
Nov. 27, Mar. 21	

SNOW DAYS MAKE-UP	
June 13-27	
Additional Days Starting	
April 14	

181 Student Days
184 Staff Days
187 Teacher Days

OPEN HOUSES	
Aug. 29	Grades K, 5 & 6
Sep. 4	Grades 3, 4 / MAG
Sep. 5	Grades 1, 2 / PK

WBOE MEETINGS	
July 15	Jan. 21
Aug. 19	Feb. 24
Sep. 16	Mar. 17
Oct. 21	Apr. 22
Nov. 18	May 20
Dec. 16	June 16

Report Card Distribution Dec. 6, Mar. 14 and June 12

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